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Dear Mr. Gainers,

I must try, with a full heart, to tell you how deeply I felt for you and Mrs. Gainers in the sudden shock of Senator Barkley's death. My own profound sense of loss in the aftermath of his fall was watched only by my admiration for your conduct in the presence of Mrs. Barkley. I shall

friends: "It 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 the students to honor

never forget her courage on that platform.

But I am sure you and who fainter realize, as Mrs. Barkley also must, how fitting an end this was to Senator Barkley's remarkable career. As the New York Times says this morning: "Senator Barkley's death on a speaking platform at Washington and See University evoked the almost universal comment among his

in this way his own magnificent
contribution to their convention.

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

Yours very sincerely,
Anne Powell