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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 5, 1936.

EDWARD J. TRENWITH, CLERK

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Attorney at Law,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California:

My dear Jack:

I was sorry to read in yours of May 1st that your eye was troubling you again, and I wish there were some way in which the recurring infections could be prevented. Mother read me recently some article which spoke of the harm which sometimes arose from sunbaths indulged in too frequently or too long. I wouldn't dare suggest investigation of this subject to you, but I pass it on nevertheless.

I wrote you a very brief note by longhand on Sunday. Unfortunately Miss Connor has been ill, and will probably be absent from the office for a week or more, and it may be even longer. Naturally, because I gave her such carte blanche in the office affairs, her absence is unfortunate, but I think, with the force that we have, matters will work out all right. In my Sunday note, I said that I haven't sense enough to determine just what ought to be done when the boys' trust terminated early next year. In reading the copy of your letter to Hiram, in yours of the 1st instant, I am very much inclined to your suggestion as to the dissolution of the corporation

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and the distribution of the lands at the termination of the trust. I had thought when I left San Francisco last year that there were but a few vagrant shares of the corporation outstanding and I did not know anything about Fred McNear holding one-sixth. Ordinarily the sooner the boys could get their own under their direction I would think it would be better. The few vagrant shares I speak of worried me, because I thought they might be the deciding factor in the control and subsequent operation of the corporation, but with one-sixth in McNear, it is perfectly obvious that if he would go as between what might be the two factions, his preference for either would be determinative. I may be all messed up on the whole situation anyway, so whatever I say is no value at all. I will be mighty glad to go into it with you, if you wish, when I get out.

There is an immense amount of interest taken here in the California primary, which is held today, and yet all of those from California who write me tell me that there hasn't been a great deal of interest taken there. Of course, with the advances that he has made, Landon is far out in front of any other candidate. If he is successful today in California, I shouldn't be surprised if he were nominated on the first ballot. How much his prestige would be affected by defeat in our State, of

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course, can't be estimated now. Borah has been a dud. The man who has come along is the distinguished one we call "three-legged Vandenberg". He has played his cards very warily, and has kept himself friendly with every other candidate. He is supposed to have three legs so that if there are three sides to any controversy, he can improve upon the ordinary straddler by being in all three positions. Roosevelt and those about him have recovered from the jitters they had some months ago, and they are so absolutely confident of success that some of them are rather arrogant. If I were in his position I would regard the Breckenridge vote of over fifty thousand in Pennsylvania, and the vote yesterday in Maryland's primary, where he received one out of every six of the Democrats voting, as pretty ominous. Of course, nobody knew Breckenridge, he had no campaign, he simply said to the Democrats "If you can't stomach Roosevelt, I present my name so that without leaving the Democratic party, you may register your protest." It is true that there is an overwhelming Democratic enrollment in every state just like in ours, but we know from the past that registration figures are by no means controlling in an election. We need go no further back than 1932 in California, when the Republican registration exceeded that of the Democratic party by 500,000, and Roosevelt beat

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Hoover by practically that amount. Roosevelt's fortunes have risen in the past few months, but there is a very strong undercurrent, and what is more interesting, is to discover that there is an increasing number of people who not only resent his tangled finances, but who've come to believe he doesn't think things through.

We're in the throes of house painting and repairing. The bitter winter, with the long-lying banks of snow upon the house worked havoc with us. Our own room is variated in color now by the water that seeped through the walls, and we've had to do the gutters of the roof, the pipes, and the like, all over again. Painting the house is no small task, and when you think that in the midst of it, Sunday we had a rainfall here that was like successive cloudbursts, which happily did little damage because little had yet been accomplished, *you'll realize something of what we are in.*

The transition here which quickly occurred from winter to summer leaves us more or less gasping.

I felt very, very badly over the death of C. K. He ~~was~~ practically the only close friend I had in the newspaper business. In addition to that, he has been for many years ~~so~~ so very kind to me and there has existed between us such an intimacy, that although the blow was expected, it was none the less severe.

