

December 22, 1941

Governor Payne Ratner,
State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

My dear Governor:

I was happy to receive your wire which reached me on my anniversary.

One of the most satisfying things in regard to my line of business is that it has brought me in touch with the leaders in the State and Nation. Perhaps no one in the state has asked fewer favors, nor has been more willing to help others than have I. I take a real satisfaction in the successful careers of worthwhile men and women. I have been proud of Kansas which has been my home for nearly sixty-four years. There is something about our great state that has enabled it to produce outstanding men and women, and generally speaking, we have not been swayed by demagogues as much as many of our sister states.

I have enjoyed my acquaintance with you and with your charming wife and have also appreciated the warm friendship that has existed between you and my son, Dolph, in whom I have every confidence.

I remain

Cordially yours,

WCS:JM