Pacific City, Oregon
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"To win the War, civilians as well as soldiers must give full-time concentration and complete devotion to duty.

Our full force will not be in the fight if there is confusion in individual effort, duplication of functions or conflict within our ranks."

James M. Landis

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Dear Mr.Sheppard:

As I have not had a reply from my letter of October 7 it leads me to believe that perhaps I should have told you why I wanted a copy of the letter requested together with newspaper clippings which I think I sent to Mr. Frank S. Gaines of your office on June 8 or thereabout. I am inclosing carbon of my letter of that date to the County Court which leads me to this conclusion. I have had no reply to this letter and I am quite sure you haven't. I have not access to the Tillamook County Defense Council's files any longer as the new Coordinator refused to allow me to see them and stated that his authority was the County Judge (this man is not a judicial judge). Mr. E. E. Allen, Jr., a member of the Executive Committee, was with me at the time and nobody else was present and Borthick went on to say that he was in charge of the Defense Organization and that he was told by County Judge Woods to have nothing to do with me,and he further went on to say that (the State was backing him up); he also said that I was trying to stir things up and that the Executive Committee had nothing to do with it. He then realized that he was making some pretty rash statements, so he said something like this - "Now you have got me two to one". This is a pretty serious insinuatic to both Mr. Allen and myself and under any other circumstances neither of us would have stood for it. The poor fellow is just in a jam and I am truly sorry for him and am still willing to forgive him.

I haven't the slightest idea what his politics are and I don't care but I think he is a Republican and Woods is now making another tool of him. He has been principal of the Wilson River Grade School for a number of years and why he resigned to take this job I can never guess, and particularly whe he signed the kind of contract he did. It is my opinion that he would never have signed this kind of contract in the first place but you will note that it is dated August 14th but went into effect August 1st; but he was recognis by the State Defense Council as Coordinator from July 30th when he attended a meeting of County Coordinators at State Defense Headquarters. Of course, he

was not elected by the County Defense Council until August 18th, but those technicalities make no difference but I am quite sure there would have been a terrible wrangle at the Council meeting held that night had it been known the kind of contract he had entered into with the County Court. The County Court only meets twice a week, or perhaps three times, but, of course, Judge Woods is on duty every day; the other two County Commissioners live in the north and south ends of the County respectively. Woods doesn't know anything about Civilian Defense because he has never studied it or given it any thought; neither has Commissioner Ed Anderson, and I venture to say that Commissioner Lindsay has given it more thought and time than the other two put together, but I am sure he will admit he doesn't know anything about it and has not studied any of the literature which I gave Judge Woods to give to both Commissioners - such as "The Control System of the Citizens' Defense Corps" manual. I gave one copy of this pamphlet to Woods and told him to study it carefully and try to have the other Commissioners do the same thing.

When I returned from the War Department Civilian Protection School at Seattle, after being there from July 11 to July 23, I found that my mail had been opened all right by this County Judge, as I had left him in command and laid great stress on this point and told him that all mail must be seen the day it came in and taken care of and that he could write me, wire me or telephone me, if necessary, or communicate with State Headquarters if he could not attend to it. My letter to Jerry Owen under date of July 27, copy of which is attached, will explain the situation. You will note that I did not blame this on anyone but now that this young upstart County Judge is telling people that it was a very important matter that I did not attend to before I went away to school, I am making it my business to apprise your office of the facts. I am also inclosing original letter from Mr. Owen under date of September 24th in which he complied with my request and sent me the memorandum from his office dated July 20th in regard to this Disaster Relief Questionnaire. I also wrote Mr. Stanley Donogh under date of October 7th, as per carbon attached, requesting a copy of the telegram from his office concerning this matter but I have not heard from him either - I guess he is wondering what I wanted this for.

