August 15, 1950

Dear Mr. Biddle:

I certainly did appreciate your
Release of August 9, 1950. It is heartening to
have a statement like this issued at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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Americans for Democratic Action today urged immediate favorable action on President Truman's "wise and judicious" subversive-control bills.

In a telegram asking prompt action by the Senate Judiciary Committee, ADA National Chairman Francis Biddle, former U.S. Attorney General, said the President's proposals constitute "the most effective method of combating foreign conspiracy at home." The wire was sent to Chairman Pat McCarran (D., Nev.).

"The President has wisely pointed out the dangerous and unnecessary features of the Munds-Ferguson and the Hobbs Bills," Biddle declared. "At the same time he has made an affirmative and realistic approach to the accomplishment of what all loyal Americans want done to protect internal security."

"In times of national emergency such as now," the ADA leader said, "we should all follow our President, and extremists must not be allowed to force our country into unnecessary restrictions."

Text of the telegram follows:

"ADA SUPPORTS PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S WISE AND JUDICIOUS PROPOSALS FOR TIGHTENING UP SUBVERSIVE CONTROL LAWS AS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF COMBATTING FOREIGN CONSPIRACY AT HOME. THEY SHOULD BE REPORTED FAVORABLY BY YOUR COMMITTEE AT ONCE."

"THE PRESIDENT HAS WISELY POINTED OUT THE DANGEROUS AND UNNECESSARY FEATURES OF THE MUNDT-FERGUSON AND THE HOBBS BILLS. AT THE SAME TIME HE HAS MADE AN AFFIRMATIVE AND REALISTIC APPROACH TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WHAT ALL LOYAL AMERICANS WANT DONE TO PROTECT INTERNAL SECURITY. IN TIMES OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY SUCH AS NOW WE SHOULD ALL FOLLOW OUR PRESIDENT, AND EXTREMISTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO FORCE OUR COUNTRY INTO UNNECESSARY RESTRICTIONS."

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