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Dear Ned:

I am sure that you are quite as pleased as I am about the tremendous vote of approval which the House gave the Bretton Woods Agreements. I believe that it indicates a sincere desire on the part of Congress to take the action necessary for this country to cooperate with the United Nations in building a better world.

I want to express to you my gratitude for the excellent work you have done in connection with the Bretton Woods proposals.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry

Mr. Edward E. Brown, Chairman,
Board of Directors,
First National Bank of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Leo:

The vote of 345 to 18 which the House cast in favor of the Bretton Woods Agreements is, I believe, a signal to the world that the United States intends to cooperate wholeheartedly in efforts to create a peaceful and prosperous world. The vote is a source of deep satisfaction to me and I know that your feeling about it is similar to mine.

I want to thank you for your untiring effort in helping to bring about this gratifying result.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry

Honorable Leo Crowley, Administrator,
Foreign Economic Administration,
Temporary Building T,
14th and Constitution Avenue,
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Marriner:

We could hardly have asked for a heavier vote in favor of the Bretton Woods Agreements than the House cast on Thursday and I know that you must be as delighted with the result as I am.

Your suggestion concerning an Advisory Council had a great deal to do with the Republican support that the Agreements received. I want to express to you my sincere thanks for the splendid work that you and the Federal Reserve Board have done in connection with the Bretton Woods proposals.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman,
Board of Directors,
Federal Reserve System,
Washington 25, D. C.

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9/6/45

9 JUN 1945

My dear Miss Newcomer:

The Bretton Woods Agreements have taken the first big jump with plenty of room to spare. I am very pleased with the huge vote of approval that the House gave them and I know that your splendid efforts had a lot to do with this result.

I want to thank you for the fine work that you did at the Conference and that you have continued to do since last summer.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Miss Mable Newcomer,
Professor of Economics,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

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My dear Senator:

I was greatly pleased by the almost unanimous vote of the House on the Bretton Woods bill. It seems to me this is clear evidence that measures for international cooperation will be considered on a non-partisan basis.

I know that your enthusiastic support of the Bretton Woods proposals will serve to promote non-partisan consideration of them by the Senate and I want you to know that I fully appreciate the enormous efforts that you have made to keep this legislation from becoming a party issue.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Honorable Charles W. Tobey,
United States Senate,
Washington 25, D. C.

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9 JUN 1945

Dear Fred:

I know that you must have been very pleased by the tremendous vote of approval which the House gave the Bretton Woods Agreements. This probably marks the last high hurdle which will have to be taken before the program goes into effect and I think that all of us who have worked on it have good reason to be proud of the result.

I want you to know that I fully appreciate the fine work that you have done in connection with this legislation as well as the splendid job you did at Bretton Woods.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry

Honorable Fred Vinson, Director,
Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion,
East Wing, White House,
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Senator:

I was very pleased by the House action on the Bretton Woods bill because it seems to me that it is based upon a sincere desire of the whole country to cooperate fully with the United Nations in efforts to build a better world. I know that under your leadership equally fine results will be achieved in the Senate.

I want you to know that I am very grateful to you for your able support of the Agreements.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Honorable Robert Wagner,
United States Senate,
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Legislative Director
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
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Mr. Omar B. Ketchum
National Legislative Representative
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
Room 612, Tower Building
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Dear General Hodges:

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Sincerely,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau Jr.

General Courtney H. Hodges
Commanding General, First Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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General Jacob L. Devers
Commanding General, Sixth Army Group
The Pentagon
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Vice Admiral C. H. McMorris, USN
Chief of Joint Staff, Pacific Ocean Areas
Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

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Lieut. General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr.
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Lieut. General Holland M. Smith, USMC
Commanding General, Pacific Fleet
Marine Force
Navy Department
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have read with much interest your issue of Sunday, June 3, particularly the section devoted to War Bonds, and I want you to know how very much we appreciate the splendid job the Herald-Tribune is doing in support of the war financing program.

Sincerely,

(Signed) H. Morgenthau, Jr.

Mr. William E. Robinson
Vice-President
Herald-Tribune
New York, N. Y.