With my love to the boys and Miss Schow,

Affectionately,

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 9, 1936.

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

My dear Jack:

I am writing you on Saturday instead of tomorrow, Sunday, because Miss Connor is still absent from the office, and in addition to that, Mother and I have a Sunday engagement tomorrow.

Of course, I followed Tuesday's primary with great interest. Those of us who had any idea of the political situation believed that if Landon carried California, he'd be immediately nominated at Cleveland. Whether his setback there will prevent his nomination it is impossible to tell; but, I imagine it will, at most, only delay it. What a child of destiny Roosevelt is! He blunders along here with half-baked and oftentimes half-finished policies, and I give him due credit for his adventurous spirit, and desire to accomplish things, and, more than that, for being fundamentally right. He gets into rather a nasty situation with the Supreme Court and with his policies, and the Raskobs, the Huttons, and the du Ponts hold a Liberty League meeting here which, from its attendance, would seem to be of greatest importance, but from its results ultimately turned out to be a boomerang for its sponsors and an immense benefit for Roosevelt. In his

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primary in Pennsylvania he is somewhat sideswiped, but gets a horrible jolt in Maryland; and then along comes California and gives a sickening body blow to the only candidate in the offing who apparently has any strength at all. As I have said to you repeatedly, I don't doubt his election, but I do think if there were a Republican party and a real Republican candidate there might be a fight this year ~~that~~ would gladden the disinterested onlooker. What a pitiful candidacy has Borah's been! I get indignant with him at times, and yet I find myself sorry for him in his old age, with his old fight and eloquence lacking, just wandering around imagining that all that was necessary for his success was to say he was a candidate. If he won all of Ohio next week he wouldn't be anywhere. He was a three to one shot in South Dakota Tuesday, and an unpledged delegation that in reality is for Landon, beat him out. It is very interesting to watch two men upon the floor who ~~now~~ now are thoroughly convinced they are going to be nominated by the Republican Convention. One of them is Vandenberg, of Michigan, and the other is St~~ew~~er, of Oregon. Vandenberg always has strutted, but now he is superlative in that. St~~ew~~er, on the other hand, has never had any great publicity, and he just exudes happiness and joy over the publicity he is at present obtain-

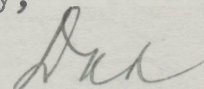
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ing. In my opinion he is a better fellow than the Michigan Senator, and a truer man.

We're all bending our gigantic energies to getting through here. We'll quit early in June, I am sure. I want to get out as quickly as I can, because of the sudden transition from winter to summer. Yesterday the thermometer was 92. Today it is to be a little warmer. It is only a very short time ago I was writing you of how cold it was and of the snow upon the ground. The little garden we have has burst forth with such energy as it possesses in the last few days. The whole place, however, stinks of paint, and yesterday, to add to our delightful repairs, the whole ceiling in our big storeroom in the attic fell down, and the whole damn top of the room has got to be plastered and repaired.

Mother joins in love to the boys and Miss Schow.

Affectionately,



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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

May 15, 1936.

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

My dear Jack:

It was fine of you to send on Mother's Day your remembrance to Mother, and if you could have witnessed her delight, you would have been as happy as I was. I really appreciated it, too, and I wanted you to know how much I thank you for it.

The anxiety of all of those upon the floor is to adjourn before the Republican National Convention. There was a little intimate discussion this morning as to the possibilities, and it was tentatively agreed that we would drive forward for adjournment June 6th, but if we became entangled in a long fight on the Tax Bill, or in controversies over conference reports, that during the week of the Republican Convention, we would have a gentlemen's agreement to adjourn for three days at a time, and then drive the following week, so as to get through before the Democratic Convention. Of course, immediately upon adjournment, I will try to get out of here and come home. We're in summer now, although we have had but a few excessively hot days. They brought us two of the most

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extraordinary rain storms I have ever seen. Mother and I were in one of them and the downpour was so great that we could not see twenty feet in front of the automobile; the other gave us a hail storm with pellets which were larger than any I have ever seen before that pounded down on us in an astounding fashion. Of course, the latter which occurred only two days ago fell upon the half-painted portion of our house and worried us for a time, although very little damage was done.

