

May 14, 1936.

Senator Harry S. Truman, 3726 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

My dear Harry:

Supplementing my letter to you dated May 12, I desire to give you some additional information which I have picked up

You probably know that Capt. John T. Burkett of Arkansas is the head the Alcohol Tax Unit here. His territory consists of four states, Burkett is an appointee of Senator Joe T. Robinson of Arkansas. I understand that Burkett is at outs with Duncan, (mentioned in my last letter) and is building a fire under him. Duncan and others in Burkett's office here, are running affairs to suit themselves without consulting Burkett who is supposed to be the boss. As a matter of fact, Burkett is not controlling his own office force. My information is the force is composed almost entirely of Republicans, while Burkett is a Democrat. Burkett is pretty angry about conditions in his office.

I am reliably informed that Burkett saw or tried to see last Monday, Maurice Milligan. He wants Milligan to hold up the grand jury investigation of this case. I do not know what Milligan told him but will be able to find out Saturday.

You know, of course, that the Federal building here soon will be vacated so it can be torn down and the new building constructed. Duncan has gone so far as to o.k. a contract for space for his office without consulting Burkett. This has made Burkett very angry,

I understand that Burkett is very anxious to air his difficulties to Guy Helvering, but does not want to put anything in writing. Burkett would like to be called in to Washington so he can tell Helvering a few things and let him know what he is up against with these Republicans in his office who are under civil service. If you can arrange to get Burkett called to Washington, you will render a great service, in my opinion.

I am just informed that yesterday Duncan made the statement that he is going to indict 154 Democrats and 6 Republicans; that he expects to make this the crowning case of his career, and that after it is over, he will be ready to retire. He made this statement to his own agents, who in turn told some of their friends who are under investigation. In this way the news got back to me. a few minutes ago. Duncan also says that he is going to get some Kansas City politicians indicted with this bunch.

A few days ago, Duncan had Bill Levy in his office giving him a going over. Duncan asked him how he happened to be appointed Boxing Commissioner for Missouri. Levy told him that he was appointed by two Governors. (Levy, you will recall was appointed by Baker and Caulfield.) Duncan, in reply, said; "Like hell you were appointed by two Governors, you were appointed by a Justice of the Peace on 15th Street."

The enclosed clipping from yesterday's Star tells about the convening of the grand jury Monday, May 18. I sincerely hope that you can do something to get Milligan to hold up the presentation of this case to this grand jury.

I will advise you of any additional Information I may get.

Very sincerely yours.