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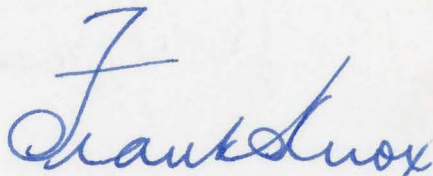
December 17, 1940

Dear Senator:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of December 13th which, apparently, crossed mine to you of the same date.

As indicated in my telegram, the expansion of the Consolidated plant will be sponsored and contracted for entirely by the Advisory Commission to the Council of National Defense and the Army.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Knox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

Hon. Morris Sheppard,
United States Senator,
Texarkana, TEXAS.