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COMMITTEE ON
TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS

May 1, 1924.

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

My dear Boys:

I have received all the blows now but one. They have left me wobbly on my feet politically, and I am only awaiting the knock-out from California next Tuesday. From my knowledge of conditions and the way in which power has been able to reach into the various states, and into the smallest villages of those states, I am absolutely certain California will be a repetition of what has occurred elsewhere; and then again, psychologically our people are no different from other people. I have got up under the count each time and gone at it again, with the knowledge that there was only a time limit to the contest, and that time limit is May sixth.

I think it is fine how the good friends have gone to the bat in California under such adverse conditions, and just after the primary, I am going to publish a little statement of my gratitude to them, and what a glorious spectacle it is to see men facing certain defeat go up against the gun nevertheless.

I look back on the whole thing as a horrible nightmare, for which just one person is responsible, and that is myself. Time heals all wounds, and in a short period after May sixth,

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doubtless I will get back some of my old egotism. I don't need to recover my spirit, for I have that.

The night of the primary day you need not trouble to send me any returns. They would not reach me, in any event, that night, because of the difference in time, and the result, in my opinion, being fore-ordained, I will read it on Wednesday. My expectation is that we'll not be beaten a few, but that we'll be beaten very, very decisively. Practically every letter I get from the south is a wail, and except for a few men like Doherty, the fellows there seem to have lost heart. It is very different, apparently, in the north where against great odds the same good friends are doing their best.

With love to both of you,

Affectionately,

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Day Letter	Blue
Night Message	Nite
Night Letter	N L
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I AM ACCEPTING WITH WHAT PHILOSOPHY I CAN COMMAND THE RESULT
 IN CALIFORNIA STOP ALTHOUGH NEVER DOUBTING IT NEVERTHELESS IT
 HURTS SEMICOLON BUT DISASTER EVERYWHERE HAS IN A DEGREE
 PREPARED ME AND RECONCILED ME TO THE INEVITABLE STOP
 DURING ALL THE TRYING PAST FEW MONTHS YOUR MOTHER HAS
 NEVER ONCE COMPLAINED BUT HAS EVER CHEERED AND COMFORTED ME
 STOP SHE HAS BEEN MY TRUE HELPMEET AND MY
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ALL THE WORLD SEEMED AGAINST US STOP TODAY FOR THE FIRST
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 GOOD PEOPLE AND THAT OLD FRIENDS ARE STRONGER THAN EVER FOR
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 WE HAVE ONE ANOTHER STILL AND MANY DEAR FRIENDS WHO HAVE
 SHOWN THEIR AFFECTION STOP THIS MUST SOLACE US MY LOVE TO
 ALL

DAD.

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TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS

May 10, 1924.

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

My dear Boys:

The primary has passed now. The result, I expected and had prepared myself for as best I could. I wired you concerning Mother because, as I said to you, she had been marvelous during the whole campaign, consoling me in the dark days and comforting me in horrible situations for which alone I was responsible. Wednesday, she broke entirely. Your wires cheered her, as I had hoped they would. She has grown better gradually, but she really does not want to leave the house or see anybody at present. A few days more, I am hoping, will enable her to begin to forget.

I could not see anything else except what happened in California. The marvelous thing to me is the vote we got in northern California. I will say to you now, confidentially, that I expected San Francisco would probably beat us. Alameda County was no surprise to me, and while I have seen no returns, I have no doubt Santa Clara did as Alameda County did. In Los Angeles, the opposition has perfected an organization which is impregnable. My wires this morning from Doherty show I was beaten in Los Angeles County 61,000. That is a terrible majority against us, and

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we're progressing, apparently, in that county in a diminishing geometric ratio. Of course, the crooked press of the east accepts the result in California as my end. And I presume the rotten press of our own state takes the same view. I am still disinclined to talk about the recent campaign. It was a tragedy from the beginning, but a tragedy that I myself am solely responsible for. From the announcement of the candidacy and the selection of a crook like Hitchcock as manager, to the very end, it was a series of blunders and disasters. The only solace I have is that no one could have foreseen them in the beginning. It took me but a little while after I had entered in different states to understand, and then my obstinate and peculiar dogged temperament made me go through. In California, as you know, it was suggested that I publish a statement of withdrawal. Mature reflection convinced me that in future life I would feel I had been wanting, when ruin politically, stared me in the face, if I took this easier course. I have no regrets now at the decision I made. I think it was the only one I could make. I can afford to quit political life, but, at my age, and after my peculiar political career, I could not afford, in the few remaining years that I have, to be haunted by the thought that I had been cowardly in a crisis, or that I had feared destruction and had run from it. I have been touched in a fashion never before by the loyalty of those who stood up in this recent campaign. There is very little courage in politics, less loyalty, and even less principle. It was a perfectly natural thing for a Ray Benjamin, and those of his ilk, to fight us, and for some of those who hold their positions

