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November 7, 1940.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

1. I am having a survey made which will show that where more members of the United Mine Workers lived in a County in Pennsylvania, the bigger was your vote for President. This ought to be of some use.
2. To fend off a direct attack on the press, although it deserves a good spanking, should not Fly immediately open hearings for the divorce of the radio from the press? The only real corrective of the press lies in the freedom of the radio so that the radio can be critical of the press à la Woolcott.
3. If there ever was any need for the severance of banking affiliates, there is a greater need for getting Roy Howard, Hearst and others to lay off the radio.
4. I think I ought to see you soon so that you will get the full story of my Chicago visit. This may have implications which may even touch on appointments you might wish to make to high office.
5. I am trying to get Dorothy to lay off the nonsense of Willkie in a high position and have called her attention to the fact that I am urging Kenneth F. Simpson to draft in specific legislative form Willkie's program, if he can find one. I certainly think we ought to have a dignified strong opposition and not be misled by disunity between people who see different Heavens.

Let me know if you ever want me for anything. Connie was tickled to death with your message. Incidentally, congratulations on your re-election, as to which I never had any doubt because the Gallup Poll was always four percent out of the way against you, not because of crookedness, but because eighty percent of their interviewers were for Willkie.

Yours,
Willkie

TELEGRAM

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**The White House
Washington**

Fa., New York, N.Y. Nov. 25, 1940

GENERAL EDWIN M. WATSON:

Lunch with pleasure Wednesday, one o'clock November 27th.,
Executive Offices. Best to you.

Morris L. Ernst.

STANDARD FORM NO. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1925

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

Morris Ernst, Esq.,
285 Madison Avenue
New York City.

Can you lunch with the President one o'clock
Wednesday November twenty-seventh Executive Offices. Please
confirm. Regards.

Edwin M. Watson
Secretary to the President.

FROM

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The White House *lunch*
Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Hyde Park, New York
November 28, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR PA

To arrange for me to have
Morris Ernst to lunch Wednesday or
Thursday of next week and give me
this when he comes in.

F. D. R.

Nov 27th - Lunch

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Miss Marguerite A. LeHand
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

At the luncheon yesterday, I promised to do some leg work for the President. We ran through such a variety of subjects, that I am sending you very brief notes which you may want to call to his attention, or throw in the waste basket, as you see fit. I am sending on these notes only in the belief that it may save him, or you, or others some inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

Morris L. Ernst

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November 28, 1940

Memo No. 1

Spoke to Fly in regard to hearings
and a memorandum will be prepared, but I think
he will need some prodding.

November 28, 1940

Memo No. 2

The President thought he might want to send for Drew Pearson in regard to motion picture, and let me know if I am to go forward on the F P A idea.

November 28, 1940.

Memo No. 3

Saw J. Edgar Hoover but will await word
officially from him as to B.B. - Hoover Committee.

November 23, 1940.

Memo No. 4

Oughtn't Dave Miles or someone be told to keep the committee of trained seals, to wit: artists, writers, the Dorothy Thompsons, the George Kaufmans, etc., together in some skeleton form so as to have them usable in emergencies?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM MORRIS L. ERNST

Re: Documentary films.

I am speaking to Jim Rowe and will see Will Hays and then report to you. I will see Hays promptly unless you let me know you want to handle it direct or some other way.

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TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

MORRIS L. ERNST, ESQ.,
285 MADISON AVENUE
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GOOD IDEA. GO AHEAD

F. D. R.

FROM The White House
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

I am sure that the time I got you to spend with Russell will bear a lot of good fruit. You did a swell job although he needed no convincing on fundamentals. As a result of our talk, the suggestion has come to me that George Whitney and myself should go to Florida and see Millkie, with whom I have a very friendly personal relationship. I think he ought to come out on Monday with a ringing statement in support of your radio speech. He can, in effect, attack all of the sterile critics and bait all the carpners to lay off.

Whereas his control of Martin, et al, is not complete, he is not without influence and if he said that on this issue we have a united nation except for the 230,000 scattered voters for independent candidates, there might be some real benefit from his taking a public stand. I don't know if he is still incorrigible and I don't event want to let Whitney make the attempt for such a complete endorsement of your position if you think it should not be done.

I have tried to reach Miss LeHand to have her give you this message but I heard she is ill. If there are any follow-ups on this particular matter, tell me with whom I should communicate in Washington if I want some telephonic instructions.

Best,

Yours,


THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 7, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. MORRIS L. ERNST

Thank you for your memo. Keep at work on the various lines mentioned.

I am starting the ball rolling on No. 3.

I still think Jim Fly ought to go ahead with divorcing press and radio. I see no particular need of hearings. A statement of policy does it.

The other things I am working on.

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January 30, 1941.

Miss Marguerite A. LeHand
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

Enclosed find memorandum you might want to show to the President. It involves chores on which I have been working for him. There is no need for either you or the President to waste time in acknowledging receipt, and if memos such as this are a nuisance, do not hesitate to tell me so.

Best to you,

Yours,
W. J. Schur

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TIDBITS

FROM: M. L. E.

TO: F. D. R.

1. Plan for disclosure by tax exempt corporations, which Henry M. frowned upon is being reviewed again by his brain-boys. Ed Foley has already written a memorandum indicating his agreement with the idea I suggested.

2. I have practically given up any hope of getting Will Hays to do the job we talked about in connection with documentary films. Hence, I am working through Walter Wanger, head of the Motion Picture Academy, whom I have brought to tea with Mrs. R. last week. I have not given up hope and will keep working on it.

3. Practically all the newspaper boys in Washington are anticipating an ultimate scandal because of the behavior of the dollar-a-year big business men surrounding Knudsen. A few of them do not even have the decency of severing relations with their old firms; many of them are not remote from deals with the government for their firms. I suggest that you might write a letter to Knudsen, calling his attention to this wild gossip, and assuring him that you know he has an eye on it, etc. This ought to serve two purposes: (1) to really keep K.'s eye on it; (2) place the responsibility on him rather than on you in case things blow up.*

4. I saw Jim Fly and he tells me the Communications Commission has not the stomach to hold hearings in the direction of the divorce of the press and the radio. He saw no objection to having the matter taken up by a Congressional Committee. Do you? Shall I try in this direction? I still think it is mighty important.

5. I sent Mrs. R. a memorandum as to a new approach to the Youth problem with respect to getting hundreds of thousands of kids cheap railroad rates, free CCC accommodations, etc., for summer-time travel throughout the United States. The NYA might want to take a look at it. It sounds gigantic, but I am convinced that only the improbable works today!

6. I ran into Dorothy, The Thompson. A little mournfully she said she has not seen you since election.

7. I ran into my close friend Father Sheehy and discussed

with him the freezing of all funds, with particular relation to Vatican moneys. He can be helpful to you. Moreover, you ought to get him to tell you his impression of the effect of the Italian Apostolic Delegate in America on the clergy looking forward to promotions. How can they come out for the Roosevelt foreign program! Sheehy goes so far as to suggest that the Vatican might be asked to withdraw its Italian Delegate to the United States, and suggests that we have many good American clerics who might serve as Delegates from the Vatican.

OF COURSE DON'T BOTHER TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO DO ANYTHING.

BF "Ernst" ~~Home~~
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February 20, 1941.

Miss Marguerite Le Hand
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss LeHand:

1. Won't you look over the enclosed and see if you think it is worth while to hand it to the President. I will be in Washington next Tuesday in case he wants me on any part of it.
2. You might also want to tell him that William L. White, a great reporter, son of Roy Howard's William Allen White, is just back from England and could be used.
3. I am sending a photostat of one of Bill Castle's letters. I can get more like it.

Best to you,

Yours,
[Signature]

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*I'll have memorial
this week Ernst*

June 2, 1941.

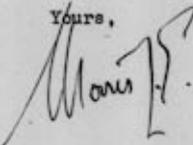
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor:

I will be in Washington Wednesday and Thursday and
I would like very much to see you for a jiffy. In the mean-
while I am sending you brief memoranda, as to some of which
I would like to chat with you a moment.

In your army.

Yours,



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In May we lost 10% of our monthly production because of Decoration Day week-end. July Fourth also creates a three day holiday. Can't Knudsen do something about urging that we do not lose 10% of production in July?

Public Works Appropriation Now
For Use on Day of Peace.

I find one of the factors acting against national morale is the fear of recession in the event of peace. This retards people from going forward. Why not propose now enactment for a ten billion dollar public works program, fully enacted and set up but not to go into effect until the day of peace, or until the emergency is declared ended? I think the big business boys would endorse that appropriation today. On the day of peace they will once more start talking about balancing the budget. I have taken this matter up with the cotton industry, for example, which feels that it is all sewed up in a barrel, ready to go over the dam on the day of peace unless government spending is ready on that day to proceed in full swing.

Of the appropriation maybe five million dollars would be necessary now in order to get the blue prints for Post Office, Roads, etc., all in shape. Moreover, the department of Future Economic Defense could get the utility companies to blue print now their expansion programs, to be delayed until the day of peace.

All of which would allay business fears of a peace debacle.

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I ran into J. Edgar Hoover and told him about the package I turned over to you. I felt that I should tell Hoover, because you had mentioned that you wanted me to work with him. Hoover told me that he had turned over a similar package to you and we are comparing notes to see how much has been obtained. I am most anxious to see you about this before Friday, if you can spare the time.

Annual Employment Contracts as a Cushion Against
Immediate Slump in Employment on Day of Peace

People live by the year and not by the week. You will recall that sometime ago, in response to a question, I suggested that you develop a program so as to shift millions of our workers to annual contracts. People do not live by the week and weekly employment will be a terrible peril when, what is called that evil day of Peace, may come.

I have worked out a plan by which I am convinced that ten million workers can promptly be shifted to annual contracts of employment. I discussed the matter briefly with Henderson and Lubin; neither of them find a defect in the plan. I know I can line up two million workers in insurance companies and banks as a starter.

Briefly, the plan provides that employers hiring under guaranteed annual contracts shall be relieved of the over-time provision of the Wages and Hours Act in return for the annual security of the workers provided, however, that the employers live up to all of the standards of the Wages and Hours Act - such as the twelve hour day, fifty-six hour week, forty cents hour pay. And above all, the workers would be guaranteed a maximum of 2000 hours in any one year.

The great advantage of proceeding at once with this program is that in the event of peace, we will have developed a cushion against immediate discharge of some workers, with the resulting drop in consumption. I am proceeding further with Lubin and believe that inside of a few weeks, will be able to bring large employers, including even that bad boy the Metropolitan Life, down to Washington with an offer of binding annual contracts. In any event, the annual contracts should be staggered so that in the event of peace on a beautiful September Eleventh, all of the contracts will not expire on December thirty-first.

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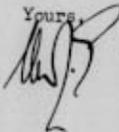
October 16, 1941.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

I am sending you a memorandum on various matters in which I am more or less helpful to your boys, as to some of which I have suggestions to make as to next steps. If any of my inquiries interest you at all, just give me the word.

