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January 19, 1942.

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have this morning your letter of the 17th of which the Senator received copy. The Senator is worried about the sentence in your letter where you refer to a suggestion of yours which the Senator countermanded. The Senator's instructions to me have been to consult you and do whatever you desired. It was with Mrs. Johnson I talked over the telephone and she asked me to tell you that the Senator said to be cautious, watch your step, and don't get into a trap.

The misunderstanding comes I think about asking General Gasser to telephone the Adjutant General.

I review the situation. I gave your application to General Gasser. He read it carefully and said he would appoint you, but that you wanted to be commissioned. He said that he could not commission you, but when you were commissioned he could assign you. He told me to ask you to fill out the questionnaire, and for me personally to take it to the Adjutant General. The General said I could tell the Adjutant General that he suggested the course, and that he was ready to appoint you when you were commissioned. Then when I had my next interview with the General, he repeated that he could not commission you but could assign you, and said it was necessary to get the questionnaire to the Adjutant General. I took your questionnaire to the Adjutant General. It was in his hands at two oclock on Thursday January 15. He knows exactly what General Gasser said, and while he remarked it was not as easy as General Gasser suggested, he said it would have his immediate attention. The Adjutant General has too copy of your application for the particular assignment in California, and he understands time is an essence. I feel sure the Adjutant General will

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act promptly, and I thought just as soon as the official response comes to the Senator from the Adjutant General, we could then hand it to General Gasser.

The Senator told me to do just what you desired, and I have tried to do this in every particular, except that I did not ask General Gasser to telephone the Adjutant General. Some of our government bureaus here are jealous of one another, and resent suggestions or recommendations from another bureau, and General Gasser was so fine that I thought it safer just to follow his instructions.

Late this Monday afternoon we have not heard from the Adjutant General, but of course, you will be promptly notified of any developments. The Senator expects to be back here Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Secretary.

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

January 24, 1942.

Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
973 Green Street,
San Francisco, California

Miss Connor has just handed me your telephone conversation. As requested by you whole matter has been left in General's hands. He said this morning he had already wired to San Francisco which makes any other movement on our part with General too late STOP. He has acted in good faith and been most kindly and generous and would I am sure resent any suggestion as to what he should do in military matters STOP. Next move must come from your end as it is now in their hands STOP. To go to General with the remarks of undisclosed persons would be something I would not like to do STOP. You might have if possible some friendly military friends in San Francisco telephone General STOP. There is great feeling here among regular army men who are up in arms over civilians being given higher military rank. A case now before Congress of just this sort. I know you would not like to be involved in another. Good luck to you.

HIRAM W JOHNSON

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January 26, 1942.

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

My dear Jack:

In yours of the 23rd just received
I note you've attempted to sell your law books
for \$600.00. This is an outrageous price.
Don't do it.

I enclose you herein my check numbered
4840 on the Riggs National Bank for \$1000.00.
We may consider this a loan on the books, or
in any other fashion you desire, but let it be
a secret between you and me. Now, don't bother
please to send this check back, as I won't ac-
cept it. I can afford it, and I want to do it.

Hastily and affectionately yours,

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

February 6, 1942.

CHRISTIE B. KENNEDY, CLERK

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

My dear Jack:

Your letter of February 4 was received
this morning.

In regard to the position that you have
sought, I have this to say - I do not think you
can have any hope of it now.

I observe that you say you are afraid
that I do not feel I should explain and sit down
and talk things out with those before whom they
pending. You are quite right, generally speaking;
and, in another man's business, where he has made
his decision, I haven't the patience to talk out
the matter with him, only to have his decision con-
firmed. This, perhaps is a temperamental failing
of mine. You ought to bear it in mind, and do as
you have done, deal directly wherever you can,
making your explanations and your elucidations, as
you desire.

Now, in your next to last letter, you re-
ferred to the Judge Advocate's office, and the char-
acter of the people who were filling it up. Does
this mean that you don't care longer for a commission
there? I am awaiting the Adjutant General's reply,
but "hope deferred maketh the heart sick."

