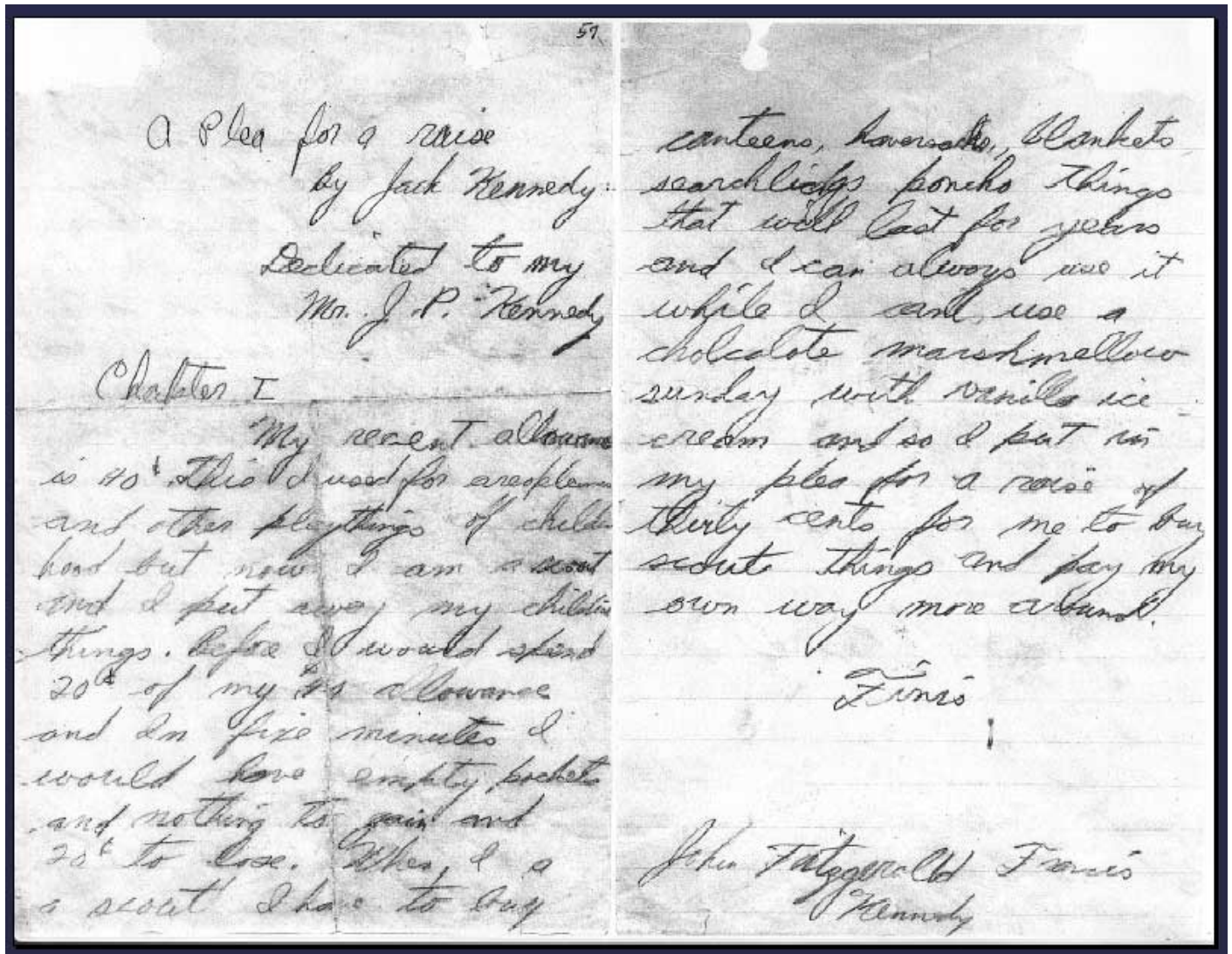


JFK Asks for a Raise in his Allowance for Scouting



John Fitzgerald Francis Kennedy, President of the United States, was a Scout in Troop 2 in the Bronxville, NY from 1929 to 1931. This letter was written when he was 12 years old in 1929.

A Plea for a raise
By Jack Kennedy
Dedicated to my
Mr. J. P. Kennedy

Chapter I

My recent allowance is 40¢. This I used for areoplanes and other playthings of childhood but now I am a scout and I put away my childish things. Before I would spend 20¢ of my \$4.00 allowance and in five minutes I would have empty pockets and nothing to gain and 20¢ to lose. When I a scout I have to buy canteens, haversacks, blankets, searchlights [searchlights] ponchos things that will last for years and I can always use it while I cant use a chocolate marshmallow sunday with vanilla ice cream and so I put in my plea for a raise of thirty cents for me to buy scout things and pay my own way more around.

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John Fitzgerald Francis Kennedy