

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Hyde Park,
August 10, 1939.

Dear Mr. Carter:

Today at Hyde Park there has been presented to me by Keith Morgan, National Chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, an inscribed testimonial report which shows that the net total sum raised throughout the country on my 57th birthday is \$1,329,100.36.

This delights me tremendously, and I am filled with deep gratification that the American People are so determined that the disease known commonly as Infantile Paralysis must be controlled. Even more than this, it must be destroyed.

Having suffered the ravages of Infantile Paralysis, my first thought will always be for the immediate care of those who find themselves stricken with this dread mysterious malady and who, too, with the help of loving hands and medical science must fight their way back to as much health and physical power as they can achieve.

The National Foundation, since starting its actual work last summer, has organized a nationwide attack on all fronts. Its first report, about to be published, is heartening and very worthwhile.

We must organize our Chapters of the National Foundation, which task is now being undertaken. \$707,000 of the money raised on my birthday last January is being held in trust for presentation to the Chapters, as soon as they are chartered by the National Foundation. I hope that by the end of September all of the counties will have these Chapters. This fight is real, it is earnest, and the goal is victory.

Let me thank you for the wonderful work which you, your family and your friends have done to make this nationwide fight and its machinery possible.

This year I am writing to almost 15,000 of our citizens who helped direct the celebration of my birthday, and while this letter is signed by process, I do want you to know how much I, personally, appreciate your splendid efforts.

Always sincerely yours,

