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DETROIT 31, MICHIGAN

FAY M. THOMAS
GENERAL MANAGER

Sun Oct 8

Dear Harold:

mamma has come here to see me and to celebrate her birthday. We thought you would be interested to know that she is 29 years old today!!

We have discussed many things including Ball playing in Minnesota. Undoubtedly before this you will have heard from Vic O'Conner and others and will have the story of recent developments concerning foot ball.

Have talked on telephone to above mentioned and to Julian, Sidney and others who have called. It is not too bad and don't suppose there is any action to be taken just one of those things. Believe all steps have been taken to establish in minds of broken people that this does not connect with you and they know it is not your responsibility.

Regards,

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Commander H. Stassen
United States Navy



10/8/44
Lt. Roy H. Johnson
8714753
Comm. Sch. A. T. B. Boat Basin
Oceanside, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Allow me to introduce myself as a civilian, I worked on appointment from you in the Conciliation Department under Mr Kelly. For quite a number of years I held the position of C.D. for local 596. a position I still hold, on leave of absence basis. I took the leave, to go to the Alutians and later the Yukon. finally enlisting to satisfy my conscience that I was doing my best in the present war.

I have finished our Radio School and had hoped to receive an assignment to a duty from there. My application for submarine duty is pending now. Being thirty-two years old I find myself feeling unhappy at thought of another five or six months of school.

Mr Stassen, if it is within your good offices, will you expedite my assignment to a duty, any duty. Any aid or advice will be gratefully remembered.

Yours Truly

No. _____

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SENDER'S NAME

To H.E. STASSEN COMDR. USNR
c/o STAFF COMMANDER
THIRD FLEET
c/o FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

From

ART RAMBERG

(Sender's name)

29 LAKE AVENUE

(Sender's address)

WHITE BEAR 10 MINN.

OCTOBER 12, 1944

(Date)

DEAR COMMANDER:

BACK HERE IN MINNESOTA SUMMER IS OVER, BUT WE ARE HAVING, LATELY, SOME BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN WEATHER. THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO HEAVY FROST SO THE LEAVES HAVE TURNED COLOR GRADUALLY SO THE HILLSIDES AND OTHER WOODED AREAS ARE A GRAND SIGHT. I'M STILL PLUGGING AWAY AT THE JOB YOU TURNED OVER TO ME AND FEEL AS THOUGH I HAVE LEARNED QUITE A FEW WORTHWHILE THINGS IN THE PAST 16 MONTHS. I STILL MAINTAIN A RATHER CLOSE CONNECTION WITH THE GROUPS I ASSOCIATED WITH IN DULUTH AND ALSO SEE THE LABOR GROUPS IN ST. PAUL FREQUENTLY. I WAS AT THE STATE FEDERATION CONVENTION. THE FOUNDATION YOU LAID FOR A BETTER FEELING IN THE LABOR GROUPS STILL IS HOLDING AND NO DOUBT WILL CONTINUE FOR A LONG TIME.

I TALKED A FEW MOMENTS OVER THE PHONE WITH JOE AFTER HE ISSUED THE STATEMENT ON THE DEWEY CAMPAIGN. HIS STATEMENT SURE RAISED A RUMPUSS WHICH OF COURSE IS NATURAL ESPECIALLY DURING A SPIRITED CAMPAIGN AND IN A STATE WHERE IT IS EXPECTED THE CONTEST WILL BE CLOSE. HOWEVER I DON'T THINK IT HAD THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT THAT SOME THINK IT HAS, AND WHAT EFFECT IF ANY IT HAS AFTER NOVEMBER REMAINS TO BE SEEN. AS I SEE IT JOE NEVER WAS FULLY ACCEPTED BY THE SO CALLED "REGULAR" CROWD AND HIS STATEMENT OF COURSE GAVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY THEY COULDN'T OVERLOOK IN SAYING "I TOLD YOU SO." BUT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE INDEPENDENT GROUP WHICH STILL IS THE BIGGEST FACTOR WASN'T ANTAGONIZED. THE UNFORTUNATE THING TO MY MIND IS THAT YOUR NAME WAS DRAGGED IN. NEWS FROM THE PACIFIC IS ENCOURAGING. WITH BEST WISHES AND CONTINUED GOOD LUCK. AS EVER,

V --- MAIL

Art



UNITED STATES ARMY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR

14th Officers
class
J. A. & D. School
Ann Arbor Mich
Fri. Oct. 13

Dear H.E.S.