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General Omar N. Bradley
Commanding General, Twelfth Army Group
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

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TO: Mr. D. W. Bell: 6-9-45 195

The Secretary asks whether you would mind signing this letter. He thinks it is too strong for him to sign personally. If you feel that it is too strong, or have any questions about it, will you please call him on the telephone.

The letter was written at the request of Mr. Gamble.

P. B. Warren

From: Mr. FitzGerald

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to ask your favorable consideration of a matter which is of utmost importance to the War Bond Program.

In your letter of 16 March 1945, you were kind enough to make the services of Lt. (j.g.) David Levy, USNR, available to the Treasury Department for the completion of the six months' detail authorized under orders dated 26 January 1945 (Pers-31SD-DMB-5B). I should now like to ask that Lt. Levy's assignment be extended for another six months in order to carry us through the Eighth War Loan.

As you know, before entering the Navy, Lt. Levy was a top radio producer handling leading network programs such as "We the People".

I cannot overemphasize his importance to us. He has been responsible for the excellence of all our War Bond radio programs, and the work he has done with radio sponsors has been outstanding. Our canvass of the field has failed to develop the availability of another producer-writer of his professional ability.

I need not tell you that the next few months and the period of the Eighth War Loan will probably be the most difficult to date, and Lt. Levy's services would be especially valuable during this period.

I will appreciate deeply your approval of this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. W. Bell
Acting Secretary of the Treasury

Honorable James V. Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy,
Washington, D. C.
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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DATE June 9, 1945

TO Mrs. McHugh

FROM Secretary Morgenthau

That letter to the Navy Department about Lt. Levy, give it to me and I will ask Dan Bell to sign it as Acting Secretary. I don't want to sign it myself.

Letter turned over to Dan Bell -

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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DATE May 31, 1945

TO: Secretary Morgenthau

FROM: Ted R. Gamble

Dave Levy's present assignment expires July 1, and I feel it imperative that we retain him. I would like to suggest that at the earliest opportunity, you speak to Secretary Forrestal about extending Levy's assignment for another six months, which will carry us through the Eighth War Loan.

You are familiar, of course, with the work which he has done on various programs with which you have been associated. In addition, he has played an extremely important part in the entire War Bond radio operation. He has been responsible for the excellence of all our transcribed series, as well as our live programs, and, in addition, has been very instrumental in the greatly improved creative quality which networks and advertisers have put into their War Bond programs. A good example of the fresh slant he has brought to us has been the series of new songs which have been so well received.

Tom Lane tells me that if we should lose Levy, it would be extremely difficult to get another producer-writer of his professional ability and obviously impossible to get one with the knowledge and background of War Finance which Dave by this time has acquired.

Because Secretary Forrestal has recently turned down a request for another man that we wanted to use, I think the most effective way to handle this is for you to mention it to Forrestal at a convenient time, and, then we can prepare formal request in writing.

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Mr. Milton D. Cohn
National Commander
Disabled American Veterans
National Headquarters
McMillan and Grandview
Cincinnati, Ohio

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Mr. Gaston

Secretary Morgenthau

I suggest that you call up Bob Hannegan and tell him that you are going on this trip and would like to have any suggestions. Remind him that he gave me a suggestion of some District Attorney in Los Angeles but he didn't tell me the name and he can give you the name. I think you will find him very friendly.

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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASS.

9 June 1945

Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Mr. Hertig from the American Jewish Congress, who attended one of the recent meetings at which you were present, has informed me of your desire of my getting in touch with you. I am not informed of the particulars.

For your information, I enclose a brief announcement concerning this newly established Research Center.

I am Consultant to the Office of Strategic Services, but at present, not frequently in Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

Kurt Lewin

Kurt Lewin, Director

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Research Center for Group Dynamics

Department of Economics and Social Science

Objectives

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The Center is therefore interested in all aspects of group life, such as:

Group structure and group functioning,
including leadership, policy determination, group efficiency, ideology.

Interrelations between groups,
including status relations, minority problems, and the merging and splitting of groups.

Group ecology,
including the dependence of group life on production requirements and on the social, cultural, or physical setting.

Relations between the individual and the group.

Research projects are selected according to the requirements of a systematic and comparative study of groups. An attempt is made to integrate the relevant aspects of psychology, sociology, and cultural anthropology to this end, making use of industry, community life, and any other type of group activity.

