

April 8, 1940

Dear Cameron,

Enclosed are a memo containing quotes from J. Edgar Hoover and Bob Jackson and statements from Senator Wheeler and Congressmen Geyer and Hook.

It was difficult to get more for two reasons: they had adjourned for the day before I could get over; and several liberals would have nothing to do with anything even remotely smelling of Tobey (There is a separate statement from Hook re Tobey if you should, for any reason, want one).

I should like to tell you why Norris and Schwellenbach refused to say anything that would be printed but I haven't time. Don't mention, please, that they declined to comment.

At the end of the memo I made a few suggestions that occurred to me.

The story got an unusually good play in the papers here. Three page-one-d it. The late sports edition of the Times-Herald, under the head "F.D. Rejects Census Prying by Army, Navy", has this lead, "As the census entered its second week, it was revealed today that President Roosevelt had rejected a proposal by intelligence officers of the Navy, War, and Justice Departments to give them access to census records for use in matters involving espionage and national defense". In the early afternoon edition of the Star the story was page one column 3, under the head "Jackson Links 'Other Agency' to Census Row."

If this should reach you a bit late it is because the planes were grounded here.

By the way, the National Negro Congress is holding its convention here in a short while. There is an excellent story in it from what I've heard. John P. Davis, national secretary, has done a sweet job on it. I'd suggest, if you are interested in it, that you get in touch with him. I am sure that he'd be glad to do a piece for you if he could get something for it. If it were not that the organization and Davis were both so hard up I'm certain he'd do it gratis.

I didn't get those extra copies of the magazine last week. I could have put them to good use today because it seems that secretaries in some cases read the magazine before their bosses. It would have been advisable to have left some. Several of the Members to whom I spoke, you will be pleased to know, read and liked the magazine.

If the Harlan strike gets hotter I can give you a piece without too much trouble if you want one.

This took all day. I'll get on the other stuff in the morning.

By the way, the issue of the Times I saw had no story.

Harold.