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(Dictated 11/22/21)

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HON. HERBERT HOOVER,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For your confidential information, I am attaching copy of letter from Mr. B. F. Affleck, President, Universal Portland Cement Company, dated November 15th.

I do not know Mr. Scott, but on the suggestion of Mr. Affleck and provided it meets with your approval, it might be well to appoint him on our Committee. You will note Mr. Affleck's statement that so far as he knows Mr. Scott is not a party to any of the pending proceedings. You might wish to have this definitely determined.

Very truly yours,

Ernest T. Trigg

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November 15, 1921.

Mr. Ernest T. Trigg,
322 Race St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Trigg:

Yours of November 8 reached my office during my absence. I appreciate the compliment implied in your suggestion that I act as a member of Mr. Hoover's committee representing the cement industry, but would much prefer not to serve, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Hoover feels a delicacy concerning my status.

It so happens that nearly every company and nearly every individual of prominence in the cement industry is either under indictment or a defendant in an equity case in some part of the country, some companies and some individuals being defendants in as many as five or six different proceedings. One of these proceedings was an equity case against 19 companies doing business in the east, which case was nearly two years old, was dismissed on October 28. The defendants were ready to proceed, but the Government was not, hence the court at the request of the defendants dismissed the case. One or more of the other cases may go to trial in the near future. But I feel safe in predicting that the Government will lose. There is no evidence of violation of any law.

One gentleman who, as far as I know, is not a party to any of these proceedings is B. T. Scott, President of the Tidewater Portland Cement Co., Baltimore, Md. Perhaps you know him. Mr. Scott is thoroughly qualified to serve on this committee and I would like to see him appointed, if he is willing to take the time.

With best wishes for the success of this work, I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

(Signed) B. F. Affleck,
President.

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November 26, 1921.

Mr. Ernest T. Trigg,
John Lucas & Co.,
322-30 Race Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Trigg:

Mr. Hoover asks me to thank you in his behalf for the suggestion contained in your letter of November 23rd, in which you enclose a communication from Mr. S. P. Affleck.

Sincerely yours,

Richard S. Emmet,
Secretary to Mr. Hoover.

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