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Training

The Center trains graduate students in research and social diagnosis for academic or applied fields. It participates in the training of practitioners in related fields such as Industrial Relations, Applied Psychology, Group Work, Public Health, Government, and Community Work.

Organization

Research

For carrying out controlled field experiments, the Research Center cooperates with industrial firms, and with organizations active in the field of minority problems within and outside Boston. The library of the Industrial Relations Section and rooms for laboratory experiments are available.

Teaching

The Center offers a program of graduate study and research for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Group Psychology at M.I.T. It is part of the general teaching program of the Department of Economics and Social Science, and is carried out in close cooperation with its Industrial Relations Section. In addition to courses in anthropology, psychology, and sociology, the student has opportunity for practical field work.

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In addition to tuition the half-time assistantship carries a stipend of $600-$700 a year, and permits enrollment in substantially half of a normal graduate student program of study and research.

A thesis for an advanced degree may by prearrangement be based on research for which the student has in part received remuneration. Not all research assigned to assistants will, however, necessarily be in the category of thesis research.

Applicants should have a major in psychology, in one of the social sciences, or in group work, and must meet the prerequisites for admission to the Graduate School. For further information write to Prof. Kurt Lewin, Research Center for Group Dynamics.

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Dear Mr. Lewin:

Thank you for your letter of 9 June 1945, sending me material about the Research Center of which you are Director. I am glad to have this and shall read it with much interest.

With thanks for your courtesy,

Sincerely,

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Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter of June eighth about the Bretton Woods proposal has been received and is very much appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert Ramspeck

The Honorable
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SPECIAL RELEASE "???"

FOR P.M.'S SATURDAY, JUNE 9
AND SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 10

MORGENTHAU TO TALK ON TAX EVADERS

ON "ME, THE PEOPLE" PROGRAM SUNDAY

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE 9 June 1945

TO Secretary Morgenthau

FROM E. B. Fussell

Highlights of the mail reports:

There were approximately 250 letters last week on the tax evasion drive. Of these:

132 were applications for jobs ✓
(1/3 from service men)

65 reported tax evasions ✓
(37 of these anonymous)

40-odd approved drive, or offered suggestions ✓

2 opposed special appropriation for investigators. ✓

6 want tax rates reduced. ✓

War Finance letters included virtually no comments on general issues. Scattering letters opposed offering cigarettes and nylons as premiums for bond purchases, criticized shipments of food to Europe and pointed out that cutbacks hurt bond sales.

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The mail referred to the Treasury from the White House is showing a sharp falling off. Only 268 letters referred during May. May references usually run 500 to 800.

E. B. Fussell

War Finance report attached
Mrs. Forbush's report transmitted personally

WAR FINANCE DIVISION

J.H.Morse
to
Mr. Fussell

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DIGEST OF MAIL
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REPORT TO SECRETARY

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Criticism

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DIVISION OF CENTRAL SERVICES TELEGRAPH SECTION

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The following for McClelland is WRB 534.

Reference your No. 3063, of June 6.

Board is arranging for sale of its surplus 206,000 POW parcels in Switzerland to UNRRA. Accordingly, please advise Intercross that none (repeat none) of these 206,000 parcels may be turned over to Intercross. Detailed instructions concerning transfer to UNRRA will be sent to you shortly.

Board is pleased to know that balance of 28,702 three-kilo War Refugee Board parcels will soon be exhausted. Please express appreciation of Board to Intercross.

We do not understand your reference to 20,000 gallons of gasoline (plus lubricants). Are they now available in Switzerland endorsed by the Board.

WARNING

For security reasons the text of this message must be closely guarded.

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Stockholm

Dated June 9, 1945

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Secretary of State,

Washington.

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FOR WAR REFUGEE BOARD FROM OLSEN.

The Norwegian labor organ ARBEIDERBLADET in its May twenty-sixth edition carries a feature story covering American labor relief activities for Norway, which should be of considerable interest to the financial sponsors of this program. Foodstuff and clothing one way, guiding refugees on return. Illegal foodstuff deliveries for 2,000,000 kronor from Sweden to Norway.

