

New York City

June 16 1943

Ltd. Comdr. Harold Stassen
Fort Schuyler, New York

Dear Mr. Stassen: -

Our morning service is held at 11 A.M. We will have these services each Sunday during June and July.

Fort Schuyler is about three miles from my church and one of the men in our congregation will be glad to drive his car out there to bring you to the church.

If you can come I suggest that you notify me by phone - UNDERHILL 3 4881 - as to the date and one of my friends will call to get you. Let us know at what point he is to pick you up at the Fort.

Our church is located about seven miles from the Waldorf Astoria. After the service we would drive you to the Lexington Avenue subway which would take you near the hotel.

I am enclosing a copy of the most recent issue of our parish paper. In this issue we made a special effort to furnish news about our young men who are in service

Sincerely

Edward J. Carson

1504 Metropolitan Avenue

Van Nest Presbyterian Church

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6/16

Dear Harold:-

Edmo Roper had a severe case of pneumonia this spring and writes that he has planned his week ends up to that of July 10-11 with a view to getting the rest he badly needs. Says that he could more easily meet you some week day evening but I have explained the impossibility of that from your standpoint and have suggested that he get in touch with you direct. I had that that a Honeywell matter might take me East again and that I could join you but I am now hopeful of a solution without the need of a trip.

Edmo reports that in a recent stay in Washington he found eager acceptance among his friends of the idea of the get together but fully understands as do I your reasons for feeling it unwise. I do hope you two can meet however for I have great respect for his type of thinking and the acquaintance might well bear fruit.

You might be interested to hear how often during my two weeks in the East my friends there asked about you. as it was about the time of your Post articles I could make the suggestion that they read

them and form their own conclusions. Personally I was particularly impressed with the second as it gave the first concrete suggestions for post war procedure. too many confining themselves entirely to the idealistic view point.

The election here was a bit disappointing as we had hoped to gain control of the Council. There were four very close contests only three going the desired way and I think Humphreys strength carried some or all of those as the Aldermanic candidates tied themselves to him.

He ran surprisingly well. He is a smooth talker and the women seemed to love it but when one had a chance to question him specifically he didn't know the answers. I personally think his cause was helped by an article by Halloran ridiculing Republican pressure for Schires election. of course it was there but it doesn't help to make a party issue of a non partisan election.

With best regards

sincerely yours

Sam Weger

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LT COM HAROLD E STASSEN=

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ADMINISTRATION=

LESTER R BADGER.

1212A.

Saturday Afternoon

Dear Governor,

Another week, well, another eleven days. Ran a little bit behind this week; I hope you did not think I had given up on the job.

A word of explanation on the poll taken at the Governor's Conference--story enclosed. I understand it was taken only of the candidates mentioned on a prepared slate; which may explain your lack of votes.

Reports drifting in indicate that your setting up of Paul Miller as Labor director before departure was one of your best moves. I hear that it is the best set-up in the country; and Miller himself reports that he's been able to meet most situations fairly well. Sudden maturation of the Pea Crop created a shortage of about 800 workers, which Miller could have handled, he says, with a week or two of warning. Even J. S. Jones expresses himself as completely satisfied with the way the labor picture is being handled under Miller.

Ed had his first meeting with the labor boys at Winona last Wednesday. Groner and Mainz asked me to come; which I did, and I thought Ed conducted a pretty good meeting. The boys are still squawking about inadequate representation on the volunteer war agencies (as they were at Redwing a year ago) but generally they seemed to be favorably pleased with Ed and with the state administration. Kelley, Groner, and Mainz concurred that Ed did a good job at the meeting. He also won in a few minutes of poker.

As usual, I have lost one clipping I would liked to have ~~sent~~ you, a speculative piece by Halloran out of Washington following Ed's luncheon with the members of the Minnesota delegation in congress. Salient points: Ed made a very favorable impression on the delegation; underlying feeling following his visit with them, never verbally expressed, Thye will be a candidate for the Senate against Shipstead in 1946.

