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# KODAK Gray Scale



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ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON

MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

IF YOU HAVE ANY DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF KNIGHTS FORMER ACTIVITIES

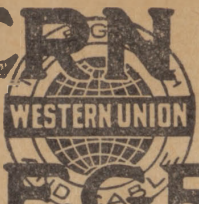
WHICH WOULD UNFIT HIM FOR PRESENT EMPLOYMENT PLEASE WIRE ME

HIRAM W JOHNSON..



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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

WILL BE ROCKFORD ILLINOIS FRIDAY NIGHT AURORA SATURDAY WIRE ME

IF YOU THINK I SHOULD OPPOSE KNIGHT CONFIRMATION WOULD BE


GLAD IF YOU TALK WITH MEYLAN SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF MICHIGAN

DAD.



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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR AND ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON


MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF 1327

COMPLETED NORTHDAKOTA CAMPAIGN LAST NIGHT AND PRAYING FOR A  
MIRACLE TUESDAY I HAVE HAD IN THIS CAMPAIGN ONLY MY PERSONALITY  
AND MY VOICE STOP AGAINST ME HAVE BEEN ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF  
THE STATE MONEY WITHOUT STINT AND WHATEVER POWER COULD DO ALTHOUGH  
LAFOLLETTE WITHDREW AS A CANDIDATE THE COOLIDGE PEOPLE HAVE VERY  
CUNNINGLY BOUGHT SOME OF THE NONPARTISAN LEAGUE LEADERS WHO HAVE  
CARRIED ON



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A LAFOLLETTE CAMPAIGN AND HIS NAME WILL BE VOTED BY THOSE WHO CAN BE

FOOLED BY STICKERS ON THE BALLOT WHILE THE PURCHASED WILL VOTE

COOLIDGE STOP HIS HAS MADE THE CONTEST DOUBLY DIFFICULT I AM GLAD TO

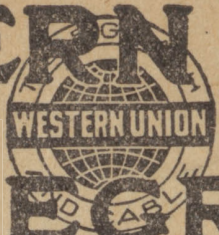
GO INTO SOUTH DAKOTA TONIGHT WHERE A DIFFERENT SITUATION PREVAILS

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HIRAM W AND ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON **841**

ATTYS AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

FINISHING TONIGHT TOUGHEST ITINERARY I EVER UNDERTOOK IT WAS  
NECESSARY AND UNLIKE IN NORTHDAKOTA HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH DECENT  
FINE SUPPORT THERE EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY WAS MERCERNARY HERE THERE  
IS FINE SPIRIT AND LOYALTY TUESDAY I THINK MAY SETTLE OUR FATE  
ALTHOUGH NEXT WEEKS ITINERARY HAVING BEEN ADVERTISED MUST BE KEPT  
AM HOPEFUL BUT NOT OVER SANQUINE PETER NORBECK HAS MADE HIS LIFES  
FIGHT FOR ME AND BOTH OF US



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HAVE NOT SPARED OURSELVES THE FIGHT HAS BEEN AGAINST GREAT ODDS I  
 HAVE NO REGRETS TONIGHT LIKE I HAD IN THE TREACHEROUS PLACE I WAS  
 IN LAST WEEK I HAVE DONE MY BEST AND I NEVER DID BETTER WILL  
 WIRE TUESDAY NIGHT FROM NEBRASKA IF I GET RETURNS LOVE TO ALL  
 DAD.



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CB214 66 NL DR CHICAGO ILL 30

HIRAM W AND ARCHIBALD W JOHNSON

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ATTORNEYS MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

LEAVING TONIGHT MICHIGAN FOR FOUR DAYS HEADQUARTERS DETROIT WILL  
REACH ME HAVE DIFFICULT TIME THERE BECAUSE OF FORD AND DENBY HERE  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY WE WON BIG VICTORY SOUTHDAKOTA AGAINST  
TREMENDOUS ODDS GREAT IS THE POWER OF THE PRESIDENCY UNFORTUNATELY  
WHATEVER I DO OR ACCOMPLISH MUST BE BY MYSELF AM TIRED AND WORN BUT  
HOPE IN ANOTHER WEEK TO RETURN WASHINGTON FOR REST LOVE TO ALL

DAD.



