

September 25, 1939.

Brig. Genl. E. M. Weston,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Colonel:

Enclosed, herewith, you will find a letter which I am writing to the President regarding a matter in which I am very much interested.

I am also attaching a few editorials upon the neutrality act which I thought he might enjoy, provided he ever gets an opportunity to read them. Knowing how busy he is, I hesitate to take up any of his time but I will appreciate it if you will hand this letter to him if the opportunity presents itself.

Thanking you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of The United States,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I hesitate to burden you with matters concerning appointments as I know you have more serious problems confronting you and I want to first extend my congratulations and express my admiration of your marvelous presentation of the repeal of the Neutrality fiasco. Incidentally, I attach hereto a few editorials which have appeared in the Star-Telegram and have been sent to all of our Texas delegation.

If the Neutrality measure should by any chance fail Mr. Borah's position would remind me of the story of George and Gus Oliver of Pittsburgh -- the old Senator died and left them a substantial fortune; both George and Gus were in the Business Department of the paper. I dropped into Pittsburgh and called on George and he invited me to go with him to lunch. I told him that I wanted to see Gus and George told me that Gus was upstairs in the Editorial Department. I made inquiry as to why the change from the Business to the Editorial Department. George said, "Amon, you know Gus. He was always arguing with our customers. He won all of his arguments, but lost damn near all of our business." That covers Mr. Borah and his cohorts in their attitude relative to the neutrality repealment.

A few days ago I received a telephone call from A. C. Mattei, President of the Honolulu Oil Company in San Francisco, a very high class and substantial citizen whose company operates extensively in West Texas. Mr. Mattei while having no personal interest does have a general and unselfish interest in the matter discussed in the enclosed telegram - namely the appointment of a Maritime Commissioner to the Coast. The gentleman referred to is Allan J. Lowry and he is 100% in every respect. I have known him for a long time and feel sure you could not select a man more capable to handle the job and I hope you will give the matter your careful consideration.

By the way, Fort Worth has just won the Texas League Pennant and played the first game here Sunday of the Dixie Championship play-off with Nashville, winners of the Southern League Pennant. My friend, Silliman Evans, was down in full force representing Nashville and of course we always have a lot of fun when we win - defeated Nashville in this instance 10 to 2 - and the Star-Telegram will operate a special train to Nashville for the next three games of the play-off.

We are also operating a special train to California taking the Texas Christians and their 50 piece band where TCU will play UCLA Friday night, September 29th, the opening game of the football season.

I hope you stick to your guns on the neutrality bill. You are 100% right and it is no time for partisan politics. Even your enemies will see the light in time. Good luck!

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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