The Ohio primary, and that of West Virginia, we think wholly eliminated Borah from the Republican picture. He is very bitter and really quite stunned. He has seen himself always as such a giant figure; his vanity has been so nourished by an abnormal publicity; his threats in the past have, apparently, been so effective, that he can not understand that he ~~has~~ now even little or no nuisance value. I really have felt a great pity for him, notwithstanding that his campaign has been conducted in an archaic fashion of half a century ago. He will cut little figure in Cleveland now, and the trend, apparently, even with the California set-back is towards Landon. I am wholly unable to size up Landon, and I confess the two radio addresses he made did not impress me. There are things about the present Administration that irritate me almost beyond endurance, but I can see nothing else to the ultimate result than Roosevelt.

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Like you, I was intensely interested in the recent successes of the G-men. It seems quite remarkable that with our intricate police system, a man like Mahan could be ten days in San Francisco, or any length of time under the noses of our officers, and yet be captured only by the Federal men. I think they made a wonderful record, and although I deplore the vanity of their chief, Hoover, and detest his daily photographs in the newspapers, and his obsession to appear every place and make speeches, I can forgive his vanity and conceit in the undoubted ability to do the job.

I am glad to say to you that Mother is in good health at present. There were times during the winter when she was far from well, and occasionally I was worried about her. I watch her very closely now because I am fearing constantly a recurrence of the bronchitis with which she has been afflicted, and which any little excess apparently brings on.

Mother joins in love to the boys, Miss Schow, and yourself.

Affectionately,

Dad

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Sunday, May 24, 1936

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

My dear Jack:

I have this morning your recent letter in which you speak of the announcement being made by Franck Havenner for Congress. I had heard that this announcement was possible, but I did not know it had been made until the receipt of your letter. Like you, I am very doubtful of his success. It is peculiarly Mrs. Kahn's district, and it would seem to me that, without any real knowledge of the situation, she has all the best of the fight. I had noticed some place, quite a long time ago, that Jim Brennan was a candidate. I don't know whether he has any strength in a primary fight or not, but it strikes me whatever he has will be taken from Franck, but that Franck would make a good Congressman, and do his duty fully and well, goes without saying.

It looks like the Republican nomination will be won by Landon. All the other candidates are ganging up on him and hope they will be able to stop him. The consensus of opinion is that they

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will not be able to do so. There are, however, elements of weakness in his fight, which really shrewd men may take advantage of, and upon which may be predicated a real stop movement. The senatorial candidates for President we have seen in the last few days in deep dark conspiratorial gatherings, whispering mysteriously, and then walking from their conferences as if the weight of the world were upon their shoulders, and darkly shaking their heads about what they are going to do. If Landon were disposed to fight, he could tear them all to tatters, and when you consider poor, old denuded Borah, Dickinson of Iowa, who is only fit to pitch hay, Vandenberg, who has achieved a certain sort of popularity because he has three legs by which he gets on three sides of every controversy where only two exist, Steiwer, who, for the first time in his life sees his picture in the paper with laudatory notices, and has to anchor himself to the ground as he walks, you can understand that the ganging up of the senatorial candidates would not mean much to a real fighting man. The conumdrum is outside the City of Washington, with the men who control New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. If they really formed

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a combination against Landon, and for a few ballots could hold their delegates, they could do the job, but I am confidentially told there are breaks in all these delegations, and the bosses can not deliver as in days gone by. What a lousy lot of candidates on the Republican side! Not only in Washington, but outside, it would have been a glorious opportunity this year for a pore, benighted heathen, but a first-class fighting man.

There is going to be a real drive this week to adjourn Congress before the Republican Convention. You can realize that there is some earnestness about it, when I say that there probably will be an agreement to meet early in the morning, and to hold night sessions. **It** looks from the present situation as if the Relief Bill and the Tax Bill will be before us during the week; if so, I rather think adjournment may be had as desired. There are contingencies, of course, which may prevent the adjournment which has been practically agreed upon, and of course, sessions of the Senate are always uncertain. At any rate, it is my expectation to be out sometime during June.