I have a feeling my clipping job will be greater in succeeding days; the ~~MR~~ UP has put a girl on this beat with lots of ambition. She's going to cover the capitol; so the AP, in the person of Jack Mackay, is filing anything and everything for the wire in the hope of showing her right off the bat that it will be smarter for her to play along with him, and work together, and save both of them a lot of effort. It's been fun to watch.

Some of your programs went down the drain without so much as a protest at the last meeting of the LAC; among them Glider, War History, Duluth Fireboat, Physical Fitness, and War Bonds and Labor Volunteers are on shaky ground. However, Ed has expressed an intention to go the limit to keep the latter, the Labor Volunteers, and I expect he'll succeed.

I haven't seen Walt since his last visit East, but expect to on Monday or Tuesday. We are also looking forward to Bassett's return.

I got lots of fish and sunshine last ~~weekend~~ *Burnett*; if it quits raining I'll get another day of it tomorrow.

June 22, 1943

Dear Harold:

I was very happy to have the opportunity to talk to you over the phone a week ago Sunday and would have liked very much to have been able to visit you at Fort Schuyler, if it could have been arranged.

My mission to Pittsburgh was for the purpose of attending a conference of the Municipal Finance Officers Association. I met a number of local officials from various parts of the country and public examiners from other states. There was very little talk at this convention about Presidential candidates, and there seemed very little interest around Pittsburgh in your candidacy.

Before I left St. Paul, Walt Rosenberry suggested that I call on Senator Harris, which I did. The Senator had just resigned from a so-called Republican Harmony Committee for Allegheny County because the members of the committee were doing more "politicking" than harmonizing. The Senator was interested in what the people were thinking about Willkie, and while he intimated he was not very active in politics, he endeavored to assure me that it was local politics he had reference to.

On my return to St. Paul I stopped in Chicago Friday, which was the day before the meeting of the State Republican Chairmen, called by Mr. Spangler. I had hoped to see both Dr. Radabaugh and Walt Rosenberry there but could not locate them. I did make some inquiries, however, the results of which I would like to tell you about.

The suggestion was made to me that Willkie may turn out to be your greatest asset at the convention and that any attempt at a disassociation would be a mistake. I gathered that Dewey was not making any special effort to obtain delegates and that Bricker cannot be counted out yet, your chances, according to the prognostications resting on the fate of Willkie; the idea being that if he could not make the grade, he could throw his support to you, which would be sufficient to turn the trick.

There seemed to be some disappointment about the way your "aspirations" are being handled. Comments like "Doctor Radabaugh is not the man to be in front for you." and "You need more seasoned political leaders to help you." ~~Among The~~ esoteric, your "aspirations" seem to be well known.

contd. 2 *conclusions are that*

There was some hinting that you were back of Mattingly for National Chairman and Mrs. Chris Carlson for National Chairwoman, to be in a position to control the Republican National Committee.

I was a little concerned about the poll taken by Representative Allen which showed Dewey out in front, MacArthur second, without any mention of your name. I was told that this poll was not on the level and was intended to have an adverse effect on Willkie's prospects.

In State politics, the situation seems very quiet at present. Ed is connecting with much success in the Twin City Knife and Fork League. Frank Chailquist, the acting State Auditor, and the public examiner, seem to be finding a spirit of harmony and cooperation that will undoubtedly be beneficial all around. I like Chailquist's attitude and his desire to consult about various matters before final action is taken.

Our office shortly will release ~~an examination on the report~~ *report on the examination* of the State Auditor's office and some comments will have to be made such as the failure of the State Auditor to keep a double entry system of books as required by the 1939 reorganization act. I think this comment can be offset by a reference to the improvements that also have been accomplished. In any event, I shall consult with Ed Thye and John Meader before a release of this report is made so that a full understanding may be had in advance of the release of our report.

