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General E. M. Watson,  
Secretary to President Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

The enclosed memorandum covers a subject that we are tremendously interested in and I am sure you are. It has come to our attention so often of late that I felt that I should take the liberty of sending this data along to you.

The chances are that, to a certain extent, it is exaggerated; however, where there is so much gossip and general discussion on a subject there must be some justification. So, I am sending it to you without any signature as I have no right nor desire to become involved in a controversial matter of this kind. Although, with a boy in the Field Artillery at Fort Knox, Ky., I naturally have a fatherly interest in the matter of rigid discipline and regulations, not to mention my interest from a national standpoint as well as my interest in Texas.

It would look as though what these boys need is a good tough, double fisted, regular Army Commanding Officer to see that everybody plays ball according to the rules. If there is anywhere there should be no favoritism in the matter of discipline, regulations and conduct, it should be in the Army and the Navy.

Frankly, I think it has been a difficult matter to arouse the sentiment of the public to the serious importance of the situation confronting us at this time. There seems to be a general impression that it is not our war, etc. There should be some way to reprimand any individual - Senator or whatever his title may be - for disclosing information concerning the military movements of either Great Britain or America.

Tell the Boss that we are 100% for his program and what he is doing - Lindbergh and his following to the contrary. What we need is speed, elimination of

strikes and sacrifices on the part of everybody to strengthen this country so they can whip the hell out of Germany even should they win in Europe. On the other hand, if we supply Great Britain with the wherewith we could be responsible for winning the war and finally dictating the peace terms. Personally, I hope they pass legislation sufficiently strong to curb strikes, labor racketeers, or anyone who interferes with the progress of the defense program.

Honest labor should have no objection to regulations that are not interfering with them, if they are in the right. The Government requires all kinds of business to make returns of receipts and expenditures and for the life of me I cannot see why this should not apply to labor unions. I think, you will find the greater majority of the members of the various unions would like to have this requirement necessary so they could know what becomes of the money they pay to the unions. What is sauce for the goose should be sauce for the gander. The labor organizations should be required to produce financial statements and be responsible for their acts the same as industry is required to do.

Pardon the length of the letter and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD