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MAJOR A M JOHNSON=

MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF=

WE HAVE FALLEN INTO OLD LIFE HERE BUT WITHOUT THE
FORMER ZEST STOP MOTHER AND I BOTH FEEL EFFECTS OF
FLU AND WISH WE WERE IN CALIFORNIA NO CHANCE TO WRITE
BECAUSE EVERY MOMENT NOW OCCUPIED WITH BOULDER DAM
HAVE A TOUGH PROPOSITION MADE TOUGHER BY PRESIDENTS
MESSAGE AND ENGINEER REPORT LOVE TO MARTHA AND YOURSELF
FROM BOTH=

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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HIRAM W JOHNSON JR=

ATTORNEY AT LAW - MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF=

NO OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE SINCE ARRIVAL BEGIN CONTEST THIS
WEEK ON BOULDER DAM HAS BEEN MADE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT BY
ENGINEER REPORT AND PRESIDENTS MESSAGE CAN DO NO MORE THAN
FIGHT IT THROUGH MOTHER AND I BOTH FEEL RESULTS OF FLU
AND BOTH WISH WE WERE IN SANFRANCISCO LOVE TO THE KIDDIES=

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MILLS BLDG SANFRANCISCO CALIF=

THANKS FOR WIRE HAVE HAD TOUGH WEEK WHICH HAS REQUIRED EVERY
MINUTE CONSTANTLY ON THE JOB THE WHOLE THING IS NOW IN THE
LAP OF THE GODS BOTH OF US WELL BUT WEARY THIS WEEK WILL
PROBABLY DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENS LOVE TO EVERYBODY=

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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973 GREEN ST SANFRANCISCO CALIF=

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE MY RELIEF TODAY THE RESULT LAST
NIGHT UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES WAS REALLY MARVELOUS
THE BILL OF COURSE IS A COMPROMISE BUT I AM VERY HAPPY
OVER THE RESULT WHICH IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS THE
ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE IMPOSSIBLE WILL MONDAY WRITE DETAILS
LOVE TO ALL FROM BOTH=

HIRAM W JOHNSON.

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COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

December 18, 1928.

My dear Boys:

The reaction is on me after the long fight on the Boulder Dam Project, but I wanted to write you a word or two of the detail concerning it, because I know of your great interest. I appreciated your telegrams after our success Friday night, and indeed I felt immensely elated at the very happy ending. It was two weeks of hell. I had to maintain my equanimity and keep my patience, and sometimes it was extremely difficult. I never was quite so alone in my life, and this circumstance will never quite be understood by those who in Southern California favored our Project, and fondly imagined because they favored it, it was certain to commend itself to the whole world. There are seven states interested in the Colorado River. Four of these States were in bitter hostility to what we have wished, and two of them, while not having the rancorous enmity to our State possessed by the other four, yet by environment and sympathy were wholly inclined to the four. Therefore of those interested in the subject matter, six states were on one side and one Senator from one State on the other side. My colleague, of course, was of as much assistance as the fifth wheel on a wagon. The Senate generally regarded the matter as local, notwithstanding it has become more or less of a national issue by virtue of the position of the press of the country, and the active enmity of the power trust. Unfortunately, too, our

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active opponents - Hayden, Ashurst, Pittman and King, were all Democrats, and their Democratic brethren felt sympathetic towards them. I feel a deep gratitude for the hard-boiled men on the Republican side for they stood by me on the important amendments and enabled me to do the job by voting fairly solidly with me in most of the really crucial matters. You may not know the exact procedure in a bill of this sort. It comes before the senate, and the individual in charge of it then must sit there continuously defending it, not only against assaults and against insidious amendments, of various kinds, ^{but} ~~but~~ all sorts of endeavors to destroy its purpose. The days the bill was before the senate, when we met at eleven, I sat there without the slightest intermission until adjournment, and sat there alone; while the crew on the other side of the Chamber standing as a regular bloc against us, were able to relieve one another, so that the individuals could rest, have their luncheon, and the like. There was no such ^{interlude} ~~interlude~~ for me. The final vote upon the bill by no means indicates the feeling of the Senate in regard to it. Some of the amendments that were adopted or accepted gave to Nevada and Arizona privileges and revenues to which they were not entitled, but which, in great degree, mollified them, in the first place, and then, the defeat of other amendments left them in the situation of having obtained something, and being unable to obtain much more that they desired, and finally they practically threw up their hands. When this occurred, many upon the Democratic side and many upon the Republican side, voted for the bill rather than

