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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

At Home, Riverdale, Md. Jan. 15, 1922.

My dear Arch:

Just to let you know how very valuable and how much appreciated is your birthday gift of the Corona, I'm sending you this note. I had three or four long personal letters to get off today and I've just completed them. They are not wholly works of art, but it was tremendously more convenient to pound them out on the machine, and indeed, I never could have written at the length I did, if I had been required to do it with a pen.

Mother and I have been wondering about your horse race. She insists it was to be run yesterday, while I am equally positive it is to occur this week. I do hope you will wire us. We're pulling for you.

Jack is expected tomorrow. Schwerin says their matter is in good shape, but he fears what may happen at the very end of the conference.

We had an awful run from Chicago here. We should have arrived at 4:20 but did n't get in until eight. We were in an awful blizzard that delayed us. I did n't think the Newberry vote would occur Thursday, but had we been on time I would have had ample opportunity to participate in it. The four hours delay just put me out of it. For the first time in my life I am apparently subject to the accusation of dodging, and those who dislike me, and they are many, are not slow to take advantage of the situation. No explanation of course, will be accepted by the interested, and it is futile to say how I would have voted, for the response is that that is mere pretense now, and it is easy to see how the wind blows and then announce my attitude. The fact is, a four hour delay on the train has raised hell with me. Of course the fault is mine for staying so long in California, but I did enjoy it so and so hated to leave that I stayed until the last possible minute.

I started simply to tell you how great was the machine and to thank you for it again.

Be sure and keep your word about going away. Wire me when you start.

Affectionately

W.H.

We were on the Pennsylvania leaving Chicago
Wednesday at 5:30. Our train was due
Washington Thursday 4:20. The Newberry
vote was Thursday 6:30. We arrived
8 p.m. Just another Black & Grouchy.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

January 20, 1922.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Arch:

We have been back here now a week, and of course, have fallen into the old groove. It does not seem possible that we had over a month in California, and my delightful stay there is gradually fading from my memory, just as events here became very dim in perspective while I was in California. There has been little of consequence in the Senate since my return, but next week, we'll begin real work again.

I had to go to New York Wednesday because of the decision rendered against us by the Court of Appeals. I left at nine in the morning and returned at 11:30 at night. I've spent so much time away from the Senate that I had to economize in time in my trip to New York. We concluded for the present to do nothing with the litigation but to await affirmative action by the Transit Commission, and then proceed and go to the United States Supreme Court. The opinion of the Court of Appeals was not unexpected. It does the Court, however, no credit either from the literary standpoint, or as an exposition of legal lore. In other words, it was rotten.

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We received your wire about the race. I was awfully sorry, and I think Mother really grieved about it. We'd been hoping you would be successful. I trust you did not, in our usual foolish fashion, wager your clothes upon the result.

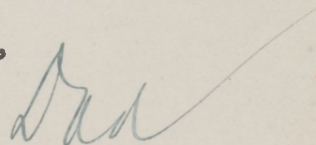
I am waiting daily to hear that you have gone away, as you told me you would do. To me this is the most important part of all your activities.

On your desk I left a brief in a patent case wherein James B. Smith is interested. Would you send it to me at your convenience?

Jack has been here this week with Schwerin, but I can't see that they have been able to do much in their matter. The Conference is drawing to a close, and they are expecting almost hourly to have some determination of what they are interested in.

Mother joins me in love.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. M. Johnson', written in a cursive style.

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United States Senate,

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January 28, 1922

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco

My dear Arch:

We got worried about you this week, so I sent you the telegram I did. The day after I sent it, we received your letter containing your most interesting account of the race, and the day following that, then, you replied to my dispatch. Mother and I read your description of the great trial of speed, and both of us were more sorry than we can tell that you lost. Apparently, your horse didn't have a chance. The pictures arrived yesterday, and this seemed to be thoroughly demonstrated.

We're having the damnest storm Washington has seen within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. I just got through the snow this morning coming in, and I am not at all certain I will get through it going out. I have never seen such a snow storm before, and were it not for the uncertainty of being able to get home I wouldn't mind it at all.

I wired you rather cautiously about Dick's situation. Greece has not been recognized by our allies or by ourselves. There is talk of the present king abdicating in favor of his son. This,

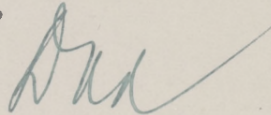
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it is thought, would furnish the solution, and enable our associates in the war and ourselves to save our faces by acknowledging the son's government. Otherwise than this, there is nothing new to report.

It is impossible for me to write you at length to-day and I will not attempt it. I am hoping that before this reaches you, you'll have started on the way. You ought to take your vacation at the earliest possible moment.

Mother joins me in love.

