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Mr. Charles L. McCormick, III
Halifax,
Virginia

Dear Mr. McCormick:

I have just received a reply from President Harry S. Truman in response to my indirect invitation made to him to be the keynote speaker at the students' Mock Democratic Convention, to be held next May. He has stated, "Of course, nothing would please me more than to make the appearance at Washington and Lee . . . and if nothing interferes, I will do it".

I would assume that the University will wish to send a formal invitation to President Truman, but I will leave that up to you and Dean Gilliam. I would suggest that if a formal invitation is extended that it acknowledge the President's inability to make a firm commitment this far in advance, and request as I did that he give us some idea as to when he may be able to give us a firm commitment far enough in advance so that if unforeseen events should prevent his attendance you can invite someone else for this important role in the mock convention. I would also assume that the letter would state the intention of the University to have him dedicate some memorial to the late Senator Alben Barkley.

My partner, Mr. Charles Murphy who was President Truman's counsel when he was in the White House, and I have assured the President that we would accompany him to Lexington on this occasion and arrange all the details of his trip for him. I assume that this is agreeable both to the mock convention and the University.

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I suggest great care in the matter of any publicity concerning President Truman's attendance until he has firmly committed himself and authorized such publicity. I am sure you will understand the reasons for this.

I am delighted to know that President Truman has responded so favorably and I am sure that he will make the convention a memorable occasion.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

H. Graham Morison

cc - Dean Frank J. Gilliam