I know by this time you must be swinging impatiently in your hammock and wishing that I had only written a short letter, so, to keep you from heaving a sigh and losing your balance, I will cut this note short.

I know how busy you must be, so I'm not insisting on any answer. While this letter is long overdue, I have been waiting patiently for the time when I would get around to do this very thing. It took the collaboration of Vi, though, to finally make it possible and she joins me in sending sincere regards.

Sincerely,

RAG vc

Dick

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER HAROLD E STASSEN=FTSCHUYLER NY:

=WE HAVE HAD A GRAND GOVERNORS CONFERENCE BUT WE MISSED AND MISSED BADLY ONE OF OUR MAINSTAYS, HAROLD STASSEN. THE CONFERENCE AT ITS EXECUTIVE SESSION DIRECTED ME TO SEND YOU ITS BEST REGARDS AND TO EXPRESS ITS ADMIRATION FOR THE GRAND JOB YOU ARE DOING IN THE NAVY:

=FRANK BANE

SECRETARY GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE.

June 23, 1943

Dear Governor:

Another week's gleanings.

Two stories were lost in the shuffle, which I shall try to find and send on. One had to do with the disposition of the Welfare Funds by the L. A. C. on Friday, in which the recommendations of the Bernhard were cut. He reported that Ed conducted the meeting as though he were still presiding over the Senate. The other had to do with the same group sitting as the advisory committee to Allan Briggs the previous day, in which the Labor Volunteers were given a going-over. Briggs' Budget was accepted for three months--at which time they shall sit again and Allan has been requested to prepare a detailed report on the activities of the Labor men.

Things are quiet here. Ed is at the Governors' Conference and we have had no report back on how he is getting along.

It is hot. I am planning a three day weekend at International Falls.

I saw the newsreel of you the other evening, and thought it was very good. One of the lines--something about the Stars and Stripes and the flags of the United Nations--had a familiar ring.

Ed conducted a department ~~me~~ head meeting in good fashion the other evening. I presume you received the greeting. We were all of one mind, on that expression, at least.

Good Luck.

Burnett

Guaranty Trust Company of New York
One Hundred Forty Broadway
New York, N. Y.

June 24, 1943

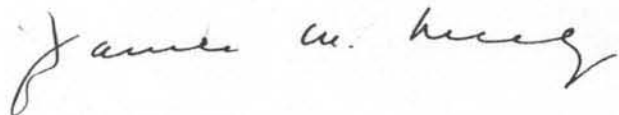
Dear Commander Stassen:

My associate, Mr. William R. White, very unfortunately had an accident last Sunday which will confine him to the hospital for a week or more, and consequently he has asked me to communicate with you.

We are all very grateful for your willingness to join us on July 10th or 11th, especially in view of the very limited free time you have. However, Mr. White and I both feel that it would be extremely difficult to gather a properly representative group to meet you on those dates. Consequently, we feel that we should not impose on your time by asking you to save them for us. If by any chance before your training period in this vicinity is completed you find yourself able to spare an evening for dinner or a luncheon hour we should like very much to have the opportunity to have you as our guest and bring together a few friends who I know would be very happy to meet you.

Again with our thanks, believe me

Sincerely yours,



JAMES M. NICELY

Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen
Battalion 5
Fort Schuyler
New York, N.Y.

Earl Christman

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OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION
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July 2, 1943

Mr. Harold E. Stassen
Governor's Mansion
St. Paul, Minnesota

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Stassen:

The Overseas Publications Bureau of the Office of War Information would like your permission to reprint a shortened version of the article on "Blueprint for a World Government" which appeared in the May 23, 1943 issue of the New York Times Magazine Section.

We would like to use this article in "U.S.A.", a miniature monthly, printed in eight languages, which weighs only half an ounce in order to save shipping space. "U.S.A." is of course not a commercial venture, but is designed only to disseminate information and to combat enemy propaganda in neutral, friendly and liberated countries abroad by interpreting America and Americans. "U.S.A." is not circulated in this country nor to U.S. troops overseas. We can offer no compensation except the knowledge that you are contributing to our war effort on the psychological front. Credit will be given to your publication.