# POSTAL TELEGRAPH - COMMERCIAL CABLES

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# TELEGRAM

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Form 16

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HIRAM W AND ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

TOMORROW WILL FINISH CAMPAIGN ILLINOIS GALESBURG AFTERNOON PEORIA

NIGHT CONCLUDED MICHIGAN THURSDAY FEEL ABOUT MICHIGAN AS I DID ABOUT

NORTHDAKOTA IT IS USELESS TO RECAPITULATE THE CAUSES OF THE SITUATION

THERE BUT STATE ADMINISTRATION STATE COMMITTEE COUNTY COMMITTEE

FEDERAL BRIGADE FORD AND DENBY HAVE MADE CONDITIONS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE

OF SUCCESS I AM FEARING GREAT DISASTER STOP AM HOPEFUL ABOUT



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Form 16

CHA22 SHEET 2 CHICAGO JOHNSON SAN FRANCISCO CALIF

1924 APR 7 AM 3 08

ILLINOIS ALTHOUGH THE STATE IS SO LARGE AND LOCAL FIGHTS SO BITTER  
CANNOT ACCURATELY ESTIMATE IT NEBRASKA I THINK DOUBTFUL STOP  
IT HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE I HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY ALONE AND  
HAVE NEVER UTILIZED MY VITALITY SO HARSHLY I AM SO PHYSICALLY  
EXHAUSTED THAT I CARE LITTLE WHAT HAPPENS I LEAVE TUESDAY FOR  
WASHINGTON AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO JUST ONE THING BEING HOME AND IN  
BED FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS OF COURSE I AM ANXIOUS ABOUT THE EFFECT  
ON CALIFORNIA I DO NOT KNOW WHAT I WILL DO AFTER  
TUESDAY STOP LACK OF FUNDS AND



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-----CH22-----SHEET 3 CHICAGO JOHNSON SANFRANCISCO CALIF

1924 APR 7 AM 3 08

PHYSICAL EXHAUSTION MAY MAKE FURTHER EFFORT IMPOSSIBLE STOP AM WIRING  
YOU TWO OF THESE FACTS BUT I SHALL NOT WIRE OTHERS IN LIKE FASHION  
ALTHOUGH I WILL TRY TO GIVE TO THE SANFRANCISCO ORGANIZATION AND  
THE LOSANGELES ORGANIZATION MY VIEWS OF THE THREE PRIMARIES ABOUT TO  
BE HELD STOP THE CONTEST HAS BEEN AGAINST ALL OF THE WEALTH AND ALL  
OF THE POWER THERE IS IN THE UNITED STATES OUTSIDE OF PETER NORBECK  
OF SOUTH DAKOTA I HAVE BEEN PRACTICALLY ALONE I HAVE NO REGRETS  
FOR I HAVE DONE MY BEST IN THE DARKEST AND MOST DIFFICULT DAYS OF MY  
CAREER LOVE TO ALL

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

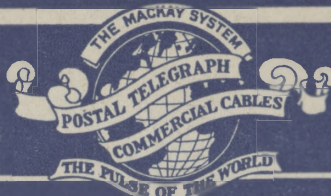


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## TELEGRAM

TELEGRAMS  
TO ALL  
AMERICA



CABLEGRAMS  
TO ALL THE  
WORLD

### CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

FAST TELEGRAM

DAY LETTER

NIGHT TELEGRAM

NIGHT LETTER

The sender must mark an X opposite the class of service desired; otherwise the telegram will be transmitted as a fast telegram.

RECEIVER'S NUMBER

CHECK

TIME FILED

STANDARD TIME

Send the following Telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

Hiram W. Johnson Papers  
 Bancroft Library

Form 2

Chicago, Ills., April 8, 1924.

