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The Honorable Harry S. Truman
Independence, Missouri

My dear Mr. President:

We requested our alumnus Graham Morison to find out if you would be the guest of Washington and Lee University and make the keynote speech at the students' Mock Democratic Convention to be held on the campus on May 2nd and 3rd next year. At the same time, the University intends to dedicate an appropriate memorial to the late Senator Alben Barkley, and we wish you to take a principal part in the dedication.

Both the University and the student officials of the Mock Convention are delighted to know from Graham that you are favorably inclined to accept this invitation. We are well aware of the fact that you are unable, this far in advance, to firmly commit yourself to be with us, but we hope that sometime shortly after the first of the year you will be able to let us know that you will accept our invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Francis P. Gaines