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Yours,


Miscellaneous Tidbits

1. I just heard from Sullivan, of the Treasury Department, that regulations will come out shortly whereby non-profit making organizations will have to file tax returns of information with the Treasury Department. I think the delay of a year since I first talked to you about it has been less than helpful. However, I would like next, to get demands on the Senate and House floor for the disclosure of the returns, at least of the large organizations which are endeavoring to influence congressional action. I still believe that the America First Committee will blow up as did the Liberty League if we get a disclosure of its backers. How about the wisdom of such a move?

2. I have gone over with Biddle's boys the legislation drafted for disclosure as to persons sending tons of Nazi propaganda into the United States. I doubt if the bill will ever be ready for introduction unless you turn your hand to the inter-departmental conflicts between Post Office, Customs, State and Justice. I think the bill is in good shape save for the question of departmental responsibilities.

3. The effect on public morale of the closing down of small plants, it seems to me, is terrifying. The Army, etc., which frankly has no sympathy with small concerns, should be required to give Odlum's office reasonable notice - say four days - before letting any contract, so that Odlum can present to the Army, etc., the names of small plant owners who could take on all or parts of the jobs. Most of the small business efforts around Washington end with words. A client of ours in Kalamazoo is discharging 1000 trained mechanics in the automobile field within ten days.

4. Enclosed find a memorandum I sent to Henry Wallace in regard to further action vis-a-vis the Refugee Governments. You will recall that I wrote you sometime ago about the matter of Lease-Lend loans to refugee nations, and Henry took up with you suggestions for the gathering of the heads of these Refugee Governments, which took place eventually in England. The enclosed is a follow up.

5. I am having a terrible time with the Book Postage Bill in the House. The Senate passed the bill but there is a real effort in the House to sidetrack the entire proposition. This is far from the beaten field of important matters on your desk, but I wonder if a line, or a word, to the Chairman of the House Committee, or to Congressman Burch, the Vice-Chairman, would not be in order.

(Copy of Memo for Hon. H.A.W.)

October 3, 1941.

The United States Vis-a-vis the Captive Nations

1. A special Committee should be established in this country to take care of the captive nations after the war.
2. The Committee should contain within its membership, or have easy access to, representatives of the State Department, Agriculture, Commerce and more particularly, the Maritime Commission.
3. Actual and prospective budgets of essential food and shelter requirements could be guessed at. This would be derived through consultation with the heads of the Refugee Governments, and should go beyond just day to day feeding; to include, for example, TVA reserve fertilizers, since every farmer in Europe today knows his land is becoming increasingly sterile.
4. Dignified factual announcements of the programs developed, with the Red Cross being a party thereof, to be announced in the press and over the radio; shortwave would become peculiarly effective.
5. Objective of the Committee's work would be: (a) to really get ready for that period after the war; (b) to solidify opinion in this country; (c) to give courage and hope to the two hundred million people of Europe; and (d) this nation is simple and naive in its basic generosity. Our history of relief shows a real streak of the finest kind of sentimentality. In this situation a well developed program can use that great trait which spiritually is antagonistic to the old time theories of imperialism and world domination.

Morris L. Ernst

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 29, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MORRIS ERNST

1. Thank you for your thoughts.
Grand idea about Bureau of Standards.
2. I think there is no possibility of Willkie accepting membership on the new Labor Board.
3. Lay off Fiorello. The plan I have in mind will let him handle two of his present jobs but not the third.
4. I wish you would speak to H. M., Jr., about the non-profit making organizations.
5. Please suggest your idea about annual contracts of employment to Sidney Hillman and Miss Perkins.
6. Talk with H. M., Jr., about minor tax reductions. I think it would be very hard to get legislation of that type.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor:

Here are a few items you might want to note, and let me know what, if anything, to do.

1. How about opening up the Bureau of Standards at once to all Central and South American countries? In no time, can we show them how to make shoes out of coffee instead of burning it, etc. In the long run, it will be more important to give them our brains than to lend them dollars.
2. What is the matter with Willkie as a member of the new Labor Board but not Chairman?
3. Innumerable friends of Fiorello are worried because they believe he will resign as Mayor and remain as head of OCD. General opinion is that he has muckered up OCD immeasurably and should resign from that job and remain as Mayor. A petition is being organized to persuade him to resign the federal job. Possibly I can direct the course of this petition!!
4. Many new underground movements are being formed all for national unity for winning the war, but all getting ready to snipe at the government whenever things may sag. How about getting after Henry to get tax returns of all non-profit-making organizations so that you will know where you are at? This requires no statute.
5. In creating the new Labor Board, I trust the instructions will be broad enough so that the Board can make recommendations such as: directing public attention to the necessity of annual contracts of employment; this, if you please, as a cushion on the day of peace.
6. How about a special minor tax reduction for all firms that have contracts of employment guaranteeing fifty weeks work a year?

Best to you,

Yours,
Herbert A. Wolff

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
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My dear Governor:

Here are two more items. I'm following up the others in yours of the twenty-ninth.

1. George Backer is threatening to enlist in the army. I think he is doing his best service to the country sticking with the Post. I am afraid that Capt. Patterson has gotten under his skin. If he is to go into the service, haven't you got a spot for him? What about the Labor Board?

2. Please send for Edgar Hoover and his complete file on Honolulu. It may never get to you otherwise. I think you might want to see it in detail from Edgar direct before the Roberts report gets on your desk. I got a line on part of it, because I wrote to Capt. Patterson raising hell with John O'Donnell's slimy piece on F.B.I. in Hawaii.

3. I think a couple of unions can flatter Wendell into a place on the Labor Board. This in reference to yours of the twenty-ninth.

4. We still have not covered local broadcasting stations in Central and South America as we should. Instead of the government buying time for AP and UP despatches, I proposed to Russell Leffingwell that he get twenty American concerns which have markets in the Southern Hemisphere to put up \$100,000 apiece to buy time, not for propaganda or entertainment, but for local broadcasting companies to broadcast United States news reports. The sponsor in each case would get his ad, as for example, "brought to you by Singer Sewing Machine Company". George Whitney took it up with Alfred Sloane; Sloane was for it, but some damn lawyer told him that he had no right to go into such a program. I should imagine that somebody in Washington could call a dozen representatives of the big United States Companies which

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have markets in South America and point out to them the wisdom of protecting their markets by immediately buying time on local stations. In the confusion between the State Department, Donovan, Rockefeller, et al, I don't dare move on this one.

If you think it worthwhile playing with, won't you shoot it along to somebody and have him get in touch with me, and I will be glad to take on the chore.

Yours,

Morris L. E.

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January 26, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MORRIS L. ERNST:

Thanks for yours of the 23rd.

Move in!

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Governor:

1. At a meeting of one of his corporation Boards, Wendell Willkie laid out a proposal that the Republican Party could get a following of fourteen million people by embarrassing the Administration on the Negro Army problem. Through the proper use of the material that Lawrence Cramer is gathering, this can be stalked. Let me know if you want help on it. I am quite convinced that Willkie has an opening, and feeling proud of what he indicates is his forcing of the appointment of Nelson, is likely to move in.

2. You may recall that a year or so ago I suggested that you move in on Lewis via his control of trade unions through the secret use of the funds of the Mine Workers. I am convinced that any disclosure of the use of the union funds by John will blow him up. As a matter of fact, he has not dared to go into Pennsylvania to a meeting of the Mine Workers for a couple of years. The millions of dollars belonging to miners which he alone controls, are the source of his present power. Do you want me to help wade in?

3. I saw Treasury Department and I think I have made some headway for a tax inducement to firms that have established severance pay arrangements.

4. Treasury has also shown me the forms of regulations for disclosure of tax returns for non-profit making entities, but they do not include unions.

5. I am keeping an eye on the matter we talked over several years ago and now pending in Congress, to simplify transfer of aliens to citizenship where the only bar is lack of knowledge of English.

6. Is there anything to the talk as to the reason for the failure of promotion of Harry Ascher Badt, Captain in the Navy?

Yours sincerely,

Morris L. E.

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Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

1. Isn't this the time to get a joint committee of the Senate and House to do the job that Martin Dies should have done? And isn't Dies going to be an increasingly disturbing factor if the House Committee continues on its own?

2. Fight For Freedom is putting on another show with a lot of topical skits. George Kaufman, Edna Ferber, et al, are doing some of the writing. As a bit of relief, instead of drawing plans for a dog house on a boat, how about sending on an outline of a skit? I think it would be very cute if Ferber or someone else could do a skit for the Review based on a suggestion of F.D.R. Of course it would be shown to you for approval before being used. I have thought for a long while that you could create better and more gags than most of the trained seals on Broadway!

Yours,



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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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My dear Governor:

1. I have an idea that you might want to use sometime because it is the only technique I have found which really gives a jolt to the increasing number of backseat drivers who overnight have become military and naval experts in every saloon and parlor in the country.

I always say, did you ever try to divide a deficit? If you owe \$1000, and only have \$120, and have to divide it up, you may find that if you pay the milk bill you have nothing left for the butcher. It is easy to divide a surplus. Churchill and Roosevelt have been dividing a deficit for years because little people like us did not have enough imagination to back them up. They never had enough planes or tanks or guns to spread them wherever needed. By the way, would you prefer holding Singapore and losing Russia? The only way to appraise the work of Churchill and Roosevelt is in its totality. Some human beings had a guess where to spread the deficit. Nobody could guess 100% right. In total, however, England is alive. That in itself is a miracle.

2. I am greatly disturbed at the terrific anti-Churchill talk in this country, which I am convinced emanates from the Communist groups inspired, I believe, by the Communist labor leaders particularly, who, in a desire to build up Russia, are spreading around the word that Churchill has given no aid to Russia and that he must go.

3. I had Melvyn Douglas in New York for a couple of days with all the talent groups and I think that he is going along in good shape except for the fact that MGM insisted that Douglas go back out West to make a picture. Hollywood still does not know that you are shooting a more important script than they can ever shoot.

4. I have been talking to Leon about rationing in respect to building up total war morale. As long as we have to cut down the size of newspapers eventually, I am of the opinion that to get to an eight or twelve page newspaper (double the pages for tabloids) should be considered at an earlier date because of its great value as a daily demonstration that we cannot go on with life as usual. Many newspapers will welcome the reduction vis-a-vis reduced national advertising.

Let me know if there are any chores you want me to do. The seven or eight odds and ends on which I have been working are all going along in good shape.

Yours,
Max L.S.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MAC

Will you take this up
in accordance with Mellett's
statement and tell Ernst that
it has been taken up and then
return for my personal files?

F. D. R.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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My dear Governor:

1. I understand that one of the newspapers intends to bring a boat into New York Harbor and ride up to the Navy Yard, being confident that it will get by without any interference. I thought you might want to know this. It might be wholesome for the Navy, unwarned, to find out if it can be done, so as to wake them up, and it might be good, or bad, for morale if the newspaper spreads the story either way. Any instructions?