I suggest to you that you come east, in
which Mother concurs. Thereafter, we can try to do
what will be agreeable to you. Mother and I would
welcome you, and I really think it is the best so-
lution of our difficulties.

With love,

Hastily and affectionately, *W.F.G.*

*of course. He says the expense of the trip, and nobody need
know of it here.*

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February 10, 1942.

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

My dear Jack:

I received the check I sent you recently and your memorandum of January 29.

I am sending you herein two checks, the first one for \$1,000.00 (Riggs National Bank No. 4847), which I ask you to keep; and another for \$500.00 (Riggs National Bank 4848), the latter being for expenses to and from Washington for a visit to us.

I want you to keep the \$1,000.00 check, and I never was so earnest in my life as saying to you that I can really afford it now, and I am only too glad to send it.

I hope you utilize the second check in coming on here, not that you will obtain what you seek, but your Mother and I will be tickled to death to see you, and perhaps you can realize yourself something of the confusion, inefficiency, and waste here.

Good-bye until we see you.

Affectionately,

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COPY OF WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

Febr. 13, 1942.

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

Have written you today Am convinced something in
government you desire might be obtained if you here
in person Get what suggestions you can to be worked
out here Think important you should come Do not
disappoint me Love from us both

Hiram W Johnson

STRAIGHT FAST WIRE

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February 14, 1942.

Sonny Boy:

I started to write this letter but I had to give it up as my arm would not work so am dictating it to Miss Connor.

I can't tell you how disappointed I am at your wire. Dad did not know I sent it so I had to keep pretty quiet about it. I thought there would be a ready acceptance, and that if you knew I was ill, you would come - combining the business of getting what you want with seeing me. Some day, it seems as if I could not stand it. I want to see you so badly, and not even you can understand how I hide my illnesses from Dad, and how I must keep up for his sake.

Our trip to Florida was a complete mess. I insisted upon his going because the doctor ordered it. He took the war dreadfully, and it was intensified by the dreadfulness of the organizations in Washington. No one with the wildest imagination could conceive what the government has brought about. I insisted that he go, as he was ordered, to Florida, to see if the change would not be beneficial to him (I can say to you I am sure it was because he seems himself again). The going there and being there was the awful job, full of anxiety and worry, - too long to tell you about it, but it was awful. I sent the car down because it was necessary, and I had the pleasure of having the chauffeur drunk up th the first of the year, when I dismissed him. That took very careful handling, because the newspapers were eager for any kind of a story, and I did not know what the chauffeur might do; so, with the aid of a friend with the railroad, we got him on his way to Washington. That necessitated not only having to get another chauffeur, but to get the car back to Washington, and all this in a strange place was not an easy job. Of course, the greatest work was dismissing the chauffeur and not knowing what he might do. I could not let Dad handle it because he was too nervous and I feared the result. Therefore up to that time the trip had done him more harm than good; and so I was compelled to stay a while longer, and

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February 14, 1942.

now I think it was a good thing to do.

I worried about your Dad, and with the trouble with the chauffeur and the car, I came back home a complete wreck. It has taken me all day every day to smile and act well when he was around. That was my job. I just long to put my head on your shoulder and cry. When I want you most, you won't come. I don't often plead with you, but I plead now, not only for my own sake, but because circumstances warrant your being here. I cannot emphasize this too strongly. Everyone wants some place, and being right here on the ground makes a great difference in results. Dad could go with you to see General Adams where your case is not closed. The General understands your application and is sympathetic. Besides he has one or two other things in mind which he would personally contact with you. The Bureaus are expanding rapidly, decisions are made quickly, and a personal contact can accomplish what long delayed correspondence would not.

I would even let you fly if you would come, so this is saying a whole lot for me.

We shall expect a wire saying you are coming, because if you knew how much Dad and I long to have you here, nothing would stop you.

Devotedly,

TOM CONNALLY, TEX., CHAIRMAN

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

February 19, 1942.

ROLAND YOUNG, CLERK

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

My dear Jack:

I have been sending you short dispatches, so it is not quite correct to say I have not written you. I acknowledge the "corn" in the matter of long letters, but the multiplicity of short letters has kept me from failing entirely.

