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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY,
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MEMORANDUM FOR ADMIRAL WELLES:

The Secretary has directed that the enclosed letter from District Attorney Francis Kane of Philadelphia, be referred to you for your attention. The Secretary asks that Mr. J. L. Johnson of Naval Intelligence, be directed to get in touch with Mr. Kane to assist him in the work mentioned in the enclosed letter.

The foregoing in accordance with telephone conversation with your office this date.

Edward E. Britton
Private Secretary.

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OFFICE OF UNITED STATES ATTORNEY,

EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA,

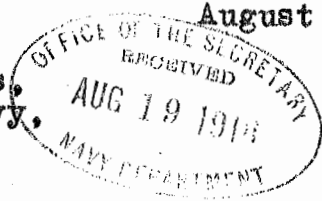
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August 18th, 1918.

Honorable Josephus Daniels,
Secretary of the U. S. Navy,
Washington, D.C.



My dear Mr. Daniels:

I am much interested in an investigation which I am now conducting into the work done by a Local Draft Board. This Board is located in the notorious Fifth Ward, in Philadelphia, and has been charged with political favoritism and corruption. In connection with this investigation, I have crossed a somewhat similar investigation made by Mr. J. L. Johnson, of the Navy Intelligence, into the appointment of certain men to places in the League Island Navy Yard, who received releases improperly from the Local Board. Some of these men are designated in his report as "Frog-Hollow Gun Men". I believe Mr. Johnson's work to have been thorough and complete, and I am sure that he could be of very material assistance to us in the investigation of further cases of the same nature.

If his duties are such as to permit, I would appreciate his being assigned to Philadelphia for several days during the coming week for the purpose of assisting me in the continuance of my investigation. I hope you will find it possible to comply with my request, as I consider the matter one of real importance.

Very sincerely yours,
James H. [Signature]
U. S. District Attorney.

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