There is a terrible conflict going on in the County's Civilian Defense Organization and it is all due to damn rotten politics but it must be straightened out! Last Saturday morning, October 10, I telephoned Jerry Owen and tried to tell him what had happened and begged him to let me come over to see him on Sunday so that we could sit down quietly and go over this very bad situation but he told me that he didn't intend to get involved in the rotten Tillamook County politics, and I don't blame him; and, in fact, I don't think he could do anything about it but your office can - at any rate through the Army, if no other way. Jerry is familiar with the whole setup but was not acquainted with these facts until I told him about them Saturday. Here is what has happened:-

About a year and a half before I became chairman and administrative head of this County's Defense Organization, I had a long drawn out battle with the crooked Democratic County and State representatives, that is to say, the Chairman of the County Central Committee, Chairman

of the State Central Committee and Howard Latourette, the National Committeman. The present County Judge was, and still is a part of this organization, and J. W. Caufield, who was Latourette's campaign manager for Governor in the last primary elections, is his brother in political crime, but County Judge Woods told me he had broken away from all this and I believed him to some extent but he fooled me enough to have now double-crossed me. In other words, he is now making the Republicans punish me as well.

For an example of this crooked Latourette crowd I will give you a little instance of what happened several months ago:- One Sunday morning my wife and I were sitting in the Hotel lobby waiting to go in the dining room for dinner and a man wandered in and went over to the dest in a rather boisterous manner and asked for an outside telephone instead of going in a booth. He called Judge Woods' telephone number and I recognized it and so told my wife. He asked for Harland but he was busy but we gathered that he was talking to his wife as he then called her Catherine. She evidently invited him out to dinner but he said that he could not come and only wanted to talk to Harland and went on to say that he was glad that Cronin (Chairman of the County Democratic Central Committee) had beaten Brauti in the primaries, etc. He also said he was in a hurry but that he did want to talk to Jack Caufield. He then telephoned Caufield and said about the same thing to him concerning the election and then went on to say something like this -"and now we have got to get that god-damned Temple"; Temple was then treasurer of the State Democratic Central Committee and I understand he is a respectable man although I do not know him, but I do know his father, Dr. Temple, who is a very reputable citizen of Eastern Oregon. Vern Temple either owns or manages one of the large hotels in Portland. I did not know who this man was that was doing the telephoning so I went over and asked the clerk, Mr. Brown, who he was and he told me that his name was Summerville and that he was the U. S. Marshal. You can see what a bunch of rats they are. It seems to me that I saw in the paper a short while ago that a new U.S.Marshal had been appointed but it did not give any reason for it.

I could tell you plenty about my own dealings with this crowd in connection with the Cloverdale and Tillamook Post Offices but, as I said before, I am inclosing correspondence which will bear it out and this correspondence will also show you that my wife and I knew how seriously this political situation was hurting my defense efforts.

Woods has heretofore made me and many other people believe that I was the only man to run the Defense Organization. He has been doing this from the very start and what he actually accomplished was to turn the other two County Commissioners dead against me and me against them by his infamous lies. I hate to knock people when I am trying to protect myself but I believe you can see what has been going on. I did eventually put their man out of the Post Office at Cloverdale and I didn't use any politics because I have none to use. By becoming

involved in this little Post Office at Cloverdale, I also put out J. W. Caufield, the acting Postmaster at Tillamook, who would have gotten the job as Postmaster if I had not cleared up the situation in Washington. The attached correspondence will tell you just what happened and I do hope you will have time to read it as I can prove every statement which I am going to make in this letter and by documentary prudence if you will read it and I sincerely hope that you will. Jerry Owen is familiar with the matter, as I read over a good deal of this correspondence with him when he and his wife were at our house over a weekend when Civilian Defense first started, and he has been thoroughly appreciative of the difficulties which I have had and which the people of the County have had by reason of having had me for their head; but they would not let me out of it as will be borne out from the correspondence attached, all of which is in the hands of Jerry Owen.

I am inclosing original letters from Mr. E. E. Allen, Jr. to me under date of October 6. Jerry hasn't copies of these letters so I am sending him copies thereof, together with a carbon of this letter, of course. Mr. Allen is a duly elected member of my Executive Committee, as you will see from the original signed copy of some resolutions, together with copy of my letter of October 4 to the State Defense Council, as well as original of its reply thereto by Mr. Owen.

