

April 17, 1940

Mr. A. D. Fairbanks
United States Marshal
Denver, Colorado

My dear Marshal Fairbanks:

Your letter of April 4, 1940, was received during my absence from the city.

I have given considerable thought to this question of special visits to Thomas J. Pendergast while he is in our custody and I really do not believe we should depart from our regulations in this case. It could only bring criticism upon him and upon us.

Pendergast has less than a month and a half yet to serve and it would seem to me that after that Mr. Smith should have many opportunities to call upon his old friend and I should think he would prefer to do this rather than run the risk of bringing any further criticism upon his head.

I hope you are well. The Cherry Blossoms are out now and Washington is at its best. I am afraid you made your visit here a little too soon, if you wanted to really enjoy Washington.

With best regards,
Sincerely yours,

Director.

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