

"Dear Mr. President", Galena and Crane, Missouri, January or February 1942

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Morgan Southridge: My name is Morgan Southridge, superintendent of schools at Crane, Missouri. My dear Mr. President, I want to pledge to you and Congress the allegiance of our school to your program. I am sure the schools of America will go with you one hundred percent. As we are with you in this fight, we want you to remember that the schools are an important institution in our democracy and that we must continue the school's program.

Recently, there has been much discussion relative to the elimination of the NYA. Our school has participated in that program for a number of years and have found it helpful. However, I believe that part of it can be eliminated as an economy measure. However, I would recommend that the college age for students who wish to go to college would not be eliminated.

Another phase of your program which I want to commend is the school lunch and garden project program which was inaugurated a few years ago. We participated in that program last year and have found that we can furnish to our underprivileged boys and girls one good meal a day. We are participating in that program again next year and nearly all of the schools of our county will participate with us.

Until recently, I have been reluctant to accept your foreign policies. However, as events unfold, you are being proven right and I wrong. I have recently read *Berlin Diary*. This book has done much to change my opinions and show me the objectives of Hitlerism. I believe everyone should read this book.

Now in conclusion, may I again pledge my allegiance for myself and my community to your program. I thank you.

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