BETTY BONSTEEL:

These were telephone calls we received re MacArthur controversy.
Edward Jannatee,  
Rochester, Mass.  

member of the Marines, #62720  

called from Rochester to say that he would like to offer as a reason for not impeaching the President the fact that he was elected with Roosevelt.  

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Mrs. Carrie Parish, 1 Southern Way, Princeton, New Jersey, asked "Mr. President, how would you feel if daughter Margaret were in Korea under all that fire in a foxhole." She believed the country should bomb China now and stop this wishey-washey attitude.

Mr. Charles Durran of Waterbury, Conn. called and said "My brothers can whip all the Koreans -- and if my five brothers can whip them, me, I can whip them myself." Tel No. 43213 or 58265., ad
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MEMORANDUM FOR FILES:

1. Mrs. David Gottlieb called to congratulate President on action taken re MacArthur (81 Galveston St., S.W., Wash., D.C.)

2. Mr. Joe Gaines of Anderson, South Carolina called to protest against the dismissal of General MacArthur.

3. Mr. Craig Pace of Denver, Colorado called to express his disgust at the President's decision to fire General MacArthur.

4. Vernon Robertson, 9651 Broadway, Baltimore, Md. (Pa. Barbership, Balt.) very indignant re President's removal of MacArthur and says "tell President to get out of town — do something now or get out of town."

5. Harry Phomen on Don Singletary, Jr. (????) 921 W. 33rd St., Baltimore, Md. protests recall of MacArthur and thinks President should step down and make MacArthur President. (Gave operator one name and took another)


8. Mrs. Henderson of Washington, D.C. — says the removal of MacArthur is a terrible blow to all the mothers of the country. She has two sons in Korea and she wonders if they will come back safe. Says she has always been a Democrat but thinks the Korean situation should be put before the party. Requests that he pray a little more.

9. Mrs. Rierdon of Gortvington, Va., thinks the President is a traitor to his country because of the removal of MacArthur. Says "as of now I am a Republican."

10. Mrs. Eva Scott, 94th Ohio Ave., Detroit, Mich. — feels President is wonderful man and should be respected as such, but he should also reconsider and call MacArthur back to duty.

11. Harvey Lemon, Bldg. 87, 63 Munda Road, San Francisco 24, California, wants a letter from the President giving the details as to why MacArthur was removed.
12. Mr. Frank R. Coleman of Appomattox, Virginia, called and expressed the opinion that he believes the President should resign in this crucial moment, go back to Missouri, and suggests that Vice President Barkley take over control of the Government as President.

13. J. H. Mason, 3553 Shelmore Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, telephoned and said that although he was a Republican he had the greatest respect for the President. He said he knew there was a loggerhead in Korea but thought there was some other way out other than to remove MacArthur.

14. Mrs. Habel Ensworth, Manhattan, Kansas — thinks the President is 100% right in MacArthur matter.

15. A. L. Wrenn, Clifton Falls, Va.—protests President's action re MacArthur

16. Mr. Joseph Buegeleisen of Detroit telephoned and wanted the President to have the following message: "Your removal of General MacArthur was necessary if we are to maintain our form of Government. We applaud you. Sgt. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Buegeleisen, 2308 Glendale, Detroit, Michigan." He said he wanted the President to know that they were behind him before he went on the air.

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17. Master Sergeant Frank Brummett, 523 East University St., Bloomington, Indiana, and said that "we are glad that he [the President] let the situation stand and we admire him for firing Mac. He was very insistent on talking to the President and ended the conversation by saying tell him to call me collect.

18. Charles Ginsberg, Denver, Colorado, telephoned and said he is a very close friend of Secretary Chapman's. He wanted to congratulate the President on his stand and tell him what a fine talk he had given. He said now the people had the real objectives in mind and after the initial protest would get behind him. He said he had not always agreed with the President but now was 100% for him.

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19. Mr. Moses T. Bierman, 210-38th St., Wash. D. C., is behind the President but feels that MacArthur should report first to the President instead of speaking before Congress.
19. Mrs. A. M. Winer, 3903 Bonner Rd., Baltimore, Md. called to say she approves of President's action -- but believes we should conserve strength of troops to fight Russia directly, rather than fighting her satellites.