Mr. Allen is a very high-grade man. He is a director of the five member board of the Tillamook Peoples Utility District being Vice President. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the County Creamery Association. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the South Tillamook County Soil Conservation District. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Sandlake Creamery Association. He is Master of the Sandlake Grange. He is a member of the Tillamook County Land Use Committee. He is past president of the South Tillamook County Chamber of Commerce. He is general agent of the Provident Life Insurance Company for Tillamook, Lincoln, Coos and Curry counties and a part of Lane and Douglas counties. He is one of the few members of the actual Defense Council who has attended any schools. He attended the course of instructions given by Larry Duhrkoop from March 10 - 13, 1942 and holds a card similar to the one attached. It was necessary for him to drive 25 miles each way every day to attend this course. He is also a large dairy rancher and practically has to do all of the work himself now and he is a man about 58 years old but he doesn't look it, but then his father is 82 and doesn't look it.

I would like to add that Mr. and Mrs. Allen had an AWS Post in their home during the three-day maneuvers in October 1941 and practically manned it alone. Mr. Allen was the Chief Observer and Mrs. Allen his assistant. From December 7, 1941 - March 24, 1942 Mrs. Allen served 1367 hours and Mr. Allen served 452 hours. The post was taken over by the Forestry Service on March 24, 1942. Mrs. Allen was in poor health and being disturbed so much at night by relief shifts coming on, Mr. Allen was obliged to insist that the post be moved from his home. Mrs. Allen did not put in for the number of hours she served, otherwise

she would have received a certificate of merit and a badge and arm bands from the Army.

Mrs. William R. Coats is the wife of the President of the Coats Lumber Company. She is a graduate of Columbia University and was a New Yorker until she married Mr. Coats.

Mr. Tom Hyder is a large dairy rancher.

Mr. Jack Moors is Assistant Chief of the Tillamook Fire Dept. under Chief Tom Coates, who is a very old man. Mr. Moors is also Chief of our Auxillary Fire Dept. and has been in the employ of the Tillamook City Water Dept. for a number of years although he is a young man, I would say around 32 or 33yrs. old. He has been Chairman of the Red Cross Disaster Committee for a number of years and only just recently resigned because he did not feel he could devote the necessary time to it. I would like to say here that Mr. Borthick has been the General County Red Cross Chairman for a number of years and he and I cooperated and coordinated very nicely,as did the whole Red Cross Organization. In fact, Borthick was the first man I went to see after I was elected chairman. Please see original setup dated 11/12/41.

Mr. Erling Brauti who was absent, is the defeated Democratic member of the State Legislature in the last primaries. He was appointed to take J. W. Caufield's place when he resigned to become acting postmaster at Tillamook. Brauti was appointed by the Republican members of the County Court. I had used my best efforts to have Mr. Ed Anderson, one of the County Commissioners vote for Robert Thornton, a young and promising lawyer and a Democrat, of course, as the appointment had to be a Democrat. Thornton was a graduate of George Washington University Law School and would have made a fine representative in my opinion. None of this, of course, pleased Brauti. Brauti is a druggist in the North end of the County and I did not even know him then and only knew Thornton very slightly but I did know Commissioner Anderson very, very well and he and Everett Allen were the best friends I had in the County and were two of the very few people whom I knew very well.

I am also inclosing a copy of an agreement between J. Irvin Borthick and the County Court; together with copy of my letter to the State Defense Council in which I sent a certified copy of the agreement; and copy of Mr. Owen's reply.

Many of the straight thinking people of this County who have given their time and effort to the Defense Organization are very angry and take the position that I was knifed in the back while I was away at school. I, therefore, endeavored to make arrangements to see Jerry and take Mr. Borthick over with me to discuss the matter but I was unable to do this. I did telephone him later on and made an appointment for September 1st and I went over but had a very unsatisfactory talk with him because he had gotten tied up in some important matters. I did talk for some time, however, with Mr. J. A. Hayes, Director, Civilian Protection Division, but I could not find out what charges Mr. Durhkoop had made against me other than there was a lot of friction.