Affectionately,

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

February 6, 1922

Major Archibald M. Johnson
Hotel Coronado,
San Diego, California

My dear Arch:

I am delighted that finally you're on your trip. On your birthday, we were uncertain whether you had reached your destination, and so we sent our birthday greetings both to San Francisco and to Coronado. Your sweet and fine reply showed us you were really at last on a brief vacation.

I went over to New York Saturday endeavoring to hurry up my warrant there. Of course, nearly all the newspapers there have been hitting me a swipe in the matter, and with the friction existing between the Controller and the Mayor, I was wondering if I was not going to have some real difficulties. I hope it will iron out, and that the sum will be forthcoming. I returned alone last night from New York. Mother stayed there to do some shopping for the grandchildren with Jack today. I was paralyzed this morning to have a message from Mother that Jack was sick and Rogers was called. She just told me over the 'phone Jack has a temperature of $101\frac{3}{4}$ and Rogers says he has the grippe, that it's nothing particularly serious, but will keep him confined to his bed for a couple of days.

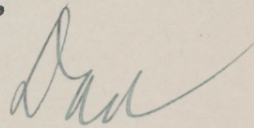
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I was quite astonished this morning to receive the enclosed envelope, and with it, a letter from Archibald M. Johnson , Attorney at law, Santa Rosa, California. I am sending you the envelope, because I think the similarity of names is really remarkable. The Archibald M. Johnson of Santa Rosa wrote me simply a formal endorsement of somebody named Berry for postmaster.

I did not write you last week because I was not certain where you were. During this week, I will write you a good newsy letter.

With love,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'Dad', written in dark ink.

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Tuesday Feb/ 14, 1922.

My dear Arch:

I'm waiting like a bump on a log here in the Senate, for an opportunity to bring up a bill reorganizing the Patent office. I'm Chairman of the very important (?) Patent Committee (the most important part of which is the suite of rooms I occupy in the Capitol) and it's my duty therefore to handle any bill relating to patents. Of course, I know nothing of the subject matter, but this is no disqualification in the United States Senate. I'm utilizing my few minutes in sending you a line.

You don't know how glad I was to have your two telegrams last week. I'm constantly thinking of you and the infrequency (that's a very moderate characterization) of your communications worries me at times greatly.

Jack got away Sunday as I would you. He was quite weak from

his "flu" attack, but I hope the enforced rest of the trip across the continent will do him good rather than harm. Mother and I returned Sunday night. Mother as usual devoted herself unselfishly to Jack during his illness, and returned home with a dreadful cold. Last night I thought her better, and am praying she will now be all right.

I want you to think of the possibility of the resumption of the practice of the law by me. I would not wish a partnership as Jack suggested while I was in San Francisco. You and I talked that matter over. It is still to come into San Francisco alone and run an office might have its serious disadvantages and be affecting sentimentally to me. I'm really rather sick of this life although I'm preparing for another political fight and probably will continue it. But with health not all I would wish with mentality perhaps impaired 'I'd like to retire and spend my few remaining years in peace. I'm thinking

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

a great deal upon this subject. I
can't write wholly as I'd like to,
but I trust you can supply
omissions.

Do stay where you are. Stay
long. Take care of yourself. Please
write me how you are. Send only
postals if necessary but do
let me hear from you.

Lovingly,

Dad.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

February 18, 1922

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Hotel Coronado,
San Diego, California

My dear Arch:

Expectantly each morning I looked over my mail in the hope that there was a letter, or at least a very brief note, from you. With the exception of your telegrams, we have had nothing from you since you went away. I would greatly appreciate it if you would get some postals, and every other day, mail me a postal with just two or three words that you are well. This inability to hear from you troubles me greatly, and I would do almost anything if I could prevail upon you to send the briefest kind of word.

I've had a bad week this week. I have had incipient "flu", and I've been trying to attend the Foreign Relations Committee meetings upon the new treaties. This made it impossible for me to keep up with my office work, and yet, I have found time at least to send you a word. Don't you think you could do the same with me? I am anxious to learn how long you are going to stay, and what your plans are, and of course above all, what your physical condition is. I would like, my dear boy, to send you one thousand dollars a month for the next few months to be devoted to staying away from your office. If this is not sufficient, I would be glad

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to increase the amount. I believe that if for a few months you would accept this offer, you would see wonderful results. But you leave me in such uncertainty as to your movements. It is so impossible to get from you any word at all that with a rather depleted vitality myself, I worry a great deal about you.

Jack had a real dose of the "flu", but the trip to California evidently was a mighty good thing for him, for his wire says he arrived there feeling very much better. The infernal thing has been epidemic in New York, and I presume the harsh and cold winter we have had here has contributed to it also. We have had more snow this winter, and I think colder weather, generally speaking, than any winter since I have been here. I would not have minded it if it were not for the difficulties of reaching our house after we leave the Baltimore Pike. The few hundred yards of this road are well-nigh impassable.

