

United States Senate

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Dr. Francis P. Gaines
President
Washington and Lee University
Lexington, Virginia

My dear Doctor:

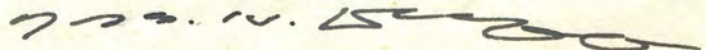
It is with sincere regret and disappointment that I found I was unable to fill my scheduled engagement at Washington and Lee University.

I looked forward to my visit to Lexington, particularly in view of the fact that my good friend, Senator Robertson, had assured me that I would enjoy it immensely.

I would like to tell you confidentially that I was required at the last moment to cancel the speaking engagement on account of doctor's orders. Having traveled more than 40,000 miles in the last five months, campaigning all over America, and having just completed a terrifically strenuous campaign in Pennsylvania, I was advised that I had to take an immediate rest. Only because I was ordered to do so by the doctor was I finally persuaded to cancel a number of speaking engagements, among them the one at Washington and Lee.

I hope at some future date I will have the pleasure of coming to Washington and Lee.

Sincerely yours,



James H. Duff