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Independence, Missouri

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Mr. J. C. Nichols 310 Ward Parkway Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Nichols:

I regretted exceedingly having to leave the other night before the party really got started. I came around to tell you that I was leaving, but you were in the midst of a song portraying the inability of Mr. Bell to be as good as he used to be, and I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to you. I had to be in Columbia at 10:30, and I just barely made it as it was.

I am very interested in making Kansas City the oil capital of the United States. As you know, Kansas City ought to be the oil capital, the air capital and the main agricultural market, both grain and livestock, for the whole country, and I have been doing everything I can to bring that about since I have been in the Senate. However, cooperation from Kansas City hasn't been what it ought to be.

I will be glad to talk with you about the oil situation, as I am very much interested in it.

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman

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