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Dear Sonny,

I have your last letter. Yes, I hope you see Ryan soon. It is well to find out just what the University has to offer and what they expect, although I thought that was what you made the trip up there for during your last visit here.

This morning, Sunday, I got up early and took Pop to 6 o'clock mass and then to work. Then picked him up at 4 p.m., brought him home and later took him out to his girl friend's house for the traditional dinner. So you see I'm a busy boy.

I shall go back to Jefferson City this week and come back for Thanksgiving. Pop has invited me out--provided I buy the Turkey.

A second grand jury is being called here to probe anti-trust violations. I suppose that is why O'Malley is here. If possible I shall see him. It might be well to look into what they are doing. Pointers, you know. There's inter and ours is intra-state commerce, so I can see no conflict.

Your Woolf Brother bill came and I am enclosing it.

Most of last week was spent in Jefferson City. I came back last Friday. This liquor case is a tough one. A bad one to start on for several reasons, and I find it hard to do anything. It all amounts to one of those twilight violations that could go either way. The General is getting impatient. Wants action. But in the same breath he says he doesn't want to proceed unless he can win it. And I can't promise that. So I plan to lay out the facts and law before ^{him} and, together with my opinion, he can call the play.

Vernon Moore wrote me a letter saying he had seen the Attorney General here during the Boyle dinner and was informed by him of my appointment as head of the anti-trust. My title is Chief of the Anti-trust Division which gives me another Chiefdom again, ain't it?

Two things will happen here soon that should give me some publicity. The General is going to announce the creation of the anti-trust office and I shall officially donate the records of the Japanese Trial to the University. Shortly after my first prosecution I shall announce my candidacy for Congress from this district. From then on they will at least know I am in town again. -----Of course, I'm running on the Republican ticket. I am unable to reconcile my membership in the Democratic Party with the prostitution of every principle of Americanism I hold dear. The emasculation of our political and moral freedom through the juvenile administration of a group of graduates of the nasty and corrupt school of cut-throat bossism leaves no patriotic citizen a choice of future action. Let those merchants of catastrophe sell their insidious wares to those who would indict our fundamental liberties and imprison our essential freedoms. I, myself, shall buy none of it! Moreover! I shall shout my defiance from the pulpit of the man-on-the street, the altars of our houses of worship! Yes, and again yes! I shall charge them with their transgressions to their power distorted faces with the cry of Infamy! (Save this letter and collect some blackmail if Harry ever offers me a job)

That's all

John