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JUST RETURNED VERY TIRED BUT IMMEDIATELY GETTING READY TO LEAVE ON
TENTH FOR MINNESOTA THENCE NORTHDAKOTA AND THEREAFTER SOUTHDAKOTA
DOHERTY MET ME KANSASCITY AND WHILE HE THINKS CHANCE VERY SLIM
SOUTHDAKOTA HE AND MITCHELL HAD REACHED CONCLUSION NOTHING ELSE
COULD BE DONE BUT GO AHEAD MCSWEEN CAME AT MY REQUEST KANSASCITY
AND THERE WE MET THE INFLUENTIAL ONE IN MISSOURI OKLAHOMA NEBRASKA
LOVE FROM BOTH OF US

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Thursday Night, Feb. 5, 1920

My dear boys:

This is a composite note to you and to Al. which I'm writing hastily at home. I've received Art's letter, and today came Jack's about the finance committee and Rosseter. I'm delighted with Rosseter's activity, greatly tickled that all of you decided finally on him and I'm very grateful for Harry's good work. Will try to write him a note of thanks tomorrow.

I'm hard at it. If God had given me six bodies instead of one I'd have as good a chance as Wood with six hundred millionaires behind him. Now

first, of my worries. If Hoover
Keeps out of the California
Republican primaries, all will
be well. If he goes in, the
whole thing is different and in
the lap of chance. Lessor's
letters from the South are any-
thing but reassuring. Not a
single progressive woman now
is with me there save Miss.
Thorn, and most of the men
are gone too. This will make
an awful fight there with
a majority probably against us
which must be overcome in
the North, and the women
there are none too certain.
California therefore may be the

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graveyard of my ambition.
I need not dwell further on
this, except to say in my
opinion. Hoover cannot get
a Republican delegate outside
of California. Ralph Merritt,
Gus Bruen and another came
East on the train with Nyman.
They are here to organize for
Hoover, but if they devote them-
selves to the East, I'll not
complain.

I saw Nyman today. He is
the fourth representative of
Hearst who has come to me to

Say exactly the same thing.

Of course, I want all the publicity I can get; equally of course, I'll be no man's personal candidate nor get into the position where Hearst could manage or dictate a campaign. I think I can handle this situation, tho my very independence may cause me trouble. The matter must await my return from the North-west. I cannot at present reconcile myself to becoming a delegate. Time may make this plain to me and remove

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The peculiar personal objection
I now have. I'll write again of
this. In Missouri, I found
nothing had been done. Before
I left I think something was
accomplished. The people we
are there dealing with are
essentially politicians, accustomed
to duck and deal and profit.
I'm promised the two delegates
from the Third Dist by Morse.
If Marks beats the Kansas City
Star, which I think he will, I'll
get his two delegates. Babler

to whom I met with the bosses
of St. Louis at breakfast 7 AM.
Tuesday Morning, frankly told
me Lowden had put a pot
of money in St. Louis but
the "boys" preformed me. I fear
the conflict between this love
and duty? The delegation
however, will ostensibly be
unpledged; and apparently will
be hostile to Noos and friendly
to everybody else. What part
I'll get will depend upon the
showing I make otherwise.

Kansas will be ostensibly
unpledged but for Harry Allen first

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And probably Wood second. I
want to go in there but it
seems impossible.

Certain people from Oklahoma
called on me at Kansas City.
They wanted to aid but we
let things go too far and
their whole delegation will be
selected in a few days. Some
already have been chosen.
They bear McGraw, Wood's man,
and the delegation will probably
be unpledged.

Harmon of Nebraska was with
us at Kansas City. He thinks we

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will carry his state, but it
involves a week's work on
my part there.

Doherty also met us at
Ks. City. He had a pretty
clear idea of South Dakota
which I could check from
my own knowledge. He felt
our chances mighty slim, but
that we were so committed
we'd have to make the fight.
Accordingly I shall do so. I sent
him back with a message to
the people there I was coming
in to fight organized monopolizing
wealth and organized politics.

