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Dear Mary Louise:

I don't know where I will be when this letter reaches you. Perhaps San Francisco, but more likely Portland or Seattle.

San Francisco has lost some of it's charm since you left here and I am moving on as quickly as they will let me.

Few letters have held the interest for me that Diana's did. It was thoughtful of you to take time off for the dictation and it was about the best valentine I could have received.

It may be several weeks before I get back that way but I am going to cut the time as short as I can.

It was good of you to write, and I hope you will take time out and repeat soon.

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Miss Mary Louise Glass
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BELDEN POLL FOR SUNDAY RELEASE TO SHOW 46.2 PERCENT OF VOTE FOR ODANIEL, 42.5 PERCENT FOR JIMMY ALLRED AND 11.3 UNDECIDED. CONSIDER THE INFORMATION TO BE VERY INDICATIVE SINCE ALLRED HAS MADE NO FORMAL INDICATION OF CONSIDERING RACE, THOUGH PRIVATELY HE IS DOING SO VERY STRONGLY, AND SINCE COMPARATIVELY LITTLE NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PROSPECT OF HIS RUNNING=

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Lyndon Johnson

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March 6, 1942

My dear Lyndon:

I do not have any further information on Tom Martin. There is some talk that someone is trying to stir up opposition to you, but nobody seems to know exactly the source--except that Ouida Nalle is doing a lot of talking. McGregor had a letter in this morning's paper, clipping of which I am enclosing. Gordon and I are going over to Lockhart to talk to Dr. Ross and hope to have a good interview with him which we expect to have followed by one from old man Chamberlain at Burnet and start the petitions Monday. We postponed them this week because of the city election on the air field bonds--which, by the way, carried about 50 to 1.

I had a long visit with Jimmy last night. He has definitely made up his mind to run, but this is graveyard. He expects to leave for Washington Sunday. Bill has told him that the Boss will get behind him if Sam gives him the green light, and he is going to talk to Sam. Myron also will talk to Sam. If you have an opportunity, I think you can be very helpful with Sam by pointing out that he is not expected to get his neck out in Texas as he did last year in your race, but only to carry the ball with the Chief, and that this will put Sam in an excellent position in 1944, as against Tom and Jesse.

Outside of the Senatorial race I do not hear much political gossip. However, if a strong candidate with a good ex-service record should run against Mann, on the platform that the War does not make it necessary for him to remain in the Attorney General's office, but that the services of a good athlete with a fine football record are most needed in the Army and Navy, I believe he could go places.

With very best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A. J. Wirtz

Adding additional workers and expanding plants will not be sufficient to meet our present schedule of production.

We must achieve the greatest productivity per hour worked for every man, woman, and machine now in operation. This productivity can be astonishingly increased.

A Job Production Analysis Division should be set up by the Navy immediately and the best plant production specialists in this country should be drafted for it. These individuals in turn should outline a program and immediately send top men into every large plant producing for the Navy, every large Navy Yard and Establishment to make a complete and thorough job analysis of the entire operation of these organizations. This analysis should be presented to the management, foremen, and men with recommendations as to improvements in specific job operations along with definite information as to the results that will come from these improvements--elimination of wasteful practices and procedure, full utilization of machinery, overhaul of inspection services, flushing lethargy and complacency out of the management, foremen and men.

It is just as important, if not more so, that the Navy eliminate as much as possible the waste that is now going on in its plants, yards, and establishments as it is to protect these places from sabotage. Production protection should be instituted just as plant protection has been instituted.

1. During the period from January 1942 to July 1943, our present war program calls for production of 65 billion dollars worth of materiel.

2. Transferred into man hours on the basis of \$1 of production for each man hour worked, this means the consumption of 65 billion man hours during this 18 months period. Assuming 20 million workers are available, each working 54 hours a week, 50 weeks a year, we have a total of 75 billion man hours. However, change over to new jobs, plus the demand of civilian needs does not leave 75 billion man hours available for the production of this materiel.

Conclusion:

1. Training should be going on at full speed 24 hours a day all over the lot.

2. Worker's morale must be stimulated to top pitch.

3. Production protection should be instituted, an analysis should be made and a program inaugurated to increase productivity of present workers to the maximum.

4. Women must be trained and taken into war machinery as quickly as possible.

Most important of all of these is achieving the greatest per hour productivity possible for every man and machine now in operation. So far as I can see nothing intelligent is being done along this line anywhere.

March 7, 1942

My dear Mr. President:

We will nominate a new U. S. Senator in Texas in July. A capable, fighting, young man representing Texas in that body can mean much to our country and to our leadership in the days ahead.

Many of us believe Judge James V. Allred to be that man. I am sure Judge Allred will resign and make the race if he is convinced that such a decision will not be displeasing to you.

Jimmie Allred will make a great Junior Senator from Texas and I am hopeful his possible resignation and entry into the Senate race will not be objectionable to our crowd.

With continued assurance of respect, I am,

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

March 7, 1942

My dear Ed;

When I got in your wire was waiting for me, and I immediately wrote the Boss the letter we discussed.

I air mailed a copy of the letter to Major Parten with the request that he give the enclosed to our friend. I am not sure how to reach you in San Antonio by wire, and for that reason, I am sending this letter to your Austin office with the request that it be forwarded to you.