If you are willing to give us permission to reprint this article, as well as to make minor changes, if any should be needed to effect transitions called for by fitting the piece to our very limited space or to facilitate translation, would you sign the attached form and return it to us at your earliest convenience?

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence G. Blochman

Lawrence G. Blochman
Editor, "U.S.A."



State of Minnesota

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Saint Paul

EDWARD J. THYE, GOVERNOR



July 3, 1943

Dear Harold,

I received your letter a few days back, but have been rather busy after returning from our trip East and this is Saturday morning and Katy and I have just finished all our mail, some of which accumulated for the past week or more, and we are going to jointly write this note before leaving for Bemidji.

We are taking a 4th of July meeting at Bemidji tomorrow and back to North Commons and Powderhorn on Monday.

Frankly, Harold, we are cussedly busy, but not so busy we are not able to keep on top. It is all very interesting and my only hope is that we will be able to continue the fine administration that you really started here. We are only following a beaten trail now, but you are the man that blazed it, which makes it so easy for us.

It was interesting to be a Columbus during the Convention. Particularly to watch Governor Dewey maneuvering himself around to get as much publicity as possible and make certain everyone recognized him. He came late Sunday evening and he also appeared at the conference on Monday morning, but was always very busy and did see many people while at Columbus. He also got himself out on the limb on the question of Agricultural problems. I was rather amused to see a New York Governor have an assignment such as this "Solving the Farm Labor Problem." He didn't speak on the farm labor question very much but was mostly talking about shortage of food in the East and what the midwestern Governors should do, even to the extent of killing little pigs. That is when he tripped himself up, and if it hadn't been for Governor O'Connor very smartly calling upon the next speaker on the program I feel Dewey would have found himself in a very embarrassing position as Governor Kerr of Okla. was deeply angry and had a couple more bomb shells to explode if he would have had an opportunity.

You can just consider Dewey a candidate. As for Governor Bricker. He is a splendid gentleman.

Many questions were asked concerning you and what your plans



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EDWARD J. THYE, GOVERNOR



July 3, 1943

were. My answer was that you were in the service and the people back home were practically weeping because you were not out and could assist in the affairs of the nation and the world. That seemed to take quite well with the reporters when they had a feeling that we back home were still thinking about you.

I was tempted to come to New York and see you while in Washington, as we had a little time to spare, but decided against doing that for fear it would complicate matters as far as you were concerned and make it appear I was in the East asking questions of you.

We are thinking of you every day Harold, and making plans for the future. Politically everything seems to be working along very smoothly. Mrs. Chris Carlson is doing quite a bit of talking about D.C. and Jones situation. Aside from that Jones and Doc seemingly are getting along very smoothly.

I had a meeting with the "A" group in Mpls yesterday. Got along all right with them. In fact John Crosby made the remark that the oftener they saw me the better they liked me (Pardon the bunk) but I thought you would enjoy that. They did say their only concern was to see me re-elected. That I know you like to hear because after all you are the man that convinced them they should support me a year ago.

the LAC was a little tough on our budget for Civilian Defense, made some remarks about the labor boys and threatened to pare that budget at a later meeting, but I don't have any worries about what they will do. I am going to see Claude and Karl by themselves some day and I think we can smooth things over so there won't be any blow up that the press boys will enjoy.

Dean Swickard was appointed Director of Education yesterday. This I know meets with your approval. The Supreme Court handed down a decision yesterday stating that Carstaeter should be re-instated, so we are just out of the frying pan into the fire I guess. What steps we will take on that we will determine the first of the week. At the present time I am only thinking.