Got yours of Oct. 1, today.
Busy as hell here learning
to be an army lawyer. Got great
lift out of your letter and indications
of developments.

This recent ball game
here was very bad. Do not know
what can be done. Maybe better
nothing. If it were possible to
slip through a short statement
it would be the answer but
doubt possibility of course.
Understand Joe and Vic have
written you and no doubt they
have given all the news and
implications.

Will be here 4 more weeks
and expect week or so leave
them and will be home until 20th
of Nov. or so. Maybe best write
there. Mary will forward promptly
if am not home. Do not anticipate
leaving country soon - maybe
not at all. What do you think?
We have pretty much change of C. S.
Very sad about ball game.
Too bad to make wild pitches when
there is no occasion to do and
all that is necessary is to sit quietly on bench.

People who want to take orders
for the good of the team are not
of much real value to army
navy or a ball club. Something
to be remembered but an awfully
high price to pay for experience.

Regards

Yours

Vic is very busy. He has been
sick as he no doubt has
written you and I think will
join in valuable knowledge
and contacts for the future.

October 14, 1944

Dear Harold:

I returned last week from a trip to New York City and Albany. I was there shortly after Joe Ball made his statement. Our friends of course were horrified by it. I called Mrs. Reid who was wholly unable to understand Joe's reasoning. I saw Joe Ridder and Victor Ridder both of whom are very indignant and not only expressed their feelings to Ball through ~~####~~ editorials in their papers but by personal correspondence - they are very bitter in their denunciations. I talked to Mrs. John Cross, Mrs. Dwight Davis and Mrs. Gross all of whom felt badly that Joe should have brought you into such an unfavorable light. I had several conferences with Herb Brownell. He told me "I don't know what Ball wants, he never came near us - We aren't mad we are just mystified at his actions - if he wants to see me I'll get out the red carpet and give him all the honors he wants but I don't want him going away from the conference giving us another blast and saying I still don't like Dewey." At Albany the feeling is the same. No one feels that Ball has done anything but hurt himself and you. Everywhere of course in eastern papers the columnists speculated as to whether Ball acted on your instructions, most times agreeing that he probably did not but always mentioning your name in connection with the occurrence. I saw Joe Pew in New York and he shared the general feeling. You know of course the furor that has been caused in Minn. so I won't go into that.

Now as to the general progress of the campaign. There was a flurry of excitement and interest caused by the exchange of speeches between the "Champ" speaking to the teamsters and the challengers answer at Okla. City. The campaign which had up to that time been very quiet and apathetic began to stir people. Interest has however lagged again and outside of the party workers on either side apathy has returned to a large extent. This should be dispated however when Dewey starts out on his new tour# next week. Dewey has developed a fighting type of speech and is carrying the battle to the "Champ" who is certainly on the defensive. On the "Champs" side there have been some bad occurrences such as the "Battle of the Statler" where some so.pacific service men were beaten by Dan Tobins teamsters but in the main the ~~"Champ"~~ "Champ" has returned to his role of Comm. in chief. This of course makes it difficult for the challenger. If peace were here Dewey would have a walkaway but he is fighting a difficult # campaign. Dewey's speeches are well prepared and well delivered. There can be no criticism of them. But this peculiar fact remains that Dewey does not stir the enthusiasm or emotions of his followers. Somehow his precisness and his exacting manners leave them cold. There is admiration for his efficiency but no warmth of feeling is generated. Then again we come back to the phenomen witnessed last Spring in the lack of appeal to the younger voter - under 30 or 35. They don't like him and won't vote for him. For example here in Madison I organized an HES club last spring at the Univ. These kids won't follow on ~~####~~ Dewey. I have discussed this frankly with Brownell and other Dewey people, they seem to recognize the facts of this but have no solution. There is therefore nothing being done to get this younger vote

I took a little survey of our military reservation here (Truax Field") these kids are 90% against us. This is the part of the campaign which in my opinion looks bad#### and if defeat comes it will come from this source.

I took quite a beating from my liberal friends in N.Y. The boys and girls at Life and Time are almost unanimous against Dewey and they cannot understand why I should be in the Dewey camp. I am afraid I have shattered their ideals so far as I am concerned. The same attitude ##### prevails among the other younger people ##### groups that I worked with in the HES campaign.

