

August 11, 1953.

Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter acknowledging the cantaloupes and clippings from the Star-Telegram.

I am happy to state that after spending nine weeks in the hospital and twelve weeks at home, Mrs. Carter and I had a delightful two weeks with Sid on the island and occupied your headquarters. We had a great time and nothing could have added to it other than having you and Mamie there with us. I am feeling much better and had a cardiogram (which I call a seismograph, an oil term), last Saturday and my doctor feels I am okeh, so Minnie and I are leaving tonight for New York and will take a cruise on the Furness Line to Quebec, Bermuda, etc., for a thirteen day trip. When I return I will work out some kind of a schedule in the office and drop by to see how they are getting along and, incidentally, find out whether I am still on the payroll after six months absence.

Sid left here with a valise full of steer meat which he was to parachute to you in passing over Denver en route to California. I hope it arrived safely and that you and Mamie will enjoy it half as much as we enjoyed sending it to you.

I was glad that Ben Hogan had a chance to visit with you. I sent him a 7-X Beaver Stetson to wear to the British Open Championship and while I do not claim this had anything to do with the final results, it was a pleasure to have him wear a Texas hat. By the way, a special hat has been made up for you, and if you will have Colonel Schulz send me one of your old belts showing the correct size, I would like to send you a special Texas belt which you might enjoy.

I realize how busy you are and hesitate to send you clippings; however, there are some I feel you might be interested in and I have been sending them along on the assumption that if you had a chance you read them, and if not no harm done.

I have just finished reading, in the August issue of NATION'S BUSINESS on page 30, a story headed "The Nation's Worst Boss," which is indicative of the problems you have been confronted with in stepping into the inadequacies of your predecessor. While the chances are you have already read the story, I am sending it along and if you have, please accept my apologies.

We hope you have as much rest as the people will give you an opportunity to enjoy (which I realize will be very limited), and that you will return to Washington full of your usual vigor and enthusiasm. Your spirit and friendly attitude, together with Mamie's contribution along the same lines, has created a better feeling and understanding of Americanism on the part of the citizens of this country; a spirit which many of them had lost almost entirely. I am sure that folks all over the nation would join me in saying that never in the history of our country has so much enthusiasm and affection been displayed towards the "top boss" of the United States.

As usual, here I go writing you a long letter, or a longer letter than you have time to read, but I hope you will make allowances.

Minnie joins me with love and best wishes to you and Mamie.

Sincerely,