2. I understand that all of the packing boxes sent for boats along our waterfront for delivery throughout the world are clearly marked with the name of the places of destination. Can't these be shifted to code? With the time of departure known and the point of destination read from packing boxes, doesn't that help the Axis?

3. Dozens of small manufacturers are unable to break through the Army (not Nelson) to have the government use their plants. A movement is well under way to have a hundred manufacturers, each employing over a hundred men, picket the War Department Offices, with placards which will read:

X THOUSANDS OF WORKMEN
Y MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF CAPITAL
Z YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
TELL US WHAT YOU WANT US TO MAKE AND TELL US AT WHAT PRICE.
WE ARE IN F.D.R.'S INDUSTRIAL ARMY. WHY IS THE ARMY SO STUPID
AS NOT TO MAKE USE OF US?

I might be able to stop this movement, although at the moment I think it is necessary in order to wake up the Army. It still expects the smallish business concern to be smart enough to find out what it can make from the undisclosed list of articles which the Army wants to have manufactured. Would a picket line help or hurt?

I saw Odium. He knows he flopped and in spite of the move in favor of negotiated contracts, I see little hope of breaking through the

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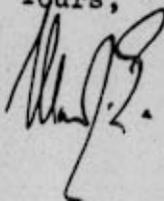
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military reluctance to use small plants. Can't you find another Leon Henderson who could handle this job and get tough with the Army Boys?

4. In regard to all your informational services, I have done some chores for the Boys under Archie, Lowell and Jim. I think what you need is a chairman of a Board of Directors of the five or six agencies, which chairman shall have no executive function and should really do nothing more nor less than determine what, in labor, we would call jurisdictional disputes.

5. I'm getting a hell of a dossier on John. Maybe you would like to see it sometime.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. J. Ernst', written over the typed word 'Yours,'.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT:

CONCERNING: Suggestions from Morris Ernst

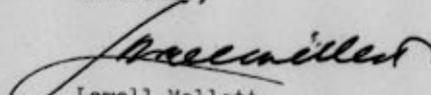
1. Admiral King might anticipate this newspaper stunt by sending a boat into New York harbor himself to check up on the Navy's alertness. That, when it became known, would wake up the Navy - if the Navy needs waking up - and would forestall the possible bad effects on public morale resulting from the proposed stunt.

2. No opinion.

3. Doubt that any such movement by small manufacturers to picket the War Department will happen. But don't think Ernst should try to stop the alleged movement, if there is one. The good effects of such a bizarre performance, not merely on the Army, but on manufacturers that do have contracts, probably would offset any bad effect. American labor probably would love it; it would make picketing more respectable.

4. Chairman of the Board of Directors of what? In my opinion, either there should be a tight organization, tying MacLeish, Horton, Donovan, Rockefeller, Army and Navy together, with real authority at the top, or some person recognizable as your deputy, without title, given the function of reconciling differences between these agencies and giving them, when necessary, instructions they must accept.

Sincerely,


Lowell Mellett

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 12, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. LOWELL MELLETT:

What do you think of this?

F.D.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

This is all taken care of and I have advised Morris Ernst.

In return Morris asked me to take up with you two things:

1. The dossier he has on John Lewis. Says the display in PM is a starter on it and he is following it up with Life.
2. Ernst also asked me to take up with you again the question of getting Morgenthau to act on his previous suggestion made to you that the Treasury call for the disclosure of finances of non-profit making organizations exclusive of strictly religious outfits.

Says that the regulation drawn up does not include labor unions but he agrees that if they were excluded it would increase the public clamor.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MORRIS ERNST:

I am going ahead with the items you mention.

When you examine the woman down to her undies, do not invite me to be present. I have a weak stomach.

I hope the P.M.'s stories about gangsters are being followed up.

F.D.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL KING:

A very sensible fellow passes me .
the following tip or hunch:

That we check up the list of all
our ships which have been sunk off our
coast, with the dock from which they
sailed and the ownership.

I think you should pass this on to
Waesche and Andrews.

F.D.R.

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March 23, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

H.M. Jr.

Here is a suggestion from a good friend of ours:

"I have a suggestion as to how to handle the muss existing in regard to the filing of joint tax returns. I am for them, including earned or unearned income. Can't you sell H.M. a bill of goods to overcome the Doughton, et al, objections by providing that where both spouses have earned incomes, an additional exemption of \$1500 or thereabouts, shall be allowed for the home. This seems to me to be obviously just, since if both husband and wife work, somebody ordinarily has to be hired to do the cooking, etc. Doesn't this fully meet your objection with respect to the earned income situation?"

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Governor:

A few more tid-bits:

1. Please have someone check up the list of our boats sunk in relation to docks from which they sailed and ownership of vessels. I have got a real hunch that this may lead somewhere.

2. I have a suggestion as to how to handle the mass existing in regard to the filing of joint tax returns. I am for them, including earned or unearned income. Can't you sell H. M. a bill of goods to overcome the Doughton, et al, objections by providing that where both spouses have earned incomes, an additional exemption of \$1500 or thereabouts, shall be allowed for the home. This seems to me to be obviously just, since if both husband and wife work, somebody ordinarily has to be hired to do the cooking, etc. Doesn't this fully meet your objection with respect to the earned income situation? "

It is a shame to lose out on the joint return theory particularly since this idea of an additional exemption will take care of an overwhelming majority of cases in number and practically all cases where any hardship could result. It should even answer Mrs. R.'s doubts.

3. Marvin telephoned me about the other matters last week and as a result, I spoke to Randolph Paul today about the extension of the informational tax returns idea. H. M. had told him to get in touch with me. I think H. M. is too late in view of the Vinson bill, but there are other ways of getting at the results.

4. I see that Tolan is urging acceleration of citizenship for aliens fit to join our great club. You will recall that a year or so ago I worked up such a plan for you. I went over the bill and your proposed message with Francis. Somebody ought to jog this along. The whole method of initiating new citizens is not only slow, but fails to capitalize on a spiritual plane even as high as that of the Elks in their initiation.

5. I am representing Winchell. I intended to sue Cissy; she

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shot the first gun, but if Walter handles the situation wisely, we will be able to examine Cissy down to her undies.

6. Did you see the John L. stories in P.M. as to gangsters and elsewhere as to calling loans? This follows up my letters to you of last month.

Yours,

Morris L. E.

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My dear Governor:

1. If the pressure for Browder's release gets too hot, I suggest exploring the following:

(a) Why not give clemency provided there is a return to the government of the counterfeit of the Great Seal of the United States which the Communists used to forge hundreds of passports.

(b) Stalin is supposed to have said to various people that the American Communists are a pain in the neck. Maybe Litvinoff could repudiate our American screwball Communists, who are still a great peril to the American Labor movement, which repudiation would certainly help the American public to become more sympathetic to the Russian situation. I mentioned this to Standley the other day and he encouraged this approach.

2. I saw Francis Biddle about aggressive action against American Fifth Columnists through the medium of Treasury Department tax returns of information from America First, Coughlin, et al. Biddle has asked me to work up a plan with Oscar Cox. I am content that if Biddle's boys can run the show, they will get a bunch of indictments before the Summer. And I don't mean of little people. Remember how Clemenceau put Caillaux in jail and never had any more trouble! In this connection, isn't it possible that the one man to prepare and try a case, if any, against Coughlin, would be Tommy Corcoran? I don't suggest him as the man to run this Bureau of sifting the tax returns of exempt organizations, but certainly he could do that one trial as Special Counsel. Alternate - Basil O'Connor as penance for John!

3. I suggested to Francis that Harold Ickes, several years ago, had proposed, as a result of a draft of a speech I gave him, that our entire Postal Laws be changed so that we get a great increase of information as to finances, etc., from all newspapers using second class rates. This seems to me to be particularly important with respect to the foreign language press.

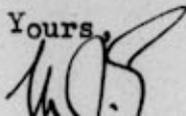
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4. I would like to see you sometime, if only for a moment, to tell you something that relates to Donald Nelson. I don't feel free to write it, but I think you ought to know it.

5. How about getting Wrigley and other slot machine boys to instal a slot for War Savings Stamps? These machines at depots, subways, etc., might help dramatize the work and the gum people would buy goodwill at the same time

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W.C.E.', written over the typed word 'Yours,'.

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April 27, 1942.

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Ernst*

MEMORANDUM FOR

MORRIS L. ERNST

Thanks for the tidbits.

1. Will you follow up No. 1?
2. I will follow up No. 2 and No. 3.
3. Your suggestion in No. 4 is good but I am sure that Hughes would not do it.
4. Who is John in No. 5? If you mean John O'Connor, go ahead and look into it further.

Keep up the tidbits. They give me a real relaxation from the high ether of naval and military strategy.

F. D. R.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Governor:

More tidbits:

1. Senator Walsh's name is going to appear, in secret probation officer reports, in connection with a scandalous criminal case in Brooklyn before Judge Leibowitz. Unless you know about the matter, or unless you are having someone else follow it for you, I suggest that you might want me to keep in daily touch with the situation. A shocking story will develop which may be of great help to you.

2. At the Lakehurst Blimp Station last Sunday there were only five field, or other employees, in attendance, although eight Blimps were stationed there. I understand the Navy still insists on Sundays off!

3. A large proportion of the employees of the government, particularly in the new Bureaus, have to pay \$5. to the Government National Surety Agency in order to get their weekly salaries within a week from the day they are due. In many of the offices, to my knowledge, employees have to borrow from each other or from the banks during the weeks of delay in receipt of their salaries. This story may break via Wilkie.

4. I have gotten some of the newspapers to push along in accenting the breakdown of Congress, with particular reference to the defeat of certain Congressmen. It is not easy to dramatize the situation in the press or on the radio because no Congressman is a national issue and general talk about Congress means nothing to any one voter in his own district in regard to his own Congressman. Isn't it possible to get Charles Evans Hughes to do an article or go on the radio to dramatize the need of people to look at the Congressional records of their own Congressmen? He might ask a pledge to do so.

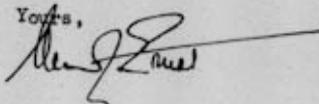
5. I have located documents tying in John with Axis oil deal but am in doubt as to a further step, for fear of crossing wires with government agencies.

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Have you any instructions for me on any of the above or on anything else?

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alexander J. Ernst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

P.S. 1. If these weekly notes of tidbits are a nuisance to you, let me know. I am doing plenty of chores for your boys in Washington, but I am in your army 24 hours a day - or more if you want me.

P.S.2. I'll be in Washington Monday, if you want me.

