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# Mock Republican National Convention

Washington and Lee University

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Office of the Convention

Headquarters, Chairman

7 April 1948

Hon. Clarence J. Brown  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brown:

In anticipation of your forthcoming engagement to deliver the keynote address at the mock convention April 20, we should like to solicit your help in providing advance press coverage of your speech.

If you plan to speak from a prepared script, may we have a copy of it as soon as it is convenient for you to send it? If you do not intend to speak from a written text, could we impose upon you to the extent of requesting an abstract of the speech suitable for direct quotations.

We had planned to print your address if it will be available in advance, and furnishing copies to newspapers and press associations for release immediately after the keynote address is delivered. Indications now are that press coverage of the mock convention will be the heaviest in the event's forty-year history. The Associated Press and United Press are scheduled to send full staffs to Lexington for the conclave, including AP Wirephoto men from Washington. LIFE magazine has already taken a number of pictures in connection with their story of the convention, and we are also anticipating the presence of news reel representatives, plus staff correspondents from several daily newspapers.

Copies of your speech, or even an abstracted version of it, would be a great convenience for visiting press representatives.

We shall be grateful for whatever material you can send us to complete this project.

Everyone here is looking forward to your visit and the response to the announcement of your acceptance as a "keynoter" has been exceptionally enthusiastic.

With kindest regards, I am.....

Sincerely yours,

CONVENTION HALL, Lexington, Virginia—April 20-21

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