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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR: The President.

While I was in the Antarctic, Congressman Johnson of Oklahoma repeatedly charged me with being dishonest, in that I was making fabulous sums of money out of the United States Antarctica Service which he insists is a Byrd Expedition pure and simple and just a junketing trip. His many statements inferring that I am dishonest have been published in magazines and newspapers and never denied.

Furthermore, his statements have been published in the Congressional Record. My good name has been injured by these ridiculous accusations and I have been on a tough spot.

I will greatly appreciate it if you will inform Mr. Johnson of the facts and that the United States Antarctica Service is a Government undertaking and ask him to make a statement on the Floor of the House detracting his accusations.

If he denies that he has done these things, it will be very simple to show you the printed records containing his statements.

Dieter Byrd

Please forgive me for worrying you with this personal matter. Good luck with your great problems.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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Memorandum
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August 22, 1942.

This was given to me by Dick
Byrd after his return from the
U. S. Exploring Expedition of
1939-1941.

F. D. R.

