

Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, Texas,  
May 16th, 1929.

Mr. M. T. Durkin,  
Managing Editor,  
Times-Picayune,  
New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dear Mr. Durkin:

Herewith is a news item I hope you can handle effectively. W. E. Gill, Secretary Crowley Chamber of Commerce, has put out a circular letter that is recklessly false. Don't know just what he is driving at but irresponsible statements not corrected do harm.

I wrote the longer statement first as a detailed reply then decided it was too long. Am enclosing it as information. If the Gill-Dupont tactics continue the men who are doing so much will stop in disgust. The motorcade to San Diego and the convention plans are in a healthy condition. If a second and bigger motorcade can now go across the OST invaluable fraternity and cooperation will result.

Sincerely,

Harrah Ayres,  
Managing Director.

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