

January 6, 1940.

Mr. Carl Slane, Publisher,
Peoria Journal-Transcript,
Peoria, Ill.

Dear Mr. Slane:

Upon returning to the city, I found your telegram to Mr. A. L. Shuman asking that we urge Vice-President John Garner to accept your invitation to speak for annual Creve Coeur Club Washington Day Banquet in Peoria, February 22nd and while I would be delighted to help you in any consistent way possible, I realize that Mr. Garner will be exceedingly busy at that time and unable to accept irrespective of the fact that he would enjoy doing so.

I am sure you appreciate the fact that Mr. Garner would be physically unable to accept the many invitations he receives throughout the country and that he has long since found he cannot do so. We in Texas have been unable to get him to accept invitations for any of our festivities and my observation from press reports is that he rarely ever leaves Washington for such activities. In any event, I am leaving for New York and Washington within a few days and will do my best to help you out.

Trusting you appreciate the circumstances and regretting it is not possible to give you more encouragement, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD