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TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: August 26, 1957

SUBJECT: DREW PEARSON RADIO BROADCAST
STATION WTOP, WASHINGTON D.C.
6:45 P.M., 8-24-57

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The following items of possible interest were noted: [redacted]

ITEM:

"Hyde Park - Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will leave for Russia next week to spend one month writing a newspaper column on what goes on behind the Iron Curtain."

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COMMENT:

For your information. This has been in the newspapers.

ITEM:

"Detroit - Investigation of the Teamsters and Jimmy Hoffa is now getting headlines all over the nation, but the amazing fact is that much of this same sensational information was being revealed by a House of Representatives Committee just three years ago when suddenly it was stopped. It was stopped by very high-up Republicans; one of them reputed to be in the Eisenhower cabinet, because Hoffa offered to throw his political support to defeat Pat McNamara, Democrat, and re-elect Senator Homer Ferguson, Republican in Michigan. The committee had on it the same sensational information regarding Hoffa's wife and her secret ownership of a trucking firm. Also, the manner in which Hoffa had borrowed money from all sorts of people. But suddenly, despite this amazing information, the investigation was stopped. Several Republican congressmen objected but it was no use. Those who fixed the deal with Hoffa were higher up in the Republican Party than they. I respectfully suggest that Senator McClellan of Arkansas investigate who arranged this scandalous deal with Hoffa which helped to put him in a position to become head of the biggest union in the world next month."

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Special Subcommittee of the House Committee on Education and Labor which were held in Detroit, Michigan, November 23 through 27, 1953. Hoffa appeared as a witness and the hearings were suddenly terminated. A member of the Committee alleged the termination was due to pressure from higher-ups. William McKenna, counsel for the Committee, resigned because of the interference. Pearson has previously indicated in his newspaper column that former Postmaster General Summerfield was the one who applied the pressure.

PREDICTIONS OF THINGS TO COME

"Who will enforce the Civil Rights Bill? Perhaps the most important part of the much debated Civil Rights Bill calls for a new Assistant Attorney General inside the Justice Department to enforce the voting rights of Negroes. The big question is, who will be appointed to this key position. So here is my prediction. I predict he will be Warren Olney, former professor at the University of California, formerly head of the California Crime Commission, where he did a fine job and now chief of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. I also predict there will be great southern opposition to his appointment because Olney is a close friend of Chief Justice Warren."

COMMENT:

For your information.

ITEM:

"Now ladies and gentlemen, some very serious facts which I revealed regarding the jury which acquitted Jimmy Hoffa have now been confirmed under oath. The expenses of Joe Louis, ex-boxing champ, were paid for him to come to Washington and appear in front of the jury. A Teamsters check has been unearthed paying John Cowley, the Detroit public relations man, who placed a full page ad in the "Afro-American" Negro newspaper praising Hoffa as a great friend of the Negro. The "Afro American" even listed the names and addresses of the eight Negro jurors. Actually, Hoffa had been in

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favor of strict segregation between Negro and white truck drivers but despite that, he posed as a friend of the Negro and thanks to paid public relations men, he got away with it. Also, the state senator from Arkansas, Q. Byrum Hurst, was retained by Hoffa to come to Washington and he talked to the brother of the Federal judge who presided over Hoffa's trial. Now, all of these things add up to an apparent attempt to upset our judicial system and to possible contempt of court. In fairness to the judge and to all concerned, therefore, I respectfully urge that the presiding Federal judge of the District of Columbia to start judicial proceedings to ascertain just who tried to upset the time honored long established system of trial by jury; one of the most vital cornerstones in making democracy live."

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