

June 15, 1926

Mr. John W. Martyn,
Office of the Secretary of War,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Martyn:

I am writing you at the suggestion of ex-Secretary Baker to whom I had applied for a copy of a certain letter which I want for use in a piece of biographical work which I have on hand - the Life of Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation.

The letter in question was written, soon after the breaking out of the War, by Mr. F. A. Scott of the War Industries Board. It suggests, as I understand, that the Secretaries of the War and Navy Departments appoint a committee to consider price fixing. A meeting was held, I know, but what I need, in order to get the chronology of the affair straight is this letter of Mr. Scott's. If there is such a letter in your files, could I have a copy?

As Mr. Baker has himself suggested that I write you, I am hoping that you will regard my request favorably and will see no impropriety in giving me the information that I am after.

Thanking you in advance for any help you may give me in the matter, believe me

Sincerely yours,