The Dems ##### unloosed a deadly radio program last week. They succeeded in buying the last five minutes of name programs such as Lucky Strike - Bob Hope etc. Here they have a listening audience already waiting for them to give a short five minute talk to - I am afraid it will have considerable effect.

Here in Wisconsin the campaign is in good shape so far as the mechanical details are concerned. We have set up working organizations - our advertising and publicity is good - we have an excellent radio program. It seems as though the rural sections will give Dewey a landslide vote - Milwaukee remains our problem. Despite optimistic claims of Reps. labor and the foreing groups are still in my opinion strong for Roosevelt. We had a knockout meeting there last week for Bricker - the auditorium was filled and lots of interest. We are still worried however. That is why I went to N.Y. to get Dewey to make a stop there enroute from Mpls. to Chicago. I succeeded in this and believe Dewey's appearance will help us a great deal.

I have been in touch with Elmer several times by telephone and letter. as you know it is difficult for him to communicate with you. Some of the boys from Minn. are coming down here next week to take a poll - I am anxious to see the results.

With best regards, I remain.

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October 15, 1944

Dear Chief,

I haven't written in a good bit. The Governor's office tells me they're keeping you completely supplied with reading material, and I saw no reason to contribute duplicates.

Nor can I add much to what appears in the newspapers in the way of political news. I tried to stay in close touch, volunteered my services, in fact. But when I went to see George Jones he was too busy telephoning Republicans such as A. J. Schunk to make sure he hadn't offended them by calling a meeting of the state central committee that we never did get a chance to talk about any of the things I had worked out for him--at his request.

Vic called on me the other day to make a survey of Wisconsin, and a man to cover the south half is leaving tomorrow. I'm going to try to get away for three or four days to make the north half myself.

My opinion, for what it is worth, is that Roosevelt will carry Minnesota and be re-elected. Most of the people I talk to with any perception, including a number of unhappy Republicans, feel the same way.

The leadership in Minnesota missed a bet by jumping on Joe Ball with his statement re Dewey as the excuse. In the minds of doubtful voters that did much to identify them with exactly what some of them are, isolationist and re-actionary elements. If he made a mistake, they did too.

I talked to Malkerson at some length when it was happening. Joe's mail has been more favorable than unfavorable; many have sent contributions.

I miss not being more directly in political activity, but see no real place for myself for the moment.

Work at the Times has been interesting and not without some success. I have been doing a 24 day series on postwar planning taking a separate Minneapolis firm each day, under my name, and the results have been encouraging for the city's employment outlook. Incidentally, not all the business tycoons were anti-Roosevelt.

Bernhard seems fairly happy in his navy post; Dagne and I and the little girl are resuming residence at their home Nov. 1.

I would like to be able to do something for you here, if there is anything to be done. Suggestions would be welcomed.

We are pleased with the news coming from your headquarters. I hope it continues, and that you continue to have good fortune.

Burnett

Sunday
Oct 15/44

Dear Harold -

The other day, I received a letter from Stan, with the letter you sent him -

He was so proud to hear from you that he wanted us to read it,

However, he asked me to return it.

Harold, we are very grateful to you for your interest in Stan, as all my ^{and} I have worked for, is wrapped up in our children, as is the case with you ^{and} Esther. I hope, very soon, you ^{and} Stan

meet "Somewhere in the Pacific",
and pray daily that you both
will be heading for the good
old United States & enjoy
the Minnesota Football games.
as we did yesterday, the guests
of Myrtle & Ed -

We saw Esther a few weeks ago,
when Isabel & I gave a little
farewell party for Elmer -

She looked very well, and
mentioned that your kiddies
are fine -

Hells from all - Harold -
& Good luck

Sincerely

Pusa

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Exalted Ruler
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Est. Leading Knight
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October 16, 1944

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LODGE MEETINGS
EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

PHONE CEDAR 5959

Lt. Com. Harold E. Stassen,

Dear Brother Elk:

Autumn leaves are falling which brings us to the stern reality that winter is approaching and mailing dead lines are set for October 15 for overseas packages.

We, the members of your Lodge St. Paul #59, B.P.O. Elks, want you to know that we have not forgotten you and what you are doing, and the sacrifice you are making in the interest of your Country. We also want you to know that the Elks have not been sitting idly by merely giving lip service to the war effort. We are doing the things that you would want us to do and that you will be proud of when you return. Your Organization has rendered great service to the Armed Forces on every occasion the Army and Navy have come to the Elks, just when assistance was needed. We are now in the midst of a Campaign for Waves for the Navy, and we are having a great success. We are not bragging about our achievements, but rather looking forward to your returning and asking us "What have you done while we were gone?"