20. Mr. William Hartman, 721 Penn St., Camden, New Jersey called and said "MacArthur drove the veterans of the First World War out of the Anacostia Flats -- but he is not driving President Truman out of the White House."

21. Mrs. Clarence A. Peterson, 102 Plum Street, Dayton, Ohio, who is 60 years of age called to say President Truman is the most wonderful President we have ever had. He is trying to save lives and prevent more wars. She thinks he is the most kind and gentle man we have had and will go down in history as the best President.

22. L. J. Poston, 6701 Moss Rose, Houston, Texas, telephoned and said that although he didn't vote for the President in the last election he will in the next. He believes the President did the greatest thing any President has ever done and that it took more courage. He said to tell the President not to have any fear or qualms as the American people who really think are with him. If MacArthur wants to fight let him fight. He says it all boils down to MacArthur versus the American system and the American people.

23. Mrs. Geo. E. Lewis, 3015 So. 20th St., Lincoln, Nebr. called and dictated message for President giving support for MacArthur action. States Jefferson Democratic Women's Club of Lancaster City, Nebr. asked her to call and voice support from each of them.

24. Mr. C. H. Hanson, Meadowood, Silver Spring, Md. called to express his hearty approval of the President's action in removing General MacArthur, his further approval of the President's radio address on foreign policy, and his added approval of the President's speech at the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner.

25. Mr. Van Sharpe of North Carolina (now a neighbor of General Marshall here in Washington) called to request that the President himself meet Gen. MacArthur when he arrives in Washington. He said that Lincoln once said he would change horses with General McClellan if it would save the Union. He thinks the President treating MacArthur would take the wind out of MacA's sails.

26. Mrs. John Collins called for herself, her husband and Mr. & Mrs. J.T. McMenemy of Maryland to ask if there wasn't someone better qualified to meet Gen. MacA. than Gen. Vaughan when he arrives in Washington. Protested vigorously.
27. Mr. William J. Powers, 835 East 53rd Place, Chicago, Illinois, telephoned to say he approved of the President's action.

28. Eugene Pielka, 1019 - 11th St., N.W., called to say that she would like the President to meet MacArthur at the Statler Hotel.

29. Bert Stricklett, 1916 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., called to say the President is doing a wonderful job.

30. Jane Shannon, 1026 - 16th Street, N.W., protests the President sending General Vaughan to meet MacArthur. It was a shameful thing to fire him and even more shameful to send Vaughan.

31. T. Harry Grace, Green Tavern Lunch Room, Fort Chester, New York, telephoned to say that he was having lunch with 35 other men and that they were 100 per cent for the President. They wanted to congratulate the President and would like to hear from him.

32. William L. Bailey, (colored) 1829 Corcoran St., N.W., telephoned to say that the President is a great President, a great man and a man inspired by God. Says he is surprised at the reaction of well-thinking people.

33. Mr. Don McKinley of Montreal, Canada called right after Gen. MacArthur's speech to say he had listened and that he wanted the President to know that he thought "the speech sounded like a papal encyclical."

34. Mr. Edward D. Richards, 224 Jefferson St., N.W., Wash. a veteran of World War II called just after the MacArthur speech to Congress to say that in his opinion Mr. Truman and Mr. Acheson are the biggest menace to national security that the country has ever known.

35. Mr. Leonard La Foranese, 2138 O St., N.W. called to express his approval of everything the President has done regarding the MacArthur situation. He expressed the belief that the people are now hysterical.

36. Mrs. Schlesfritz of Kansas City called and said: "I am certainly praying for the President to get a head because he certainly needs a new one."
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37. Willie D. Wooten, 168 Trinity Ave., S.W., Atlanta, Georgia, telephoned and said he was 100 per cent for the President and that the President had no alternative but to relieve MacArthur.


39. F. M. Law, Jr., Houston, Texas -- approves of President's policy and did not care too much for MacArthur's speech.

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40. Mr. R. E. Haddle of Spartanburg, So. Carolina, called to say that he believes in the President. Thinks he is a full blooded citizen and will vote for him again.