

April 1, 1935.

Mr. R. McD. Smith,  
Slater, Mo.

Dear Mac:

Thank you so much for your fine letter and for talking to that party. I think I had better just let the matter ride for the present. It will probably take care of itself when he knows more definitely which way the wind is blowing. In the meantime: lets treat him in a friendly fashion so that he won't get a "bur under his tail"

Thanks very much for sending the Kansas City clipping. Everything is coming along fine. Of course I didn't throw my hat in the ring or do any announcing. It is too early yet for that. I don't know that newspaper man put that out but I guess it won't hurt. Everything certainly looks good. I had a fine visit in Washington with ail the Missouri Congressmen, and especially Bennett, Harry Truman and Rube Wood. (This is confidential).

I was mighty glad to learn that Bennett and the Kansas City boys are pulling together so well. Harry Truman and Bennett are working just like a team of horses, they tell me, and they are both friendly toward us.

I suppose you heard about the luncheon that Clarence gave for me while I was in Washington. He invited all the Missouri Congressman, and of course they all came. By the way, it was the first time the Senators had come to any of their luncheons, Clarence said.

Remember, Mao, that the contents of this letter must be kept confidential, and I think you should burn it up when you have read it.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,  
LLOYD C. STARK.  
LCS:P