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I leave Tuesday for Minnesota,
where at ^{Thursday} noon, I talk to
women at 3 pm a meeting
in Minneapolis and at
night a State wide Lincoln
Day meeting St Paul. Friday
morning I leave for four
days campaigning in North
Dakota. Singularly enough,
I believe the chances here
far better than in South
Dakota. From North Dak.
I'll go into South Dakota.
My hope is if I can win

North Dakota Mch 16, the
refuge in south Dakota may
aid, Mch. 23. From South
Dakota, I'll go to Nebraska
and thus clean up this
whole territory. Thereafter,

I shall go Michigan, Indiana,
New Jersey, New York and
possibly Wisconsin and that
will fill up the greater part
of the time of the primaries.

I can't get into New
Hampshire. There's no
popular primary and the
situation is sewed up.

McJannet is doing well.

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His office is undermanned at present but that will straighten out. His friend is keeping faith and made the arrangements for the New York office. His enthusiasm seems unabated.

I haven't seen Joy. McSwen says he's all right and in the job. M.S. is trying to reach into North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

The politicians are greatly bothered about me. The treaty

will be gotten out of the way
if possible, to keep me from
the definite issue. It would
never be reviewed if I hadn't
seen and seized the opportunity.
My hope is Wilson's obstinacy.

I talked Carnahan about
Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.
In Ks. City I was told apparently
in good authority Ariz + N.M.
would be for Wood. Sen. Ashurst
today confirmed this. Texas,
Harding expects. I do hope
immediate activity will be
shown in all three. Hard work
can win them but tho it is

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A month since I left Cal.
I judge from a telegram
received from Carnahan there
has been no activity in
any one of these three
States until he got my telegram.

I had a singular letter from
Lessner in which he said
Carnahan hadn't been on
S.F. for a week or ten days,
and said he didn't intend to
go until there was some
money in sight. Perhaps the

Things have now cleared. I moot
is trying to deliver Utah
to Harding. Has any thing been
done there? Again I
iterate and reiterate, the
West I need most. I can't
get Eastern delegates with
a West against me. The
same song is being sung
by all the parties - Oh
Johnson, he has no show -
No use voting for him.
I'll try to do my part in
the States I can reach, but
we ought not to lose our
next door neighbor, Arizona.

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The three of you must watch
Carnahan's plans. He'll enthu-
siastically do his best, but
he's likely to run off at a
tangent with some bizarre
scheme and a costly one
at that. Keep them at the
West. — California, Oregon,
Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Utah,
Montana, Wyoming, Texas. This
is his job, and it can be
done only by personal
application there.

There's a mighty unrest
in the East. Anything may

develop in the next six
months. If the Irish,
Germans, Labor and farmers
come together under any kind
of a camouflage, stranger
things than a third party
have happened. I'm keeping
away from any such thing,
of course.

I'm so damned busy I don't
have time to prepare speeches,
I'm hoping habit may aid
me and as the days pass,
I may whip a nice speech
into shape. I had the other

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with me on my last trip.
I shall take Havannes on my
next. I need a valet more
than anything else. I shall
probably send Melrose to McSwan
in New York.

Goodnight. This is a rotten
note but I know how anxious
you are for news & I'm
writing this at home very late.

God bless you all. You have
now only an old man's thanks
Affectionately
Dad.

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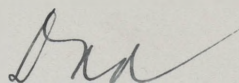
February 6, 1920.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Arch:

I have just had a very important conversation with a gentleman on the inside, whose name I am not at liberty to divulge. Immediately after this conversation I have dictated as well as I could what he told me. I send you a copy of his statement. I believe absolutely what is told me, not only because of the high character of the individual who has related it, but because of corroborating circumstances which have come to me as well. I wanted you to know at the earliest moment something of this Hoover situation.

Very hastily,



The Hoover fight is the result of a long and carefully prepared plan. It had its inception with the coming of Hoover to this country, in reality, and has never been absent from the individuals who with Hoover conceived it at the very commencement of the Food Administration. It represents not only the Food Administration machine, but a part of Wall Street, too. Hoover was a representative of the Morgan firm before we entered the war, practically a partner. He is still interested in certain British-Russian bonds. The repeated articles which have been running for many months in publications like the Saturday Evening Post insist ^{ing} on a business man for President were part of the carefully prepared scheme for putting Hoover over. It is now realized that Hoover has little chance before the Republicans, but his backers wish, and he, himself, also has expressed this idea, to drive the Republican Party into the selection of the worst reactionary possible, so that he may make his appeal to the Progressive element in the election. His plan, as outlined in the East, embraces a great, overwhelming ^{ground} ~~swell~~ swell which begins in his State of California. The movement in California is to take the form of winning both the Republican and the Democratic delegates. The purpose of winning the Republican delegates is not to use them in the Republican National Convention, because it is recognized he can not win the Republican National nomination; but the purpose is to cripple, and if possible, destroy Johnson. In this he has a distinct understanding, not only with J.P. Morgan and Company, but with such elements as are represented by the Los Angeles Times, and certain individuals who made vast profits out of the Food Administration. Beyond these forces, the plan will also include assistance

