

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, July 23, 1935

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Dear Bess:

Well I wish I hadn't called you. I wanted to see you and Margey so badly after I'd talked to you that I almost played baby. It was a fine thing to listen to you anyway. We'll never do this again. We've got to work out some way to make ends meet and have a place to live in Washington. I'm thinking about moving August 1 because I'm paying twice too much rent. I see places advertised every day from \$40.00 to \$55.00 that would be just as nice as where I pay that much every two weeks.

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You need not send the book Nellie brought over. I'm hoping to read it if I ever get a chance. Yes I was at Strickler's house for dinner. Keene's stayed at the LaFayette. I only saw them the one time.

About that 1424 apartment. I don't think they'd split it but the one way. Dan Nee, of course, would like to be governor but I am doubtful of his making the race. While Pendergast and Clark are friendly now, I'm of the opinion that they won't stay that way if Clark gets a notion he's strong enough to overturn the machine. If he had the governor, he could do it. Pendergast isn't so dumb, but while he has the whole show now he knows he can't

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keep it forever. Clark, as you know, is a potential candidate for the White House in 1940. He's been trying to be a radical conservative. That, you know, is some job. Pendergast hasn't made up his mind yet who will be governor. He'll announce it sometime soon. If the man is smart and politically minded he can say who Clark's successor will be and can deliver the 1940 delegation at the national convention. Clark is in St. Louis now opening a law office. You know he's just as hard up as we are but his wife doesn't know it. He played utility stocks in

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Insull's heyday and lost. He told me he had to borrow all he could get to keep out of the courts and that he was still doing it. So he's opening this law office to try and make some money honestly. I think Clark's ethics are of the highest order and I'm sure that's one reason he's busted.

Well you'd better put this in a safe place because it may not work out that way. Don't let any of our job holders work you into any political hole. I know you're too smart to let 'em do it. Your White House press interview showed you're a genius. Just keep it up. Kiss Margey, love to you, Harry