Both Mr. Borthick and Mr. Duhrkoop were down to se me at my home

and no charges were ever made against me; but the County Judge and others who attended the meetings which were called at the request of Mr. Duhrkoop (these were not Council meetings and very,very few council members were in attendance) during my absence in Seattle,state that he advised them that I had the County set up all wrong and that I should have had Control Centers, commanders, executive officers, controllers, etc. in all these little communities. I am inclosing an exact copy of the setup which he gave Mr. Borthick to be followed and I would like to say that in practically every one of these communities there are but a few people now interested in Civilian Defense but those that are, are carrying the burden. If the State guardsmen were allowed to hold key jobs in Civilian Defense it would help materially but in none of these communities could a Citizens' Defense Corps be established, other than Tillamook City and if our records were to go to your office and the Army showing that we had a Citizens' Defense Corps in these places it would be very misleading. Mr. Borthick has written letters stating that one man could hold several staff offices and where he has but one or two men in the Auxillary Fire Dept. and Police Dept., he is, so I am told, calling them chief of Fire Dept. and chief of Police Dept. etc. There cannot be but one Control Center in this County and I made a joint organization of the Control Center and the District Warning Center, which to me is the logical way. How any man could come down here and stay two or three days and know what kind of a setup we should have is more than I can conceiverand I know Larry Duhrkoop has been greatly misquoted and I have so told him.

Mimeographed copies of orders are attached hereto showing exactly how I set this County up long before there was any war but, of course, I have modified them since we were instructed to organize a Citizens' Defense Corps. The correspondence which I am inclosing between Jerry and myself clearly, in my opinion, bears out that he knew that there was only one Citizens' Defense Corps and that was in Tillamook City. You will see from this correspondence that I wanted to be perfectly sure to set it up in accordance with his orders. I call your attention to the fourth paragraph of my letter to him under date of March 25,1942 and to his reply of March 26. I read this correspondence to Mr. Owen and Mr. Hayes and Jerry made no comment other than to say that of course there could not be Citizens' Defense Corps and commanders in communities that did not rate them, but Mr. Hayes disagreed with me and stated that each community should run its own organization and have its commander. I agree with him if the communities rate Citizens' Defense Corps, but in any event they must all come under some commander-in-chief. Goodness knows a Colonel has enough worries when he has a regiment all scattered around in small detachments which makes it very difficult for an officer to get around often enough to keep up the necessary discipline and sooner or later they become like a lot of gypsy camps. I know all that because my regiment did guard duty from March 26,1917 - July 1917. There must be a supreme commander and a dynamic force in back of that command; and in this connection, I call your attention to Major-General L. D. Gasser's remarks in Vol. I, No.4 of the Regional News Letter dated May 5,1942, a copy of which is attached. Please see my talk of April 31942, (which is attached) wherein I told my Council and many members of the

Defense Organization what I expected and demanded if I was to remain their Chairman and if I was elected Commander of the Citizens' Defense Corps. I told all of these people long before there was a war and after we were at war, that I considered myself back in the service although I had no uniform on and that discipline was essential and I had no trouble whatever until Woods thought I was getting too powerful and started in to back-bite me, etc. I told them from the start, that there would be no politics or favoritism shown and I have kept my word. I also told them that where I found that politics was interfering, I would endeavor to put a stop to it.

When the Governor requested me to recommend three persons for the first tire rationing board, I recommended three outstanding Republicans; one of them being the present Republican nominee for the State Legislature. Immediately thereafter, a Democrat came to me and said I was recommending Republicans for all the jobs and I told him very plainly that a man's affiliation meant nothing to me.

Mr. Duhrkoop came down and had lunch with us the first week in August and the following week he and Mr. Borthick came down together and I asked Borthick if he didn't want me to resign as it might be easier for him, but he assured me that he did not but wanted my advice and cooperation. Very shortly after that Mr. R. B. Miller, our County Training Director dropped in to see me and I likewise said the same thing to him and he said he certainly did not want to see me resign. At this time, of course, I did not know what had actually happened so I decided to stay out of the picture for two months until I heard some talk about the contract between Borthick and the County Court, so I secured a copy of the same.

