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TO CONGRESS

Secretary Knox; Secretary Stimson; Attorney General Biddle; Department of Justice;

Regarding Senator Truman's newspaper article in Phoenix, Arizona, April 6, 1944:  
"The Democratic administration "sensed our danger from irresponsible lunatics" directing the fate of war monger nations and had the vision to adopt a vast defense program' that now is winning the war for the Allies, Senator Harry S. Truman of Missouri said tonight."

"Truman, frequently mentioned as Democratic vice-presidential timber, said that Republicans have not been excluded from the war effort as evidenced by the two top party members--- Stimson and Knox— in Roosevelt's cabinet and the hundreds holding important posts in Washington."

"As a result of this great program', he asserted, 'no one today doubts that the war will be won. Moreover, it will be won sooner than it could have been had we listened to the contentions of the opposition that 'we were not in danger and should continue business as usual.'"

Senator Truman is a T. J. Pendergast political machine man, and you will notice that under date of November 17, 1945, "The Justice Department has refused to recommend executive clemency for T. J. Pendergast, former Kansas City Democratic leader, now on probation after serving a prison sentence on charges of income tax violation. The ten Kansas Citizens asking for the clemency were: James M. Kemper, of the Commerce Trust Co.; J. C. Nichols, who is supported by the Commerce Trust Co.; E. F. Swinney, Herbert M. Woolf, Chester C. Smith; Dr. Burriss A. Jenkins; Thomas McGee; Dr. A. Sophian; and the Rev. Thomas B. McDonald; and B. C. Adams; and Howard Cook, Jefferson City banker."

Attached hereto is article showing the Pendergast liquor interest transaction, and Senator Truman's part in supporting Pendergast.

Also attached is letter showing that Senator Truman accompanies Pendergast to a hospital to visit a woman named "LaFaye" who is confined for some reason, and it might be in connection with the "vote fraud" sentence in Kansas City; the writer does not know just what is referred to by "B" but sort of thought it referred to "Ballot fraud indictment". And it will be noticed that this woman pays the penalty for "well, whose instruction! was the woman "LaFaye" following when she was caught? Some one should who business is

find out. And why Senator Truman who pretends to be representing the "Constitutional form of government", be escorting T. J. Pendergast up to see the woman; and why should Senator Truman handle the "liquor interests of T. J. Pendergast and family," when he has been elected to office to serve the people of America, and especially the State of Missouri? No man can serve liquor interests and serve the Government and give it his full time. Surely, Congress and the Senate has sufficient for Senator Truman to do, other than run around with Pendergast and make his liquor deals for him.

I demand that an investigation be made of the woman "LaFaye" near St. Joseph in a hospital; and why T. J. Pendergast should visit her with Senator Truman; and why Senator Truman had to represent Pendergast in his liquor deals.

Yours truly,  
Reta Walters  
(Miss) Reta Walters.  
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And how is my other little pal, "La Faye?" I am so eager to hear about her. She is so young and tiny; you must be extra sweet to her, Darling, this cold wintry weather. Promise me??

Soooo that Mr. Jap Andale person is contemplating a trip south? I'll bet he doesn't go anywhere. Is he still griping, Charley? Mrs. T.J. and I haven't changed our opinion one bit regarding that gentleman, we think the same about him, Charley, as you, T. J. and Harry does---and you know Darling what that is"

I enjoyed the clippings, Charley. Thanks, Darling. The more I read and reread your precious letters darling, the more worried I became about you. Of course, I do realize Charley that the help situation at this time is really a serious problem. However, I want you to promise me again Darling that you are keeping your work faithfully to this gal----and taking it easy, and not working too hard. (Don't forget Mister" or that blonde gal of yours is liable to break out of this hospital and come up there and find out for herself. So there Mister""

And, Oh yes, Darling. I was so glad to note that you had promise to the effect that all "B" matters would be handled and completed by January 1, 1944. With all my heart, Darling, I do hope that it does work out that way, and by that date.

However, Charley, perhaps I should tell you that based on my information from Mrs. T. J., I have been advised that the present plans call for the "B" matters to be consummated (ballot, no doubt) some time during the month of January, and on or before February 1, 1944. But whether it is January, or February 1st, 1944---I shall be a very happy gal, Charley, and I know you will be pleased and happy, too. Incidentally, there is something else I should like to tell you about, Charley, if I had more time.

T. J. and Harry have returned, and are in the front office talking to the doctors. I shall write you again, Darling, in a few moments--- and tell you about some lovely gifts this gal received today, from the sweetest man on earth. Until then, Sweetheart, all my love and kisses.

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"But on the other hand, Charley, La Faye I think I should tell you, in confidence of course, (and Mrs. T. J. admits it, in her letters to me) that the real unadulterated reason, that is causing the delay, or rather holding- up the closing of the complete "B" matter, is T. J.'s absolute refusal to agree to even the slight---and I think, very reasonable, reduction requested. It seems that Harry favors it---and I happen to know, Charley, that Mrs. T. J. favors the plan 100 per cent. Of course, Charley, as you know, even though T. J. should persist in his adamant refusal to agree to a reduction, it will not, and cannot change, or, effect the final closing of deal as now arranged. But it does delay the matter. On the other hand, Charley, if T.J. would consent to the reduction plan, it would greatly speed the early consummation of B. matter in its entirety. And with only a very, very slight loss to anybody. It's just the long days, the sometimes almost endless nights--- and lonely weeks, that does occasionally bring discouragement to that blonde gal of yours, Sweetheart, in far away Missouri." etc.

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December 2, 1943.

Senator Walt Horan,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Under date of November 9th the writer addressed a letter to Congress regarding Senator Truman of Missouri, and stating that he was a Pendergast political machine man, and that". J. Pendergast's son operated the T. J. Pendergast Wholesale Liquor Co. at 2101

Central Street, Kansas City, Mo.; and that the Shawhan Distillery Co., Inc., also of 2101 Central Street was no doubt connected." (Since that date the Shawhan people have sold out to West Coast people.)

Under date of November 30th, the Kansas City Star printed an article "Liquor to West Coast;" and in part it stated "In a whisky deal unlike any ever made in America, the states of Oregon and Washington are sending \$6,450,000 to Kansas City to close the purchase from Kansas Citizens of 1 million cases of Kentucky bourbon whisky. To acquire 78,000 barrels of aging whisky, the two West coast states are buying the Waterfill & Frazier Distillery company for \$3,650,000.00 and the Shawhan Distillery Company for \$2,800,000.00. The two states reached an end-of-the-week agreement with the Kansas City stockholders. The pending purchase, to be close before December 10, 1943, was revealed officially today when George P. Lilley, chairman of the Oregon Liquor Control commission, received telegraphed approval from the Office of Price Administration. The price had been reduced \$1,105,000. to meet imposed ceilings."

The article goes on to state that the Pendergast family had an interest in the Shawhan Co., etc." Thus, you see Senator Truman had interests on the West Coast regarding the [Pendergast](#) interest in the Shawhan Liquor Co.

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(It is to be taken for granted that the following copy of letter)  
(was written by "LaFaye", who was either sentenced or for some )  
(reason being detained at either the penitentiary at St. Joseph )  
(or near St. Joseph. The indictment if she is the one was for  
("vote fraud in connection with the Pendergast political machine)  
(And if the T. J. and Senator Harry spoken of ere the same ones,)  
(they surely are doing a lot of "dickering" about it.)

My dearling sweetheart Charley: (Charley lives on a farm, and the letter (is taken to him by Harry and Pendergast)

"How are you, sweetest man on earth? I do hope you are feeling grand darling, and that you are taking it easy, and not working too hard these wintry days. But are you sure????? Truthfully darling, I was at an all-time low, when T. J. and Harry brought your letters today. I might as well admit to you, Charley, that that blonde gal of yours has been simply furious for the past week. And I did not hesitate to make T.J. and Harry aware of the fact, when they did finally arrive here today. However, in fairness to them (T.J. and Harry), I must tell you Charley that I do realise they were not at fault, and that the delay was definitely unavoidable. I have learned too, that Harry has been ill most of the time for the past month with a rather severe case of influenza, but because of his eagerness to get the "B" (guess ballot) matters closed once and for all- and contrary to his doctor's orders- he insisted on staying on the job day and night, regardless.

Mrs. T.J. informed me last week that she had advised Harry to take his doctor's advice, and go to bed and rest for a week, but he refused to do so. He seems to be feelin some better now. I sincerely hope so. You know something, Charley? You are just sweeter than sweet - for having written that blonde gal of yours so many darling and previous letters. (Sixteen of them from October 18th to December 12th, inc.) Always your letters are so cheerful, sweet and understanding, Darling. They never fail to make this gal forget her loneliness, and be happy once a again-----as I know you want her always to be. Do you know, Darling, I was terribly disappointed, because I did so want to get a set of "four"----for you----a blue, a tan, a green, and a white. However, I found it impossible to obtain the correct size in the "White". Later---I shall be able to do so. Mrs. T. J. was quite disappointed too, as she had tried hard, and had helped me faithfully. She is a darling, Charley, and the same true blue friend and pal to you, and to me as always. She (Mrs. T.J.) never fails to inquire about you, Darling, and always asks me to convey her very kindest wishes to you end Cleveland.

As you have long known, Charley, I am a great admirer of Governor Bill Burke---and if he, Mr. George Burke, is a brother of B.B., then I know he must be a very fine person. And I do not blame him one bit, for trying to buy "Duke". But I do hope, Charley, that you told him that you wouldn't part with the youngsters for anything." (Duke is no doubt a Alyshire) I do realize, Darling, that "Duke" does get very unruly at times, but I think that is chiefly because he is so young, and also because you have spoiled him, which is perfectly understandable, since he is such a sweet and cute little rascal" I really do believe that when he if is a little older, Charley, he will be so gentle, that he will make you very glad that you did not dispose of him. Really, don't you agree with me darling?? Gosh, I hope you do. But of course you know best Sweetheart. I had to smile, Darling, as I read where you said T.J. had reminded you to be sure to save some of those thick, juicy

shorthorn steaks you have in cold storage for him, and Harry. And after I had read the letter, I told T.J. that I did not blame him one bit for insisting that you must cook the said steaks" T. J. did not hesitate to state in no uncertain terms that he was dubious of the culinary ability of that alleged chef, Mr. Kelly. Fact is, Charley, this gal knows that Harry could not cook anything. So does T.J.

And soooo, you went to the shorthorn sale in Wichita? But for the life of me, Darling, I can't imagine your paying \$300.00 for a baby shorthorn, when you have hundred of them. I'll bet she is a beauty. I hope she lives up to your high expectations of her---and I am sure she will, in every way. How's my little pal "slats?" I hope she is enjoying her rocking chair this cold weather. The little darling!

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