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April 28, 1942.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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My dear Governor:

1. Great tonnage of bottoms are being wasted to bring in bananas. The fruit boys under Nelson dominate the situation. My guess is that more bananas are coming in now than a year ago. It runs into hundreds of thousands of tons. As a matter of fact, government communications in regard to this shocking situation have been sent improperly to the Fruit Company for scrutiny and comment. Somewhere in the War Shipping Administration or the WFB this ought to be cleaned up at once. My guess is that two guys ought to be fired.
2. LaGuardia is playing around with some rather cruel anti-British stuff. I imagine this comes from the communists via Marcantonio. All over the Communist Party line is to snipe at Great Britain.
3. When the Jones and Laughlin, and Carnegie Steel Priority scandal broke, I wondered why some of your boys did not show that the oil companies were getting the supplies which cheated on priorities. Incidentally, the oil companies violated the priorities in the second place by using these supplies in violation of the Use Priority Orders. There is a great story to crack on the heads of the oil people. I am pretty sure it is Standard Oil of Indiana.
4. Incidentally the oil companies have paid no excess profit taxes for years, and they pay damn little income taxes even though it is our third largest industry. Randy Paul's oil depletion tax plan will bring you the first revenue you ever got out of oil; approximately 200 million dollars of additional revenue depends on it. I thought you might want to tie this suggestion up with No. 3. I doubt if H. M. will get tough on this matter. Send for Paul and he will give you the lowdown.
5. I find that the FBI is hamstrung because they cannot even make arrests of aliens who have a record of previous convictions and are in possession of guns or radios. An arrest cannot be made in the field but has to wait for instructions from Washington for a Presidential warrant.
6. The program for handing out loyalty certificates to aliens can develop into a terrible mess. Volunteers in small communities where

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people have intimate knowledge of their neighbors will work, as for example, Hyde Park or Nantucket. In New York City, however, it is ridiculous. There you need paid investigators and a paid staff. I suggest that the certificates to aliens for the time being should be limited to employment certificates; that is their main embarrassment. Hold up on general Loyalty Certificates.

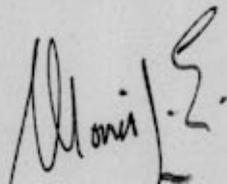
Why isn't that a good spot for Wilkie to head a bureau for handing out Loyalty Cards for employment to aliens who have been passed upon by local boards of volunteers in communities under 10,000 population, and by machinery of paid employees in larger communities?

7. I saw Frank Walker. He can close out the Book Postage Rates by putting books at two or three cents per pound instead of 1-1/2¢ as provided for magazines. Won't you give him the go ahead signal to get this through? After all, the magazines pay nearly three cents if they carry advertising, and a provision for books permitting them to carry advertising at three cents would therefore not be unreasonable and would not mean that you are giving in on any principle.

8. As to my Hughes - Congressional election idea - what about F.D.R. to Conant to Hughes? Or maybe Oscar Ewing (Hughes' former partner) offering a suggestion as to moves.

That's enough for one letter. I'm holding back on a dozen or more other items.

Your devoted Economic Commando,



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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Governor:

Tidbits

1. Not everything can be as short as my tidbits, but innumerable clients are receiving four page letters in regard to war savings purchases by employees. See enclosed. They don't read these long letters; they don't understand them when they read them. I know a good tough advertising guy who can at least help out on this stuff.

2. The next time you get on the radio with a story, why not gently suggest that you happen to be a father as well as a President, and then tell the story about one of your boys, either the one who was on the Atlantic for a year, or the one who is a Commando in England, or the one who is in Africa in the desert. This would be a swell way of stopping the malicious talk and anonymous mail which Mrs. R. told me about and which is circulated about Franklin, Jr.

3. Note for Eastman: Issue order tomorrow that at airplane terminals, starters are not to release taxis until each cab is full.

4. The Walsh story is O.K. This is starting to look like pre-collapse France. I think it is more important to see this through to indictment than to get any number of little newspapers published by little screwballs. As a matter of fact, if Biddle goes to town on examining the Treasury returns of information due May 15th, he will get for the first time a picture of the financial espionage system in the United States. The job will depend on the man whom Biddle puts there. I sent down my pet candidate, George Bowden, who is now working for the Donovan Committee. In view of the feeling between Justice and Donovan, I wrote Francis that this ought not to count against him. If Biddle goes after the disclosure and tax end, he won't have to do any prosecuting or indicting for sedition. Incidentally, I understand that the draft of the Executive Order which Biddle's office prepared, was sent over to Treasury on April 18th and has not yet been returned. Maybe you can jog this up.

5. In regard to your \$25,000 maximum income feeler, might it not be well to get the discussion on this subject tied in with the pay of the

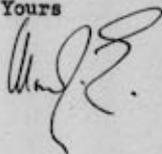
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working people? In other words, the manager of a factory might well be entitled to \$50,000 income if the minimum pay of every worker in his plant was at least \$1200. last year. In other words, if the boss is smart enough to have decent minimum annual pay standards for his employees, wouldn't he be entitled to something more than the ordinary minimum of \$25,000?

6. I am sure you will handle these inter-departmental tidbits as your own, so that I won't be completely anathema to all of your Cabinet Members who, for some reason, have affection for me, - I believe.

Yours



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

CAPTAIN MCCREA:

A good friend of mine and the Navy's sends me the following:

"I think someone ought to look into a 16 million dollar contract known, as I understand it, as the South Boston Works, let by the Bureau of Docks and Yards of the Navy. It looked originally as if the contract would go to a Massachusetts contractor, a buddy of Senator Walsh. This contractor, as I understand it, was under indictment on an income tax matter and therefore was disqualified. I understand the contract subsequently was let to another corporation, which in reality is nobody but the original bidder who had been disqualified. I should think that an inquiry from on top would get nowhere, but there is a Lt. Commander who is secretary of the Committee, who is on the level and knows all the facts. This Lt. Commander is a Michigan graduate. I have not been able to locate his name as yet, but will get it shortly."

Would you please take this up privately and confidentially with Ben Moreell and ask him for the facts?

F.D.R.

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in respective folders*

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WASHINGTON

May 7, 1942.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR

H.M.Jr.

A good friend of mine sent me the following:

"I understand that within the last two years, the Customs Bureau picked up an item running well over a million dollars in additional pulp tax due by the Chicago Tribune on the importation of pulp paper which had not come up to the grade permitted under the free importation provisions. What happened in the Customs, according to my tale, sounds at least a little screwy. As a matter of fact, I understand that the Regulations or the Law were later fiddled with to purge the Chicago Tribune situation. This latter information I cannot vouch for, but that there is something to look into I am confident. I thought you might want to pass it along. If I pass it along, it will probably die because it would get into the very hands of the people who might have acted with less than propriety."

Would you have someone you trust look into it and let me know?

F.D.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 7, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

ARCHIE MacLEISH:

I am told there are more than
24 former members of the German Reichstag
now living in the United States somewhere.

Would you look into this? Such
a group might be assembled to make a very
good publicity story.

F.D.R.

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BSF Ernest Gold

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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My dear Governor:

Tidbits

1. I understand that within the last two years, the Customs Bureau picked up an item running well over a million dollars in additional pulp tax due by the Chicago Tribune on the importation of pulp paper which had not come up to the grade permitted under the free importation provisions. What happened in the Customs, according to my tale, sounds at least a little screwy. As a matter of fact, I understand that the Regulations or the Law were later fiddled with to purge the Chicago Tribune situation. This latter information I cannot vouch for, but that there is something to look into I am confident. I thought you might want to pass it along. If I pass it along, it will probably die because it would get into the very hands of the people who might have acted with less than propriety.

2. I think someone ought to look into a 16 million dollar contract known, as I understand it, as the South Boston Works, let by the Bureau of Docks and Yards of the Navy. It looked originally as if the contract would go to a Massachusetts contractor, a buddy of Senator Walsh. This contractor, as I understand it, was under indictment on an income tax matter and therefore was disqualified. I understand the contract subsequently was let to another corporation, which in reality is nobody but the original bidder who had been disqualified. I should think that an inquiry from on top would get nowhere, but there is a Lt. Commander who is secretary of the Committee, who is on the level and knows all the facts. This Lt. Commander is a Michigan graduate. I have not been able to locate his name as yet, but will get it shortly.

3. I understand that there are more than 24 former members of the German Reichstag now living in the United States somewhere. This group might be assembled to make a very good publicity story.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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My dear Governor:

Tidbits

1. I am working with the Donovan Committee on short-wave broadcasts. I recall that two years ago you told us a grand story about an automobile accident in France during the last war. I have forgotten the name of the town and the name of the little Priest. As I recall it, they have your name on a plaque of some kind on the Church. It seems to me that that story ought to be sent by short-wave to France. It is a dramatic and appealing story if properly told without particular reference to the automobile injury. I wonder if your name is still on the Church? A properly devised broadcast might cause Hitler to have it taken down. That may be worth something.

If you want me to play further with this idea, won't you let me know, and more particularly, dictate a few lines about the story which might be usable.

2. I understand that the Civil Service Commission in checking up personnel, makes needless double checks. In other words, if a person hired by the Rockefeller Committee is checked up by Civil Service and approved, and then shifts over to Donovan, there is an entirely new investigation even for non-confidential positions. Maybe an inquiry from you as to whether this system exists will result in cutting out a lot of waste from double checking.

3. I had dinner the other night with Bill O'Dwyer and young Franklin. He, Frank, is still my candidate for governor in about eight years. I would like very much to bring Bill O'Dwyer down to see you. He is the only Irishman with a real following from the Irish boys in the bleachers who has consistently been for you, for the war and openly against Coughlin. I think that he should be used. I have got a spot in mind that I would like to suggest to you. He is going in as a Major. Incidentally, my own guess is that he is the only man in New York who can beat Dewey, particularly if he runs from the Army, which is lawful. Bear in mind that Dewey

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is younger, and Bill also has a wife and would not have to go to war. When can I bring him down?

4. I have been representing Neil Vanderbilt, and no doubt you have heard of his talks with Mrs. R. and others. I am convinced that he has a story of threatening proportions which you ought to hear, and which may underlie the move to get him shipped to the Military Flatbush, which in turn arises out of your assigning him to a job a year or so ago.

5. I talked to Mel Douglas and others about a plan to send eight or ten people, such as Eddie Cantor, Sophie Tucker, Spencer Tracy, etc., to Australia and Iceland. All above draft age. This will be a real boost for the boys at the front. But what is more important is that when they come back they might really do more for boosting the spirit of this nation than all of the glamor-puss radio programs with which I think the public was fed up long ago.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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More Tidbits

Dear Governor:

1. I saw young Franklin last night and at his suggestion I am sending you some of the lists of names of contributors to various "anti-organizations" such as America First, Gerald L.K. Smith, etc. I get these names from sources which have always been reliable in the past, but of course the Treasury Department, as a result of the filing of tax returns of tax exempt organizations on May 15th, will have the full and complete lists. Even the names on my scant list seem to me to be of supreme importance. The enclosed list is negligible as compared to the grand total. My guess is that Bill O'Dwyer could do a swell tough job on this whole economic espionage front. I am very anxious to see you about this matter if you can spare the time.