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be in the attitude of opposing legislation or doing what the power people desired. The last couple of hours of the last day we were skating upon pretty thin ice, but I would not yield the position that I had taken regarding power, and if you read what was said at that time you'll observe that I maintained my position just as I have maintained it ever since the Bill has been pending. I was very proud of this part of the proceedings, for many of those who had voted with me on different amendments, who jump at the crack of the whip of the power companies, were insisting that I endangered the measure by my attitude, and sought in every fashion to have me yield. This I declined to do, and the result justified me.

I think the Bill will become a law, although there is more or less talk about Coolidge vetoing it. If it becomes a law, there is much to be done under its provisions, but all these things will have to be done by those interested in the project in southern California. It is the biggest work of its kind the world has ever seen. There is nothing comparable to it.

I shall be very glad, once the project is started, to have been connected with it. In my opinion, it is not only feasible, but it means literally millions of people, and billions of wealth to the southwest portion of our country, and particularly to California. I really think that it is enough for one man to have accomplished in the course of a legislative career. I feel a good deal like Harry Cosgriff did after the ride that we took to Eureka over the coast highway before the highways of California were completed, when he said after he got out of the automobile at our destination, he would not have missed the ride

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for a thousand dollars, but he would not undertake it again for a million. I would not have missed this great fight for very much, but I would not undertake it again for very much more.

We'll gradually get our minds into our accustomed groove this week, and I will write you fully again then. Mother joins in love to all

Affectionately,

Dad

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION

December 24, 1928

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

My dear Arch:

I am hoping on this day before Christmas that you and Martha are well, and happy, and prosperous. I do not need to say to you with what love I write this note to you, for I am sure you understand, and that it is unnecessary for me to speak of that which has ever existed between us, and which, please God, will continue until the end.

We are reasonably happy, although Mother has tired herself and become somewhat over-wrought in wandering about Washington trying to get the presents which our Jewish friends render necessary to exchange at this mellow and delightful season.

I feel very happy over the really great accomplishment in the Boulder Dam Bill. I have carried it now as far as I am able to do legislatively, and the signature of the President was the last act of that accomplishment. It is up to those in California, who are interested in the Project, to do what yet remains. The congratulations and commendations that have come to me have been very welcome, and very much appreciated. Particularly have I appreciated the approval accorded me because I think the idea had become general that I could not accomplish the result. The other day I talked into the Fox

movietone, and probably it will be put upon the programs in California. I had the feeling I was not very successful in this, and it was quite difficult for me. If I knew when it was to appear here I would endeavor to go and listen to my words while looking at my own "phiz".

We are, thus far, having very delightful Christmas weather. The thermometer is down low in the mornings, but the sun has been shining, and really the cold is not bad, when the day is bright. Yesterday, Sunday, your Mother and I attended a theatre party to witness the opening performance here of "The Strange Interlude". It is prurient and rotten. It ought to be enacted in a lavatory, a tessellated lavatory, with exceedingly bright lights red predominating. At the foulest suggestions, in the play, the audience applauded most. I don't know whether the success of this thing is a commentary upon the age, or upon decadent morals. At any rate I am too old, my views are too conventional, my outlook probably too narrow for me to enjoy the presentation of what is vile, and vicious, erotic and degenerate on the stage.