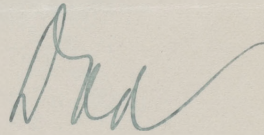
The Senate will soon act upon the new treaties. There'll be little opposition to them. A few men who believe in the preservation of what has ever been the policy of this country, will fight them, but the voices of these few will be drowned in the mighty British-Japanese propaganda which is overwhelming us at present. It is a hopeless and a heart-breaking situation. We are about to depart from the policy which has made us what we are today, and we are about to place our dependent~~s~~ in the

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future, not upon our righteousness, nor our strength, but upon the good faith of Great Britain and Japan. It's a horrible thing for me to contemplate, and yet I feel powerless to prevent it. I can only weakly voice my opposition.

With all love,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Archibald M. Johnson", written in a cursive style.

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

February 22, 1922.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Jack:

I should have written you ere this, but with a slight indisposition, all day meetings of the Foreign Relations Committee, and the general let go of your mother and myself after your departure, I have not been able to write you.

I think I caught the "flu" from you in New York. At any rate, last week was a very disagreeable week for me. I withstood the onslaught, however, and save for a general feeling of wretchedness and a slight fever for a few days, I came through all right. I rather think this was due to the fact that I have been taking care of myself. Mother has not been feeling at all well either, and so the week was a disagreeable one.

We've begun work upon the Treaties. The outcome, of course, will be their ratification overwhelmingly. Because the Administration will consent to it, we'll probably get a pretty good reservation to the Four-power Treaty. The very fact that they will consent to this reservation demonstrates conclusively the Treaty is of the character I have denounced.

Would you fix my income tax statement? The only thing outside of my salary to be put in it is \$6,000.00 received last year

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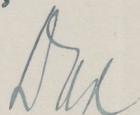
from the City of New York. I will try to get, in left-handed fashion, a ruling as to whether this should be included in the income tax, or whether it is exempt because paid by a municipality. There ought to be deductions for a couple hundred dollars for stenographers' services, that I paid to Odgers in California; real estate taxes, amounting to \$419.21; lump sum for traveling expenses, say \$1,000.00. To the salary of \$7500.00 per annum, there should be added mileage \$1292.80.

I hate to bother you about this, but I don't know how to make the thing out, and you have always done it so well, I'd like to put the burden on you again.

How glad you must have been to get home! What a glorious thing it has been for you to be with your children again! I'd really be ready to get out of this game, but I could never get your Mother to come back to San Francisco, and personally I would not go any other place.

With all love,

Affectionately,



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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON PATENTS.

February 28, 1922

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco.

My dear Jack:

Yesterday I received your letter with clipping from the San Francisco Journal. Mother and I were very, very sorry to learn of the sickness with which your household have been afflicted. It was pretty tough after you had been ill yourself, to reach home and have everybody go down. I do hope this note will find you all well again, and your household running as usual.

Andy Lawrence, or, "Long Green" as he used to be called, I knew very well in the early 90's. He was a reporter on the Hearst papers at that time, and when Hearst started his activities in Chicago, Lawrence went with him. Lawrence stole himself rich in Chicago, and Hearst finally discovering it, fired him. He not only stole himself rich, but he used to sell the influence of the paper and pocket the proceeds. He is really one of the worst scoundrels that ever breathed. His Journal of Commerce in San Francisco is in some way connected with the Los Angeles Times. Its big fight, of course, is against labor. The clipping you sent me was a replica of what the Los Angeles Times already had published. Lawrence will act in conjunction with the Los Angeles Times in bitterly assailing me. Ever since his paper

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was established, this is what he has done. It is rather amusing that anybody should take seriously his abuse of Hearst, because whatever Hearst may be, he is a million times better than Lawrence, and Lawrence owes everything on earth to Hearst. His present fortune is the result of his absolute stealing from Hearst.

I am just in the office today for the first time in a couple of weeks. The treaties have been engrossing us. The task before me is a difficult and unpleasant one. That it will affect me politically in California I do not for an instant doubt. The papers there, with the exception of the Hearst papers and the Sacramento Bee, are all for the new treaties, and my opposition to the Four-power treaty will give the excuse for bitter and united antagonism. However, this is part of the game.

Our big dog, Victor, has been afflicted of late, and we're quite concerned. A twitching set in in one of his hind legs, which has increased until there is a constant throbbing, and now even interference with locomotion in that leg. The veterinary tells us that it is the sequel, not uncommon to distemper, that sometimes the dogs are cured of it, and sometimes it becomes progressive, destroys their power of locomotion in the hind legs, and necessitates there being put out of their misery. I wonder if you ever ran into this thing at all in your fooling with the dogs!

Inasmuch as this is my first day in the office for a long time, I am hard at it, and do not write you at the usual length.

Affectionately,

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