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Dear Amon:

I would like very much for you to write to the President right away, if you will do so, and as suggested I enclose a memorandum of an outline of the letter stating certain facts and making certain arguments, some of which you may be able to use in whole or in part. I think the statements of fact are true and that the arguments are sound.

Please let me impress this on you: The big tire companies and the big junk dealers in the North and East do not intend for Fort Worth to have the proposed rubber plant, and we will never get it unless the President intervenes. In my opinion he will not do that unless you personally request it.

Sincerely,

Ben Stone

W. P. B.

Dear Mr. President:

I have no interest in Southwest Rubber Reclaiming Corporation, and nobody connected with it asked me to intercede in behalf of its application to ~~OPM~~ for about \$500,000 to build a rubber reclaiming plant in Fort Worth.

On my own initiative I had one of our reporters investigate the facts and report his findings to me. Then I conferred with Harold A. Sims and B.B. Stone for additional information. I find that Mr. Sims, an experienced business man, who incidentally was in the last war and whose two sons, one 19 years old, are both in this one, put in several months investigating the supply of scrap rubber in the Southwest, locating all necessary used equipment that could be purchased and experienced men who could be employed to set up and operate the plant, and then about January of this year filed application for the funds, etc. Ever since then he has been sent from one bureau to another, meeting opposition from all of them. He says he complied with every requirement and patiently met and overcame every objection, but still no reclaiming plant for Fort Worth. It is his opinion that the big four tire companies and the big Eastern junk dealers are determined that no rubber reclaiming plant will be built in the Southwest, and the hearings before the Senate and House investigating committees tend to confirm that opinion.

This is written, Mr. President, to respectfully suggest that you cut the red tape involved, put an end to the bickerings ~~involved~~, and order the proper authorities to at once grant the Southwest Rubber Reclaiming Corporation's application for funds to build its proposed plant. There is sufficient scrap rubber in the Southwest, probably in Texas alone, to keep the plant running for years. It would have been in operation for at least two months if its application had been promptly granted. Can anybody think of any sound reason why our overtaxed railroads should be used to ship this scrap to the junk dealers in the East, at government expense, to be processed there, as is now contemplated, instead of processing it here where it is?

This is a small matter to take up with you personally, Mr. President, but I am convinced that it deserves your personal attention. In these serious times it doesn't help the public morale for bureau officials to attack the integrity ~~and respectability~~ of Fort Worth citizens, as an excuse for not financing their proposed rubber reclaiming plant, and then be forced to publicly retract the charges with the explanation that they had found their information incorrect. They could have found out the truth about at least some of these Fort Worth men by asking Jesse Jones, Sam Rayburn, Tom Connally, Fritz Lanham, or almost any other Congressman from Texas.

Sincerely,