

May 8, 1940

Dear Dad,

You are absolutely correct. I am requesting another favor. However, before my name, humbled so frequently, is taken in vain please let me furnish you ~~with~~ a laconic explanation.

Only today I learned that before my leave of absence can be authenticated it is necessary that I furnish my office with a notarized reproduction of my birth certificate. I am prevailing upon you in this regard solely because I do not know the Missouri County in which Warrensburg is located. Inexcuseably ignorant,--isn't it? Neither do I know which county governmental agency is in custody of this information. In Kansas I believe there is a department of vital statistics which is in charge of affairs of this kind.

Through you many contacts in Warrensburg and the surrounding hinterlands, I feel that you will be able to secure this information with the utmost expediency. If you will be generous enough to contact the proper county official in this regard and forward me the necessary credentials I will have them notarized here in our office.

The delay caused by continued correspondence between you and me might prove the difference between success and failure in providing my office with this requirement in the allotted time. That is the reason that I have not ask you to furnish me with the necessary information, thus enabling me to handle this correspondence from here. The three or four days so expended may prove of cardinal importance. In my limited experience in dealing with local governmental agencies I have learned that the time element is of little consequence to them.

I am sorry that your stay in Ellinwood was so brief that we were able to visit for such a short time, however, we were immeasurably flattered by the realization that you declined more elaborate quarters in our favor.

Thanking you in advance for favor number one billion and one. I am,

Your Son,

*"M. J. Allen"*

P. S. Our genuine affection to the entire "Clan of Allen" We will be seeing you June 1.

If you are able to get golf balls at a good discount please send some C. O. D. My supply is exhausted and the price prevailing in this man's country is prohibitive.