"One of the most important relief activities for Norway during the war has been the one organized by the American Labor Relief, an institution which probably is unknown to most people. In the beginning of the summer of 1944 editor Tranmael and Lars Evensen received the good message that organized workers in America had collected substantial sums for relief to Norway. The intermediator

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intermediator was the Refugee Attache at the American Legation in Stockholm Mr. Ivar Olsen, who said that the intention primarily was to help prisoners and their families, people hunted by the Gestapo and the Quisling police, and to finance the transportation of refugees from Norway.

The task of organizing the activity and leading the current work was given to Trygve Nilsen who had just arrived as a refugee in Sweden. In an interview with ARBEIDERBLADET today, Mr. Nilsen states that the first sum placed at his disposal amounted to $50,000.

We started very modestly with 60 to 70 packages in the first month, says Mr. Nilsen, but as soon as we, through contact with Norway had acquired the necessary lists of people within the framework fixed by the donators, the activity developed at a tremendous rate. In a very short time we had reached a monthly despatch of 1200 to 1300 packages of food, clothing and footwear. These packages were sent into Norway in the single "legal and single" way. We got Norwegian refugees to apply for licenses which we took over and despatched.

You say legally, does that mean that other channels of transport were also used besides the regular railway deliveries?

Certainly.

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Certainly. Gradually larger sums were placed at our disposal - in all we received more that 2,000,000 kronor, so we had to seek new ways of transportation. In cooperation with the Norwegian Legation's section for transport of refugees, the chief of which was Mr. Halvor Arnesen, we organized illegal routes to Norway. At the border somewhere in Varmland, we had a group of strong men who arranged the transportation of foodstuff, clothing, medicines, et cetera to the Norwegian side. These boys carried the food into Norway and guided refugees on the way back. On the Norwegian side the goods were stored until they could be fetched by trucks which brought them to Oslo and other places. Since the trucks were controlled constantly, the transportation had to be camouflaged. For a long time we used charcoal as camouflage, but later we packed the goods.

Did you ever have any accidents which led to confiscation and arrest?

No, the traffic occurred undisturbed the whole time. I would like to stress that this is in the first place thanks to Ragnvald Thoresen who has done most of this work. He crossed the border inumerable times and went to Oslo almost every fortnight. There are many others who

others who deserve to be mentioned, but that will have to be done later.

Did all the transports go to Oslo or did you also have other connections?

We sent quite a lot via Kaatavik to be distributed in northern Norway, and sometimes we sent small boats from western Sweden right up to Bergen. The most important sea routes, however, went to Vestfold. In order to be able to maintain a regular traffic we bought a fishing boat which brought large quantities of goods to Tonsberg and Sandefjord, and brought refugees back. From Vestfold, where the activity was led by Mr. Ottesen and Sandefjord the goods were distributed chiefly to sailors' families, and some were also sent to Oslo where the center for the whole country had been established. The men who organized the distribution in Oslo were office chief Skjerstad and bookkeeper Arvesen who collaborated with the chairman in the Illegal Labor Committee Frank Hansen. The Cooperative Chocolate Factory gave us rooms for storing and also furnished us with the necessary packing material and men to help pack.

How large were the total deliveries?

The activity still has not ceased, so accurate figures are only to be had in Stockholm, but I should think that the

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that the foodstuff deliveries we received amounted to 200 tons. In addition, number of other commodities, mainly clothing and footwear. However, we will give a detailed report of this when Arne Arnesen, who now leads the activity in Stockholm, has finished the liquidation. I will merely use this opportunity to thank all co[illegible]rators, both on the Norwegian and the Swedish side, for their services, and above all the American workers for the personal sacrifices which made this relief activity possible."

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(HEAD OFFICE, CHUNGKING, CHINA)

Room 5115, Palace Hotel,
San Francisco 19, Calif.,
June 10th 1945.

His Excellency Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.,
The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Morgenthau:

I have the honour and pleasure to acknowledge receipt of your kind reply to my recent letter, and to thank you for your splendid message to be transmitted to the people of China, through the medium of my newspaper, on the occasion of the Eighth Anniversary of their entry into the war against our common enemy, Japan.

I am sure your message will be enthusiastically received by the Chinese people, and that it will contribute greatly toward encouraging them to continue their fight against Japan until complete victory is won.

