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February 20, 1945

Mr. W. M. Leise
8 West Brady Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Judge:

I was certainly pleased upon my return to Washington to find your letter of the 9th instant.

It is always refreshing to hear you speak publicly, converse with you personally or to receive a dissertation through the mail.

For fear you may have overlooked my individual views on the May labor conscription bill, I am enclosing a copy of my reasons for voting against this measure.

Now Judge, don't hesitate to write me whenever you think of a suggestion that might be helpful to me, for I need the advice of men of like experience to yours.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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February 12, 1945

Mr. M. M. Leise
8 West Brady Street
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Leise:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of February 9th which has arrived in the temporary absence of Congressman Schwabe, who is in Oklahoma for a few days.

You may be sure, however, that I shall direct your most interesting letter to the Congressman's attention immediately upon his return to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. A. L. Warren, Secretary to
The Honorable George B. Schwabe

Tulsa Oklahoma.

February 9, 1945.

Gonorable George B. Schwabe
Member of Congress,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear George;--

I am happy to inform you that I am regularly receiving the Congressional Record for all of which I do indeed thank you.

I do enjoy every bit of it for the great reserve of information, that everyone should have, which really keeps us at home fully informed and abreast of the times.

I have been observing with much interest the debate regarding this new man-power-bureaucratic-control mess that was so ably debated in the House. And I do congratulate you for your vote on the bill. A few moments ago I was reading under the issue of February 5th, House Member Knutson of Minnesota speech on this subject, but his speech directed especial attention to the removal of the man power from the farms to the army and elsewhere. In this position he is correct. A very dangerous situation confronts the country by following and continuing such a policy. I have grave fears that irreparable damage has been done. I am warning all my friends to be prepared to meet a real food shortage in this country during the coming autumn and winter. I personally know of too much land that will lie idle this summer for the sole reason that all the competent help has been removed therefrom. As one farmer wrote me who operates a large farm in Iowa, "that there will be twelve thousand bushells of corn, and a car load of hogs, and a car load of cattle missing from his farm this fall, which shortens the national bread basket to this extent". All because the government has taken 9 able and young men from his farm. They cannot be replaced. And the taking of the boys is continuing. Some boys who are not yet 18 years of age but will be in a couple of months, are being gazed upon and spotted like prey for the buzzards when they reach their 18th year. Rushed from food production to non-food production. This situation is grave in the extreme. The fault lies in the government departments. The remedy lies with Congress. May God give wisdom and courage to this Congress to thwart this short sighted policy of the government.

Wishing you the very best in your present activities, I remain
With very kind personal regards,

Very respectfully yours,

W. M. Leise
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8 West Brady Street.