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St. Louis, Mo., May 3, 1934.

Hon. E.Y. Mitchell,
Asst. Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Arthur J. Melloit, an ardent teetotaler from arid Kansas has been appointed Director of the Treasury Alcohol Tax Unit. May 10th he took charge in Washington. He is to organize a force of 3600 men, 1800 to be known as Internal Revenue Officers, a position I held once until asked to resign by the Republicans.

When Prohibition was repealed, most of the Internal Revenue Officers were discharged. All those discharged and those kept were under Civil Service; regardless of this fact, with few exceptions, all were Republicans. Before Mr. Melloit took charge some were recalled and according to a senatorial investigation, of which Senator McKeller of Tennessee is a member, everyone was a Republican.

From what he says, and as I understand it, these Internal Revenue officers, commonly called Prohibition Agents, were discharged and of course have no more claims to positions than any other person, but a left-over Republican in the Internal Revenue named McReynolds, recalled 1300 of those discharged men and everyone was a Republican.

The Internal Revenue Officers are of course Civil Service men but when men are needed, temporary appointments can be made outside of the Civil Service, providing there are none on the Civil Service list waiting. If the Civil Service list is more than two years old, it is a dead letter.

Under these circumstances, I can be appointed without ignoring any law expressed or implied. There was a lot of criticism about the whole Republican Prohibition regime and why should Democrats go out of their way to resurrect and reappoint discharged Republicans, whose department was criticised and condemned and whose reputations therefore on the whole were ill repute.

I understand Mr. Melloit is a thorough Democrat and a strict partisan. If such is the case, he will not let this opportunity slip by. I know if he is I/O as good to help Democrats as the Republicans, he will fill every place quickly with loyal Democrats- new men untainted, of his own political faith.

I beg you to make an appointment and see him personally and put my application up to him strong. I do not think writing him or a telephone conversation would get anywhere - we have tried that. Mr. Mitchell, if there is any way on Earth you can spare the time to do it, it might be worth the while to get rid of me.

I know if my application is handled in this way I will get one of these positions; I am sure of that. I know you can get an audience with Mr. Melloit and stay with him as long as you desire. Your official position gives you weight and prestige. Your personality enables you to get attention - you are gifted to present the proposition in a convincing way and he will just have to act favorably, that is all there is to that.

The only thing about it all is that I have to ask you for help. I know I have been pestering you with lengthy letters

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and that you are very busy. I hope sometime an opportunity comes so that I may repay you at least in part. If I get this position, I will be the happiest man in the world, and if I do not, your effort will always be just as highly appreciated. The interest and time you have given in my behalf is appreciated far beyond and to a greater extent than I am able to express.

I am ready on short notice to go anywhere.

Rep. John J. Cochran yesterday announced he is a candidate for the U.S. Senate. This throws a monkey wrench in the machinery and now new political line up will be made. Boss Pendergast man Truman (not Thurman) will get K.C. and all the support Gov. Park can give. Truman and Milligan will gobble up most everything out in the counties. It looks to me like Cochran will have hard sledding. A noise will go over the state about St. Louis wanting both Senators. What do you think?

Sincerely yours,

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