2. As to patents, I wonder if we are doing enough when we merely put a couple of Americans in as directors of organizations owning foreign patents. It looks to me as if you have to do more in order to prevent another Garvin - Chemical Foundation mass developing in the future. Moreover, you are bound to get a lot of scandal as, for example, rumors already circulating around that the detinning patents over which the government has taken some controls are now being handled in such a way as to benefit Continental Can, in which a government official had an influential position. Moreover, why not pool in an over-all holding company ~~for~~ all these patents of alien ownership. I'd like to help on this.

3. On the Boston Dock Works contract about which I wrote you on May 5, 1942, the Admiral in charge of the Contract Board is Morrell, who is supposed to know all about the tax-indicted applicant for the contract and his backers.

4. The story of the automobile accident in Britany is being put on a phonograph record by the Donovan Committee today. They have promised

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me a copy of the record which I will send to you. It is really a great story and they are all most enthusiastic about its effect on the French people and particularly the French sailors to whom it will be broadcast.

5. What about Jerome Frank in harness over the Summer? It's a shame to waste him.

Yours,



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America First Committee

1	Jerry Weber	J.L.Hudson Co.	
2	Oscar Weber	J.L.Hudson Co.	
3	Ben Short	Lyons, Inc.	Detroit
4	Hutchinson	Chrysler Corp.	Detroit
5	John Lovett	Michigan Mfgr's. Ass'n.	Detroit
6	Charles Bohn-Markey	Bohn Aluminum Corp.	
7	DeNile	Bohn Aluminum Corp.	
8	Ernest Kanzler	Universal Credit Corp	
9	Midland Steel Co.	Subsidiary of Otis Steel Co.	Cleveland
10	Mr.Kulis	Otis Steel Co.	Cleveland
11	Thompson Products Corp.		
12	Mr. Skinner	Automotive Parts Mfg.Ass'n.	
13	Harry Bennett (contributes through John Gillespie)	Automotive Parts Mfg.Ass'n. Automotive Parts Mfg. Ass'n.	

Gerald L. K. Smith

1	Dean Sollenberger	2257 Chestnut Hills Road	Cleveland, Ohio
2	Henry O. Havameyer	11 Broadway	New York City
3	Anastasia A. Vonsiatsky		Thompson, Conn.
4	Ferdinand Hensen	247 Park Avenue	New York City
5	Guenther Hensen-Sturm	Romanoff Caviar Co. 480 Lexington Avenue	New York City
6	Charles Payson, bus. home	30 Rockefeller Plaza) 28 East 63rd Street)	New York City
7	Orlando Weber bus Home	61 Broadway) 22 East 82nd Street)	New York City
8	Jay Hormel	Hormel Packing Co.	Austin, Minn.
9	A.E. Backer	Firth Sterling Steel Co.) 121 Varick Street)	New York City
10	Wesley C. Bowen, M.D.	17 East 61st Street	New York City
11	William Collins	120 Broadway (Room 1948)	New York City
12	William Dewey Loucks, atty.	Loucks, O'Ryan and Cullen, 120 Broadway	New York City
13	Paul J. Huber	Quaranty Trust Co. 140 Broadway	New York City
14	Mrs. Dennison		Saddle River, N.J.
15	Mrs. Cressy Morrison	52 Vanderbilt Ave.	New York City
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17	Joseph Colyer, Jr.	50 Church Street Room 1271	New York City
18	Miss Charlotte Ayerigg	240 Prospect Ave.,	Ridgewood, N.J.
19	L. Alice Jones	Women's Clearing House for National Affairs 44 Fifth Avenue	New York City
20	Miss B. Brown	480 Lexington Ave.	New York City
21	Captain John B. Trevor	11 East 91st St.	New York City

22	Mrs. Morisini	Cohalan & Morisini 170 Broadway	New York City
23	Charles Victor Miller	154 East 55th St.	New York City
24	Ed. S. Webster	Formerly 515 Madison Avenue Res. 35 Beekman Place,	New York City " " "
25	William F. Morgan	510 Park Avenue	New York City
26	Winfield Sheehan		Hollywood, Cal.
27	Mrs. J. Sargent Cram	c/o Peace House 110th St. & 5th Ave.	New York City
28	Mrs. Ben Fairless		
29	R. Douglas Stuart	(Quaker Oats)	
30	General Wood		
31	Chester Bowles	444 Madison Avenue	New York City
32	Edward Roos	Hotel Roosevelt	New Orleans, La.
33	Col. Aug. G. Rudd	Guardians of American Education, 51 East 42nd St.	New York City
34	Janet Ayer Fairbanks	Chicago, Illinois	
35	Dr. Carl O. Eggers	Lenox Hill Hospital	New York City
36	Homer Capehart		
37	Mrs. Paul Palmer		
38	Ed. L. Ryerson, Jr.	Manufacturer	Chicago, Ill.
39	Mrs. E. L. Ryerson, Jr.		Chicago, Ill.
40	Mr. Benton	Formerly Benton & Bowles Advertisers, Vice-Pres. U. of Chicago	
41	Miss Hardart	of Horn & Hardart	
42	H.A. Kollmar	Chemical Bank and Trust Co. 165 Broadway	New York City
43	Paul Porzelt	50 Pine Street (Banker)	New York City
44	Mrs. Charles Swift	(nee Chaire Dux)	Chicago, Ill
45	Dudley Swim	Banker. Was manager of National Investors. Was Treas. N.Y. Branch, A.F.C.	

46	Hanford MacNider		Iowa
47	Hautz & Co.	50 Broad Street (Bankers)	New York City
48	Sterling Morton	(Morton Salt Co) 99 Hudson Street	New York City
49	Seward Collins		Darien, Conn.
50	Colonel Arthur Budd		Windsor, Mass.
51	Ralph Beaver Strassburger	Waldorf, Astoria	New York City
52	Colonel McCormick		Chicago
53	Captain Patterson, New York News,		New York City
54	General Thomas Hammond	(Steel Manufacturers)	Chicago, Ill
55	Ralph Novin Hoyt	Shea and Hoyt, Lawyers	Milwaukee, Wis.
56	Hoyt (brothers of above)		
57	William Regenery	Manufacturers	Chicago and St. Louis
58	William B. Bell	Pres. American Cyanamid & Chemical Co. 30 Rockefeller Plaza	New York City
59	Head of	Greenfield Tap & Die Co.	Greenfield, Mass.
60	Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.	30 East 42nd St.	New York City
61	H. Heinrich	200 Varick Street	New York City
62	M. Lee Alberts	29 South LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.
63	Frederic E. von Ammon	120 South La Salle St.	Chicago, Ill.
64	Laurence Armour	135 South La Salle St.	Chicago, Ill.
65	Dr. Fred E. Ball	122 South Michigan Ave.	Chicago, Ill.
66	Harry S. Bates	520 North Michigan Ave. Reincke-Ellis-Younggreen & Finn	Chicago, Ill.
67	Ayres Boal	122 South Michigan Ave.	Chicago, Ill.
68	John Clay & Co.	209 South LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.

69	N. J. Conrad	65 W. Jackson Blvd. Union League Club of Chicago,	Chicago, Ill.
70	Barnett Conway	400 West Madison St. Room 1412	Chicago, Ill.
71	L.O. Cooke	7001 North Clark St.	Chicago, Ill.
72	Henry L. Cutler	111 West Monroe St.	Chicago, Ill.
73	Emil J. Dirks Co.	1166-8 Diversay Pkway	Chicago, Ill.
74	Thos. E. Donnelley	350 East Cermak Road (of R.R.Donnelley & Co)	Chicago, Ill.
75	William T. Faricy	400 West Madison St.	Chicago, Ill.
76	Calvin Fentress (Banker)	208 South LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.
77	Wade Fatzer	135 South LaSalle St. Chicago Chamber of Commerce	Chicago, Ill.
78	C. J. Foley	Room 1314 228 North LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.
79	Philip J. Foley	The Foley Greenhouse Mfg. Co.	Forest Park, Ill.
80	George K. Gann	332 South Michigan Ave.	Chicago, Ill.
81	P.F. Gault	Room 1422, 400 West Madison St.	Chicago, Ill.
82	Alfred E. Hamill	208 South LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.
83	William C. Heyn	Armstrong Cork Co. Merchandise Mart	Chicago, Ill.
84	Angus Hibbard	2442 Lake View Avenue	Chicago, Ill.
85	Edward C. Hintzpeter	208 South La Salle St. (and 4 of his associates)	Chicago, Ill.
86	Ward T. Huston	110 South Dearborn St.	Chicago, Ill.
87	Robert C. Ingersoll	Stewart Warner Co. 4418 Manor Avenue	Chicago, Ill.
88	Johnson & Higgins	175 West Jackson Blvd.	Chicago, Ill.
89	W.R. Kemper	135 South LaSalle St.	Chicago, Ill.
90	Dr. Phillip C. Miller	5757 Kimbark Avenue	Chicago, Ill.
91	Crayton F. Montei	105 West Adams St.	Chicago, Ill.

92	Hughston M. McBain	Marshall Field & Co. Chairman of the U.S.O. for Chicago,	Chicago, Ill.
93	Blanche Hooker	Mother of Adelaide Marquand, contributor \$30,000.A.F.C.	Detroit, Mich.
94	Edward Webster	Contributor \$10,000 to A.F.C.	
95	Cissie Patterson		Washington, D.C.
96	Ruth McCormick Simms		Washington, D.C.
97	Mrs. Seton Porter	Secours Francais 745 Fifth Avenue	New York City

Our records indicate that the following persons contributed to Gerald L.K. Smith and his COMMITTEE OF \$1,000,000. during part of 1937 and part of 1938. The amounts are set opposite their respective names.

Henry W. Marsh, Sr., 80 Maiden Lane, New York City (This sum was paid by Mr. Marsh in installments of \$1500 on the 1st and 15th of every month for a period of six months.)	\$18,000.00
Mrs. Ralph Seward Allen, Hotel Pierre, New York City	3,000.00
Mrs. Theodore Schumacher, 1148 - 5th Ave., New York City	2,500.00
Mrs. Arthur F. Schermerhorn (Dolly Pullman), 71 East 73rd Street, New York City	3,000.00
Henry Grunwald, Washington, D. C. (Payment made by delivering bonds of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. These bonds were sold by Smith to be converted into cash.)	16,000.00
Bronson Batchelor, 475 - 5th Ave., New York City (Batchelor is Public Relations Counsel of Johns-Manville Corp. The money belonged to the Company.)	4,500.00
Mrs. Claire Havermeier, 343 East 52nd St. New York City (Part of this money was personally contributed by Mrs. Havermeier and the remainder was monies that she collected from her friends who did not care to have their identity known at that time.)	8,000.00
Arthur Griscom, 52 Broadway, New York City (A large part of this money was raised by Mr. Griscom for Smith. Very little of it represents personal contribution.)	2,500.00
J. Edward Jones, Westchester County (This is the oil man who was once indicted. This does not represent a personal contribution, but monies raised by Jones in Westchester County for Smith.)	3,500.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Bouvier, Southampton, Long Island (Personal donation)	500.00
Arthur Shattuck, Hotel Chatham, New York City (Personal donation. This is not the restaurant man. This fellow is a concert violinist.)	2,000.00

Oil Men of Pennsylvania \$10,000.00

T. P. Thomson, Bradford, Pa.
(Independent oil producer)

Otto Koch, President
Kendall Refining Company, Bradford, Pa.