When Borthink and Duhrkoop were here, I told Borthick he would have to be elected by the Council sitting in executive session and I remember now that he didn't enthuse over that but Duhrkoop said, of course, that was necessary so I asked Borthick to call a meeting of the Council, which he did and the meeting was on August 18. After the meeting was over I asked Borthick to write up the minutes very fully and to send me a copy thereof, which he did and I am inclosing the original. I showed these minutes to Mr. Owen and Mr. Hayes but I am sending them copies of the same. After my talk with them I sent word to Mr. Borthick suggesting that he rewrite the minutes so that they would actually reflect what happened at the meeting. We were still on friendly terms, so I thought. I am inclosing copy of the only correction he made, it is attached to the original minutes. I am also inclosing a copy of the minutes which I have just drawn up which do reflect what actually happened at this meeting.

I am trying to give you a picture of what has happened and, as I said above, I blame it all on a few of the crooked and ignominious Democratic politicians in the County and State. In my opinion, their action amounts to subversive activity. Of course, it is an old trick to cause conflict in the ranks as Hitler so well knows. The fact is that something must be done and I am inclosing some correspondence for the purpose of getting some credence with you.

When I talked to Mr. Owen last Saturday, I asked him specifically if he had lost faith in me and he said he had not. I then asked him if he had lost faith in my integrity and he said he had not and I told him it was, therefore, mutual and it made me very happy that it was this way, although people here and elsewhere are telling me that he double-crossed me. He went away to the Civilian Protection School at Seattle the Sunday following my return from there on Thursday.

It is very difficult indeed for me to give you a true picture of the situation and likewise a true picture of myself and I certainly wish that you would direct me to come to San Francisco or to go to Seattle and talk with Mr. Donogh. If you don't care to do this, if you will give me permission to go to Seattle, I will gladly pay my own expenses, as I am greatly concerned over the present condition of this County's Defense Organization.

Woods has turned Borthick against me and that is hurting Borthick tremendously and he is being weak enough to say that I am trying to stir things up, which makes it difficult for him, because people who want to shirk their duty are saying they are not going to get mixed up in rotten politics. This is common gossip.

I was also led to believe at the beginning that Borthick and I were to work together and that is what I have striven for for many months; that is to say, to have a paid coordinator to take the place of John Aschim who was not a paid coordinator but is a fine honorable gentleman and my friend. The worry of Civilian Defense caused him to have a serious illness. He had nothing whatever to do with the organizing and the setting up of orders, etc. but did take care of all the details magnificently and was a man with whom I could talk things over but I never put him on the spot as he was a professional secretary and was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and could not afford to incur the displeasure of people.

Warren McMinimee, the District Attorney, is one of my best friends and a staunch supporter. He is likewise a staunch supporter of Governor Sprague. County Commissioner Lindsay, who is likewise a close friend of the Governor's, calls Mr. McMinimee my "Stooge" and Mr. McMinimee stands for it because he knows that Mr. Lindsay is prejudiced against me. It is true that both of the Republican County Commissioners didn't take the interest which I thought they should take and I so told them and they didn't like it but they turned right around and kept on electing me Commander and Chairman even though I publicly criticized them in my talk of April 3 and in the newspaper articles.

The morning I went to Portland to see the newspapers, I telephoned Jerry and told him what I was going to do and also told him that he had written me some very fine letters, and that although they were not marked personal in any way I would not show them if he did not want me to do so and he stated that he meant everything he said and I could show them to anybody. I told him that I didn't want to take this step but that I had to do something to get some money as that was about the only hitch at that time and he told me to use my own judgment.

Mr. J. M. Humphrey who wrote the newspaper articles, telephoned Jerry after I had interviewed him, so Jerry knew what was being done. Something had to be done and it did a lot of good until Woods took advantage of it. This was my responsibility and I am not putting any part of it on Jerry but I think I had a right to request his opinion, which I have done in many instances and I likewise feel that I have the right to ask your help and advice and you can give me neither until you see the true picture. Where there is some misunderstanding between a County Defense Organization and the State Defense Council, the proper medium is the Regional Office in my opinion.

I can more readily see now why they both hate me and when I say "hate" that is just what I mean.