Your Christmas package will be on its way by October 15; just a reminder that we still remember and we want to extend to you our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, if that is possible where you are, and we pray that the Lord, Himself, will watch over you and your family while we are absent one from the other, and may the New Year bring a new and better understanding between the peoples of the world, and a sensible Post-War adjustment in the interest of a permanent peace. That is the least that we on the home front can Hope, Pray and Work hard for in order that your sacrifice shall not be in vain.

The safe return of our boys will be our only signal for rejoicing!

Yours Fraternally,

Roy E. Johnston,
Exalted Ruler,
St. Paul No. 59

William P. Faley,
Chairman, National Defense
St. Paul Lodge 59, B.P.O. Elks

We are not telling you when to open your Christmas Package. However, if you do get it early, I believe it will keep.

Luna Pier, Michigan.
OCTOBER 16th. 1944.
ONE DAY CLOSER VICTORY.

Dear Lt. Stassen:

(Hope I have your rank correct, but don't believe it is.) I am enclosing a page from my most cherished autograph album, hoping you will autograph it for me, as I would surely never consider my collection complete without yours.

Several months ago, I wrote you at St Paul, not knowing that you had already gone into active duty, but my efforts weren't in vain, I was rewarded with a lovely photograph of yourself all autographed. Perhaps I should be thankful with that, but you see, the picture doesn't fit into my autograph album, so I have to come to you once again.

In my fast growing collection, I have the autographs of such famous people as: President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Thomas E. Dewey (who I hope will be our NEXT PRES IDENT), Calvin and Grace Coolidge, Al. Smith, Wendell Willkie, Thomas A. Edison, Will Rogers, Amelia Earhart, Ernie Pyle, Maj. Genl. Jimmie Doolittle, John W. Bricker, Fiorella La Guardia, General Douglas Mac Arthur, Duke Ellington, Kay Kyser, Fred Mac Murray, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Hedda Hopper, Genl. Geo C. Marshall, Major Bowes, Anthony Eden, Sdmiral Ernest J. King, Jack Benny, Arlene Frances, Lt. Genl. Geo. S. Patton, Lowell Thomas, the Late Queen Marie of Rumania, Ingrid Bergman, Kenesaw Landis, Irne Dunne, John J. Pershing, W.L. Mackenzie King, Maj. Genl. Claire Chennault, Lord Louis Mountbatten and many others too numerous to mention here, to which, I hope, I have the honor and the pleasure of adding yours.

I also wish to tell you that we Americans at home, think you have done a wonderful thing, by giving up your civilian life to go in there and do your job along with our brothers, sons, sweethearts and husbands. Keep up the good work, and I know that God will see to it, that you are well repaid for what you have sacrificed. May you come home (soon) safe and sound to your loved-ones. We are all praying for a peace which will not be too long in coming.

UNTIL VICTORY,

(Mrs) Helen Garrison

10/17/44

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As you may have gathered, I am a little busy since I received your letter and haven't had a chance to write.

I am enclosing a copy of the speech I made at home on October 4 and also copy of a press release of October 12.

All the boys, as usual, think I'm nuts and have the feeling that I have wrecked Harold's chances. I doubt the latter very much and still have the opinion I'm fairly sane. The present GOP campaign is very hard for me to stomach.

Drop me a line now and then and I will do the same.

As ever,

O ct. 18 Wed [1944]

Dear H.E.S.

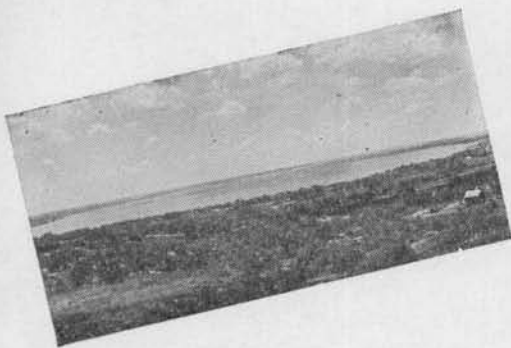
Not much to say. Very busy here. They throw a lot of stuff at us. Most of the fellows have experience with some of it but not me. Election will be over in three weeks more - maybe shortly after you receive this, as I stated before I will expect to be home for week or ten days after the 15th and you might write me then then.