Things are going well with me, but I am always on the jump.

I hope you have fully recuperated and are back in high gear again.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

Captain Edward Clark
Brown Building
Austin, Texas

March 9, 1942

Dear Mary Louise:

Believe me when I tell you that the best tonic I have received was your newsy, breezy, thoughtful letter. For the first time in my life the limitation and restrictions under which I necessarily operate make me feel like a very helpless little boy in no-man's-land.

There is little that I can write and say, but I hope you will accept an appointment as my operating agent and let me hear from you occasionally. I never know what I will be doing, where I will be nor for how long, but strictly for your information, if you will write me at the Empire Hotel it will be forwarded to me and will reach me not later than the next day after it arrives there.

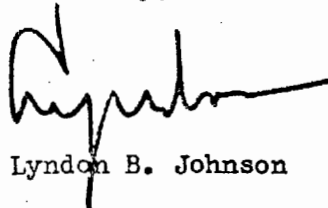
When I talked to you and Charles and Alice by telephone, I could hardly do more than keep the telephone booth door closed and talk loud enough to keep the workers from drowning me out.

It may be that I will get ordered back for a day or two the latter part of the month or sometime in April.

I don't know where they may be, but here are copies of letters and a memo Charles suggested I send him. I hope you will read them to him and then see that they get back to me as soon as possible. Please see that they are kept confidential. The memo on production protection has already gone in to my Boss and I am hopeful that plans are now underway.

Love to all,

Sincerely,



Lyndon B. Johnson

Miss Mary Louise Glass
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2304 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
March 13, 1942

My dear Roy:

We had such a hasty talk last night that it seems worthwhile to put the essence of it on paper.

We both agreed that O'Daniel's record did not justify his re-election.

We both agreed that either Johnson or Allred seemed a proper instrument to retire O'Daniel.

You showed me a letter from Johnson to the President, calling the President's attention to Allred. You tell me that Johnson has urged Allred to resign from the bench and make the race. You state that your interest in the matter is to get out 100 per cent the work for O'Daniel's defeat, either through Allred or Johnson, but that since the two men have talked this over, you are advising Allred as to his position.

You are advising Allred that he should not resign and announce unless he has had some expression that the head of the Party—Roosevelt—is sympathetic. You say that it would be politically unfortunate and unnecessary for Roosevelt to endorse any candidate.

I told you my own thought. It is that the conversations between Allred and Johnson have no bearing on what Texas should do. If times like these are not superior to individuals, when will they be? We are attempting to preserve and perpetuate a democracy threatened by combined dictatorships. The true function of a state is to send its best representative to the Senate. It is the state, and the nation's, business—not the individual's. The judgement of the state will mature slowly. Checking Texas today I find that not one person out of twenty has given any consideration to the summer senatorial race. Until more people among the million odd voters pay some attention to this matter, there can be no intelligent decision made by a few conferring leaders.

Johnson has written the President suggesting Allred. The President may, or may not, have replied. Even the President is not superior to the decision of the Texas voter. As I told you last night, when the President was inclined to ask Texas voters to permit supporters of Garner to take over the machinery of the State Convention, naming delegates to the Chicago Convention, the President was told by Texans that such a request was improper, for the matter was supremely a Texas position.

In essence what I am saying is that I believe the general conversation in Texas now in which names such as Allred and Moody are being mentioned is in the line of pure democracy. Its essential expression is that Senator O'Daniel should have opposition. Thus far it is extremely beneficial. But to make a decision at this time that Johnson should not be a candidate seems stupid. Johnson has a campaign under his belt, and you and I both agree that he was elected. The people may want to complete this election. All the popycock talk about a man in the army being unavailable as an instrument of Texas people doesn't mean

any more to me than the ordinary maneuvering of the stove league political campaign which isn't here. The fire will be in the boilers in about a month.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Judge Roy Hofheins
Harris County
Houston, Texas

March 16, 1942

Lyndon:

Key in Washington to situation is Rayburn first, Jones second, as both Texans have President's ear on Texas.

Allred seeking Rayburn to place Roosevelt into "yes" behind Allred, hoping thereby to have the President say a "yes" to take care of Allred, if whipped, with a lame duck appointment. Allred doesn't want open Roosevelt statement, preferring mere federal employees' support.

Jones probably behind a log under/^{Hobby's} advice that O'Daniel is now in front--this looking to 1944, since your crowd, including Lechner and Richardson are with Rayburn.

I note Richardson will spend Sunday with Rayburn. He, perhaps, will ask Rayburn about O'Daniel and Allred and you while he talks oil.

Allred had his suitcase packed to come to Washington to see the President when Hofheinz said "no" and took the ball to Washington. Probably Jimmy won't come now, but the line on Rayburn to the President is what he will continue to play for some time.

I shall have reason to see Jones on another matter after Richardson sees me next Monday.

If there is a reason for you to telephone Sam about anything other than yourself, it is to be hoped that Sam is very busy on the war job. Possibly within ten days the President's mind should be brought up to date, as now is too soon, and too late is always too late.

Suggest you telephone station-to-station, seven your time, Tuesday, March 24th. If any plan change this end, will notify your Washington office.

