

From Harry S. Truman to Bess W. Truman, September 25, 1939

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Dear Bess:

Your letter of Saturday just came. I'm sorry I didn't send you a check before this but I haven't been able to think straight since I arrived. On top of all the neutrality foolishness Milligan and Clark have been maneuvering on some appointments in Milligan's office and trying to put me in a hole. I think they have failed. Then Canfil came in with a whole string of trouble which I got straightened out to some extent and now John Madden and R.R. Brewster are here on a parole for Pendergast. There isn't a chance for anything but a lot of ugly headlines. I think Madden realizes it but Brewster I'm sure wouldn't care if they came.

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I'm glad the Senate quit until Thursday. I can fly to St. Louis this evening and catch a plane back here Thursday morning and by that time maybe they'll be gone.

Vic was taking a lot for granted on that Crown thing but there is already a profit of \$25000 on it so I guess he did me a favor at that. If I'd not been so ethical in times past I maybe could have retired gracefully now. I'd rather be in my position. But it's not so good for my dependants, I'm sorry to say.

Kiss Margie. Love to you. I'll mail this in St. Louis and you'll get it tomorrow.

Harry.

[P.S.]

Shannon just got done talking to me. It took him twenty minutes.