The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

For a long time the Committee on Un-American Activities has been striving diligently to unearth the facts of the Communist conspiracy in the United States and its infiltration into the Government service. It has been necessary to do this because your administration has failed to keep the people informed about this dangerous situation which now belatedly is being recognized for what it really is. Why you and your Attorney General have attempted to obstruct and thwart our pursuit of the facts can best be answered by yourself.

The evidence of Communist espionage was laid on your desk more than three years ago. Since that time can you recall one action that has been taken to punish those guilty of spying in the United States? Where and when has your Attorney General prosecuted in public courts a single agent of the Russian espionage ring? The evidence has been gathered diligently by the FBI for many years. Why has it been allowed to gather dust in their files?

Several weeks ago, when we were conducting hearings on Communist espionage activities within the Government, you attempted to dismiss and discredit these hearings as being "a red herring." At a later press conference, you reiterated this charge. Apparently you have found out on your tour that the people did not agree with you, for I notice in
reading the text of your speech which you gave yesterday in Oklahoma City, that you stated as follows:

"The FBI has been quietly and efficiently assembling this evidence for several years. The evidence was being presented to the Grand Jury long before the Republican Congressional Committees began their recent hearings. Now these Committees are trying to win credit for digging up evidence. They are trying to cash in on the work of the FBI, and to usurp the functions of the Grand Jury and the Federal Courts."

I assume from the above statement that you have concluded that it was not a "red herring" after all. Further in your speech you made some ridiculous accusations against the Committee on Un-American Activities—accusa-
tions which I call upon you now to substantiate by the facts:

1. You stated that this Committee "has made confidential information available to the intelligence services of foreign countries." What information are you referring to? Please name it.

2. You state that this Committee has "injured the reputations of innocent men by spreading wild and false accusations." Who are the innocent men? Please name them.

3. You state that "the Committee has also deprived the Government of the services of a number of atomic scientists." Who are they? Please name them.

Your Attorney General, in a speech given on September 22, in Washington, D. C., in defending your loyalty program, stated:

"The President's program has not ended with the investigation of Federal employees. Thirty-four persons have been convicted in the Federal Courts in Washington, D. C., since July 1, 1945."

Let me have the facts on this also, Mr. President, because I am sure that you will find that most of them resulted directly from the work of this Committee and were cases of subversives who had been certified to the United States Attorney by the House of Representatives, after exposure by our Committee.
I realize, Mr. President, that this is a blunt request, but your attack upon this Committee cannot be left unchallenged.

As Chairman of the Committee on Un-American Activities, I do not intend to be deterred or intimidated by personal attacks upon me by the President of the United States, or by political-serving announcements by the Attorney General, for I shall continue to expose the participants in this communist conspiracy whether they be Government employees, scientists, diplomat, labor leaders, or movie stars.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Chairman.

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