March 17, 1942

Memo to L.B.J.:

Through Looney I have suggested to Allred that I love him. He is certainly a proper agent to beat O'Daniel, who must be beaten.

I suggested that a premature resignation or statement from Allred would express ambition, and might cause plain people to feel that he was so certain about his position and finances that there might be a supposition that he had seen the President and made a deal, and that the President had said, "I will take care of you if you pull a Johnson and try to beat O'Daniel." This would bring the President again meddling in Texas, and might re-elect O'Daniel, should the President's labor policy not clear up soon.

Every evidence in House and Senate now is that wartime all-out labor legislation will pass within two weeks, but the President may veto, and, if so, I think it will pass over his veto. I find generally that 80 per cent of the people are definite that justice is not being done to the boys in the front at \$21 by the boys behind making the guns and ships. The Vice President tells me that in Iowa the farmers are not even fighting the labor leaders, they have passed that and it is a fight between folks, and they expect the President to act.

Rayburn and Barkley and the President talked on labor yesterday and I think Barkley and Rayburn told him the truth about the House and Senate. Rayburn specifically mentioned "labor racketeers" who should be roughly handled. The President is still listening to soothing syrup Perkins and getting statistics from his Labor Board that strikes are negligible. But I do think the real pressure is from farmers and other plain people who constitute 90 per cent of the total who have a deep sense of injustice when they send their boys by draft to \$21 and when they think of MacArthur

and the boys under him, and then see their farm hands leave fields neglected and go into shipyards and factories and in three days make a month's pay. They certainly are going to see that it is changed.

Vinson got into action yesterday, and is very confident that the combination bill limiting war industry profits to six per cent and handling labor on a non-strike federal arbitration basis and protecting the rights of non-union persons seeking employment will be passed uproarously as the result of tremendous barrage of letters hitting Washington over this weekend. God speed the time.

I have talked over-long to you on this because I want you to know that I think the only strength O'Daniel has left is his consistent labor pounding. When this is cleaned up in Washington, he has no issue except that "I told them and they did it," which the people won't believe. In politics a dead issue is one that is finished, like prohibition—and it is too early for O'Daniel to revive this one.

In my opinion, Jimmy is cautious enough, and I have told Looney that I would come to Houston for a talk if he wasn't going to be up this way in the next thirty days.

I want the labor thing, and the war thing, to get a little further along before Texas decides whether you or Allred is the best bet to beat O'Daniel, who certainly must be beaten, as he ranks next to Lewis as anti-social elements now.

2304 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
March 23, 1942

Dear Miss Tully:

A personal survey of Texas convinces me that O'Daniel will only be defeated by a man in uniform. Allred cannot step from a Federal bench and do it. The O'Daniel campaign against Allred will emphasize States Rights and the O'Daniel brand of war labor reform. He will label Allred as one of the gang around the President who is advising him wrongly. He will charge that Allred has made a deal with the President to get an equally good job if he is beaten.

Campaigning against a man in uniform being drafted by Texas, he will only have the American flag to fight, and will shadow box himself to death.

Johnson beat him last time, and at least half of Texas knows it. Allred as a senatorial candidate starts from scratch, hasn't beaten O'Daniel, and probably can't make it. Against Johnson the campaign becomes a fighting uniform against the man who voted to send the boys home for Christmas. Johnson can beat him again from Dutch Harbor or Australia.

Johnson goes on the ticket the last filing day on petition of one hundred and fifty Texans. He then has thirty days to accept the draft. Until then, he needs to say nothing. The campaign will take no money, and no headquarters, except that which is raised in local communities.

Neither Allred nor Johnson need speak now.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Grace Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

2304 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
April 21, 1942

Dear Lyndon:

Nobody who loves you could be satisfied with you.
You haven't gone anywhere. You haven't done anything.

You are the real hope of Texas. The Connally's, the
O'Daniel's, the Rayburn's, the Jones's have written
the record. You are floating. You must serve Texas
in the days to come.

Give Texas a chance. There are seven million down
there. Get your ass out of this country at once
where there is danger, and then get back as soon as
you can to real work. If you can't sell the Navy on
ordering you out, you are not as good as I think you
are, and they are as bad as I suspected. And it may
be in Man Power; it may be in running the congressional
campaign; it may be in the Congress, holding Rayburn's
feeble hand. But, for God's sake, get going and quit
talking.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Lieutenant Commander Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Johnson

May 15, 1942

Suggest you should have talk with Harold about his recent interview with Tom Corcoran. I am attaching a story which appeared in the Dallas Morning News with a Washington date line May 12. I understand that on reading this story Allred placed a call to Corcoran. On the following day Corcoran had a rather detailed conversation with Harold about the whole political set-up in Texas, and probably some other things of interest. I think this is worth a checking.

FRANK N. WATSON and ASSOCIATES
PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNSEL

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GREAT NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING
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Telephone R-9808

May 12th 1942

Mr Harold H. Young
Washington D. C.

