

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, August 23, 1939

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Pickwick Hotels [Kansas City, Mo.] Aug. 23, 1939.

Dear Bess:-

Just made my speech and am getting ready to go to Nevada in the morning. Was to have gone to Grandview but it is too late so I phoned 'em I'd stay here. The speech went over with a bang. Got an ovation going and coming. Mr. Clark accepted but failed to appear as usual. Told Jim P. he'd be in this afternoon but didn't come. These R.R. men are for me 100%. It's a good thing I came.

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I very nearly had heart failure when I went to Frank's to get the car keys this morning. Some colored gal was ironing and she told me that Miss Natalie had gone to the hospital with Mrs. Geo. Wallace, who was having an operation. I found the keys on the dining room table and went to the hospital as fast as the wheels would go around and found Natalie, George, Cann S. and Mrs. Palette. May was in the operating room having hemorrhoids removed.

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Saw George this afternoon and he said she came out all right and there was nothing to worry about. Thought maybe I'd better not go see her - it might be embarrassing although we could trade experiences. I was glad it was nothing worse. Break the news as gently as you can.

Saw Mr. Mayer just as I was going into the hotel to speak. He's leaving tonight. Will see you Saturday or Sunday. Will wire when I leave. Kiss Margie. Best to everyone. Harry.

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Natalie said she and Frank expected to make the trip if Weatherford got well. Will see 'em all again on Friday.

See what I got from Farley. Don't throw it away. I want to keep it.

Tell Margie I hope they cash this with Colorado money.