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Senator Harley M. Kilgore
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Kilgore:

On the occasion of my more or less recent visit to Washington when I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance I garnered one very definite idea and that was first and foremost you were a pretty good American. It struck me that you didn't pull any punches and that if your investigations showed that something was wrong you did what you could to correct the condition.

One thing in the present War Program that comes pretty close to us strikes me as being pretty badly out of line. The Government is in the process of building four large chlorine and alkali plants at Huntsville, Alabama, Edgewood, Maryland, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and I think the other location is Las Vegas. These plants will increase the production of caustic soda in this country several hundred tons per day whereas we and every other caustic plant in the country are storing from 25% to 50% of our daily production because there is no sale for it. These same plants will increase the production of chlorine in this country in a large degree whereas the War Board is having a hard time taking the chlorine that is now being produced.

The plants in question are taking large quantities of all of the various needed metals as well as labor and all of the other things that are needed elsewhere for the prosecution of the war. I wonder if someone like yourself laid the facts before Mr. Nelson whether he would not be disposed to call halt.

With best regards, I am

Very truly yours,

D. W. Stubblefield
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President.

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