Papers are full of 3rd Fleet activities in the P. C. and Formosa area and sure wish I knew more about actual facts out there.

Ball game is sort of passing with the cooler weather but will create an additional obstacle.

Regards

ED



Glenwood, Minn.
PHONE 450

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Oct. 18, 1944



Alexandria, Minn.
PHONE 368

Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen
U. S. Navy

Dear Sir:

With the air full of political buzzings, thoughts of you reoccur constantly in my mind. So let me amaze you right from the beginning with my brash thoughts.

President Roosevelt will be reelected for another term, mainly on the basis of the disinclination of people to change their commander-in-chief who has thus far waged a successful war for a fledgling with little or no military background. This is particularly so of those who have someone in the service, I have deduced by casual conversations with those who come to our studios for pictures of or for those in service.

I believe you will be our first republican president. You will come into office in a time when postwar adjustments and long democratic rule discontents will have come to a head. And it will require one of your forthright character and towering leadership to capture and direct the forces rampant then.

I believe you are very wise in getting the military background you are getting now. And your open bid for the republican nomination was very refreshing compared to the devious procedures used by others. And I believe you will appeal to everyone with your forthrightness.

This prognosticating is amusing to you I am sure but I hope it works out in respect to you. Please count me as one of your present and future supporters.

And incidentally, if you get near Biak will you try to look in on my brother Sgt. Vernon Hegg ASN 37294693

5th. Combat Camera Unit

91st. Photo Reconnaissance Wing

APO# 920

San Francisco, California

He'll be mighty glad to see somebody from his home state.

Good luck and God bless you.

Very sincerely,
Elmo Hegg
Vernon Studio

NAVAL AIR FACILITY
NEW CUMBERLAND, PENNA.

18 October 1944

Dear Harold:

Bill Cunningham was a classmate of mine at Dartmouth back in 1921. He started out as a sports writer but has evidently branched out into more general fields. The enclosed article was taken from the local Harrisburg paper. It makes sense to me and I thought you might be interested in reading it. I have an idea it might strike a favorable note with Al Lindly - you might send it on to him if you know his address.

Duty in this country is boring as hell. I asked for sea duty but was told that I was too old and not trained for it anyhow. I'm beginning to think that the Navy has more officers with my qualifications than it knows what to do with now.

Several weeks ago I spent a week end in Wilmington. I had several dances with the Admiral's daughter and also a very nice visit with his sister. Naturally I encountered all kinds of Bill Kichel's friends. It will not be difficult to solicit support for you in that community when the time comes.

Sincerely,

Pick Anthony

Concourse Plaza HOTEL
GRAND CONCOURSE AT 161ST STREET
NEW YORK CITY



FRANK W. KRIDEL, GENERAL MANAGER
~~FRANK A. REED, JR., MANAGER~~
JOHN R. LITTLE, MANAGER

Dear Harold:

10-19-44

During the progress of the campaign I have wondered whether your fine Italian hand was not concealed behind some of the political twisting of Dewey's speeches. Anyway it has been well handled.

I am now Asst. Chief of the Complaints & Small Business Section of the Antitrust Division, Dept. of Justice. Hence cannot participate politically tho I retain my interest. But ^{I'm now} ~~tho~~ in N.Y. on business, my address is 3601 Warden St. NW, Wash 10, D.C.

Sincerely, Don Hutcheson

Minneapolis, Minnesota
October 19
1944

Dear Harold:

I am very glad indeed to have your letter of September 30th. The newspaper reports indicate that there has been plenty of action in the South Pacific, particularly in the last few days. Reports of attacks on Formosa and possibly on the Phillipines have been very meagre but we gather that there has been plenty of activity and the Japanese fleet has at least been sighted if you did not get within gunsight of them. I sent you, quite some time ago, two clippings and a letter to Joe Ball which were largely self-explanatory. I have made it a rule for many years never to finally close the door on anything or anybody if there was any possible value in keeping it open but in Joe's case I felt that I could not go along further regardless of how the present difficulty and the damage which I fear it has wrought in the campaign might be patched up.

However, I think you are entitled to a somewhat more extended indication of the background than my covering letter gave you.