Hiram W. and Archibald M. Johnson,  
Attorneys At Law,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California

Leaving for Washington Thinking only of home and rest Michigan was  
expected but though steeling myself for blow it nevertheless hurt  
Result played up all over Illinois Result here will probably be  
same One man cannot whip all the money and power in this country  
Love to all

Dad



# THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY (INCORPORATED)

OPERATOR'S NOTATIONS,  
TIME SENT, Etc.

## TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN TELEGRAM SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a telegram should order it REPEATED: that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable telegram rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED TELEGRAM AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the telegram and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any telegram received for transmission at the UNREPEATED-MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED-MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
  2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this telegram over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
  3. Messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the Company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
  4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
  5. The Company shall not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the telegram is filed with the Company for transmission.
  6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls therefor, subject however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.
  7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.
  8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.
- EDWARD REYNOLDS, Vice-Prest. and General Manager.
- POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY, (Inc.)  
CLARENCE H. MACKAY, President.

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

**NIGHT TELEGRAMS** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night telegrams may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Telegrams at destination, postage prepaid.

**DAY LETTERS.** A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the standard Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

(b) Day Letters shall be written in plain English, Code language is not permissible.

(c) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on

the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**NIGHT LETTERS.** Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night telegram rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

**SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS.** In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

(b) Night Letters shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permissible.

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## THE FASTEST TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN THE WORLD



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SANFRANCISCO CALIF 1230P APR 12 1924

HIRAM W JOHNSON JR

HOTEL MIRAMAR SANTABARBARA CALIF

I HAVE TELEGRAM FROM MCCABE SAYING CONSENSUS OF OPINION IS  
IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO COME TO CALIFORNIA FOR PRIMARY  
STOP THIS WILL BE UTTER IMPOSSIBILITY STOP THREE PRIMARIES REMAIN  
NEWJERSEY OHIO INDIANA IN WHICH GOOD PEOPLE HAVE GONE TO BAT FOR  
ME AND I CANNOT ABANDON AND DESERT THEM IF THEY WANT ME TO COME  
INTO THEIR STATE STOP RECENT RESULTS OF COURSE MAKE THESE TRIPS  
USELESS BUT THE LEAST I CAN DO IS TO AID THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED  
ME AND I SHALL PROBABLY GO INTO EACH STATE BRIEFLY STOP OF  
COURSE I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LATE DEFEATS MEAN TO ME AND THEIR  
INFLUENCE ON CALIFORNIA STOP I WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO TAKE MY CHANCE  
ON WHAT CAN BE DONE IN CALIFORNIA AND NERVE MYSELF FOR ANY EVENTUALITY  
I HAVE WIRED MCCABE NIGHTLETTER TONIGHT ACCORDINGLY LOVE TO ALL

HIRAM W JOHNSON

WASHINGTON DC APRIL 11

121P


Phoned to Self  
Time 5:10 P  
By LB  
Disposition Mail



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SN WASHINGTON DC VIA SANFRANCISCO CALIF APR 14 1924

HIRAM W JOHNSON JR

HOTEL MIRAMAR SANTABARBARA CALIF

I RETURNED LAST WEDNESDAY COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED WAS COMPELLED IMMEDIATELY  
TO GO INTO THE SENATE WHERE I HAVE SINCE BEEN IN ATTENDANCE ON THE  
JAPANESE PROVISIONS OF THE IMMIGRATION BILL STOP IT HAS BEEN VERY  
DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ATTEND DAILY LONG SESSIONS AS I HAVE BEEN REQUIRED  
STOP YESTERDAY RECEIVED WIRE SIGNED BY FRIENDS IN SANFRANCISCO MY VIEWS  
ARE GRADUALLY CLARIFYING AND TONIGHT I HOPE TO WIRE YOU IN NIGHTLETTER  
WHAT I THINK OF CALIFORNIA SITUATION

HIRAM W JOHNSON

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*Self  
to  
J  
Mail*

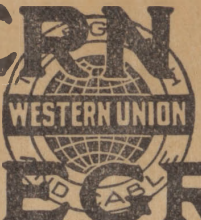
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WASHINGTON DC 14