I find myself in quite a whirl here. In the morning, often extending into the afternoon, are committee meetings. The important ones I try to attend. In the afternoons we have our sessions, and they take all of our time. By four o'clock in the afternoon I become exceedingly weary. This is old age that has crept upon me like a thief in the night, and which I am fighting as best I can to keep away from me, but with a certainty ultimately of being licked by it.

This war is getting worse all the time, and we're feeling it more and more. The President is trying to keep all matters within his hands, and succeeding in keeping none there, is growing irritable and explosive. He has been made a fool of by Winston Churchill, and in his innermost heart, I think he begins to realize it. We go merrily on spending money until we are pretty nearly over our debt limit, and it will be but a short time that we are. Another billion now for Russia. What a travesty this is! We are going to come out, everyone of moderate means, absolutely broke.

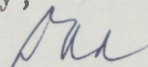
The one bit of good news that we have had has been concerning Philip. He, apparently, knew better than the rest of us what he wished, and what he knew would be of benefit to him, and he has gone ahead in spite of all of us pursuing his chosen path. I do hope he continues to improve, and that finally he will conquer the whole situation.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr. - 2

I don't write you about your own hopes because I am awaiting a final reply from you as to whether you are coming back here. It is quite the thing to do.

With my love to Miss Schow, Hiram, and yourself, in which Mother joins, I am

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. W. Johnson'.

TOM CONNALLY, TEX.,
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

March 8, 1942.

RAYMOND BARNETT, CLERK

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

My dear Jack:

Last night, late, we received your letter to Mother. This was dated 5-6. Today, as I reached the office I found your letter of the 6th directed to me. It was very good of you to write us, as you did.

After reading your letters, and reading the clippings from California regarding the appointment of James C. Sheppard, I am inclined to think that you should steer clear upon the course you intended to take when you left Washington, and bend all your endeavors to that end. However, this view is engendered in me by only a very limited knowledge of the situation, and ought to be wholly disregarded by you. The telegrams and letter sent you the past week by Mother only add, in my opinion, to the general confusion and individual perplexity. It demonstrates, if it demonstrates anything, that this administration is wholly partisan in character, and when it has descended into the hands of a Landis anything may be expected of it. However, regard these remarks of mine as wholly at random and vagrant, and having no force at all.

I was very much interested in your physical examination. I ought to have told you in advance that a trait of our family was having a pulse a little beyond normal. However, if any point be made of this, we may with pride, indicate your paternal ancestor, who all his life had such a pulse, and has now lived beyond the biblical age. I confess he is a little rickety, and not worth much in a foot race, or a fight, but still lives, his mental vigor unimpaired, though the attributes of it, like hearing and sight are pretty rotten.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr. - 2

We covered our doings here in our telephonic dispatches to you, and that is why I don't repeat them. Cal returned Thursday. Immediately he telephoned your Mother when he got back, and I expect to see him tomorrow. I don't understand why the letter that he undertook to send to you was not received by you, but I presume it will be in due time.

We're wandering along in this war, blatantly boasting of heroic deeds, and always at the conclusion of our sinking the Japanese navy, we find a little piece concerning the Island which was the subject of assault, that the Japanese have taken it. I think our people ought to be told the truth, and this, whether the truth is palatable or not. If once this great country believes that it is being lied to (it doesn't now) there will be such a howl that it will be heard around the world. I think that our authorities are laying up for themselves a store of wrath by this sort of conduct. We can take it, and fifty years ago I used to try to teach you and Arch to take as well as give it. However, there seem to be two schools in this matter now.

I suppose there is nothing to do but to wait until your own concerns have been ironed out. If I can be of any service to you in this process, let me know. In the meantime, Mother and I send our love to you, Hiram, Philip, and Miss Schow.

Affectionately your Father,

Hiram W. Johnson

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RAYMOND BARNETT, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

March 15, 1942.

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

My dear Jack:

I received yours of March 13 this morning.

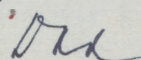
You are too modest about the designation of your strip tease dance. I assume that it was a source of great satisfaction to the assembled multitude at the Letterman Hospital. It seems, however, that you got the worst of it, if it was sufficient to keep you from your office for some days.