Charles L. Suhr, Chairman of the Board -
PENNZOIL CO., Oil City, Pa.

W. Floyd Clinger
Clinger Oil & Gas Co.
also President of the Pennsylvania Grade
Crude Oil Association, Warren, Pa.

John A. Beck, President
Pennsylvania Refining Co., Butler, Pa.

Harry Schmidt
United Refining Co., Warren, Pa.

J. P. Flynn
Quaker State Oil Refining Co., Sistersville, W. Va.

Gerald M. Smith, under Governor Davey's (Ohio)
political campaign received. 12,000.00
These monies were paid to Smith by Frank Paulson, Chair-
man of the Ohio State Democratic Committee and Miss Myrna Smith,
secretary to former Governor Davey during June, July, August and
September of 1938.

Smith received from the Bricker (Ohio)
Campaign. 8,000.00
This money was paid by E.J. Miller of the Manufacturers
Association and Frank Boggs, State Chairman of the Ohio
Republican Committee, during September, October and
November, 1938.

In other words, Smith participated in the democratic
primaries and in the republican campaign during the general election.

At the present time, Col. Frew Long of Ohio is collect-
ing funds from industrialists in that state for Smith. Otis Steel is
one of the contributors there.

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Detroit Men who contribute to G.L.K. Smith and others.

WALTER T. WRIGHT, Gen'l Supt., J. L. Hudson Co.

This man has no direct connection with any so-called subversive organizations, but did donate money to a number of individuals engaged in anti-Communist activities. Those donations have been made on recommendation of his immediate boss, superior, the owner of the J.L. Hudson Co.

JERRY WEBBER. Among those to whom he contributed is:

GERALD L.K. SMITH, FRANK GANNETT ORGANIZATION OF N.Y.C., but he doesn't remember giving any money to WM. DUDLEY PELLEY. However, there is a possibility that he did give money through some other sources. Jerry Webber was a very heavy contributor to everything that was anti-Communist or anti-New Deal and induced a number of people connected with him in a business way or otherwise to make similar donations.

BOB COLE, 1934 ABINGTON.

Mr. Cole is an official of the AUTOMOBILE CLUB of Mich. and has donated to various pro-Nazi organizations at the solicitation of the Gen. Mgr. of the Auto. Club of Mich., RICHARD HARFAST. HARFAST, as well as Cole, has donated large amounts to GERALD L.K. SMITH, FR. COUGHLIN and several other similar organizations or individuals.

CARL F. CLARKE, Pres., MONROE STEEL CASTING CO., MONROE, MICH.

This man made substantial contributions to G.L.K. SMITH, FR. COUGHLIN and similar organizations and individuals in various parts of the country. Those contributions were made at the solicitation of friends and business associates. He can't specifically recall any money donated to WM. DUDLEY PELLEY.

FLOYD W. CLARKE - 1023 OWEN ST., SAGINAW, MICH.

This man contributed to G.L.K. SMITH and undoubtedly made contributions to similar organizations in various parts of the country.

VINCENT GUILLIANO - The owner of an Italian weekly paper -

The ITALIAN TRIBUNE - 2670 Gratiot Ave., DETROIT

This man is a well-known pro-Nazi and pro-Fascist, a resident of this city. He has been associated with everything that is helpful to the Axis cause. I could not ascertain of any money contributed by him to any so-called native organization, but his relationship with all of them is very

intimate. This man should have been out of business a long time ago and as to why he is being tolerated by the gov't. is something that I cannot explain.

C. B. JOHNSON, Pres. of PEMBERTHY INJECTOR CO., 1242 Holden Ave., DETROIT.

Mr. J. is a well-known industrialist in this City. He is former President of the DETROIT EMPLOYERS ASS'N., AND the NAT'L METAL TRADES ASS'N. He is not a very heavy contributor but does contribute occasionally through solicitations on the part of business associates or friends. He contributed to GERALD L.K. SMITH and undoubtedly contributed some money to other organizations.

AVERY C. SHROTH, Sales Mgr., HOOVER BALL HEARING CO., ANN ARBOR, MICH.

Shroth made a direct contribution to SMITH on one occasion. He apparently contributed to some other sources, too.

An attempt was made by the Republican State Central Committee to disown GERALD L.K. SMITH. The Committee adjourned yesterday in Lansing without providing a suitable draft for this Resolution. There is no question in my mind that the Resolution drawing attention to the so-called unwelcome candidates will be adopted at the next session of the Committee.

From Detroit

Alfred Rabitaille is alleged to be Father Coughlin's right hand man. Father Coughlin has been the recipient of very large financial contributions which he has reason to hide. This is equally true of his disbursements. They are handled by Alfred Rabitaille.

There are indications that Coughlin is going to spend some large sums in the coming elections and that Rabitaille will handle the money for him. There is definite proof that some sort of an arrangement exists between Coughlin and Gerald Smith - as every Coughlinite of any consequence in Michigan is an enthusiastic worker in Smith's campaign at the present time. With the approach of the coming elections in Michigan, the Coughlinites will play a very important role in the promotion of Smith's candidacy.

I am making every effort possible to establish a direct contact with Rabitaille.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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Dear Governor:

Tidbits

1. I talked to Harry Hopkins further about the tax returns of information from propaganda organizations. I have found out that nothing is happening either in Treasury or Justice. Why can't word be passed along to Francis to let Oscar Cox set up the show and then arrange to have Treasury really work under Cox on the examination of the tax returns? You will recall that Cox was Assistant Counsel to the Treasury and therefore would know the workings at both ends. Meloney, who is presenting sedition evidence to the Grand Jury was delighted to learn that tax returns of these organizations were available.

2. A similar project should be set up in the Post Office Department under Walker. I have talked to the General about it. He is getting nowhere near enough information from the applicants for second-class mailing permits. The present disclosure requires only the names of stockholders and bondholders. In hundreds of fifth column publications the stockholders and bondholders are dummies. What we want is the names of the persons who by gift or otherwise make up the deficits, or who make large contributions for bundle orders of the papers.

3. I have checked up a hunch of mine with Father Sheehy and other Catholic friends to the effect that Henry Wallace is the one man who might do a job in Ireland and who might fix up the DeValera situation. I doubt if even Cripps can do it from England. Certainly no professional Irishman from here can do it. Why doesn't a two week jaunt by Henry to London and then to Dublin make sense?

4. I wonder if it would not be well for Archie and Bill Donovan, Lowell and others to make periodic reports as to the work they are doing. Much of it should not be reported but in each instance a lot can be reported. I should think it would be worth while, for example, for the

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public to know the swell job that Bill Donovan is doing on short-wave broadcasting, at least to the boys in Australia, Iceland, etc. I think much of the confusion and despair in the informational field is exaggerated and arises out of a total lack of information as to what is being done. The jurisdictional disputes are much exaggerated.

5. Incidentally during the pendency of reorganizations of bureaus such as the much talked of consolidation of informational services, there is a terrible lull in activities. Appointments are held up, people look for other jobs and there is a virtual standstill at times when gossip runs high. Maybe examinations as to consolidations or reorganizations should be kept a little more secret.

6. How about Elizabeth Brandeis as a member of the Board of Directors of the new 200 million dollar Small Business Corporation? Don't confuse Elizabeth with that hoyden sister of hers, Susan. Elizabeth is a good economist, a good teacher and really has the small business man's feel which she inherited from her father. She has done some grand writing on the subject. She and her husband have both been active in the field. She is presently located at Madison, Wisconsin. I think her appointment on such board would, in a subtle way, set the tone of the agency. I also know a couple of youngish, able, medium-sized business men who could do a job, men who, unlike Odum, believe that democracy requires medium-sized business.

Best,

Yours,

Morris L. E.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor:

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1. I understand Biddle telephoned Bill O'Dwyer but after he heard that O'Dwyer was a Major in the Army, called things off. I still think you ought to see O'Dwyer. Incidentally, he was brought up in Spain and might be of great help because of his knowledge of South America and Spanish. As you know, he is pro-war, pro-Roosevelt and anti-Coughlin.

2. All of your literary newspaper supporters, such as Gunther, Shirer, etc., are backing Willkie for Governor. Those who have spent most of the time with Willkie have given me full reports as to what his strategy is. I called McIntyre the other day to tip him off about this. Without going into details, Wendell had figured that he could let Dewey be Governor and that he, Willkie, could still hold his following and political support. About a month ago, he woke up and is now telling his friends that if Dewey is nominated, he won't even make a single speech in order to hold his own franchise in the Party. Won't you let me know if there is anybody I should get in touch with from time to time as things break.

3. The story you wrote out for short-wave to France about the candle burning in the Church in Brittany, is wanted by the MacLeish boys for domestic consumption. Please let me know if I have your approval to let them have it also.

4. Jim Mead's Post Office bill went through in accordance with your 1-1/2¢ Proclamation for book rates, except the rate was increased to three cents. I telegraphed to Steve Early to see if you don't want to have a little celebration at the time of the signing on Monday or Tuesday. There are only two reasons why such celebration might be of value: (1) to keep Mead further before the public in regard to the governorship; and (2) to help you pick up another 70 million dollars through newspapers and magazines in line with the Ways and Means recommendation of withdrawing the subsidy from all but the small County newspapers.

Wolff has been talking about

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LEO ROSEN
JOSEPH M. GOLDBERG
HAROLD H. STERN
HARRIET F. RILFEL
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor:

Tidbits

1. Irving Berlin's great show is going to bring in five million dollars, plus moral. Isn't there some medal or order of distinction which can go to a selfless guy like Berlin? He is wise enough not want a commission in the Army which the top boys are urging him to accept.
2. You may be interested to know that on December 1, 1936, the New York Times ran a report of a meeting in behalf of fascist Spain organized by the Coughlin - Father Curran group and conducted by candidate Bennett. I can get you the clipping from the Times if you want to see it.
3. I have helped Italian groups get together what looks like the first united front in the United States on Italian relationship. You may get a message from Ferdie Pecora in regard to it. I have used as a spring-board the statement by President Wilson during the world war about Italy which you might want to re-read and which, if brought up todate, might have an equivalent valuable effect on the Italian fighting forces.

