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Vice-President John N. Garner,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Garner:

Enclosed, herewith, please find an editorial which appeared in the Star-Telegram, April 7th, congratulating Governor Allred on his definite and vigorous stand against the un-American, arrogant and utter disregard for law and order - the sit-down strike.

I could make a rather good guess as to your attitude on this matter and I only wish that the President would make a definite stand against this method of operation. It seems fair on the part of the public to expect no less. Frankly, I have never heard as much criticism from friends and supporters of the President as in this instance. However, I presume with a social worker heading the important Labor Department, who states frankly that she does not know whether it is against the law or not, that we should not expect too much.

I am firmly convinced that if Governor Murphy had enforced the laws of Michigan promptly and vigorously this fanatical wave, which is now sweeping the country, could have been nipped in the bud. Substantial and ardent supporters of the Administration are asking the question as to whether it is afraid of Mr. Lewis and, therefore, does not show sufficient intestinal fortitude to curb this kind of menace to the welfare of our people in this country.

The CIO has openly stated that the President wants everybody to join its union. While, I am sure he has made no such statement, at the same time the lack of a denial creates misgivings and uncertainty in the minds of the people. Just as an illustration of what can be done, the Pennsylvania Dutch took a rather forceful and effective stand in the Hershey Chocolate sit-down strike. More of this kind of medicine would be a real tonic for our business welfare.

Incidentally, recently, in Odessa,
Texas, three of these CIO representatives appeared on the scene for the purpose of stirring up trouble. The sheriff collared the ring leaders and escorted them out of town, stating that their people were well satisfied; that there was no occasion for outsiders coming in and disturbing the orderly procedure, as well as the happiness of the community; that if they came back they would be rougher with them next time.

Business is making a strenuous effort to come back; therefore, I cannot see why the Administration should not be concerned, irrespective of votes and politics, with the enforcement of our laws which are made for the welfare of the country as a whole. If this disturbing, un-American element could be eliminated by a vigorous attitude on the part of the Administration, business would soon be out of the woods and on its way to the permanent recovery the Administration has spent billions of dollars to gain. So, why permit anyone to pour water on the parade? This is merely my personal view of the situation which I find is the consensus of opinion of everyone with whom I come in contact, including the substantial, reliable labor element.

Unless this situation is cured, we might as well pour water on the fire, call in the dogs and leave the country. Unfortunately, we have no other place to go. I realize you are tired and that I should not burden you with matters of this kind, but I could not resist the temptation of giving you these few thoughts for what they may be worth.

Hoping you and Mrs. Garner are well and with much love, I am,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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WASHINGTON, April 9—It was not President Roosevelt who blocked the congressional move to outlaw coal sit-downs. Nor was it entirely Ford. Lewis can and probably will prevent the big ones, because he knows one big one may ruin him.

The job was done, then, by a man on the telephone with the popular disfavor. They also show that the growing popular impatience may force the Government to act more strongly next time.

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