Dear Harold :-

Its getting about time for you to pay another visit to Texas and I hope that it won't be long before we see you again . Maybe politics will bring you down here for a while, for they are certainly commencing to boil . I have never seen the issues or the candidacies so confused at this stage of the game . As it looks now O' Daniel should lead in the July election with the other two candidates being neck and neck . The run off will be the real test . Lots of O'Daniel people are now for either Moody or Allred , while O' Daniel has undoubtedly gained some new support through his labor stand . I am enclosing story , which perhaps you have already seen , concerning Lyndon . If this is true it still further complicates things. Local politics also are going to be red hot with everyone at the court house having most determined opposition . I thought that the war might submerge politics but believe me this is going to be one of the hottest political summers ever seen in Texas . George Purl is running against Harwood for county judge . If George handles his campaign with any common sense , he will be elected but I think that he badly needs a conservative campaign manager . Martin Winfrey and Arch Underwood are of course helping him . Claude Westerfeld is running against Graves . I wrote his announcement for him last week . I think he has a very good chance of getting over . Smoot is going to have a tough race for Sheriff for Alcorn is much stronger than he was a couple of years ago .

I'm not in any campaigns as yet , - except doing some work for Senator Harold Beck of Corsicana, who is running for Lieut Governor, at request of Martin Winfrey ~~and~~ , Bill Clark and other of our friends.

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Sheet 2 -

This is a minor campaign of course and I would like to get in one of the big ones . ~~R~~ Supposing Lyndon does not run , how do you stand on the Allred~~Moody~~ situation ?

I have not seen Kittrell for some while and understand he is in Washington . If so I guess you see him often . Your friends here talk about you whenever we get together and we all miss you very much . I heard that you were in the motion picture of Mr Wallace opening the ball game and I tried to see it but missed the picture .

War time conditions have ~~make~~ made things pretty slow in our business . The usual run of commercial and incidental business is practically down to nothing . I told Ruth I was writing you and she sends her love . We will always be grateful to you for helping her . Seagoville is handling many aliens and Ruth has charge of all the social service and contact work with the detainees, working with the U. S. Immigration Dept . The ~~Inspector~~ Inspector in Charge is Joseph P. O'Rourke and Ruth gets along with him very well indeed . I am very glad she has a good job since my work is getting to be pretty uncertain . I know that you are very busy but I would be glad if you could find time to write me once in a while . If theres ever anything I can do for you here please let me know .

sincerely yours

Phil

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in the White House

Paying for Unworkable Laws

IT'S too bad the Brenham Banner didn't identify the subscriber it says who wrote to it in this wise last week:

"If Lyndon Johnson will go back to the House and work for repeal of many of those laws he helped put on the books, then I am all for it. But if he goes back to pass more laws of the same kind, then it's best to keep him in the navy."

The Banner says it received that letter in response to a suggestion by the paper that the President recall Johnson from the navy and put him back in his seat in the House.

The author of the letter ought not to be allowed to rest in anonymity. He has something there. No doubt, Mr. Johnson, now at the front, and dependent on the behind-the-lines effort to keep the war machine going, realizes as keenly as anybody that the difficulties in stepping up production of war material today are, in part, at least, due to the unworkable labor laws that a short-sighted and subservient Congress enacted.

The entire trend of legislation in the last few years, whether so designed or not, which has undermined business and industry, and wrecked much of private enterprise, is now bearing its deadly fruit. "As ye sow, also shall ye reap." For year upon year the Congress of the United States sowed the wind. Today the Nation is reaping the whirlwind.

Donald Nelson says production for war is not at 50 per cent of the facilities of private industry. It is not difficult to discern why the other 50 per cent is not productive.

We applaud the action of young Congressman Johnson in leaving his seat in the House at Washington and taking his place in the navy at the first opportunity that was presented to him. The patriotism of Mr. Johnson is an inspiring example. As he watches defeat after defeat come to the United Nations, and realizes his own life is the more greatly imperiled, because of lack

Pay Fair With Service Men

IF a machinist is worth \$10 a day making guns or tanks, a soldier or sailor ought to be worth \$2 a day operating them. The senate military committee has approved unanimously the bill of Senator Johnson of Colorado, to raise the pay of army privates and apprentice seamen to \$42 a month, and to give lesser pay increases to noncommissioned officers. Prospects seem good for its passage, either as is or with amendment. There isn't much ground for opposition.

Buck privates and apprentice seamen now receive \$21 a month to start, and while their food, clothing and shelter are provided free, that is a pitifully small amount for the richest nation in the world to pay the men who are doing the fighting.

Many men in the military service must send part of their salary to dependents at home. After taking that out, and a substantial amount for insurance and other obligations and necessities, there is precious little left of that measly \$21.

Fighting men do not require much money, but they need recreation during spare hours, and if anyone is entitled to recreation, they are. They should be able to go to town when they have a week-end off, and see a show, go to a dance, have a date and forget the worries of war, just as the folks back home do. But the folks back home know how much of a good time one can have on two or three dollars a month, which is as much as most of them have left over from their pay.

of adequate equipment of their armed forces, he must be able to realize now how unsound has been that phase of legislation which has weakened and throttled private enterprise in this country, leaving it handicapped at the very time when it is needed more than ever before to aid in actually saving the Nation from destruction at the hands of a ruthless foreign foe.

Johnson Due To Enter Senate Race

Washington Circles Expect Candidate Who Lost to O'Daniel To Campaign Again

BY JOHN E. KING,

Staff Correspondent of The News.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Washington political circles were talking Tuesday of the possibility that Lyndon Johnson of Johnson City, Blanco County, may enter the senatorial race in opposition to Dan Moody, James V. Allred and Lee O'Daniel.