With best wishes, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Tsao Shu-ming

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

10 June 1945

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have your letter requesting that General Eisenhower see you during his visit here and I shall call it to his attention upon his arrival. His stay in Washington will be very brief as he has scheduled appearances in Kansas City and at his home in Abilene, but he will be returning to Washington on his way back overseas.

Faithfully yours,

G. C. Marshall

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The Secretary of the Treasury

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June 8, 1945

My dear General Marshall:

When General Eisenhower is here, I would appreciate it very much if you would arrange for me to have an appointment with him to talk things over.

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COPY FOR SECRETARY MORGENTHAU PICTURE - RELEASE DATE JUNE 10 - 25.

I take great pleasure in opening officially the cash sales campaign for the Independence Day Drive at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Daytona Beach, Fla.

It is indeed gratifying to observe the high enthusiasm which is being demonstrated by both service personnel and civilians in the Daytona Beach area during this campaign to furnish the sinews of victory. I am confident that this is typical of the spirit which is being manifested by the entire country.

As the hour of our victory draws even nearer, may we continue our striving to match, in some degree, by our moral and material support, the valor of our arms.

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NOTE: The above was signed by the Secretary, April 9th, 1945 at the Welch Hospital for the purpose of boosting sales at the Daytona Beach Naval Air Station. Pictures were also taken of the Secretary signing the original copy and of selling a $1[illegible].00 War Bond to Capt. R.W.D.Woods, Commaning Officer of the above mentioned Naval Post. The pictures and an article will appear in the Gremlin, the Station Publication and a copy of the release will be submitted for approval of the Sedretary for the general press.
Arrangements for the above were made through and by Lieut. Richard Helm, Naval Station Educational Director and War Bond Unit Chairman.

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I want to tell you first about what our Treasury agents have discovered in the state of Kansas. They have been looking into the operations and tax liabilities of a group of persons who appear to have garnered lush profits in that ~~war-booming~~ state.

They report hundreds of thousands of dollars poured by free spenders into a night club - illicit liquor - gambling combination, organized by men who appear to be lining their pockets with currency and ignoring their tax obligations.

These reports tell of black market liquor flowing into that legally dry state at prices as high as $14 a quart, of black market meat operations, of fat profits from illegal slot machines.

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Tomorrow morning at Wichita, Kansas, Judge Guy T. Helvering will convene a federal grand jury to hear the whole story.

Wherever opportunities for vast profits have developed, racketeers and war profiteers have sprung up to milk the public and cheat ~~the~~ your government.

Here is another case. An employee of a Minnesota ordnance company used his influence to throw purchases of certain supplies to a company in which he had "chiseled" a half interest. He demanded "kickbacks" amounting to ~~several~~ thousands of dollars which he did not report as income. He has made a complete confession.

Today we have nearly 20,000 cases of tax evasion which require investigation. We need many more investigators and we are going to get them.

But however many investigators we have, they cannot do the job without your help.

If you were to see a thief stealing your neighbor's groceries, you would not hesitate to call the police.

The tax evader is a thief. He steals from everyone. And we need everyone's help to catch him.

In one series of black market cases now under investigation in Colorado, information has come to us from five unrelated sources, including a Treasury special agent, the Office of Price Administration and individuals who have observed the gambling activities of some of the principals.

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Because so many of the black market operators and other racketeers use currency in large amounts and denominations, we especially need the help of all who have any information concerning unusual currency transactions. We have recently called upon banks and similar institutions to make regular, uniform reports, so that this information will come to us in the most readily available form. By and large they have met that request with a splendid spirit.

Everyone of our 80 million taxpayers has a right to expect that the tax cheat shall be brought to justice. Each of our 85 million individual bondholders has the right to expect that our system of finance be kept sound.

And those who have the best right of all to demand that the tax evader be run down and punished are our millions of fighting men.

From these men, as they are discharged, we expect to recruit a large part of the investigators we will add to our forces. I ask the support of all of you listening to We the People tonight -- of all honest Americans in this effort. I am confident we will get this support, and with it, we will win our fight for honesty and justice at home, just as surely as we are winning the war against the aggressors overseas.

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