Dear Mr. Gaines,

I must try, with a full heart, to tell you how deeply I felt for you and Mrs. Gaines in the sudden shock of Senator Barkley's death. My own profound sense of loss in the aftermath of his fall was matched only by my admiration for your conduct in caring for Mrs. Barkley. I shall
friends: "This is the way he would have wanted to go. He could never turn down a crowd."

It was certainly right to cancel the remaining sessions of the convention, out of respect for Senator Barkley. But I also feel that to resume the convention later on and complete its work would be in accord with his own wishes and convictions, and would enable him in spirit to honor never forget her courage on that platform.

But I am sure you and Mrs. Barkley also must realize, as Mrs. New York Times says this morning: 'Senator Barkley's death on a speaking platform at Washington and Lee University evoked the almost universal concern among his
in this way his own magnificent contribution to their convention.

Senator Barkley’s presence at their convention would have meant
much to the students and despite its tragic end, the sincerity of
his expression of his commitment will surely be something they
will never forget.

Yours very sincerely,

Anne Powell