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today through my favor to hide, but it was a strange thing in politics, and a mighty fine thing, to have men, knowing they were facing certain defeat, go down with me. On the day of the primary, a telegram was published here from Benjamin to Slemph saying Coolidge was going to carry California, and congratulating him. While I have no bitterness over the campaign, there are some men whose acts I can never forget. A man like Raymond Robins, for instance, with whom I have had the friendship of a lifetime, by whose side I stood when he was bitterly assailed for his Russian views, and who stood by me in previous contests, and who, in this fight was cajoled and seduced by trips upon the Mayflower and promises of future preferment, and never once came near me, I can never forget. Men of the Borah stripe who delivered themselves to J.P. Morgan and Co. in the beginning of the struggle in order to preserve their own political future, I may forgive because of the innate selfishness of politics, but there were others, who voluntarily came to me and promised their aid, who apparently enlisted for a real contest, and who were either frightened by the threats of power, or cajoled by promises of political preferment, and they, of course, I have only contempt for. However, it is done now. And I am probably done now. It is no satisfaction, except to myself, that I have stood my ground, have not permitted myself to be swerved, have made my pitiful fight, and have suffered my humiliating defeat without whimpering or whining, without asking quarter and without yielding one inch of my position. This may be written as my political epitaph.

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I am trying to take up my life as it was before, and I am going to succeed. I am enjoying my yard again. I am driving in, in my little car. I walk with my loyal dog. I say what I wish, and do exactly as I please. I tell your Mother I have my health, and she has hers, and we both have our two dear boys and their families. This is enough for the remainder of our lives.

With all my love to both of you, I am

Affectionately,

Dad

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TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS

May 12, 1924.

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

My dear Jack:

It was fine of you to remember Mother yesterday,
and I appreciated with her the beautiful flowers. She is
gradually getting over the effect of the California primary,
and as soon as the papers from California this week become
an old story I will forget it, too. I am sending you this
short note merely to thank you for your thoughtfulness, and
that you may know how much both of us appreciated it.

With all love,

Affectionately,

Dad

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May 17, 1924.

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

My dear Boys:

A week has rolled around and time is doing its work. Gradually, we are forgetting about the primaries, and ultimately, we'll forget all about them. Of course, I have got to accustom myself to a new place in our political life here. Up to the California primary, I have been a force to be reckoned with. Now, I am neither to be reckoned with nor thought of. However, the future depends upon myself, and with a mind cleared, and perhaps chastened, I think I will be able to look out for that future.

The spring, to which I have been looking forward with such anticipations, has not really developed, as yet. It has been one rain storm after another. Indeed, in the regions of the Potomac, there have been the greatest floods since the 80's. Bladensburg, through which we drive, has been recently twice flooded. At odd moments, I have been sticking seeds in the gardens at our home, but I am not clear whether they have melted or been carried away by the amount of water that has fallen. The trees, however, are coming out, and it is beautiful whenever we get a bit of decent weather. This is Saturday, and Sunday is

always my great day. When it is a poor day and I can not wander around, I feel that I am cheated. There is every indication that tomorrow I am going to be able to enjoy it.

I believe we will adjourn here a few days before the national convention. About the end of the month, or some time in July, I want to come to California. Your Mother insists she will not come with me, but I am hoping she will change her mind in this regard. It is not only right, but necessary that I should come out, and it is due to the men who were willing to go down to defeat with me in the recent primary. I feel a greater affection for these men than ever before because they must have known just what you and I knew, the inevitable result, and long ago, I learned in politics, it takes a stout heart to go up against defeat. I hope that you will both insist that your Mother shall come out, if only for a brief time.

Mother is contemplating the purchase of an automobile, and she is entitled to it. She had in her head a Cunningham. I have no doubt it is a very good car, but its parts may not be as easy to replace as other cars. Her choice lies between a Cadillac, Lincoln, and Cunningham. The terms offered for the Cunningham are probably better than those offered for any other. About these, I think she consulted you at one time. What do you know about the relative merits of the three makes, and what would you suggest in the matter of the purchase of a new car? Our old car is wholly gone. While we get a little use out of it, still, I am using practically all the time now the little Dodge. The old car is so badly gone, that very little is offered in exchange for it. I wish

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you would write me. Love to all.