to him from those in California who are friendly to Wood, Lowden and Harding, and their candidacies for the Republican nomination. All of the candidates opposed to Johnson will get behind the Hoover delegates. None of the other candidates except Hoover will run delegates. The initial campaign fund of Hoover, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, has practically been expended now, but he is underwritten for an indefinite sum, whatever the exigencies of the situation may require. Hoover, himself, changed the plan of his friends some time after it started some months ago. He conceived the idea of maintaining silence, and apparent friendliness, to the Republican Party, then driving the Republican Party into the selection of a standpat candidate, and himself, thereafter, becoming the Democratic Progressive candidate. He first broached this plan himself and then was encouraged in it by the big financiers who have made millions upon millions out of his administration. And all of them agree that the only mode of accomplishing his purpose was to get into the Republican Primary in California with every purchasable element in the State and with the stuffed respectability of the League to Enforce Peace, and those individuals who have profited from his administration. It was argued that success in the Republican Primary might bring success in the Convention; but while this was deemed unlikely it was certain that Hoover's success in the Republican Primary would destroy the candidacy of Johnson. The men in California whose names are known as a party to the whole scheme are: Gavin McNabb, Charles W. Fay, Ralph Merritt, Harry Chandler, E. A. Dickson, and certain gentlemen at the head of the League to Enforce Peace whose names were at the moment not at hand.

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PLEASE PREPARE INCOME TAX STATEMENT FOR ME INCLUDE SUNSET SALARY
FROM SEPT DO NOT KNOW ABOUT CITY FEE OF LAST YEAR WANT TO
OBEY LAW LITERALLY AM OUT OF BED FOR FIRST TIME TODAY WEAK BUT ALL
RIGHT WILL REMAIN WASHINGTON HOTEL PROBABLY DURING WEEK LOVE
FROM MOTHER AND MYSELF TO YOU ARCH AND KIDDIES

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February 12, 1920.

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

My dear Boys:

I am up today and dictating for the first time. I am all right again, but will have to be careful for a few days. The sickness, the doctor described, as acute bronchitis. He said it was a very narrow escape from pneumonia. When he called at midnight Friday, at your mother's insistence, he found a condition of congestion in the lungs that very greatly worried him. I do not know what my temperature was. He said something over 102; respiration 32, and pulse 136. I have greatly improved since. My temperature was normal yesterday, but it's something on me this morning. Tomorrow, if the day is good, I am permitted a short ride in the middle of the day. So you see I am getting all right. Of course, it knocked my dates into a cocked hat. I simply had to let them go. I will take them up again when the doctor tells me I can do so without undue risk. It would be a perfectly silly thing, until my cough is gone, and the irritation which now exists, has disappeared, to get into Minnesota, North and South Dakota, with so much other hard work before me.

Neylan was here day before yesterday. He had wired me, in rather hysterical fashion, from California, that not only results

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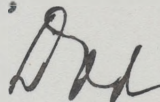
in California, but tremendous possibilities in the East depended upon matters that he was to talk over with me, and what he wanted to talk with me has in three other instances been suggested by men who are a part of the Hearst organization. In each instance, these gentlemen have impressed upon me, as Neylan did, the absolute necessity of my seeing Hearst, and talking over the political situation with him. They have assured me he was anxious to be with me, but that it first required a preliminary "sitting down". I have explained to all of them that I would appreciate immensely the publicity Hearst offers, but that I did not want to become a Hearst candidate, that I could not and would not be in the category of those who, apparently, submerge their personality in a particular newspaper candidacy. The gentlemen who have called upon me, including Neylan, insisted that Hearst had no such expectation or intention, but that the very human element in him made him want to feel that he was a part of the fight, and that he was acting at my request and with my sanction, and therefore, it was necessary for me to see him and talk to him. I should be glad to see him, as I am glad to see anybody, but I have tried to make plain that I can not be his candidate any more than I would be the candidate of any particular faction. I could not quite understand the necessity for Neylan coming clear across the continent to convey the message of the necessity of my "sitting down" with Hearst, which had previously been conveyed to me by Messrs. Stanton and

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Brisbane, and another. However, I very greatly appreciated his visit.

