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June 4, 1943.

Honorable Stephen Early,
Secretary to President Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Steve: Please express to the President my congratulations for his courageous attitude in backing the War Labor Board PERIOD The following is the sum and substance of an editorial appearing in todays Star-Telegram in connection with the reprehensible, outrageous attitude of Mr. John L. Lewis and his committee who by their acts are lending aid and solace to our mortal enemies QUOTE

The War Labor Board acts rightly in prohibiting further 'Negotiations' between mine workers and mine owners while the soft coal mines remain idle PERIOD Negotiations are in order only when the mines are open and turning out coal for war industry PERIOD The shut down of the mines is practically an act of war against the Government and the Government may not reasonable be expected to sponsor any negotiations without settling first the question whether the challenge to its sovereignty shall stand PERIOD Secretary Ickes has pointed out the responsibilities of both the mine workers and the mine owners PERIOD Neither should expect further concessions by the Government until this joint responsibility is met PERIOD The mines must be reopened and the production of coal resumed PERIOD Obviously all acts and policies of the President and other governmental agencies will be directed first and most forcefully to this end PERIOD Even though mine workers should have a grievance they have no right to stop this vital production PERIOD This time the conditions which demand sustained production have to do with the safety of the

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nation. We are at war and those who refuse to carry on the necessary production upon which the nation's victory depends, thereby strike against the nation and against even their own sons in the armed forces just as surely as do the nation's enemies on the battle front PERIOD We do not believe that there can be found in any part of the country a half million men who will consent to actually strike against their country's welfare when the fact that they are so striking is made clear to them PERIOD The coal miners have sons in the armed forces, just as thousands of other American's have PERIOD They must realize that the hardships of these fighting sons, the dangers which they encounter, their ability to defend themselves against the enemy, their chance of survival, all depend upon a sustained flow to their hands of the weapons and supplies made for them at home PERIOD They must realize that anything which hampers this continued production is something against and not for their fighting sons PERIOD What is important to the mine workers? Satisfaction for themselves or food and guns for their sons at the front? Revenge against perhaps their employers, or winning the war? Supporting John Lewis or supporting the flag under which their sons fight? The mines must be reopened and the striking miners must produce the coal which is needed to win the war. There is no reward for treason or for betrayal of our boys under fire. The whole strength of the government, greater than that of any man or group of men, must be brought to bear unless the mutinous mine workers see the error of their way PERIOD There are ways in which men can be made to work in war time PERIOD They can be drafted and assigned to labor as readily as to military duty PERIOD Leaders

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who council and urge acts of rebellion against the Government in war time should be locked up under martial law, if there is no alternative PERIOD But whatever it takes to get the mines open should be done without delay PERIOD The nation demands and will support strong measures PERIOD The time for temporizing, for negotiations, for enduring John Lewis's arrogance, is past PERIOD The President has done more for organized labor than any other man in history and has a right to expect and demand that the miners do their duty to their country and to their sons in the battle lines PERIOD This much the public demands and expects PERIOD There can be no alternative.

AMON CARTER

P.S: Since writing this telegram press dispatches state John L. Lewis has recommended that the coal strikes be ended Monday. This action may be the end of this strike but does not in any way guarantee that he will not do it again as he previously guaranteed there would be no strikes. So, Mr. Lewis should promptly be brought to an accounting and definitely given to understand that neither the United States Government nor the public will tolerate disloyal arrogance of this kind.

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