Best to you,

Yours,
[Signature]

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

Tidbits

1. I find that Leon Henderson and most of the other boys are somewhat concerned on how to handle the claims for exemption which should be made for the few top men such as of the OPA, WPB, etc. There is no question but that men like Chief Counsel and Executive Secretaries should be relieved from the draft because of the disturbing effect on the bureaus from which they would depart. This situation, of course, is tender because it is a subject that can be used for political football. I suggest that under the draft there could be set up a special committee with Stanley Reed as chairman, to pass on all applications from government heads for exemption of their employees. I suggest Stanley because this new committee would be in line with the job he did for you in connection with Civil Service requirements for lawyers. Moreover, the country would no doubt accept without any political clamor the findings of a board headed by Reed. Moreover, it would take very little time.

Do you want me to work up a plan in more detail for you?

2. Whereas there are very few factory shut-downs because of raw material shortages, there is an increasing amount of comment that Nelson's boys are refusing to go into fields of newly proposed production because of threatened shortages. I am convinced that in the main there are no shortages, not even potential, but that the difficulty arises in the handling of the inventories. The present metal inventories, for example, as allocated are really not allocated in relation to the time of use by a plant and the resulting temporary unused stock piles demand, I think, a new instrument. Building on your ideas, I have in mind a national inventory bank which can operate on a lease-lend basis keying the flow of inventories to the actual time of production needs of the plants. Through my experience on your New York Banking Board, I think I can develop a rather neat and simple plan following the Federal Reserve structure with local inventory banks

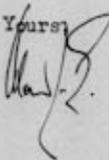
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where the banks will deal in shifting of stock piles of materials and inventories just as present banks deal in pieces of paper called money and credits. Local inventory banks are needed to tie in time of use with savings in transportation. Shall I develop this further, and when do you want me to see about it if you think it worthwhile playing with?

3. I am arranging to have the newspapers get hold of Wendell Willkie before he leaves, to see if they can smoke him out on Dewey, - the theory being that as the great leader of the opposition, it is not quite fair to utter statements of principles and then leave his followers in the dark as to his anti- Dewey attitude. I don't know if we will get much, but we may get something that will help Jim in the campaign.

Yours,



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WASHINGTON

October 1, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL:

There are a number of Americans in Europe who are aiding Hitler et al on the radio. Why should we not proceed to indict them for treason even though we might not be able to try them until after the war. I understand Ezra Pound, Best, Anderson and a few others are broadcasting for Axis microphones.

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cc to Morris Ernst

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September 25, 1942.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Governor:

1. There is quite some talk about Americans in Europe aiding Hitler, et al on the radio. Why should we not proceed to indict for treason Ezra Pound, Best, Anderson and a few of the American citizens who are broadcasting over Axis mikes? The mere indictment would be salutary even though, naturally, we would await trial until after the war.

2. I am arranging a series of quiet evenings for Leon, Donald Nelson and a few of your top boys to meet with Swing, Shirer, Gunther, Helen Reid, Charlie Marx and others. I think a dozen of these news and radio people can really get a new grasp of the situation if they sit for an evening with each of your top men. Nelson made a hell of a swell impression with a bunch of such boys at Eugene Meyers' house. I started this quiet little movement in part to counteract the organized ganging up on Nelson by the columnists and commentators.

3. There is increasing talk in Washington even by good administration Senators like Herring against one or two of the boys around Nelson, particularly Weinberg. The suggestion is being thrown at Nelson to get a person without executive function to be attached to him for general personnel and other advice, and that such person be not from the labor front, but at least from the New Deal front; such a man could act at least as counter-irritant.

4. You would be interested to know that the Treasury at last has set up a Bureau, with Sam Klaus at the head of it, to start going over the tax returns of America First, et al. I sent Leon recently the names of the big shot oil men who contributed large sums of money to Gerald L.K. Smith. I am turning over a similar list to Randolph Paul who might get help in his tax fight on oil reserves.

5. Crowley has now grabbed hold of basic German copyrights and

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patents in this country. For my part, he is not treating this situation as a great economic weapon to win the war. His control of the rights to Lyons Tooth Paste and thousands of other commodities should be more like the use of a dive bomber than what he is doing at present, namely: protecting the property interests of the stockholders, mainly German, who own these copyrights and patents. My reports indicate that the effect of his policy on South America is none too good.

Let me know if I can be of help in any direction.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'M. J. Ernst', written in a cursive style.

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WASHINGTON

October 6, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR MORRIS ERNST:

I am moving on the Italian matter in a slightly different way, but with the same objective.

Glad you are working on that silly attack on Nelson.

In regard to Joe Patterson, I would not try to exhort him, explain to him, or argue with him. I would rather use the technique of getting him to talk, of drawing him out, making him be specific and of intimating to him that he ought not either to believe or to print the many things which are simply not facts. I would raise the question as to whether freedom of the press is not essentially freedom to print correct news and freedom to criticize the news on the basis of factual truth. I think there is a big distinction between this and freedom to print untrue news. For example, John O'Donnell, one of his cronies, has, within my recollection of several years, never yet sent in a news story which was factually true throughout.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Governor:

I have been talking to your Boys about the following move:

1. Declare Italy in effect to be occupied territory. This means that the Italian aliens in this country, numbering over half a million, would be treated the same as the Czechs, etc. I understand less than two hundred Italians have been picked up by Edgar Hoover and most of these are gangsters who ought to be held for the period at any rate because they are easy meat for the Nazis to buy at low prices. If the announcement of this shift of attitude toward Italians in this country is well handled, it ought to have a tremendous effect on Italians in Italy. Minor complications such as those arising out of bank accounts, property, etc., certainly should not interfere with the decision if it is basically sound.
2. If the Italians are out of the way, all you have left in this country is about a quarter of a million Germans. These could be handled by actual personal tests before loyalty boards on the basis of a Stateless people, with preferences as to date of hearing to (a) those presently working in war plants; (b) those with close relatives in our Army; (c) those residing here before 1924, etc. Abe Lincoln devised the scheme of loyalty oaths for borderline cases without even the necessity of loyalty boards.
3. I am having Nelson and Henderson up to the house on Thursday with Swing, Gunther, Helen Reid and about six others in the hope of stopping the present intemperate and ignorant drive to get Nelson out.
4. Harry told me he showed you my correspondence with Capt. Patterson. Note enclosed. I am still in doubt as to how to handle him. Have you an angle? Is it worth a few minutes of your time? I think Patterson must be handled differently than Cissy or Bertie.

Yours,
M. L. S.

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September 8, 1942.

Mr. Morris L. Ernst
285 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ernst:

My daughter, Alicia, writes that you would like to have lunch with me some time. I am one of the few New Yorkers who does not go to business lunches except some time with members of his organization.

However, if you care to call on me, I would be glad to see you. I would like to make this clear: That I know you are a clever lawyer and I don't want to be in a position of being on trial before you.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. PATTERSON

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My dear Governor:

Don and Leon did a swell job. I had my gang together consisting of Helen Reid, Dorothy Thompson, John Gunther, Bill Shirer, young Bill White, Roy Larsen, Quincy Howe, Henry Hazlitt of the Times, and one or two others.

I am having the same bunch on Tuesday night so that Paul McNutt and Fowler Harper can explain the War Manpower Commission situation. On Thursday night Harold Ickes is coming up to try to shut up the ignorant talk, particularly in RI, etc., on the Russian oil situation.

Last night Don and Leon with this crowd, whom they can trust, really took their hair down. I think it did both sides of the table more good than ignumerable press conferences. Two matters stand out that really ought to be clarified at your end:

(1) Not one of these wise commentators had sensed the real answer to the confusion as to 60,000 planes "produced" as opposed to "at the rate of 60,000". There is no question that we got across the real answer, but since it was all off the record, they cannot use it and I doubt if Don should be the one to clarify it in view of your recent statement on the subject. I think it important on some occasion to indicate that our actual production based on wing-spread, spares, tonnage, etc., is equal to 80,000 planes produced for the year. I mention 80,000 because I have not the exact figure, but that is my nearest guess. Whereas the actual number of planes produced was somewhat less than 60,000, that is only true because of the big bombers, etc., made under newer designs where one plane takes the place of three or four fighters.

(2) The other important item that stands out is that this entire bunch of sympathetic commentators really were under the impression that we had reneged on our deal with Russia. Don indicated the substance of the message you sent him long ago in regard to the aid to Russia and told the

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crowd that there had been no renegeing; that there had been substantial fulfillment against terrific odds. The crowd present felt relieved and started to realize that the local American communists, et al, must be silenced on that attack which, hooked up with the silly military generals known as Orson Welles and Charlie Chaplin of the second front, is less than helpful to the situation. I suggest that you find an occasion to have your letter to Don released in connection with an entire story on the situation.

At the party last night I had Leon with Don because Leon knew most of the bunch. Leon was so cute and acted like a Big Brother in case any of the writers started to get nasty to Don. What he did to Dorothy was delightful.

Incidentally I brought up a program for handling corrections of factual errors - such as those of my friend - Drew Pearson. I have a plan. I hesitate to lay it before Elmer without further study and your criticisms of it.

Any chores today?

Yours,
Muriel

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October 10, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MORRIS L. ERNST

That idea about two kinds
of bonds you had better take up
with Henry Morgenthau. I a'int
no expert!

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Governor:

1. It just occurred to me that Byrnes will be looking for his top manpower in his office. The only person I know who has the background sufficient to pitch in right away is somebody that neither you nor Byrnes might think of at the moment, namely: Jerome Frank. As counsel to Agriculture he lived through all of the market agreement period and is very popular with the Farm Associations. The rest of his career brought him in touch with the labor and corporate groups.

2. I talked to your Boys from time to time about the plan for buying up, when ready, the new and old automobiles of the nation. I have thrown into the hopper the following idea: At the time of such purchase we should offer two kinds of bonds - (a) A bond carrying no interest during the war, with big interest and steep amortization starting at the day of Peace, when we want spending. This will help recovery. (b) An alternative bond to be accepted at the option of the person giving up his automobile, which bond will carry a 10 or 12 point premium above par which will only be usable for the purchase of a new automobile. At the time of Peace the various automobile makers will compete among the public for use of these bonds with their particular cars. For example, Plymouth may offer a 15 point premium and Chrysler a 20 point premium. If the person who takes Bond (b) dies or does not want a car, he loses the premium and will lose a certain amount of additional interest; this, so he cannot play it both ways. Psychologically, I think this program will have a great comforting effect and will cut under some of the throttling influences engendered by those who are calarity howlers as to the after-war period.

Shall I follow up and with whom?

Yours,
M. J. Ernst

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My dear Governor:

The McNutt party went off swell save for Dorothy who is increasingly talking with her breasts instead of her head.