ARCHIBALD M JOHNSON 913

ATTENTION HIRAM W JOHNSON JR ATTORNEYS AT LAW MILLS BLDG

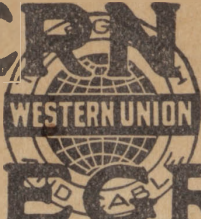
SANFRANCISCO CALIF

I WAS GREATLY TOUCHED BUT ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE TELEGRAM RECEIVED YESTERDAY FROM MY DEAR FRIENDS IN SANFRANCISCO STOP OF COURSE I RECOGNIZE WHAT THE RECENT DEFEATS HAVE DONE TO ME STOP I HAD HOPED AND KEPT HARPING ON IT THAT OUR ORGANIZATION MIGHT BE SUFFICIENTLY EFFECTIVE TO STAND UPON THE CALIFORNIA SITUATION REGARDLESS OF EASTERN RESULTS STOP THIS HOWEVER WAS PROBABLY TOO MUCH TO EXPECT AND I TAKE



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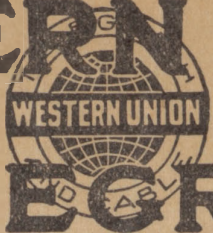
DB120 SHEET 2/100

IT OUR FRIENDS BELIEVE NOW THAT UNLESS I COME TO CALIFORNIA WE  
CANNOT WIN THERE SEMICOLON AND EVEN IF I DO COME THE RESULT WILL BE  
DOUBTFUL STOP MY OWN OPINION IS THAT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF CROOKED  
BIG BUSINESS AND CROOKED POLITICS WILL EXTEND EVERYWHERE IN  
CALIFORNIA AS IN MICHIGAN AND ILLINOIS AND THAT I MUST PREPARE  
MYSELF IN MY HOME STATE FOR WHAT I RECEIVED IN STATES NOT REALLY  
UNFRIENDLY TO ME BUT WHERE I COULD NOT ALONE OVERCOME THE  
UNSURMOUNTABLE POLITICAL OBSTACLES STOP NEITHER MY PRESENCE NOR  
SPEECHES BY ME IN MY OPINION IF CONDITIONS ARE AS REPRESENTED



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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Night	Lite
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WILL TRANSMUTE DEFEAT INTO VICTORY STOP I COULD NOT ALTER THE EXISTING  
 PSYCHOLOGY AND IT IS THIS AS I UNDERSTAND IT THAT HAS MADE THE CHANGE  
 STOP I THINK THE ONLY THING I CAN DO IS FRANKLY AND FAIRLY STATE THE  
 CASE TO THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA COMMA TELL THEM THE DELEGATES  
 TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION REPRESENT MORE THAN A MERE PREFERENCE  
 FOR ME COMMA THAT THEY STAND FOR PROGRESSIVISM FOR HONESTY IN  
 GOVERNMENT AGAINST REACTION AND THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE BETWEEN CROOKED  
 BIG BUSINESS AND CROOKED POLITICS NATIONALLY COMMA AND FOR CALIFORNIA'S  
 GLORIOUS PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT STOP  
 AMPLIFYING



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Day Letter	
Night Message	N M
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THIS ASK CALIFORNIANS NOT UPON PERSONAL GROUNDS BUT THAT CALIFORNIA  
MAY CONTINUE AS WE MADE IT AFTER NINETEEN TEN TO ELECT OUR DELEGATES  
STOP UPON THIS STATEMENT LET OUR PEOPLE THEN ACT AS THEY DESIRE STOP  
THIS I WOULD DO UNDER NO ILLUSIONS STOP IT IS QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
ME TO COME OUT STOP WHAT I SUGGEST IS TENTATIVE OF COURSE AND  
SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION OF OUR FRIENDS STOP ANY STATEMENT I WOULD  
TRY TO HAVE FULL AND UNSPARING STOP BETWEEN NOW AND MAY SIXTH  
NEWJERSEY AND OHIO WILL HAVE PRIMARIES WHERE I AM UPON THE BALLOT AND  
CANNOT GET