I have been tickled to death with what you have said about the Finance Committee. I think wonderful work has been done. I want you to express to Rosseter my appreciation and thanks. I shall write him just as soon as it is possible to do so. I will keep you advised by telegraph of my movements. I've simply postponed definite engagements until my tubes are wholly clear and the doctor says I may go.

Affectionately,



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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

February 18, 1920.

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

My dear Boys:

I send you herein one of the sheets got out by Congressman Cramton in Michigan, which will show you something of the fight he is putting up there. He is remarkably active and doing bully work. I am sending you one of his buttons which are being worn by many in Michigan, and, what is much more touching, by very many of the press boys in the gallery here. Harrison, in Nebraska, is doing splendidly with a like kind of work. His publicity is excellent. Headquarters will be opened tomorrow at the Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, with Zell C. Swain in charge. Headquarters are now open, as you know, in the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, with Mr. McSween as General Manager; and there are headquarters, too, to be in the Trenton House, Trenton, N.J. In Bismarck, North Dakota, headquarters are in charge of Richard Selden Wilcox. There is a mixup in North Dakota but I hope to get up there next week.

Affectionately,

Dad.

*I'm sending also copy of last Sunday's
My Tribune. Keep this because of the
pictures.*

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Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

See McCabe if someone who understands could be sent on to handle situation. It is too big and Dad needs help so he can supervise and make speeches only. He is bewildered and I urge you to attend to this. He is weak but look for improvement. He threatens to leave Monday. LOVE. Is Allin San Francisco.

MOTHER.

CHARGE PERSONAL TO SENATOR HIRAM W. JOHNSON

NIGHT LETTER.

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

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A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates 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 Letters 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 may be delivered by the Telegraph Company by telephoning the same to the addressee, and such delivery shall be a complete discharge of the obligation of the Telegraph Company to deliver.

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United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

At Home, Feby. 22, 1920.

My dear Boys:

This is a sort of farewell letter to you and to McCabe and Canahan and any others to whom you wish to read it. I am at home finally, after more than two weeks at the Washington Hotel, and after a most disagreeable little sickness. We returned last night, and had ^{at dinner} from New York McSweeney and Joy, from New Jersey Taylor and from Pennsylvania Alex Moore. Cramton, who is in charge in Michigan and Arthur Elston, who has been worth his weight in gold, were detained in the House by the Railroad Bill, but their reports we had before dinner, and considered them afterwards.

I leave tomorrow for North Dakota. Will hold meetings Wednesday Thursday Grand Forks, ~~Thursday~~ night, Minot ~~Thursday~~, Bismarck Friday, and Fargo Saturday night. On Monday, March first, will commence in South Dakota, and continue there Tuesday the second, Wednesday the third and Thursday the fourth. The two remaining days of that week Friday the fifth and Saturday the sixth, I am not certain about; but I will try to have my objective Monday the eighth St. Paul, and then devote a day or two to Minnesota. Thereafter, I expect to go to Michigan, where the primary is April sixth. The primary in North Dakota is March 16, and that of South Dakota March 23. In North Dakota, a most peculiar situation has developed. I started there under the auspices of those opposed to the non Partisan League. A really good fight has been made, with excellent publicity. Recently, two conventions have been held of so called R

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of so called Republicans, each of which has nominated delegates to the National convention unpledged apparently. The first of these conventions was a job between McCumber the U.S. Senator from there, McKenzie the old Hill manipulator, and the Non-Partisan League. The second represented undoubtedly opposition to the League, but friendliness to Lowden and Wood and opposition to me. Very craftily the second convention, after selecting ostensibly unpledged delegates, none of whom was for me, passed a resolution requesting all Republican Candidates to keep out of the State for the sake of harmony, and not present their names for the presidential preference under the North Dakota law. I replied to them immediately that their gathering had been without notice or knowledge on my part, that I had filed my certificate, that I believed in the right of the people to rule, and that my candidacy was submitted to all the people of North Dakota, rather than to ten of the people of that State. Last night, to complicate the situation more, I received a wire that certain members of the Non Partisan League had met, selected delegates and endorsed me. I'm going in under the old auspices unless they have changed their minds, and I'm going to get the delegation upon my own platform if I can. I have frightened the others sufficiently to have them try to keep me out on a harmony theory, which means I'm the harmony, and Wood and Lowden divide the delegates.