Johnson, O'Daniel's chief opponent in the special election last year that sent the flour salesman-Governor to the Senate, is now a lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve, on active duty on the Pacific Coast.

Johnson had the active support of the Roosevelt administration in the special election last year, and it appeared that he had been elected until the final votes from the remote rural districts in Texas were counted and O'Daniel was given a few votes margin by the late returns. It is known that the administration would like to see Johnson in the Senate in place of O'Daniel, and if some way can be found to have Johnson's name placed on the ballot he is expected to be given the full administration support again.

Petition Required.

In this connection it is reported in Washington that a movement has been launched in Texas to have Johnson's name placed on the ballot for the primary election by petition. If petitions bearing the required number of signers should be presented to the State Democratic Committee, it is claimed that body would be compelled to place his name on the ballot. The candidate, however, must endorse the petition, showing his willingness to qualify if elected.

If this should be done, it is expected that Lieutenant Commander Johnson would advise the people of Texas that he is in the Navy at the call of his Commander in Chief—the President—and is doing his utmost to serve his country, but if the people of his state feel that he can be of greater service in the Senate than in the Navy, he is willing to make any sacrifice, even to resign his commission in the Naval Reserve. In order that he may serve where his people want him to serve.

Position of Allred.

Since former Governor Allred has tendered his resignation to the President, thus expressing his willingness to relinquish a lifetime job as Federal District Judge in order to serve his state in the Senate, it is understood here that he will be given the administration support in the forthcoming campaign if Johnson is not brought forward as a candidate. Some students of politics have suggested that if Johnson's name is placed on the ballot for the primary election as planned, the resignation of Judge Allred might not be accepted by the President. Instead, the Texas judge would be advised to remain on the bench, where his services would be of greater value during the war emergency.

There can be no doubt that the White House would prefer to see a

junior Senator from Texas who is more sympathetic with administration policies, particularly in regard to labor, than Senator O'Daniel has shown. The junior Senator in advocacy of his antistrike violence bill and in support of other measures to curb what he has termed the activities of labor racketeers, has several times run afoul of the new deal machine. Either Allred or Johnson would be satisfactory to the White House, although it is understood that Johnson might be given preference if he can be brought into the campaign.

Dies May Not Run.

Representative Martin Dies of Orange, chairman of the House committee investigating un-American activities, who was a candidate in the special election last year, is known to be considering the possibilities of making the race again, but it is not believed that he will enter the race since both Allred and Moody have definitely announced.

Also it is known that Representative Wright Patman of Texarkana, author of the soldier bonus law and one of the strongest adherents of legislation in behalf of former servicemen in Congress, has senatorial ambitions. As director of the Texas Forum of the Air, a radio program produced in Washington and broadcast each Sunday over a group of radio stations in Texas, has kept Patman prominently before the voters, but even with this advantage he remains undecided about making the race.

Many friends of Representative Luther A. Johnson of Corsicana, ranking Democratic member of the House committee on foreign affairs, and a strong supporter of the President's foreign policies, have urged him to enter the senatorial race. It is believed, however, that Johnson will prefer to remain in the House, where he is ranked as one of the most influential members.

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Lt. Commander Lyndon A. Johnson

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2136 - R - Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
May 20, 1942

Dear Lyndon:

I have had a very pleasant talk with John.

Essentially this is still a one-man rebellion, with many persons who are not interested in you agreeing with a few persons who are that you are a good Congressman. In wood chopping the wood cutters cut their own woods first. Everybody is pretty busy. A statement that you are more than a Congressman means that the fellow who says so might have to work a hell of a lot to prove his point. Time is precious, and money is very scarce.

I have only the first returns from Texas on a check up taken by auto and telephoned in last night. It showed 175 Johnson (50 per cent) with most of the rest undecided and Moody, O'Daniel, and Allred having less than 100 between them. Moody is temporarily more active and colorful than Allred. O'Daniel is weaker than we thought. Oveta Culp Hobby believes Moody will come out the strongest with O'Daniel second and Allred third. There is a long shot possibility that O'Daniel will be third.

My own belief is that three ex-governors are merely three has beens since Pearl Harbor, and that the average American wishes to register a positive and official vote as soon as possible that he wants to lick Hitler. This means that he wants to vote for a uniform fighting for him. The above figures so indicate, but in much greater degree than I had expected. I had only expected 40 per cent, not 50 per cent.

One swallow does not make a summer. These first returns which came in last night by telephone from Texas should not be carried around too seriously in your mind. We are checking two or three different ways—not even using the normal newspaper reporter who has a tendency to lead the witness. We are using very dull people who are not partisan politically. They are asking the simple question: "Would you vote for Lyndon Johnson, if his name were on a ticket with O'Daniel, Allred, and Moody?" That accounts for a good many of the undecided, because they answer positively "Johnson," or "No Johnson." They aren't given a chance to be undecided. So it looks as if on the first returns that you are another O'Daniel accident, and that the campaign is merely a man in active service against three ex-governors who have not contributed toward the war effort ever, but have been attempting to serve the public in peacetime paying jobs without smelling powder. It seems now inconceivable that there shall be a change. These three men have been honored by the highest gift of these particular voters. They want a new face, a new issue, and a new uniform, and there is no greater issue showing up that I can see except "Draft Johnson, the fighter who whipped O'Daniel last year and had the election stolen from him." When three ex-governors jump that hurdle, let me know. They can't fight it, so they have got to quarrel among themselves, and if there is any money spent on this campaign, it will be in your behalf only by a multitude of truth-seekers and truth-believers which in the aggregate are the people at the polls.