Affectionately,

Dad

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NIGHT LETTER	

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May 19, 1934.

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

Wonderful beads just arrived. Am crazy about them. They are very beautiful. Much too nice for old mother. One string would have been sufficient. Many many thanks. Will write you in couple days. Did you send gold classes. If so they have never been received. All love to you and my boys.

MOTHER

DAY LETTER

PERSONAL

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message 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 message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate 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, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. 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 the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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TELEGRAMS

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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.

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DAY LETTERS

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 is received subject to the express understand-

ing 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 message 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 rates 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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COMMITTEE ON
TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS

May 27, 1924.

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

My dear Boys:

I intended to write to you Saturday but I sat up in the senate chamber all day waiting for an opportunity to say a word on the report of the conferees on the tax bill. What I had to say was of little consequence, and was said solely for the purpose of keeping the record straight. The thing that robbed me of any support of business men, and took from me contributions which had been promised, was the Mellon Tax Plan. This was the sheerest bunk, and the purpose of it was not, in reality, tax reduction, but tax reduction for those who had much and were most able to pay taxes. I was the first one in the country to take issue with it last November. During the campaign, constantly I fought it, growing more and more vigorous in my denunciation of it. On Saturday, when the last chapter was written by the senate on the tax bill, the demonstration was complete that our people had been lied to throughout all these months. I enclose you copy of the remarks I then made.

Of course, nobody cares a tinker's dam for any remarks I make at the present time, but I have resolved to keep the record

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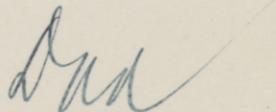
straight, so far as I am concerned, and leave to time what may occur.

We have had the most remarkable weather the last couple of months here. Rain has been almost constant. I have been trying to indulge in the usual Spring happy task of putting some seeds in the ground that I may have the pleasure of witnessing nature's alchemy, but opportunities have been few, and my seeds will probably be all rotted by the excess of moisture. Thus far, we have had no hot weather, nothing but wet weather.

I think that we'll adjourn on the 7th of June. I shall devote the month to your Mother then, either remaining here resting with her, or taking an automobile trip. It is my hope to come to California in July. Mother says she will not, under any circumstances, go out. I feel it my duty to come out, a duty to those who made this recent fight with me so gallantly, and a duty to myself, too. My future, of course, is very uncertain, and until a definite conclusion is reached about it, I can not permit the state to get further away from me than it is at present.

My love to all.

Affectionately,



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May 28, 1924.

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

My dear Boys:

Mother's birthday will soon be here. She is really in earnest in not desiring any expensive present. I can understand this feeling on her part. I really think that she would be happier in the knowledge of the sweet and affectionate remembrances of all of us than in receiving from us costly gifts. We have made a compact, and I think that it will be kept, that we will not exchange gifts on her birthday or on mine. Mother was so very earnest in the expression of her opinion in this matter, that while it is difficult to do so, I nevertheless concluded I would write you of her wishes.

I received last evening Jack's letter about the car. I received the day before Archie's letter evidently written before he received my request for his opinion about the automobile for there was nothing in it upon the subject.

We are plugging along in the senate just as always occurs at the end of a session. Each day in the legislative jam causes a little more irritation. Threats of preventing adjournment are made, but those who have been here for a time whereof the memory

of man runneth not to the contrary, insist that as the end of next week approaches, there will be a general agreement to get out.

Love to all.

Affectionately,

Dad.

Our love to Martha! I read with interest what you said of your race association. Notwithstanding some admirable traits Rudolph Spruehls can touch nothing without blighting it. You made him for a Robinson Crusoe, not for a gregarious animal.

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

My dear Jack:

I have a letter from Harriet this morning in which she says she has to pay \$200.00 for the second instalment of taxes. Would you get out of my box the remaining One Thousand Dollar Bill, if it is still there, give Harriet \$200., and a couple months' rent, and a couple months for Kate, and immediately pressing sums that may be due, and either retain the balance, or send it to me. You see you made a mistake not taking this bill when I wrote you to take it. Of course, you are welcome to it now. I wish there never was any question of money. Tell Harriet I think the rent is \$35.00 now, instead of \$25, although I may be wrong in this. She knows.

Affectionately,

Dad