Mother is in pretty good shape now, but we were both sorry Hiram could not have deflected his journey

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across the continent to the Cleveland Convention, or
some other place, and visited here at some other time.

With love to the boys, Miss Schow, and yourself,

Affectionately,

Dad

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Sunday, May 31, 1936.

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

My dear Jack:

Yours of the 29th I have received this morning.

I can imagine with what pleasure you are looking forward to your vacation at Courtland on the Kemah, and I hope you are installed there now.

I note what you say about Franck Havenner's candidacy and that he has his work cut out for him in the coming campaign. I have thought that from the time of the first suggestion of his candidacy. He reached his own conclusions in respect to running, and I suppose he has, as well as candidate Kahn, canvassed the situation. The Hearst press will be against him because the managing editor of the Examiner is of the same persuasion as his opponent. I remember asking Neylan once, when we were on fair terms, why the Examiner was so enthusiastically supporting Mrs. Kahn, and he told me that it was wholly racial, and that Lindner had begged this as a personal favor. There is a much closer union among these people, and a greater prejudice in favor of their own than can be found in any organization against them, and this has been so from time immemorial. I am very fearful of the results, as far

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as Franck is concerned, but, undoubtedly, he was determined to run, and like most men who reach such conclusions, they feel a certainty that their merits must be not only recognized, but acknowledged by the great body of the electorate, and success is certain.

We have nothing here now but politics and adjournment. If I were to hazard a bet on the date of adjournment, it is 50-50 we'll adjourn at the end of this week. If we do not, then we'll run the following two weeks, one of them by three-day adjournments through the Republican Convention under a "gentlemen's agreement".

It is generally taken for granted that Landon will be nominated by the Republicans. Borah is like a toothless old wolf, who can yet growl, but can not bite. He could be torn to tatters with one response, but the anxiety of the Republicans is so great for harmony that instead of answering him, all of the Republican politicians are endeavoring to placate him. He has been a terrible "dud" in the campaign. I said to McNary the other day that he seemed to me like a prize-fighter in the seventh round, groggy on his feet, and about to be knocked out, and really was so dazed he did not know what was happening. McNary answered, "seventh round" You mean first round". From the beginning his candidacy has been a lot of loud words, but generally speaking,

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rather meaningless platitudes. The fact is, however, that he started knowing that he had the good-will of the administration, and secretly the Democrats would help him. As I wrote you once in the early part of the campaign, there was a perfect understanding between him and Roosevelt, but each secretly ^{endeavoring to} out-fox ~~the~~ the other. Borah's past publicity had made him believe that the mere announcement of his candidacy would do the job, and then he got shoved in further, and further, until his campaign consisted of veiled threats and dark mutterings of vengeance. Roosevelt has watched the developments with a certain sort of glee, because he thinks that Borah is tearing the Republican Party to pieces, and what little strength there is in that party Borah is destroying. And one of the things that I did not like in Borah's campaign, although I had a certain sort of sneaking sympathy for it, was that I knew that it was not a campaign against the Democratic Party, but for value received a campaign to injure the Republican Party, and Borah really thought that he was big enough and clever enough to carry out his bargain, and yet at the same time walk away with the big prize, and then smash what these gentlemen called the "common enemy".

The whole thing looks now as if it were made to order for Roosevelt, but let his Major Domo, Mr. Farley, make a few

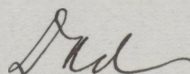
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more cracks like he did about the prairie state, and we don't know what will happen. I never will forget '84 when our hearts were broken by the defeat of James G. Blaine. Just before the election a reverend gentleman, named Burchard, made a speech in behalf of Blaine in New York City, in which he said Blaine was opposed by the forces of Rum, Romanism and Rebellion. It was generally conceded just after the defeat that it was caused by this speech. There are so many "damphools" and super-men (I don't know what species is worse) connected with politics at the present time, that someone may do Roosevelt incalculable harm in the next few months; but he is so vain now of his powers that he, himself, may be the offender. Barring something unforeseen, however, he will be re-elected, and I confess to you, I am greatly concerned about what will happen thereafter.