We'll have to move in midwinter, and when the city is most crowded in preparation for the inauguration. This is now looming as our biggest bug-a-boo. I will not be sorry to get into town, particularly if we have to stay for an extra session, but your Mother broods over the matter and hates to leave the old house. I am sorry therefore for her sake, and anxious to do whatever she may wish to do, ^however difficult it may be for me to carry out what she desires, I will make the attempt.

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I wish you would write when you can. Your telegrams have been a source of great pleasure to me, but I would welcome a letter. I am looking forward with the keenest anticipation to tomorrow night to hearing the voices of those whom I love. This will be to me the great event of Christmas.

Mother joins me in love to Martha and yourself.

Affectionately,

Dad

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December 24, 1928

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

My dear Jack:

The day before Christmas! I am seeing you all in San Francisco and trying to imagine what you are doing as I sit here in the office dictating this note. I can well understand the little fellows and their keen anticipation for the morrow. Christmas still means something to the young. It still means to those of us who are old a mellow period when for a brief time we banish rancor and hate, or try to banish them. The season has been transmuted, however, by the Jews into one of profit for them, and disaster for many of our own. They have made of it such a gift exchanging time, ever increasing the value of the gifts, until in many of its aspects it has become a period of worry, and sometimes even distress. What a shame it is that these hallowed days should be so profaned! I think you know what is in my heart today, and that I would add nothing to it with you by attempting expression. I send my love to you and to the dear boys. My Christmas will be tomorrow night when I hear your voices. To me this will be the choicest of all gifts.

Mother early and late has tramped the City in search of gifts of one sort or another. I have rebelled each night when I found her worn and tired and nervous and over-wrought. To

add to our difficulties we have got to move on the fourth of March, just at a time when this city is crowded to the utmost. We should have taken time by the forelock, as I wanted to do, and got out of the infernal place at some time within the past couple of years, but Mother hoped against hope that something would arise by which she could retain it. My own opinion is that if she could find an appropriate place to live, she would be happier either in or nearer town, after once she had accustomed herself to the change. She thinks not, and broods very much over leaving the old house. Just as soon as she reaches some conclusion I will write you about what we expect to do. Singularly enough I think the situation would solve itself in a minute if it were not for our dogs and cat, and possibly Joe and Fong. It is a little strange to me that when we go to San Francisco, we live in a small apartment in a hotel, but here we require so much more.

I was very much interested in your fine letter in which you wrote of Frere's closing exercises. I would like to have heard him. I think I would have enjoyed the expression on his countenance more than the words he delivered, although the whole scene would have been of affectionate interest to me. It has become so natural for Hiram to be at the head of his class, and at the head of the honors that are bestowed, that I take it as a matter of course. Both are remarkable boys, and if they come through their formative present period with the same dispositions they now have and the same inclinations, you will have, in my opinion, two lads of whom you will be not only inordinately proud, but who will far eclipse all the rest of us in their ultimate

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position and accomplishment. They are capable of doing great things. It is up to all of us to keep the ambition to do them alive with them.

I was delighted with the success of your Club. From the first I believed it was really the most interesting and most delightful of any club of any sort in San Francisco, and I felt certain it is destined to become a very notable part of the City. Mother and I in talking of it realized that this is due in the main to your efforts, and both of us congratulate you.

As I told you when in California I am looking forward to joining Sullivan, Sullivan and Roche in the practice of the law. At any time now the announcement may be made that I am joining that firm. I do not like the idea of going back to work again. Indeed, I shrink from it, but unfortunately I am so situated, and I feel under such obligations to your Mother, in the next few years, it is really a necessity that I go to work again. I wish it were possible upon our slender salary to live as we desire and be happy. I fear that neither is possible, and the constant reiteration of the fact has made me rather sadly reconcile myself to hard work again in my profession. Because of the uncertainty of time required here, it was absolutely necessary to make some sort of connection, even though it might not be all that was desired, so that I could be both Senator and lawyer, and the happiest possibility to me was with Theodore, and so I shall begin over again that phase of my life I thought I had concluded.

Mother united with me in a world of love for you and our dear grandchildren. Affectionately,

Dad