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Hon. Sam Rayburn
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sam:

I was greatly distressed last night to hear Fulton Lewis state over the radio that you had been very active in trying to sway some of the Southern Congressmen to vote in favor of the Lesinski Bill and to try to defeat the Wood Bill. You know, Sam, how your constituents -- the people of Texas -- feel about these Labor leaders many of whom are unscrupulous.

I just can't picture your conscience permitting you to go for some of this radical legislation that is being proposed by the Truman administration. I know very well you are a close friend of Harry Truman but it looks to me as if he is heading this country straight for Socialism or worse. Some Democratic leader with integrity and foresight should get up and denounce the whole thing.

Senator Byrd is one real Jeffersonian Democrat who has tried to keep things straight within the ranks of the Democratic Party -- Senator George is another, but there are many who think right privately and then vote the other way. You will recall some years ago when we drove over to Ft. Worth together that I was greatly concerned about the situation. It has become increasingly worse.

I am not a man of great wealth speaking for special privileges, but things are in an awful mess and I hope you will try to represent at least the feelings of your constituents down here and the dictates of what I, personally, feel your conscience must tell you is right.

A number of the appointees of President Truman are men who certainly have had little experience in the particular field of endeavor to which he desires to appoint them and others -- which is even worse -- have been affiliated with "Pink" organizations and fellow travelers. Certainly, Sam, there are enough real

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Americans of ability available for Government service.

I don't suppose this letter will have much effect, but it is just the way I feel and I couldn't help writing it.

Sincerely yours,

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