

October 2, 1941

Hon. Harry S. Truman,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The enclosed clipping is from the Armstrong Herald of October 2, 1941.

Colonel Bob Walton was in to see as a few days ago and to is very anxious that something be done as quickly as possible to reorganize the Democratic party. He expressed to me practically the same sentiments as expressed in the enclosed clipping. It is my judgment that the reorganization steps should be taken as quickly as you can conveniently do so.

I don't think there is much question but that the democracy of Missouri is largely looking to you to take the lead in reorganizing the party which everyone fully recognizes must be done before we can hope to redeem this state for the party, I think it will be further recognized that if you assume the leadership that you will not be attempting to serve any selfish purpose but only to serve your party. Ho other man in the state occupies the strategic position that is now yours.

I am writing to Colonel Walton to send me two extra copies of his paper of October 2nd. What I have in mind is sending this same clipping to my good friend Wayne Coy who, as you know, is one of the President's secretaries. I have in mind telling Coy about our precarious position and about the prospects of losing additional congressmen from this state. I am in hopes that this may result in the President showing you a little more consideration.

If for any reason you consider it unwise for me to write Coy, please advise me to that effect. Otherwise I shall write him a letter and will send you a copy for your information.

With personal regards and best wishes I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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