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OFF AND WHERE UNDOUBTEDLY CRUSHING DEFEATS AWAIT ME STOP I AM IN LIKE  
FASHION ON THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT AND AS I UNDERSTAND THE LAW I  
CANNOT GET OFF IT STOP TO ATTEMPT A PUBLIC WITHDRAWAL AS FLINT  
SUGGESTS WOULD NOT IN ANY DEGREE MITIGATE THE RESULT STOP AND I  
WOULD NOT AS HE INDICATED ASK THE SELECTION OF COOLIDGE DELEGATES  
UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES STOP I APPRECIATE THE WIRE OF GOOD FRIENDS  
WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR ME I SEND THEM ALL MY HEARTFELT THANKS  
DAD.



HIRAM W. JOHNSON, CALIF., CHAIRMAN.  
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## United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON  
TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS.

April 15, 1924.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,  
Major Archibald M. Johnson,  
Attorneys at law,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco, California

My dear Boys:

As you know, I have had no time to write, and I have been talking to you occasionally through telegrams. Tuesday last the primary was in Illinois. I returned that day here. Immediately upon my return, I had to go into the Senate on the immigration bill, and I have been in constant attendance since. Physically, I am about gone. When I say to you that I have been through the most terrible and heart breaking experience of my career, you'll know how mentally I feel. I am not going into detail with you, because I feel like a soldier who, forced against his will, into situations that were awful, never likes afterwards to speak of them. I do not mean to say, of course, that I was forced into a candidacy against my will. That is all nonsense. I should have foreseen what would happen. I did not. I have paid the penalty, and my dear boys, I tried to pay the price, and to one of my temperament and pride, it has been terrible, without whining. I am the author of my own ills, and the lack of judgment and vision have been my own. I have taken my beating standing up, and I will take it standing up for the next three weeks. I am, Of course, more concerned about and more affected about California than any other place.



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The telegrams of the last few days show me conclusively what will happen there, and I don't see my way clear to do anything except just bide the end. The idea that I come out to California and alter what seems ordained I think wholly erroneous. As the days go on things will get worse instead of better. New Jersey, next Tuesday, and Ohio the following Tuesday will accentuate the situation instead of modifying it. There may be just one good thing in it all. I will be kicked out of politics, and after time has healed the hurt, it will probably be the best thing that could have happened to me. I am not without friends in different states, and unknown people who have an abiding confidence in me, and who in the recent disasters, have followed me with a loyalty that is touching; but no man in position of power has dared go with me, save in the one instance of Peter Norbeck of South Dakota. Money is king of politics again, as it probably has not been during our generation, and of course, it looks askance at me. The ramifications of this money power extend to the very villages, and, of course, the national administration through its post offices and its patronage, reaches everywhere.

I wired you both last night my view of what ought to be done in California. I am not clear that this is the best thing to do. Flint wants me to withdraw and publish a statement that under existing circumstances, California should send a Coolidge delegation. I will not make any such statement, and I am inclined to think that withdrawal with my name still printed on the ballot would be even worse than accepting the defeat that is certain to come. However, by the time this reached you, I presume we'll have come



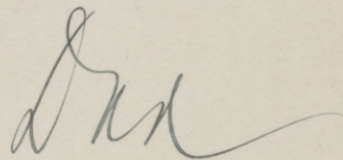
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to a consensus of opinion what to do in California, and I will follow that, although I will not, in this hour of defeat, cheapen myself by asking a Coolidge delegation, nor do anything else than frankly state the case to our people and go to my execution.

I go tomorrow night to New Jersey because there is a little group in northern New Jersey, who, without money, and against great obstacles, have tried to carry on a fight, and wish a last expiring gasp there. Our Ohio friends want me to come into Ohio next week. I shall probably do so in some sort of fashion. May 6th will see the end of it all, and then, with a repudiation by California, I can begin my recovery physically, and in a brief period, too, I think become reconciled.

With all my love,

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. W. Johnson', written in a cursive style.