I am utterly unable to understand Mitchell and Doherty who have been continuously in South Dakota. You know that my judgment was against going in there, and that I yielded and

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have undertaken a forlorn hope. Until recently, Mitchell and Doherty have sent more or less encouraging reports. Within the last few days they have been dickering with the Wood forces, on some fool plan, which long ago I turned down. Mitchell writes so that a little of what he says can be understood. Doherty is so mysterious that neither McSween nor Joy and nor I have the slightest idea of what he is driving at. We all concluded that both of them now wanted me to quit, when to quit would be worse than defeat. I have wired them both today simply to prepare my meetings. I've made an ass of myself in South Dakots. I should have kept out. When I wrote and wired you more than a month ago my judgment, I should have followed that judgment. The present blue funk of Mitchell and Doherty is simply what I felt then. It's too late now however to do anything but take my beating. If I can win North Dakota, it may soften the blow.

In Minnesota, I have been jobbed beautifully. The primary is called by the organization for March 15, between the hours of 7:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. At the same time the voters may express their Presidential preference, which will be counted by the organization. You can imagine what a abhance I have under these circumstances. I am awaiting advices as to whether these hours are usual in primaries or never before held. If not you'll hear a nation wide howl, and my opponents will be told that no 1912 stuff goes this year. We are severely handicapped by having no directing head in Minnesota. Shroeder, who is our man there, is a decent, loyal, conscientious man, but

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utterly without sense, and with no political acumen at all.

I have been trying without success to get Rahn there, and I have been hoping McCabe might come East and take charge of that situation.

However, we must do the best we can. Congressman Schall, the blind Congressman from Minnesota left last night to stump the state for me. He is eloquent and popular and may do some good.

The Dakotas have taken more time, and caused more annoyance than all the rest of the Union combined. I blundered egregiously in permitting them to so engross us. They have together twenty delegates, less than Minnesota or Michigan or Indiana; and they have prevented me from doing what might have been done in the states I have mentioned or doing the work which could have been done in New York or New Jersey.

The Indiana fight is not promising, but I hope with Borah's assistance, to make such an intensive campaign there as may bring results. Singularly enough, McSweeney hopes for a real showing in New York. I am skeptical; but I want to make a fight in the East side districts of the city. I think there is real fighting ground there. The primary in New York is April 6, and I've got to fool away three weeks in this damned Northwestern country, where my fight in the main is hopeless, and where it is not unlikely I may die.

Michigan is by no means hopeless. My difficulty is to get into the country districts. Cramton is making a real fight there. Harrison is doing likewise in Nebraska. Each

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however, wishes me for two weeks in his state. We are debating going into Maryland. If we can get inat all, we'll do it. The New Jersey situation, notwithstanding Taylor's optimism is none toomgood. Taylor does n't understand the game, and everybody else there seems to be grafting. We will have a few, not many, votes from Pennsylvania, and Moore is certain when Sp Sproul is out of the way, we can do well there.

I'm not going to write you of the West. What I hear is peculiar. I have had several talks with Poindexter of late, and I find he does n't know what he is doing. The Harding men insist they will be second choice in Washington. Poindexter while asserting this will not be so, shows utter ignorance of what is transpiring. He is personally friendly, but his delegation will do as it pleases and not as he wants unless we can outselves arrange matters in Washington.

Frank Hitchcock has been in Washintong the past few days. He has sent threee emissaries to me to beg me to keep out of South Dakota and not interfere with Wood. You may from this judge where he stands. He represents the powder trust and is the p~~er~~sonal agent of Dupont.

Penrose and John King are definitely in the Harding camp. They have begged me to slam Wood and Lowden but not to touch Harding. I have responded I am slamming nobody, but if I begin to slam, I'll slam Harding as well as Wood and Lowden. The Massachusetts delegation ostensibly for Coolidge, will finally be

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split between Wood and Lowden, although not unfriendly to Harding. Crane, who is against Wood, will be for either of the other two to beat him; but Wood has real strength in the state, and will have some of the delegates. New England generally, except where Crane can reach in, will ostesibly be for Wood.