Mother joins in love to the boys, Miss Schow, and yourself,

Affectionately,



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July 6, 1936

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
c/o Yacht KEMAH,
Courtland, California.

Sonny Boy:

This is most likely a very disjointed letter, but wanted to send some word directly from me. I am still quite thrilled with the fact that you were here, and I don't think I will ever be able to quite tell you what it meant to me. It has been a tough old thing at best, but you took off all the rough edges, and made things quite worthwhile fighting for. Unfortunately, I cannot adjust myself to the fact that I must have a pain in this arm, so as the days drag on I find myself growing restless and impatient. Your father, however stacks up the days saying this is the second week. I don't know whether he thinks this is particularly slow in getting well or not. The doctors tell me I must have at least some aches and pains for two more months, and I don't see how I am going to be able to make your father understand that. My nights have been pretty miserable, because I cannot get rest, but at least I don't have to fake. I moved myself into your room, where I can worry and bellyache to my heart's content.

The toughest time I have had is keeping a straight face before your father, because if he sees the peculiar expression on my face, he begins to fret. I must say I think him better and doing as well as can be expected, and again let me say it is due in great part to the fact that you were a sweet baby and came to your "Mommy". Your father is doing, I think, pretty well. He won't admit it, but I think even he sees that the absence of the Kalak water has benefitted him. He has not had a mouthful of it, to my knowledge, and his constant running to the bathroom is over. He has been pretty good about his purgative too, so that, all in all, I think we are doing very well. He starts tomorrow to go to the Naval Hospital for a massage and blue, green, or red lights, or whatever they have up there, and I think they will help him. I really honestly see a change in his con-

dition, for which I am so very thankful.

I am attending to all the things you left your orders about, so don't worry, and when you write, please don't mention them again, because I get a setback over more orders. I have them in mind, and will attend to them. Also, let me say to you to be careful to avoid the gossip you will relate, because the fact that you said there was an exaggerated report of his condition upset him. Whatever you have to write, write it to me, and don't tell him you have written me, so that I won't have to show him your letter. So you are getting a few orders yourself.

I am going to the Doctor's this afternoon. Just what they will do to me I don't know. I would have written you before this, but I have not been 100%, as you know, and my mind don't work with the pain as well as it should. We are not kicking, just trying to make you understand.

Was very glad you are going to stay on the boat. You are forever in my mind in your canoe, sailing up and down the river. Don't forget that old man river. He is dangerous and pretty treacherous. Ever keep it in mind. I wanted to sit down and write a long, loving letter to Hiram, but I am unable to do so. Do give Miss Schow a lot of love, and keep a great deal, of course, for yourself. With a heartfelt of thanks,

Affectionately,

P.S. I am having Miss Connor sign this letter for me.
The old arm won't work.

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July 7, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, 3rd,
c/o Yacht KEMAH,
Courtland, Sacramento County,
California.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of June 29, written from
Bloomington, Indiana, concerning Christopher E.
McFadden, 529 W. 113 Street, New York City. I am
today writing to Mr. McFadden, indicating the
procedure that should be followed by him in ob-
taining the position he desires.

You will be pleased to know that the Senator
is very much better. He and Mrs. Johnson had dinner
downstairs on July 4th, and lately they have been
taking rides together. Mrs. Johnson is making good
progress, but the doctors say it will be six weeks
or two months before she will be able to travel.

With the good wishes of the office,

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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July 8, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
c/o Yacht KEMAH,
Courtland, California.

