

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, July 22, 1939

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Washington D.C.

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Dear Bess:- Got your Thursday letter last night and was most happy to have it. I suppose Joe McGee just wants someone to rehash his troubles with. They are investigating what they term the insurance racket. McGees have had a monopoly on the City and County business for thirteen years, so he may be worried. I'm rather glad I'm poor, except for the inconvenience to my wife and daughter.

Brice Smith called me yesterday and asked me to go down to the War Dept. and get him an army engineer for director of Public Works. Johnson is in Calif. and Woodring is a K.C. Star man and it wouldn't do to talk to the Pres about it. I guess I'm going to have to talk to Woodring. Personally, I think it's a good idea.

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Went out to dinner last night with Jim Nugent and Henry Depping and some lawyer for the Rock Island R.R. from Chicago and his girl. She came from No'th Ca'lina and it took her ten minutes to say it. Depping is a Republican and one of the inner circle in K.C. He told me he'd try to get enough Republican candidates into the Senatorial race so they wouldn't vote in my primary. That'll help. Mr. Ted Alford called me and told me that he'd been informed by his paper that I could beat Stark. Somewhat of an admission I'd say.

Wheeler and I have been in a conference on the Chandler Bill. That's the one for the B. & O. R.R. Have to meet this morning and this afternoon.

Sure too bad about Bob Wells. Hope he takes it standing up and I think he will.

Kiss Margey. Love to you. Harry.