The Glider Program went out the window. I couldn't save it. As you know, they definitely excluded it last winter during the legislative session. We are trying to salvage the patrol out at



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Northern Pump. We have only sufficient funds to continue them through July. What arrangements we will make, we are not certain of, but I know they will be continued in some manner.

Next time you are in town I hope to have a chance to visit with you. I was quite disappointed when I learned you were here and I didn't get a chance to see you. After all Mister, I am somewhat like a foster child of yours.

Until I see you Harold, the very best.

Harold, I didn't keep a copy of this letter, & typed it in a rush so please excuse the errors.

Will write you a note soon & give you all the news the Gov. forgot.
Always the best to you

THE COLORADO MILLING AND ELEVATOR COMPANY
DENVER, COLORADO

GUY A. THOMAS
PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER

July 6, 1943

Lieut. Commander Harold Stassen
N. T. S.
Fort Schuyler
Bronx, N. Y.

Dear Lieut. Commander Stassen:

I am writing this letter regarding Mr. L. Edgar Prina, who is now an ensign. This young man is a graduate of Syracuse University, where he majored in journalism. He is particularly anxious right at this time to serve his country to the best of his ability.

Mr. Prina is in your division, on small boat work, I believe. He is a young man of a very unusual type - a regular Hercules in strength - and a splendid business man.

I will appreciate it very much if you will give Mr. Prina permission to meet you. I believe that with the proper encouragement he could accomplish unusual things eventually.

I have made a big investment in this company in Denver, but my residence is still in Minneapolis and will continue to be. For the present, however, I can be more quickly reached here by letter than I can be in Minneapolis.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Guy A. Thomas
Minneapolis

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LT COMMANDER HAROLD E STASSEN= 5TH BATT A 8
FORTSCHUYLER 61

=AM SO PLEASED WITH REVENUE FIGURES THOUGHT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR JUDGMENT WAS MORE THAN
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY



STATE CAPITOL
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

July 13, 1943

Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen
5th Batt. A-8
Fort Schuyler, New York 61
New York

Dear friend Harold:

Received your letter of July 11 and was pleased to hear of the progress you are making. I imagine the toughening up process was the most difficult to get used to because the requirements of your office as Governor did not allow much time for athletic pursuits.

My son Bill has about 7 weeks to go before his graduation as a pursuit pilot. He is getting his final instructions at Eagle Pass, Texas. He was the only member of his squadron chosen for training at that field, which trains instructors largely. The only thing he worries about now is that he will be retained as an instructor in the State of Texas. He is anxious to get back north. Nora and I are planning on going to the graduation exercises at Eagle Pass.

Your question regarding John L. Lewis is one that is uppermost in the minds of most labor men. And I believe the employers are much concerned. If John L. Lewis came back into the Federation, it would mean that the 3 large unions, namely, Carpenters, Teamsters and Miners, could dictate policy, unless the method of representation is changed. And there is very little likelihood that will happen. I think the Democrats are losing a lot of support in the ranks of labor. However, I should dislike very much to see Hutchinson and Lewis attempt to lead a stampede because I don't think they can control the votes of their people and the Republican party would lose a tremendous amount of votes from the other labor groups because of their resentment as far as the labor lineup is concerned. I feel that as it is now constituted, the most desirable results may be obtained.

I have applied for a commission in the branch of military government. My application has been processed and was forwarded to the war department on June 30. I certainly hope that I may receive favorable consideration.

I read with interest an item in the Sunday paper to the effect that in the post war period all foreign embassies will have labor attaches, and that a labor division of the state department will be established. This might be a far-reaching step and will do much toward bringing about close cooperation between the workers of the major countries of the world. I believe this fits in with your plan of broader education for labor perfectly.