I am calling a meeting of the Council after Mr. Borthick gets back from the Seattle School and I intend to inform them of the facts, to wit: that Woods, Cronin, Caufield and Latourette were out to get me for removing their man in the Cloverdale Post Office and Caufield from the Tillamook Post Office, and that it is Woods that has caused all this dissention and friction. He wouldn't have brains enough to do it himself nor would Cronin but Latourette and Caufield would. I call your attention to an original letter from Mr. Arthur K. McMahan, who is now president of the Oregon State Bar Association and was Chairman of the Liquor Commission under Governor Martin (Major-General Martin, Retired). Arthur was somewhat of a politician in those days and knew this crowd well. He has since told me that this crowd will now move heaven and earth to get me. They knew that this would hurt me more than anything in the world. Bear in mind that I am not going to sacrifice Civilian Defense in order to retaliate but as Kipling says:-

"If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too:

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If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools."

I believe that Borthick is probably the best man they can get and I would like to see him remain as coordinator and insofar as Borthick and the other County and City Officials are concerned I say this:-

"Forgive his crimes, forgive his virtues too
Those smaller things, half converts to the right

Where I should fit into the picture from now on is what I would like to talk to you about and have your advices.

These/political damn rats, Latourette et al, have made life a perfect hell for my wife and myself for over a year. My wife did all the secretarial work for me from June 1941 when I was elected chairman up until May 1942 when the doctor forbid her to continue because of her health. When war was declared we closed our home

home in Pacific City and lived in Tillamook in the little hotel there until July 1942. Now people tell me that it is being said that she is egging me on to stir this thing up again. It is already boiling over and don't let anyone tell you it isn't.

I tried to get in the Army last January and it wasn't all patriotism that prompted me either, I was trying to honorably get away from this mess. People are saying that I am still a shell-shocked victim, but I am inclosing letters from the Veterans' Hospital which will show that I am 100% and that this work with the trials and tribulations thereto attached hasn't done much more than make a slight dent.

I staked all my wife and I had on Civilian Defense to prove a complete comeback. I feel that I have accomplished this perhaps, but things could have been so different if Borthick and I had been allowed to work together. It is very unfortunate for the people of the County and for the State and the Nation. You know the old saying "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link" and now that Tillamook has a completed Army Airport and a partially completed large Navy Blimp Base I am sure you must feel that something must be done. As you know, this County has a long coastline but what you don't know is that most of these County and City Officials are expecting this war to end any day and have been expecting this ever since it started, and furthermore, that the war will never come to us here. At a meeting several months ago one of the County Commissioners said that it was useless to have a survey of our fire equipment and buy anymore but that we should wait until we are bombed and then we would find out whether we had enough or not. The amount of fire-fighting equipment this County has is set up in our Auxillary Fire Dept. personnel and equipment which is inclosed.

I could tell you so many things, or Mr. Donogh, if I could see either of you personally but my wife is quite ill these days and I shouldn't ask her to write long letters anymore.

In my telephone conversation with Jerry last Saturday, he told me that if the people of Tillamook County didn't protect themselves that he could not do anything about it and if they were bombed and were not properly organized, it was just their hard luck. I told him I did not feel that way about it. I also told him that I felt sure you would not feel that way about it and neither would the Army and Navy, but he disagreed with me.

There is just one more thing that I want to say and that is this - I remember now that County Judge Woods urged me to go to this school and I was worried the whole time I was there as to what was going on and whether he would look after things; in fact, I was afraid he couldn't. He has done nothing whatever toward organizing the Public Works Services and I relieved the Mayor for this very reason. Woods did give me the personnel, etc. and told me that meetings were being held in the North, Central and South ends by his assistants who are the two County

Commissioners and their assistants are the Superintendents of roads at the three County sheds. I find now that nothing has been done with the exception of distributing the arm bands for which I so strenuously fought.

