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Mr. James J. Nolan,
1095 South Liberty St.,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of a communication from Secretary Thomas of the Joint Council in your city, a copy of which I enclose herewith for your information.

I would advise that you have your local union attend the meetings of the Joint Council, and that you yourself be in attendance whenever it is possible. You realize that yourself, as an international officer, is expected to set a good example to the other men and for that reason I would advise, that regardless of what your feelings may be in the matter, that you attend the Council meetings and assist in carrying on the work of that organization.

I received of this letter kindly let me know the situation in your city, and whether or not there is any personal difference at the present time existing between yourself and Organizer McCall.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, and with best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

General Secretary-Treasurer.
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

Local Union No.

New Orleans, Oct 16, 1914

Thomas Hughes, Dear Sir and Bro.

I received your letter of the 14th and was surprised to that Bro. J. Hughes can not keep his books correct. I will say that some of the officers with outsiders have the local up side down on account of the trouble at the convention; since I arrived home one of the said officer's stop the local from having a regular meeting by ordering the hall closed over the head of the President with in my self and will say that it is useless for me to demand the books or even to try to show him how to keep them. He will pay no attention to me and my orders. About the communication I received from you asking me is there any personal feeling between Mr. Skill and my self I will say yes there always was as you know there was and under your order and advise I have said nothing to no one about the ill feeling that exists between me and him and since I have bin home
from the convention; he has went among the rank and file of my organization to put me out of the movement, and would advise that you send some one else come your self because I think it is the best for local. If you have to remove all the officers for the well fare of the local.

Your Friend

Geo. A. Welch

P. S. Now don't you know that I am a man that does not want to talk about any one, but I make this statement to you for my own protection; because I know that a still tongue makes a wise heart.
Sept. 12, 1916.

Mr. James A. Welch,
1805 S. Liberty Street,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am in receipt of your favor of Sept. 10th, and will say, that I have sent today to Secretary Brown of your local union, a copy of our cash and day book, so that he may be able to understand the way the books of the local union should be kept. I do not see any reason why he should write the General office, however. If he could consult you or one of your local officers, I think it would be of much value in doing that work in your locality. It seems to me we could not all the necessary information.

I regret very much to hear that men, who were delegates to the last convention, are interfering with the business of your local union. You, as President of the local union, have no right to allow any one, regardless of who he may be, to interfere with the business of your organization, unless they have been instructed to do so by the General office, and to my knowledge, no such instructions have ever left Indianapolis. You are President of the local union and should rule as such while you are holding that position. I do not care who it is, whether an official of our National organization, or not, they have no business to butt into the affairs of your organization, or to create
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Any annoyance or trouble in our or any other local union in that city.

I regret very much that I shall not be able to send any one to your city at this time, or go myself. You realize that I have considerable work to do here, in changing the names on patterns, and other matters, essential, I would gladly visit your clothes for a few days and see every the entire situation.

I trust that you will do your best in the future, as you have done in the past, to uphold your position as President of Local 63 and as a National Trustee. Any information that I can give you or any assistance, you can rely on me, as you have always done in the past.

Trusting that this letter finds yourself and family in the best of health, and with best wishes, permit me to remain,

Sincerely yours,

General Secretary-Treasurer.