

December 17, 1941

Senator Harry S. Truman, 4701 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.,  
Apartment 209,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Our mutual friend Bill Kitchen was driving home last Sunday evening when the steering knuckle on his automobile broke, causing him to lose control of his car. The auto went into a tree on the parkway and Bill was seriously but not critically injured. He is in Monarch Hospital with four fractured ribs, an injured nose and a badly bruised arm. His eyes are discolored but I understand there is no injury to the eyes. He will probably be in the hospital for two or more weeks at least.

I was out to see him last night at the hospital and he asked me to forward to you the two enclosed letters from Mrs. Charles W. Tillett, Assistant Chairman of the Democratic National Committee to Mrs. Louise Grant Smith at St. Louis and the letter from Louise Grant Smith to Bill here at Kansas City. The letters are self-explanatory. Bill wanted me to be sure to get these letters off to you this morning by Air Mail and I am following his instructions.

Harry, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all that you did in seeking say appointment as a judge of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Even though we were unsuccessful in our attempt I want you to know that I certainly appreciate your efforts in my behalf.

I assume that you will return to Kansas City for the holidays, but in any event I desire to wish both Mrs. Truman and yourself a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable New Year, this even in spite of the war emergency in which we find ourselves.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very cordially,

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