Sonny Boy:

This is just a little hurried note so that you will have something from us before the end of the week. Dad is getting on very well, but very slowly. I must say that he is minding beautifully, and has not had any of the things the Doctor prohibited. Yesterday Dr. O'Malley took him to the Naval Hospital for a rubdown and an electric bath. I am afraid it was a little too much for him, because he was pretty tired out today, and did not keep his today's appointment. He is looking forward to going to the hospital again tomorrow. I wrote Miss Schow last week, but sent it to the house, so that she will find it there. There is nothing new with me. I am plodding along just the same. Things are pretty tough, but beside all that I would give anything in the world to have your Father well. I get very discouraged at times, but I suppose I should not. He doesn't seem to get his strength back as quickly as he should, and, of course, not eating as he did prevents him from gaining strength quickly. Again my heart is filled with thanks to you for coming here. I am thinking of you very, very often.

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All my love to you, Miss Schow, and the boys.

Affectionately,

[Mrs. Johnson.]

P.S. Frere's picture has just arrived and I think it is great. Quite mad about him. Be sure and thank him for me. We both think he is very, very good.

Miss Connor is signing this letter for me.

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July 21, 1936.

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

My dear Jack:

I do not know what to do about Frank Havenner. I want to see him successful. I do not know anything about his campaign. I do not think that if I were to 'butt' into it I could be of any service to him now, but the last few days I have been wondering about him. He is such a decent fellow that he ought to win, but I am mightily afraid of the set-up. Let me know if you think there is anything I could do, short of 'butting' in.

Affectionately,

Dad

P:S: Miss Connor will sign this letter for me as I am dictating it from home.

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

July 27, 1936.

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

My dear Jack:

I received your letter this morning.

I am in a quandary as to what to do in respect to Havenner. He has been such a loyal, good scout, and in addition to that, he is such a fine fellow, that I want to assist if I can. The trouble is this: They are after me now to take part in the national campaign. Michaelson of the high command telephoned the office, and wanted me to make some speeches. The doctor immediately vetoed this, and said he wanted me to indulge in no activity. I am doubtful about a statement for Havenner, as you suggest, because it will put me at once into his campaign. When I dictated the letter to Miss Connor the other day I said I would like to do anything for him, short of "butting" in. I don't know what I can do. As you can readily imagine, it is difficult for me to think things through. A bald statement from here would need some sort of explanation, and that I can not make.

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I write this because you said you had told Billy that I would make a statement and had tried to see Havenner. It may be that my last note to you that was dictated to Miss Connor was ambiguous. Indeed, I am all up in the air concerning what I ought to do. Let me know if you can help me out.

Mother has just returned from the doctor's. He says she is getting along better than he expected, but that the confounded break was the worst possible and time for it to knit will be required.

Love to the boys, Miss Schow, and yourself.

Affectionately,

Dad.

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July 27, 1936.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
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Mills Building,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Senator has made marked improvement in the last few days. Mrs. Johnson says he is better, so you know his improvement is noticeable. He goes alone each day now to Naval Hospitable for his massage, and other treatment, and Mrs. Johnson calls for him, and they have reached the time again when they go alone to the movies. Mrs. Johnson goes to Dr. Hall Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The nurse massages her arm now, and applies some sort of light. Of course, the arm still pains, but Dr. Hall says it is mending even better than he expected. We've finally had a colling unit installed in the large room of the Senator's home. It is called the "carrier". The installation consisted merely of a small ventilator in the window, one side of which takes out the hot air, and the other brings in fresh air, and generally ventilates. It is plugged into the electric socket, and that's all there is to it. The government engineers say it is the best now on market, so I think it will bring the Senator and Mrs. Johnson happiness and comfort during the hot weather, and in the cool months they tell us it can be

used merely as a ventilator. I note what you say about suggesting to Dr. O'Malley that the Senator and Mrs. Johnson get away for awhile to some nearby resort. Dr. O'Malley has been suggesting "Skyland", about a sixty mile drive from Washington. It's a pretty ride and nice scenery, but your Mother would not stay there over night. There's not a really good hotel there, and none of the things your Mother would wish, and moreover there is not a doctor on the place. Your Mother seems to think they are more comfortable at home, particularly while she is taking treatments from the doctor, and until she is able to dress and travel.

With the regards of all the office,

Sincerely yours,