

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, December 6, 1937

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Dear Bess:- This is a gloomy and a very chilly morning. I wore my heavy coat on my walk. It looks as if it may snow. I guess we are about due. It wouldn't surprise me if it doesn't save up a good one for us when we start back to Washington Jan 1.

I had dinner with Jim Nugent last night. He is a very clever person and I like him but just the same he's a railroad lobbyist. He was very careful not to ask me any very leading questions but I could tell that he is here for the C.M. & St. Paul because he knew me. I'll take all the dinners he has to put out and then do what I think is

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right. I can see no harm in talking to any one-no matter what his background. In fact I think everyone has a right to be heard if you expect to get all the facts. Of course it is the job of some people to befog the issue and cover up the facts. I don't put Jim in that class.

I'm having dinner with Vic and another old lobbyist tonight-Colonel Stephenson by name. He's with the Pennsylvania Railroad and a very agreeable gentleman, but I am sure I know what he wants-but in spite of that I'll have a very pleasant evening discussing national defense.

Will try to see some furniture this afternoon if the Senate doesn't work too late. Kiss Margey, love to you, Harry.