

April 20, 1936.

Hon. Jimmy Hurst,
Equipment Director,
Federal Works Progress Administration,
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dear Jimmy:

I am just back from a trip to Oklahoma, and am glad to have your fine letter postmarked the 10th. I am writing Andy Murphy to see you, as I cannot very well put on paper anything regarding matters in which you are interested. If he doesn't call you, you run down to see him as we would not want anything to go wrong at this stage of the game, either in our "wagon", or that of the Democratic Party.

I deeply appreciate everything you told me in your letter, as well as everything that has come before. I was pleased to know what T.J. said about my going into the "Army" instead of the "Navy". You might tell him sometime that Jimmy P. and I were not more than a thousand yards apart when we went "Over the Top" at the beginning of the big drive on September 26th, 1918, over in France. I was on the top of "Dead Men's Hill" and Jimmy was over to the right of me in the 35th Division.

I have made note of that St. Joseph telephone call you mentioned.

My present plans are that I am going to try to complete all these printing jobs, catalogs, etc. about the middle of May. It will take me several days to write my speech for May 20th, and after that it will be no more Nursery business and nothing but Democratic politics, and it will be a good idea to go around and shake hands with all the boys in Kansas City, as you suggest, but I believe it will be best to wait until T.J. comes home to get his idea as to the best way to handle it, don't you?

I am making a note on Johnnie Gulley's card as to what you say about him.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

LLOYD C. STARK.

LCS.PMC

P.S. Since writing the above, I have your other letter saying the damage has been done.

L.C.S.