Organization has a way of taking care of itself when these unusual conditions arise. Go get your Bible and read the Gospel According to Saint Mark.

Don't heed any advice from any clever man at all ever--none of the two and two equal four people--none of those who add minorities to make a majority--none of those logical people who substitute a lot of words and phrases for their stupidity. I am giving this letter to Connally as a result of our first meeting.

Keep your powder dry. Serve your country, and always keep the line of communication with Connally open. This last is absolutely important because Connally is undecided. Your wife has a romanticist's viewpoint, probably based on caution, and Wirtz believes a live Congressman is better than a dead Senator, and you certainly can't prove Wirtz wrong if you don't run.

Talking over the telephone this morning to a man about another subject, it was necessary for me to discuss the Georgia election and the Texas situation. The man said, "In connection with Johnson, it might be interesting to remember that Jack Garner ran for Congress and the vice presidency on the same ballot in Texas, and played the cinch perfectly. There seems to be no law in Texas against betting on two horses at once." So I see no harm in having your very dear friend, John Connally, bet on the Kentucky Derby on two horses. In fact, if he doesn't, he must be terrifically sure of himself.

Of course, it is obvious to you that if by betting on two horses there is a possibility of the two horses bumping into each other and killing their riders, then you will bet on only one horse by withdrawing the jockey before the ballots are printed.

I will write you a general letter on what is going on in Washington as soon as possible, but I thought this bit of information from Texas might give you a little kick, wherever you are.

The situation in Georgia indicates why O'Daniel is so weak in Texas. Gene Talmadge is refusing to run against Russell because of Russell's war record and Talmadge's lack of a war record. Instead, Talmadge is going to run for Governor again, and may not make it against a very weak opponent.

Diana had a nice birthday. Everyone sends his love, including about ten who enjoyed the sunshine on the porch Sunday. Wolff and Young did not solve the labor question, but almost broke up the dishes trying to at dinner.

John says that he had no message from you to me, and that he had no message from you except that you, being in the Navy, must leave your political position in the hands of your friends.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

2136 - R - Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
May 21, 1942

Dear Lyndon:

You are far away. If you get a cable from me to instruct Connally to drop your consent in the senatorial box, you will know that I mean it. This may come through myself or Mary Louise. Then if it isn't done, I shall be satisfied that you have had my final judgement. You will get no such cable if it is not necessary.

Present facts appear to be that John stopped in Texas and received Wirtz's judgement that you should not have your name in any way identified with the senatorial race. He left with Wirtz a copy of whatever you left with John. My presumption is that the two of them made a deal that Wirtz and Connally would function on the matter in agreement. Since Wirtz is much the stronger, I simply consider that Wirtz is not on your horse.

John within the last two days has told a number of people in Washington that he does not believe you can win. Lady Bird has told quite a number of people that she does not think you should run. John says the reason is that you agreed to support Allred. Sid Richardson, who spent yesterday afternoon with her and has a dinner date with her and some other lady tonight says, that Lady Bird doesn't want you to run because she doesn't think you can win. All this spells Wirtz to me.

About a month ago Lady was engaged in obtaining a detailed record of O'Daniel's votes in the Senate. Probably this was a routine coming as a request from you. But unless the request did come from you, and if it were on her own initiative, it indicates that she has had a change of opinion not based upon the Allred incident at Houston.

I have suggested to her that she not discuss the senatorial race with anyone. John tells me he has done the same, but Sid comes in with his information this morning that she is discussing the matter.

All this detail sounds like tittle-tattle, and I don't like it.

I think you had better sit down with yourself and clarify my mind. Either tell me to quit or go ahead. Either give me an unqualified judicial position, or give it to Wirtz, because the two of us will not agree. You definitely know now that you have one considered vote—that of Wirtz—affecting John and Lady against any program that I might carry out. I have told you all I know at this date about the Texas voters except the statement brought in by Sid this morning to the effect that he had talked to the Texas checkers last night (after I had written the other letter enclosed herein), and that the statement over the telephone to him was that of the persons interviewed he believed that 90 per cent were favorable to you. I do not believe this 90 per cent statement. I am merely passing it on as Richardson's statement to me of his conversation last night.

But I certainly believe, unless I have reason to change, that your position is so excellent that your name on the senatorial nomination list, even before the ballots are printed, or before you will have to function through John or Wirtz, will show your leadership whether your name is left on the congressional ballot or not.

You are merely in the position of having definitely to make up your own mind far away on the question of how is right. I think my information and my judgement are both superior to those who say no. Otherwise, I would be joining in the "no". I have told you above that I shall inform you by cable if there is any change. You now have time to inform me. You will not have time much longer to give me a directive.