We'll attend to the inquiry of your application tomorrow. Notwithstanding the vagaries of the mail, the extra days should have been ample to have enabled it to be delivered.

I am literally stunned with the news that has come to us today of the battle of Java. While most newspapers seem, in some devious method, to prove we won a victory, the "Baltimore Bun", which has always been a crazy Administration paper, writes very plainly about the battle, and about our being whipped. How terribly our people misjudge the little deformed Japanese! The news was withheld from us for more than two weeks. We may make all the excuses on earth, - the fact that the fleet was commanded by a Dutchman, that it was in waters unknown to us, and the thousand other things which will be spoken in justification; but the fact remains, we were just whipped, and it makes me terribly mad.

With my love, in which Mother joins, I am

Affectionately,



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March 22, 1942.

Mr. Philip B. Johnson,
TWIN - HARTE,
TUOLUMNE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

My dear Philip.:

Yours of March 19 received last night. You did exactly right in relation to the Times-Herald. Is there any other paper that you would like particularly? If there is, let me know, and I will send it to you, or, if you prefer, I will continue to send the Times-Herald.

Mother and I were deeply grieved over the illness of Mr. Grayson, the District Attorney. We feel deeply indebted to him for his kindness to you.

I am returning herein, as you requested, the picture of your house. When you have another one taken, please send it on. I wish that I were there at this particular time. I am so depressed over Roosevelt's War, and I feel so utterly helpless. Of course, when our country, rightly or wrongly, gets into a war, there is nothing to do but win that war, and all of us naturally will do everything in our power, but an old fellow like myself thinks of the difficulties which will beset us hereafter, - difficulties from which we will not be able to extricate ourselves for generations. There can be but one outcome of the war from the standpoint of every American, and that is ultimately complete victory, but the cost of the victory in treasure, and worse, in men, nobody seems to reckon, and it is heavy on my heart. We get no news of what is really transpiring. If you recall, it was three weeks before we had any news at all of the Battle of Java, and we have not had complete news yet. This to me is a rotten system. If you can't take it as well as give it, in either a single fight or a war, you better keep out of both. To treat our people like a lot of morons or children is to me the height of folly. However, we can't change men's natures, and it seems to be a fixed idea of those who fight wars, that they must forever conceal defeats or losses.

With love to you, in which Gran joins, I am

Affectionately your Grandfather,

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2-20-32, 1932.

P.S: Remember, your condition is ever uppermost in our minds, and do write us each time how you are feeling, and how you are improving. We thought it wonderful that you should have walked as far as you did, 55 feet with one cane.

TULUMNE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

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Yours of March 19 received last night. You did exactly right in relation to the Times-Herald. Is there any other paper that you would like particularly? If there is, let me know, and I will send it to you, or, if you prefer, I will continue to send the Times-Herald.

Mother and I were deeply grieved over the illness of Mr. Grayson, the District Attorney. We feel deeply indebted to him for his kindness to you.

I am returning hereto, as you requested, the picture of your house. When you have another one taken, please send it on. I wish that I were there at this particular time. I am so depressed over Roosevelt's War, and I feel so utterly helpless. Of course, when our country, rightly or wrongly, gets into a war, there is nothing to do but win that war, and all of us naturally will do everything in our power, but an old fellow like myself thinks of the difficulties which will beset us hereafter, - difficulties from which we will not be able to extricate ourselves for generations. There can be but one outcome of the war from the standpoint of every American, and that is ultimately complete victory, but the cost of the victory in treasure, and women, in men, nobody seems to reckon, and it is heavy on my heart. We get no news of what is really transpiring. If you recall, it was three weeks before we had any news at all of the Battle of Japa, and we have not had complete news yet. This to me is a rotten system. If you can't take it as well as give it, in either a single fight or a war, you better keep out of both. To treat our people like a lot of women or children is to me the height of folly. However, we can't change men's natures, and it seems to be a fixed idea of those who fight wars, that they must forever conceal defeat or losses.

With love to you, in which Glen joins, I am

Affectionately your Grandfather,