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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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Dear George:

Thanks for your recent letter on the K.F.I. matter. So far the action taken has been a Resolution signed by ten of the California Representatives, which was inserted in the Record, and sent to Earle C. Anthony. I will enclose a copy of the Record, for you to examine the insertion. Mr. Anthony wired me, and stated that "we will very shortly give you detailed information". I am awaiting receipt of this information, and copies of the Los Angeles papers who have carried the stories given out. My action is not ended, for I am determined to do whatever I can, to see that this dangerous policy is reversed.

The Federal Communications Commission can do little at this time. Frankly, it is best for them not to use extra-legal means. The result cannot be accomplished over-night, much as I would like it to be. My advise, and I have it on good authority, is to address as many protests as possible to K.F.I., individual letters, with a copy of each sent to F.C.C., for the Station's files here in Washington. When, in November, 1946, the License of the Station is up for renewal, all this will count against it. Meantime, it is possible that the adverse publicity and public resentment, may force the management to reject this policy of 'undigested' news.

I think your meetings on this issue are very worthwhile. I hope they are completely non-partisan. We should not, I don't think, refer only to Wilder, de Lima and Balter, excluding Rodriguez-Sutherland and A. T. Blackstone. It was on the principle of the issue that the members signed the Resolution; and I am sure you will agree that the principle is important, above personalities, if we want this to be a test-case for all other prospective policy changers.

To boil the whole thing down, the best thing to do at the moment is to keep the resentment running high. Any kind of fuss over the matter that can be aroused in Los Angeles may influence the Station's management.

Good luck, and keep the KFIres burning.

Sincerely yours,

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