There is a feud between Moody and Amos Carter which I do not believe has been cleared up. Moody is at the moment formidable; his connection with Standard Oil of New Jersey through Humble, and the rather loose association of all attorneys representing Houston's major oil companies, is quite well known to you. Politically, from a major oil company standpoint, everything is rosy. They have three candidates—all ex-governors—and don't have to give a damn now. But since Standard Oil of New Jersey is the big boy, and some of us do not believe that Standard Oil of New Jersey should own any more senators, I am much more concerned than I would otherwise be.

I feel that Tommy Corcoran has been only temporarily affected, as has Rayburn, by the rather accurate and intensive campaign here in Washington telling them that you can't win, and that they might as well join in to a bandwagon behind Allred. But it is my opinion that Allred is the third choice of the Houston oil interests, and that Moody is the first choice, with O'Daniel the safety choice, should Moody fizzle. I believe that Parton and company will be dealt out.

As I write I have just received and opened another telegram on you. It reads: "FT. WORTH—VALLEY MILLS CLIFTON MERIDIAN HICO HAMILTON GOLDTHWAITE ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE MEN CONTACTED NINETY PERCENT VOTED JOHNSON BEFORE WOULD DO SO AGAIN BALANCE EVENLY DIVIDED ALLRED O'DANIEL." We will keep getting this sort of dope—some of it conflicting, but all in the same tenor.

Of course, the value of this particular telegram is in the statement that Allred isn't getting your stuff, and that your former vote would be split three ways, or at least two ways. And remember that Allred Mann had a feud which has been well publicized, and that those who voted for Mann did not vote for O'Daniel. This looks like a split of the Mann vote between O'Daniel and Moody, if your name is absent.

Please send me a cable that you have received this letter. Send it to this address—2136 - K - Street, N.W.—collect.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Washington Times Herald-afternoon-June 12, 1942

His Raid on Japs Goes Awry; 'Robbed,' Cries Rep. Johnson

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA, June 12 (U.P.).—Representative Lyndon Johnson of Texas, who remained long enough to vote for a declaration of war before leaving Congress for active duty with the Navy, was "robbed" in a bombing mission over Lae, New Guinea, he said today.

The Congressman, holding the rank of lieutenant commander, came here on a tour of the Southwest Pacific war theater and immediately requested permission to accompany bombers on a dangerous raiding mission.

He went on the raid and, although his plane never reached the target because of motor trouble, he won the admiration of the flyers at this base who now refer to him familiarly as "Raider."

"I was robbed," Johnson, one of Congress' youngest members, said as he stepped from the crippled bomber on its return.

But he said he saw enough to convince him that America's new soldiers have the nerve of the Crocketts, the Bowies and the Traverses—the men who defended the Alamo and fought for Texas independence.

"When the generator on our plane burned out as we neared the objective, the moans from the crew were loud," he said.

"When the pilot said that we must turn back those kids begged their skipper to continue on to the target and give them a chance to dump their bombs on the Japs. They said they would be glad to take their chances of getting back

with the faulty mechanism. They were broken-hearted when he couldn't comply."

A plane in which Johnson had intended to fly in an earlier raid failed to return. He almost didn't get to go on the later raid either. He couldn't find parachute straps long enough to encircle his huge frame, but when Pilot Lieutenant Walter Greer of Russellville, Ark., told him that the low level attack would make a parachute valueless anyway he went without it.

Johnson said that as a result of his tour and the raiding operation he felt that he could give Washington an "enlightening" first hand report on the problems confronting Americans in this area.

Everywhere Johnson toured he looked up Texans on the armed forces. He found scores of them last week, including an enlisted man who lived just down the block from him in Austin.

He doesn't know whether he is running for re-election to the House or is seeking a Senate berth. As a matter of fact he isn't sure he is running for anything.

"The primary filing date in Texas has passed and I haven't heard from home in several weeks," he said. "It would be interesting to know if I've been entered in one of the races."

W. P. HOBBY,
PRESIDENT

F. D. R. Stands by Statement Johnson Is Old, Close Friend

Remark Interpreted to Mean He Favors Congressman's Election to U. S. Senate

By M. H. JACOBS
Post Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 17.—President Roosevelt, breaking nearly two months of silence on the heated Texas senatorial race, Tuesday reiterated his statement Representative Lyndon Johnson is a very old and close friend.

He made the statement in response to a press conference question.

The President smiled broadly when a reporter reminded him 24 candidates are running for the senate in Texas, a number of whom are claiming administration support, and then asked if the President cared to supplement his April 22 statement which was regarded generally as an administration blessing for Johnson.

He offered to repeat what he said on April 22 and added he could see no necessity for adding anything to his remarks at that time.

An official very close to the President later explained Mr. Roosevelt has made it entirely clear he favors the election of Representative Johnson.

"The President knew, of course, 24 candidates are in the race in Texas," the official said. "He also knew more than one candidate is claiming his support. But the President since the race started has seen fit to mention his friendship."

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for only one candidate, and it should be obvious whom he prefers."

On April 22, Johnson emerged from the President's office and in an anteroom crowded with reporters waiting for the regular presidential press conference to begin handed out announcements of his candidacy.

Reporters, with the announcement in their hands, immediately plied the President with questions.

Mr. Roosevelt said Johnson had told him about entering the race only a few minutes before he broke the news to reporters.

