

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, October 1, 1939

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Carroll Arms Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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Dear Bess: Your special was waiting for me when I got in at 1 P.M. today. I hope you and Margie made a successful trip by bus. Sorry I didn't get the car business done before I left home. Sometimes it looks as if everything I start and every statement I make is the wrong one. Mr. Shoop asked me about those deputies and I told him I knew nothing about them and I didn't suppose they'd consult me and if they did they wouldn't mean it. And then the result. So it doesn't make much difference what you say and you can rest assured that from now on they'll

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willfully misconstrue everything I do and that I suppose is a part of the game. The terrible things done by the high ups in K.C. will be a lead weight to me from now on, and I've just got to win anyhow and make 'em like it. You didn't enclose the clippings - but I suppose they were not favorable.

My trip to Richmond didn't result in much sleep. I went to bed at 5 P.M. and woke up at 10 P.M. There was a dance in the hotel and they raised the roof until 1 A.M. Got up at seven and came back to Washington in the rain. I'm glad you had one too.

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How do you like my new paper. It is pouring down rain and I thought I'd not dress up and go back to the office to write as I usually do. I'm about to run out of my good stationary anyway. Glad you called mamma. The articles in the Star make her very angry.

Stark is in town but I haven't seen him. Neither has anyone else.

Kiss Margie. Love to you. Harry.