I am rushing this off because I had a long talk with Russell Davenport who wrote the Life editorial. I have got that situation fairly well in hand. Of course, it can be handled here and in England either by a public cracking down or by letting the one-minute wonder fade out of the picture, depending on what Russell puts in the next issue of Life. I don't mean the piece this week, which was already written, but the one the week after. My guess is that the way to handle the matter is not by the crack-down and it would be unfortunate to have the situation raised by you at your Press Conference or by Churchill in England. By tomorrow afternoon I will have a look at the next editorial on the subject of England and the United States, and if I have been as effective as I think I was after Paul McNutt left last night, Life may think it has saved its face, but Life is the only one that will think it. I am writing hurriedly because you may want me to talk to one of your boys about my view of the situation before the Press Conference on Friday.

The problem brought up by Life, Drew Pearson's inaccuracies, etc., raises an issue which as far as I see, has not been studied in Washington in order to arrive at a decent method of treatment. Wendell will no doubt continue to encourage, intentionally or otherwise, sniping criticisms of our conduct of the war.

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October 15, 1942.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Tidbits

Dear Governor:

1. McNutt and Fowler Harper had a swell time at my home Tuesday night with the gang. I have not been able to get Sulzberger to any of these parties but Helen Reid won't miss them and it is doing her good. I think I am on the right track because I think this is the affirmative way of beating down the inaccurate columns.
2. I would like to talk to you sometime for a minute because I think I can straighten out Drew, whose affairs I have handled for years, including his more recent fights with his ex-Mother-in-law, Cissy. Incidentally, I got Capt. Patterson to clamp down on Cissy."
3. The Radio Commentators Club, which includes some of my boys, are now on their own inviting some of your top people up to dinner meetings. Since the Commentators Club includes some SNIPERS, your Boys should be careful.
4. All the boys are very anxious to get hold of Hershey. I never met him. If you think it worthwhile for Hershey to get a chance to sell himself to this crowd, let me know and tell me how to go at it. They are highly critical of Hershey's conflicting statements.
5. I have delayed seeing Patterson for many reasons, but in the meanwhile, his lawyer opened up to me. He gave me much material in regard to Patterson's burning up because of a talk he had with you, and more particularly because he tried to get in the Army and they would not take him.
6. I am trying to get Wendell Willkie to meet with my gang next Thursday night, and whenever he can come, I intend to walk in on Patterson and without getting him to open up, invite him to come around also. He was too deep and great a friend of yours for years to allow us to let him stay

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lost. I figure that we are as smart as he is and hence can work out something.

7. In the discussion with Paul McNutt the other night, practically all of the gang was strongly in favor of preventing further enlistments.

Yours,

Morris L. Z.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
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Dear Governor:

1. I had dinner with Arthur Sulzberger last night. His talk with you was helpful but now he is off on the foolish tangent that the AP suit is brought to pay a political debt to Marshall. I explained to him that many of us had urged the suit long before Marshall started in Chicago. Unfortunately some of Marshall's boy friends are doing a little too much gloating. Personally I wish that the Chicago Sun and PM were not involved in the picture. I have gone over the suit with Thurman. He sent one of his boys up to spend an afternoon with me in New York. He has got a good suit. He will win on the basis of Brandeis' dissent of about twenty years ago. I have been advising that I thought that Thurman must bring similar actions against U.P. and I.N.S. U.P. for example, if it sells to a second newspaper in a town charges an additional hunk of money which goes over to the first paper.

2. Much enthusiasm is floating around Washington as a result of the Air Service opening up a plan for suggestions of benefit to the Service from all members of the Service. I think they will get some good suggestions. What is more important is that the boys down below feel swell about it. I had in mind to get some commentators to write on this subject suggesting that the Navy and the Army do likewise, but rather think it better, if you think well of the idea, to have the same process established elsewhere without prodding from the commentators, or columnists.

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Governor:

1. I had lunch yesterday with Don and Leon and I think I was of help to them in laying out a method of approaching the paper situation. Paper is unique among all commodities. It is paper and freedom of the press. It runs from toilet paper through Kleenex, wall paper, books, magazines, newspapers and back to the Chicago Tribune which brings us back to where we started!
2. I suggested a technique for dividing the pie between its various eaters with the least possible attack from the press. I can cushion the attack because I have represented the Authors League, Newspaper Guild, Book Publishers and some magazines and newspaper interests. I advised Don and Leon to get ready before it is too late to appoint a committee to bring in a report. I think it would be unwise for you to appoint the committee, nor do I think that Don himself should be the lightning rod to be shot at. I can arrange, as a matter of fact, that various groups ask for the appointment of such an over-all committee, in addition to present advisory committees of newspapers, etc.
3. My talks with Hawkins of Scripps Howard, Arthur Sulzberger and George Townley, the attorney for Patterson, all point to mean and nasty attacks no matter what facts indicate the necessity for curtailment.
4. After Paul McNutt was up to the house with Gunther and the crowd, I worked with some of Paul's boys and found this one tender spot that has not really been fully explored: Assume voluntary enlistment is curtailed and the control over manpower is centralized, we will have to develop a button, badge or uniform for the army of civilians who are not allowed to go into service. What do you think about buttons which include the picture of the exempt or deferred person, using as a starting point the badges now worn in Washington for entrance to buildings, etc? This kind of a button will not

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only reduce the pressure within a plant upon a particular workman, and minimize his feeling of being a slacker, but as compared to all other kinds of buttons, will have the advantage of being analogized to the workers in the government. I do think this phase of the problem which seems insignificant will become tremendously important. Maybe you have already dreamed up a technique for handling this matter.

5. I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter I have written to Thurman whose boyas were up in the office in regard to the AP case. You know that a second paper in a town has to pay an additional sum of money to go to the first paper. Don't you think it cute that Roy Howard wants the government to sue UP so that Howard can get out of certain contracts.

Best,

Yours,
Louis

Leo be in Washington Tuesday in case you
want to see me.

October 21, 1942.

Thurman W. Arnold, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General, Anti-Trust Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Thurman:

I ran into Bill Hawkins who, as you know, has been Roy Howard's partner for forty years. I was kidding about the AP suit. He told me the following:

1. In sending out reprints of the complaint and exhibit to all of its members, AP had the audacity to actually change a part of the complaint. I have not checked this up at all but it sounded to me as if Hawkins was telling me the truth because he said that Roy Howard wanted to print in all the Scripps Howard papers this bit of chicanery but that Patterson, the attorney for UP won't allow it.
2. Furthermore, Hawkins indicated that the contracts of UP, which I told him I thought the government should also sue^{UP} being in restraint of trade, were contracts which the UP would like to get out of, and can only get out of by a government decree, and that hence UP would welcome a government suit. He indicated, however, that he wanted the suit to follow the AP suit.
3. I am unable to get together any group of respectable lawyers who will dare to stick out their necks against the press, but obviously somebody has to take a run out of the Dean of Columbia School of Journalism who went off the deep end today.
4. It is pretty terrible the way the general talk in the newspaper world is going in the direction that the suit is the pay-off of a political debt to Marshall Field.

Yours.

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Washington, D.C.

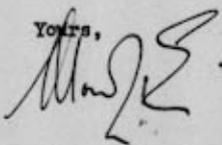
Tidbits

Dear Governor:

1. I thought you might want to know that Johnny Hanes is rather proud about the fact that his organization makes out the tax returns for Senator George. He talks as if he, Hanes, were the dominant person in the tax situation.
2. Why don't you start wearing old pants and coats that do not match, in the hope that the Boys at the press conference will notice it, and you can get off a gag about the duty of all people not to buy commodities, and certainly not to buy pants until they have been patched a couple of times.
3. I really think that a good psychological job by the Treasury can reduce the pressure of inflation on the consumer markets. This is particularly true since the tax program has really no relationship to revenue but is only a means of withdrawing purchasing power.

The warehouses in big cities are "chock-a-block" with consumers goods held for storage. In the defense areas there is a great need for furniture for new defense housing. What is wrong with old furniture? I think we can force a billion dollars worth of consumers goods into the market-place either by inducement or penalty. How about starting with a tax to be passed on to the consumers on their monthly bills for storage of personal property? This tax will force durable consumers goods into the market. Every dollar's worth of additional goods, not created with new labor, is the equivalent to one dollar in taxes as far as prevention of inflation goes.

Yours,



Thanks for your nice message to Mrs. R.

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Dear Governor:

1. Why shouldn't Donald Nelson arrange to have men who know something about the designing of tanks, airplanes, etc., go from the factories directly to the front, so that the information flowing back as to later changes of design will be more promptly used in the factories? I talked to some big tank manufacturers and I think they would welcome this kind of cooperative aid in the later shifts of basic designs.

2. A type of functional bottleneck that I am running into in Washington all the time is indicated by the following: Imports for the Army from South America or Canada pay duty which, of course, is a book-keeping fiction because it increases the revenue of the government and lessens the need for raising that amount of taxes. It took well over six weeks to clarify the confusion. Endless hours of time were spent by officials at conferences between all the Bureaus and Departments, Tariff Commission, Department of Commerce, Treasury, etc., before the matter was resolved, if it is even resolved today. I am not much worried about any one of these isolated wastes. What concerns me is the fact that no one in your Secretariat has the power to crack through these wastes. Hence, the confusion is only resolved by the endless bearing down of one Department against another. In the old days when Tommy was Tommy, he used to do the job, and often without bothering you at all, he would carry that amount of mantle of authority necessary to cut the tape. There is a hell of a need for someone in your Secretariat to be known as the guy to whom the Department and Bureau Chiefs can go when occasion arises in order to have the tape cut. Such a secretary would not have to bother you in one case out of a hundred after he once got the feel as to general directions that you want to take in different matters. If you want me to work up such a plan for you, let me know. It is something that could be started without announcement, publicity or functional designation.

Yours,
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor:

Since I am back from England, I have been following up a long list of chores which I started over there, some of which I discussed at length with Winant.

1. I saw Justice Stone the other day about a matter which I started in England between Justice Stone and the Lord High Chancellor. The first move will come from the head of the British Court system.
2. I am seeing General Osborne because there is no question in my mind, in the light of documents I have brought back from England, that our Army is doing a lousy job on the education of our boys in England.
3. The alienation of the United States from England due to the American communists, the Irish, Luce and Willkie, is really frightening and has led Ed Murrow to believe that the British people, to the extent of 80%, would today vote to go with Russia rather than us, merely because they think that the isolationists, plus anti-British groups are on the ascendancy in this country. To this end I have seen Tom Lamont, who wrote a piece for the Times against meddling in Russian ideology, and I have taunted him to write a similar piece in regard to Willkie twisting the Lion's Tail every other Tuesday.
4. The ignorance in this country, particularly among labor people as to the simple workings of the British Age Deferred Classification System, is appalling and I have arranged to have Paul McMatt get in touch with the one British authority on the subject on this Continent, who is at present in Canada.
5. I will be down in Washington next week and would like to see you for a few minutes, particularly in regard to observations made by Brandon Bracken, head of M. O. I., and others.

Best,

Yours,
Morris L. Ernst