Then President Roosevelt said there were three angles to the senatorial contest. First, he said, it is up to the people of Texas to elect the man they want. Secondly, everybody knows the President cannot enter a primary election. The third angle, he added, is "Lyndon Johnson is a very old and close friend of mine."

It was this statement the President offered to repeat, word for word, on Tuesday and upon which a close associate of the chief executive based his assertion the President has left no doubt as to his preference.

In high spirits and looking refreshed after a three-day rest ordered by his physician when he developed a sore throat last week, Mr. Roosevelt seemed to welcome the question on Texas politics.

His face was grave when he was asked to comment on American relations with Germany and other grave matters of international policy.

But he grinned amiably and spoke with emphasis in offering to repeat his statement of friendship and affection for Johnson.

Raymond P. Brandt, Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, has this to say about the President's comment in his dispatch to his newspaper:

"Although previously the President has insisted, sometimes with his tongue in his cheek, that he can

take no part in local Democratic primaries, he boasted Tuesday that his statement several months ago that representative Lyndon B. Johnson was a very old friend of his had been properly interpreted as an endorsement of Johnson's candidacy for the Democratic senatorial nomination in Texas. He said that his previous statement has clearly shown his intentions, and he declined to clarify it."

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W. P. HOBBY,
PRESIDENT

Rayburn Endorses Lyndon Johnson as F. D. R. Gives Full Support to Senatorial Candidate

Speaker Stresses Need of Harmony

By MAX E. JACOBS
Post-Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(Sp)—With candidates in the crowded Texas senatorial race turning into the home stretch, Speaker Sam Rayburn Friday added one of the most powerful voices in the Democratic party to vociferous administration cheers for Representative Lyndon Johnson of Austin.

In an earnest plea to his fellow

Texans, Speaker Rayburn said, "We need another senator who will stand without fear, four-square with our program of total defense and victory." Many Texas congressmen read special significance into his statement that Texas needs a senator "who is in step with our splendid delegation from Texas, and not unfriendly to it."

Mr. Rayburn declined, however, to connect that statement with anything that has been said in Texas.

The speaker's statement followed two other lusty blows in behalf of Representative Johnson by the administration.

At his press conference last Tues-

day, President Roosevelt reiterated his former statement that "Lyndon Johnson is a very old and close friend of mine." Immediately afterward, a close associate of the President made it clear that Mr. Roosevelt intended his statement as an unqualified endorsement of Johnson, whether it sounded that way or not.

The President was represented as fearing that he might have missed an opportunity to strike a real blow in behalf of his congressional friend, who is so close to him, it has been charged in Texas, he "can fry his breakfast eggs on the White House cook stove."

Sec. Knox Also Backed Solon

In view of what has been happening here in the last few days, that charge appears to be more truth than campaign oratory.

Last Tuesday night in Corpus Christi, Johnson read a telegram from Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, in which the cabinet member praised him as "one of the far-

Rayburn Endorses Lyndon Johnson For U. S. Senate

F. D. R. Gives Full New Deal Support

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sighted members of congress who have been alert to the needs of the nation's defense."

There is every indication here that, despite preoccupation of the President and his chief advisers with momentous international developments, everything possible will be done during the coming week to boost Johnson's candidacy.

Administration support is expected to make itself felt increasingly as election day approaches. Speaker Rayburn's statement follows:

"On June 28, we Texans must decide by our votes who will serve us in the high station of United States senator."

"These are fateful days, freighted with possibilities frightful to contemplate. Upon the statesmanship and patriotism of America depends the fate of the world. I know every Texan feels this great responsibility."

"It appears to me we need another senator who will stand without fear, four-square with our program of total defense and victory, one who is in accord with our great chief executive and with the leadership in the senate and in the house on issues both foreign and domestic, one who is in step with our splendid delegation from Texas, and not unfriendly to it."

"For these and other considerations, with malice toward none, and being deeply sensible of my responsibilities as a citizen, I have today cast my vote for Lyndon Johnson."

2136 - R - Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
July 2, 1942

Dear Lyndon:

I am sitting around getting ready to go down to Texas on business.

At the moment it looks as if the senatorial race was not much of a race. Consensus is that O'Daniel is around the 50 per cent mark, with Allred running considerably ahead of Moody, but possibly closer to Moody than to O'Daniel.

The big trends will begin about July 5, and by the 15th there will be a much clearer picture.

The preliminary picture is that it is about fifty fifty that there will be a run off, and it is probably four to one that O'Daniel will lead.

John has operated, I am sure, according to his conception of what is correct, considering the limitations of the Navy. Disorganization is such that I do not believe there has been any real union of Johnson and Allred personalities and forces behind Allred. Probably Tom Miller, who is in process of calling me now, is his usual all-out straight-forward self, and is probably for Allred. The newspaper probably has carried twenty three top stories for Allred for two for Moody. Charles Green tells me the whole staff is personally pro-Allred.

Returns from the Tenth District will be in by the end of July, and we will all know what we have done.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Lieutenant Commander Lyndon Johnson

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
OTTO SCHUBERT, JR.
RESIDENT MANAGER

July 29, 1942

Check Lyndon as to whether there is any impropriety in having the Postmaster in Austin have his active account in the Capital National Bank.

It is nothing personal to me, but know that the bank would like to have the account and have been told so. It is now in the American National Bank.



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