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Lexington, Kentucky
February 19, 1945

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a clipping from the Lexington Leader of 19 February.

This Mayfair Bar and the hand book upstairs is operated and owned by one man, Ed Curd. He owns a big home and farm, just out of the city limits on the Paris Road, near the Lexington Country Club. The bar is operated just as a convenience. You just walk in the bar, like you were going to get a drink, and then up the back stairs. You can get the largest drink of Bottled and Bond whiskey for \$0.45 in town.

During the President's election, he had odds posted on most any state in the union, and on the outcome of it all. He started out by betting 4 to your 5 that Roosevelt would carry Kentucky by 65,000. As the money came in, he would cut the figure down, so that about a week before the election he was betting 4 to 5 that Roosevelt would carry it just by 35,000. He is a genius with figures. Somehow, I don't know just how he does it, but from the odds he gives and points he will win most every time, regardless of who you bet on.

His bank account is with the Bank of Commerce. He employs about 20 people at this time. More when horse racing is going on. He has taken out the four rows of seats that were used when horse racing was going on and has installed a large crap game and one black jack. Two colored porters will bring your drinks to you, while you are playing upstairs.