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

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AM JUST LEAVING FOR OHIO YOUNGSTOWN MONDAY CANTON TUESDAY COLUMBUS

WEDNESDAY STOP WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD WIRE ME YOUR VIEWS AS

TO WHAT SHOULD BE PUT IN ADDRESS TO CALIFORNIANS FOR ME STOP I

FEAR SO FAR AWAY AND WITH SO LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PSYCHOLOGY THAT

I MAY BLUNDER STOP MY VIEW WOULD BE TO MAKE PERFECTLY FRANK STATEMENT

THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS IN CLEVELAND BUT THAT CONTEST



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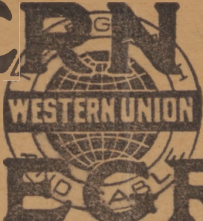
IN CALIFORNIA MEANS MUCH MORE AND BECAUSE IT MEANS PRESERVING  
CALIFORNIA PROGRESSIVE THE TICKET REPRESENTING PROGRESSIVES SHOULD  
PREVAIL OVER THAT OF CHANDLER AND HIS SCOUNDRELS STOP IT IS MORE  
THAN DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GO ON IN OHIO BUT IN GOOD FAITH AND DECENCY  
I COULD NOT LEAVE IN THE LURCH THOSE WHO AGAINST GREAT ODDS HAVE GONE  
AHEAD FOR ME MOTHER JOINS IN LOVE  
DAD.



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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR

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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF

I HAVE SENT STATEMENT TO HAVENNER AND DOHERTY FOR PUBLICATION  
AS SORT OF ADDRESS TO CALIFORNIANS I WOULD APPRECIATE IT  
IF YOU COULD READ IT AND AID IN MAKING ANY CORRECTIONS OR  
ALTERATIONS THAT MAY BE DEEMED ESSENTIAL

HIRAM W JOHNSON

802PM



United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

At Home, Monday Apr. 28, 1924.

My dear Jack:

I returned from Ohio Saturday afternoon somewhat the worse for wear. Yesterday and today I have remained at home in the yard, recuperating. What a pleasure it has been! The quiet and the peacefulness have been balm to me. The spirit is strong within me, stronger than even in the days of hope, but I'm so tired and fagged, so ragged physically that like a wounded animal, I long only for seclusion and rest. Tomorrow I expect to go about my usual duties. I'm utterly indifferent to future results and resigned to anything. Last night I sent an address, I fear a poor one because of depleted vitality and stagnant mentality, to California, and a wire to you to look it over and correct or amend it. Its only purpose is to state to our people my view of the California contest and let them do then what they will. Of course, I assume they will be no different from people elsewhere; the same influences, the like



## United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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psychology will control in California as in other states. I don't want you to think that because I recognize results and realize what an egregious ass I've been, that I'm broken or disheartened. Already I'm thinking of the future only and my course during the four years remaining here to me, and I'm clear as to what I shall do, and what I shall see. However, enough of politics for the moment.

Mother handed me today for the first time your letter about the recent assessment of the River Gardens Farms Co. It's not fair or just this burden should again be put on you. You have been more than generous to us in this matter; and in some fashion you should be repaid or secured. If you will not take an assignment of Mother's stock, at least let this be the acknowledgment of our indebtedness to you. In addition, I have in my safe deposit box, key of which you have, a bill for \$1000. and there are coupons undoubtedly



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## United States Senate,

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upon our Liberty bonds amounting to a few hundred dollars. Please take this \$1000. and the interest coupons as a very small part of reimbursement. I want you to do this, and will feel better if you do. It is your right. I know it's unnecessary to thank you for your generosity. You know we both do.

It is my expectation to stay here until after the convention. I never want to see another railroad train and it sickens me to think of a long journey. However, after the Convention, I shall come out to California with the old fighting spirit and go after the State Administration and big business that seems to control government. Mother vows she will not come; but I'm hoping when the time draws near her view will change.

Love to the boys. Lots to yourself with my heartfelt thanks.

Appreciatively

Dad.