

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, October 19, 1939

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Dear Bess:- Was glad to get your Tuesday letter on time. One also came from Margaret and Mary Jane. Mildred said she thought that deserved a raise. I'm always threatening to fire them if they don't find me a letter from you in the mail. The blanket suggestion and linen from Margaret could hardly be improved upon. As I told you yesterday your judgment in those things is far above mine. Don't give 'em Community Silver, though I don't have to tell you that.

Hope the bridge ladies didn't pan your last years clothes too much.

Rufus Burrus left yesterday and then Frank Lee pulled out and now Vic Stein is in town. He's a good Jew, however who thinks that I'm the greatest Senator

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ever. He's very fond of Jim Pendergast. Said they'd been raising so much cain lately in K.C. that he had to take a trip to clear his head.

It is some job writing a speech for Chicago, one for the 35th Division Reunion and entertaining all these guests and trying to get thirty thousand envelopes addressed and sent.

Mr. Rush Holt entertained the Senate yesterday and Joe Guffey and I studied the various strains of thoroughbred horses at Laurel (in the interest of agriculture you understand). I lost most of my Saturday's winnings but we had a grand time and didn't have to listen to Rush.

You'll probably have a telegram from me to meet me at the airport the day you get this.

Kiss Margie. Love to you Harry.