

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, July 24, 1939

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Washington D.C.

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Dear Bess:- Well just to keep the record 100 percent I'm writing this morning in spite of the fact that I won't get a letter and even though it may be lost. Paul Nachtman came in this morning from the B. & O. train and we had breakfast together. He ate a farm hand's breakfast. Said he quit smoking and had gained forty pounds. Maybe that's the reason the present-day gals pay so much tribute to George Washington Hill of the American Tobacco Company. They are trying to keep thin. Paul bought me a St. Louis Globe Democrat in which was an article by Harve Duvall, their able political writer stating that Stark had grabbed credit that really belongs to Milligan, that Milligan would make a better candidate than Stark for Senator etc. Well he would.

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I don't want Milligan to run unless he and Stark run together. That would be too good.

Well you had a change of heart, didn't you? The letter came. Millie came running in with it and said she hoped she could keep her job another day. I always threaten to fire 'em all if I don't get a letter. She'll write you about the Pepper Bill. It probably won't pass at this session. We are now trying to adjourn on the second. Barkley wants to get home to vote in the Kentucky primary on the fifth. They are nominating a governor this time.

Perry hasn't come back and there's no prospect that he will soon. Understand he calls Mrs. R. regularly and if he doesn't she does. How's that? I guess my last letter to Uncle Willie scraped his conscience. Will read the Friday editorial. The Star editorial on Canfil was to keep him from being appointed. They haven't sent Henry's name down yet. Kiss Marge, love to you, Harry.