In closing I beseech you to read the inclosures. You see I am used to making statements and proving them. There is just one other point I forgot and that is that I also incurred the hatred of the Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, Victor L. White, who is now a Captain in the State Guard. I relieved him as Chairman of the Aircraft Warning Service and should have done so long before I did. He is not a fit man to even be in a community and the only reason he is chairman is because very few people pay much attention to politics and the higher class of people don't attend meetings of the Central Committee and particularly for the election of officers. White was willing to sacrifice a fine young State Patrol Officer in order to get me. The attached correspondence will so prove this. I can also prove that he would be in the penitentiary a few years ago if several of his friends had not put up the money to keep him out, as he was short in his account with several of the insurance companies he represents. It may surprise you when I tell you that there are quite a few people who know this, yet they allow him to be elected Chairman of a political organization. Bear in mind, they would not vote for him but they permit it. I have had several very prominent people tell me about this and it makes them furious but still they wouldn't do anything about it; in other words, they won't have anything to do with politics. I have never made this statement to anyone before but I have verified it and have talked to people who have broached the subject to me. I know the Governor doesn't know this and he will be surprised to hear it. White was formerly a Captain in the National Guard in Tillamook and resigned I believe around 1927 or 28. White has a nice wife and two fine children and this is the only thing that ever stopped me from apprising the general public because I am in a position to prove it. I am told that he was relieved as Captain of the National Guard and I wrote Jerry Owen about this but he didn't go into it. This man White has done me and the Organization almost as much harm as Woods and Caufield, Cronin and Latourette have. I have about made up my mind that I am tired of being crucified and I think I will come down off the cross. I hate self-made and self-styled martyrs - that class of people and liars are the most despicable persons on earth.

I told Woods that the day sirens were put up he must notify me and Harry Elliott, the Controller, but that he must be sure to notify me so that proper arrangements could be made to put them on the calling list in the Control Center and I find that a number of sirens have been put up after my so-called removal as administrative head and that no arrangements whatsoever had been made to blow them at the places where they were installed and that they were not on the calling list in the Control Center.

I am giving you another instance which just occurred to me. Some months ago Woods asked me if I could not find a place in Civilian Defense for Cronin (Chairman, County Democratic Central Committee and

presently nominee for the State Legislature) and I told him that Cronin should see Brauti who was the Chief at Wheeler where Cronin lives and who ~~xxx~~, as I said before are bitter enemies and the man who Cronin defeated in the last primaries. Of course, Woods had in mind some job in name only.

About the middle of June, however, the matter did come up concerning the lights on the fishing boats at Nehalem Bay and as Cronin is a commercial fisherman, I thought he might possibly be the man for the job so I told Woods about it and he told me he would communicate with Cronin. I also talked with Lieut. Tilker about the matter, he was in command of the detachment in the Armory and other detachments along the Coast, and he, too, thought Cronin would be the man. About ten days before I went to the School, Woods did call me up and told me that Cronin was in his office and would like me to come over there and I told him to have Cronin come over to see me, and much to my surprise he did and approached me very warmly with outstretched hand and said that it was time that he and I were burying the hatchet over politics and I told him that as far as I was concerned things would stand just the way they were insofar as he and I were personally concerned but that this was War and that politics and personal grievances did not enter into the matter and if he wanted a job in Civilian Defense I had one for him. He sat down and I told him what it was and he said he would take it and I then phoned Lieut. Tilker with the idea of taking Cronin down to the Armory to see him but Lieut. Tilker advised me that he was having an inspection at that time and could not possibly see us, so I made arrangements for him to see Cronin at Wheeler within the next day or two. When I came back from Seattle, Lieut. Tilker had been transferred and so had the outfit from the Armory and I have not see either of them since so I do not know what happened; and I have only talked to Woods for about five minutes on the day following my return from school, although I have tried five different times to see him but he always had an excuse. I did call him up from Tom Hyder's on Sunday morning and Mr. Hyder heard the whole conversation but Woods again made excuses and I could not see him. Mr. Hyder is one of the members of the Executive Committee.

About four months ago I thought I would keep extra carbons of the letters I was writing and make copies of any letters I thought were important as I had some sort of an intuition that I was going to be double-crossed eventually. This is why I happen to have carbons and copies of the letters which I am inclosing.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Penn Lewis

Wm. Penn Lewis, Chairman

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cc to Mr. Stanley Rorough