I had occasion to be in Washington from September 22nd to the 26th and on the 25th I went up to New York to see Brownell with a view of straightening out some of the financial arrangements as between State and Federal activities and expenditures and to learn what I could respecting the continued strategy of the campaign. I learned little that was new and found that in general the campaign was being conducted on the principle of not making too many speeches, of trying to prod the administration into a defensive position so that it would furnish some texts for the Dewey speeches. The strategy appears to have been effective, if one can judge from the President's speech at the Teamsters' Union banquet and the subsequent attitude of the Democratic National Committee.

In the course of my conversation with Brownell he asked me a question, which singularly enough most Easterners ask, namely "What is the attitude of the Stassen people in the Dewey campaign?" As I had previously done, I told him that so far as I was aware the Stassen people were 100 per cent behind the Dewey-Bricker candidacy and that while you had made no statement on the subject I felt this attitude had your approval. He then asked "Does that statement go for Joe Ball?" I told him I had not talked to Joe recently but I thought so and certainly had no reason to think otherwise. However, the question alarmed me somewhat and on my return to Washington the next day I made it a point to see Joe. I asked him if he intended to campaign for the Republican ticket. He said that he had not been asked to but that if he was asked he did not feel that he could do so. I asked him why and he stated he did not feel that Dewey had come out sufficiently definite in the matter of international relations and particularly the post-war organization of world peace. I told Joe that I was aware of a number of plans for the world peace organization including the one which you had suggested and that I felt it was too early to take a fixed position with respect to the form of world peace organization, that if

we take such a position Churchill and Stalin might also do so and this might lead to an impasse in a matter which should be the subject of long-time negotiations. I urged Joe, notwithstanding his dissatisfaction to support the ticket and to make speeches for it. He said that if he did he would have to be very noncommittal on international issues and I told him under those circumstances I thought it would be better for him not to say anything. I asked him what specifically he wanted Dewey to say or what commitment he desired him to make but I was unable to get anything definite out of him. He seemed to have the view the Republican party had been wholly taken over by reactionaries and that he could not go along. I did my best to persuade him otherwise and while he did not say so definitely I left with the feeling that he would not make a statement until he had conferred with some of his friends. I was therefore astounded when I saw his statement in the papers the next Saturday morning, September 30th.

Since that time he has endeavored to explain his position on the radio and more recently has come out with a series of three questions which he is propounding to both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Dewey, the answers to which he says will determine his attitude which he will announce five days before the election. I doubt if either candidate will reply to his questions which will leave the situation exactly as it was before.

Frankly, I think that Joe has a bad case of "big head" that he is taking himself too seriously and feels that he is the only Simon-pure advocate of real and lasting world peace. One of the most unfortunate things about the business is that some people are saying Joe's attitude and action was inspired by you which, of course, we all know is not the case. I have taken some pains to make this entirely clear to our New York friends who, I am sure, do not take any stock in it but the situation is nevertheless an unfortunate one.

In general the nation-wide polls show the popular vote to be approximately 51 for Roosevelt and 49 for Dewey which is closer than the coefficient of error in these polls. My feeling is that Dewey has made some gains but has not fired the popular imagination. If he wins it will be a matter of continued slow gains resulting from his own efforts and from those of the state organizations. From an organization point of view the Republican campaign is certainly the best organized on a national basis that I have seen in a long time.

In the State George Jones is doing a good job. There is, of course, no doubt of Governor Thye's re-election by a very substantial majority and this goes for the entire Republican State ticket.

The National race in Minnesota is close, not as close as the polls show it to be for the country as a whole but still approximately 53 for Dewey and 47 for Roosevelt which leaves it somewhat too close for comfort. Dewey is slated to speak here in Minneapolis on October 24th at which time we are hoping that Mrs. Stassen will be on the platform and that we will be able to find some other means by which the support of the Stassen crowd of the Dewey campaign can be demonstrated.

Of course I realize that there is no statement which you can make either publicly or to me which will indicate your attitude respecting the events which I have outlined in these last two letters.

I wish that the events had been otherwise since I know what I have told you will be bad news however much your long friendship with Joe and your confidence in his ability and good sense may incline you to condone or support his attitude.

From my point of view the whole matter represents a series of liabilities all around against which I am unable to see any assets whatever.

I hope that you have come through the recent activities in the South Pacific unhurt. I am sure that these activities will add to your stature, your good name and ~~your~~ good opinion of the people of the United States.

With personal regards

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Rodney".



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