Lt. Comm. Harold E. Stassen

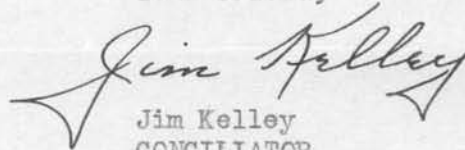
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July 13, 1943

I ~~will~~ look forward to seeing you before you leave for active duty, if you are fortunate enough to get a furlough prior to your assignment. All of your friends in the labor movement here in Minnesota have requested that I extend their best wishes for your health, success, and speedy return to civilian life.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Your friend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Kelley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Jim Kelley
CONCILIATOR

JLK:t



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL
GOVERNOR

July 14, 1943

Commander Harold E. Stassen
Fort Schuyler
New York

Dear Harold:

You were a good fellow to write me. I want to carry on in the traditions of your good self and Herbert O'Connor. One of the most pleasant duties connected with this office has been the Conference of Governors and the friendships that I have made there. We will have some mighty interesting problems in the coming year, and I only wish that you were with us to help us solve them, but I know you are on more important work, and I am envious of you. All I can say is that my boys and my daughter I hope are doing their part.

I missed you at the meeting this year. It was a successful one I think, but it also brought out some of the tremendous regional difficulties and differences of opinion that are going to face us when peace comes.

Best regards to Mrs. Stassen from Mrs. Saltonstall and myself, and the best of luck to you.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leverett S.", written in a cursive style.

Leverett Saltonstall
Governor of the Commonwealth

LS:sd



AMERICAN RED CROSS SERVICE CLUB

NOUMEA.

August 21st, 1943.

Lieut. Commander H.E. Stassen,
Flag Secretary,
COMSOPAC.

Dear Commander Stassen,

You were very generous to give
your time to come to the Service Club on Thursday for
the Minnesota State Party.

Thank you for both the men and ourselves
for making it an outstanding event for them.

Very sincerely yours,

Isobel Lee

Isobel Lee
Asst. Club Director.

September 5, 1943
927 Bellows Street
West St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Harold:

Here it is Sunday afternoon, the sky is getting dark, the thunder is starting to roll and a few drops of rain are falling. Gosh, that sounds like I am beginning to write story for Liberty. Its rather warm in the house but it is cool and comfortable outside. The weather has been nice with the exception of a few hot days.

Tommy is doing a lot of talking these days. Says almost everything he hears. Want's to be outside all the time and we have a hard time to get him into the house to eat. Great little goy.

Every thing is O K at the office as far as the refund department is concerned. However, Haedecke and Brokaw up in the "Pilot House" are at odds. There seems to be an awful lot of friction as to the proper handling of the Petroleum Division. They, Spaeth and Powers had a conference the other day and I guess it got pretty hot. As Haedecke told me, Brokaw brought up the paying of refund claims, that is that the refund end had been arbitrarily reducing claims without any substantial reason. If the statement was made and it was understood by Spaeth and Powers the same as Haedecke told me, someone is going to be told off by yours truly. Brokaw did not see me about this practice that is "supposed" to be going on and was therefore, misinformed by our refund investigator Ted Silnes. Haedecke may have smeared it on when telling me in order to put Brokaw in a bad light with me. I do not think Brokaw would do that but never the less I will determine that when I see the Commissioner Tuesday.

The refund department has had quite a few prosecutions and at the present time we are working on a tough on. This fellow served time in Stillwater for burglary and has violated almost every law of socetty there is.

Milt Anderson has been using the big car to cavort around to night clubs with his friend. Met him at the Post the other night with a few of his friends. Ed knows about it and I guess he really poured on the heat.

Bert and the family are all well but Bert gets pretty well tired out running after Tommy al the time. He is pretty good now tho, sticks around the house most of the time.

I helped Violet move a few of her things over to the folks yesterday. The fellow she rented the house to is moving in today. Works at Northwest Airlines. I guess Pete has arrived at his destination by this time and no doubt is ready work. I would like go up there too and make some of money. However, the situation being at home as it is, I guess it's better to stay here. SURPRISE- we are going to have another little one^{or} four or five months.

Well Harold old boy, not much else to say but that I hope this finds you in good health and happiness.

