

"Dear Mr. President", Alamance County, North Carolina, January or February 1942

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Cut A1

C. R. Jabbers: C. R. Jabbers, Elon College, North Carolina. Mr. President, it seems foolish for me to try to tell a man as smart as you are something he doesn't already know. I'm only a painter, of course, so was Hitler, but I make my living by working and instead of murdering and robbing other people. I've thought and I've had a lot of ideas rather, in different times and I thought I would mention and did think of writing to you, but in the course of twenty-four hours it usually comes out in print showing that you had thought of it before I had.

I'd like to mention a few things though, that is on my mind. That is, I think it would be nice if to put defense factories in every locality as near as possible. Especially through the Carolinas. Here, Americanism is about one hundred percent and you can entrust anyone here to guard anything from a spy to United States mint.

I think that's about all ???.

Cut A2

Larestein Wagoner: Larestein Wagoner, Route 4, Burlington, NC. Mr. President, I'm just a carpenter and you hear quite a lot on the job about the war and it seems that if the rest of the USA is as much with you as we are just give us a job and we'll do it. For we can't take a chance with this country of ours and the freedom we have.

Cut A3

T. O. Sharp: My name is T. O. Sharp, Burlington, North Carolina. Mr. President, just to say I never was so proud of my country as I am today.

Now you can say I can ??? it. [*said to interviewer*]

Cut A4

T. O. Sharp: This is T. O. Sharp, Burlington, North Carolina. Mr. President, just to say I never was so proud of my country as I am today. I consider it the greatest privilege of my life to have a part in winning the act which we have undertaken. I do not term it a sacrifice on my part, but an opportunity

to render service second to that honor of Christ dying on the cross in [earnest (?)] of mankind. There is no doubt of final victory.

Cut A5

Herman Shepherd: This here is Herman Shepherd talking. I run a little service station and grocery store, and my address is Burlington, Route 4. Naturally I hear a lot of people talking and the main subject is about the war. Everybody seems mighty calm and taking it mighty easy.