The politicians think Wood is gone. The wise ones believe Harding's chances now the best. They all unite in saying the nominee will have to be satisfactory to me. Harding has nothing in reality. He is a suave, pleasant personality, without an atom of principle. He is exactly the spiness ⁶ ~~such~~ ^{sort} of individual the owners of the Republican party would like to nominate. He never shows well in a straw vote, and only crooked politicians are for him; but this is the year of great pickings for crooks.

I'm not writing of California. I get many jolts from there. These however, must be borne: If necessary, I'll come out and fight for the State. I've quit worrying about it. I've been delighted with the success of the finance committee. McSween told me last night he had drawn upon you ~~you~~. I did n't like this, but I suppose there 's no help for it. The individual here is keeping the strict letter of his contract, but his enthusiasm seems to have waned. I think on the whole, McSween and Joy have done very very well. I shall send McAtee to them tomorrow when I leave. If we had the men and the money of our opponents, we could make a great showing; but I think under the circumstances, we are doing fairly well.

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The Hoover boom is biggest in California. He will not have a vote in the Republican convention outside of California. His strength in the Democratic convention will depend on the action of the Republicans.

I'm tired. Good bye. I'm not physically in the best of shape, but I hope with care to get through the next two weeks. They will be the most trying, and will tax me most. If I do n't get by, well, it will make little difference anyway. It's been a great fight to make on a shoe string. Nobody mentions it now without reckoning with us. I enclose you Cal O'Laughlin's syndicated article of this morning. In the next New Republic Hard will have an article. Lowry was to have one in the current Colliers. Yesterday in the Senate, I made plain that I did not follow the intellectual or other leadership of Mr. Root. If I get into a real fight in New York, I'll make this even plainer.

With all love,

Dad

I blew up on the few possibilities I had in the South because I didn't have men to send there. If I could have utilized the two we sent to S.D. we might have accomplished something. S.D. has been our Jonah.

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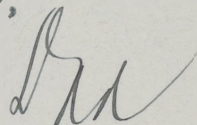
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Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

I am sending you herein letter from Joe Crail of Los Angeles, and one from Harold L. Ickes. The first is a hypocritical letter about adherence to Hoover; and the latter relates to the State of Washington. They are sent for the information of you gentlemen who are observing things.

Affectionately,



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February 17, 1920.

Senator Hiram W. Johnson,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-

The newspapers of this morning carried a double column story of the organization of a Hoover Republican Club of Southern California, naming me as the third Vice President and containing the text of a resolution adopted at the organization meeting, strongly endorsing Herbert Hoover for President. While the use of my name in that connection was premature and unauthorized in that I was not present at the meeting when I was selected as a Vice President, or when the resolutions were adopted, yet I have decided to let the matter stand as it appeared in print for the following reasons:

You and your friends here have known all the time that I could not agree with you at all on the most vital issue before the American people today - the question of the ratification of the covenant of the League of Nations. I have hoped that the League would be ratified and this issue removed from political discussion long before the Presidential campaign and on that belief I have consistently held you forth as my choice for President of the nation, and if it were a question of personalities instead of principle, you would still be my candidate because I have been a loyal and even a devoted follower of yours for many years; in fact, one of the impelling reasons bringing me to California was my admiration for you and my desire to enlist under such a valiant leader and I trust that in many future campaigns I may be enrolled with you, fighting together for a good cause.

However, the covenant of the League of Nations has not been ratified by the United States Senate, and it now appears that it will be the paramount issue in the next campaign, and as you are conscientiously and actively fighting against its ratification on any terms, it appears to me that the only honest thing for me to do is to stand for what I believe to be right

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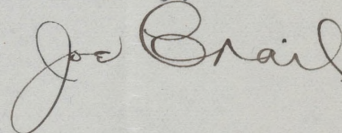
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and of the gravest importance to this nation and the people of the world, to-wit, the ratification of the peace treaty with amendments or reservations properly protecting the interests of the United States.

With affectionate regards,

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joe Brail". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours truly,".

JC-MM.

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February 20, 1920/

Hon. Hiram W. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

I am just in receipt of a letter from one of our prominent progressives of Seattle in which he tells me that if Senator Poindexter can't win the delegation from that state "will undoubtedly be for General Leonard Wood who is an overwhelming favorite here."

Sincerely yours,

Harold L. Ickes

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