What do yousay fellow, lets sing that old song that you and I used to sing. Remember it? OUT WHERE THE SUN SHINES A WEE BIT BRIGHTER? OUT WHERE THE SUN AND THE STORM CLOUDS MEET? OUT WHERE THE SUN SHINES A WEE BIT BRIGHTER? THATS WHERE THE WEST BEGINS. Sure ,you remember it. I'll be singing it with you.

Best of luck. as ever

Art

September 11, 1913

Honorable Edward J. Thye
Governor of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Governor:

I was lately in your state; unfortunately, you were not there. I was very anxious to see you.

I went there to see your prisons and reformatories. Mr. Carl H. Swanson, Director of your Division of Public Institutions, took me to the Minnesota State Prison at Stillwater, also the reformatory at St. Cloud and the State Training School for Boys at Red Wing. I wish to thank you for the courtesies extended to me by Mr. Swanson and to tell you that he is doing an excellent job. I am well informed on jobs similar to that of Mr. Swanson's, and I place him as one of the very best in the United States.

In fact, your institutions have had an excellent reputation for some time. But Mr. Swanson, in my opinion, and according to the most conservative authorities, has continued to improve the situation in Minnesota and is a good administrator. I think it now can be stated that under the able administration of yourself and your predecessor, your institutions are among the very best in the nation, if not the best.

In any event, I regret not having had the pleasure and honor of meeting you and, again, thank you for the courtesies extended to me by Mr. Swanson and the officials serving with him.

Sincerely yours,

Maury Maverick, Director
Government Division

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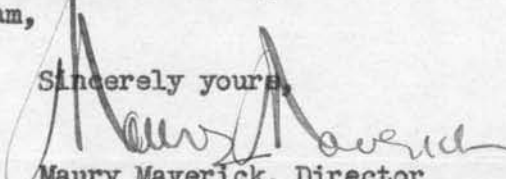
Dear Commander Stassen:

Attached is a letter which I sent to Governor Thye. This I wish to repeat to you. Carl Swanson has done an excellent job as head of the Division of Public Institutions. As one who has had two years of experience in working with these institutions and studying their needs, I believe that I would place Swanson as Grade AAA-1 and as reflecting great credit on your ability to know men.

I hope you find your occupation as a "Man of the Sea" a pleasant one. As a civilian back home -- I wish you well.- Keep fighting and let's really win.

With best wishes, and assuring you that I saw evidences of excellent administration which you left behind you in Minnesota, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Maury Maverick, Director
Government Division



JULIAN B. BAIRD
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
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September 15, 1943

Dear Harold:

I recall that in your first draft of your Post article on domestic affairs you advocated enforced competitive bidding for security issues. I gave you my reasons at that time for believing that that policy was a mistake and you did change your draft.

With all you have on your mind, you may not be interested in thinking any more on this subject and, if so, chuck this material which I am enclosing. If you are interested, I think you will find in the Investment Banker brief a very good statement of the case, to which I thoroughly approve.

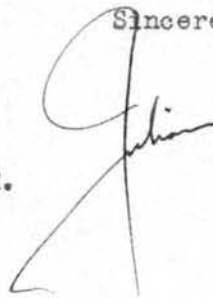
The group which had its final spring meeting at your house that Sunday afternoon has had several meetings getting ready for a busy fall season, and the executive group is planning a very interesting series of activities for the coming winter. The choice of the chairman for the coming year has proven to be a most fortunate one.

I am sending you along in a few days some colored slides I took of your children that turned out quite well. I am just holding them up now for Esther to have a chance to see them.

Joe Ball was here the week-end and, whether it is because he had three weeks' vacation or because the situation really has changed, he does now feel quite optimistic about getting something more than the Fulbright resolution, and pretty close to his own, through Congress this fall.

Regards.

Sincerely,



Lieut. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, U.S.N.R.
c/o Staff-Commander South Pacific Force
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California



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