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My dear Collie Simons:-

Indeed I appreciate the friendliness in being called "Allie". And I appreciate your letter of January fifth although I have been a long time in saying so. I have been so busy being indignant at the wasteful and destructive incompetence of our "great leaders" that I haven't had time to attend to the simple amenities of life. As though my indignation could correct the reign of "non sequitur" in our propaganda ridden land.

I hope it is escapism and not senility that makes me so interested in the past! At any rate I grow more and more nostalgic for the old home town. I did enjoy my visit there and the cordiality of my welcome.

I am wondering if you would like a copy of the cartoon --a photo of an original photograph--that my father made for J.B. Watkins during the Western Farm Mortgage CO. S scandal in the early Eighties . The State Historical Society at Topeka requested a copy and I have just mailed it. The photograph(original) was found by Mr. Dick Williams after I left Lawrence and sent to me. The copy is 11X 14 inches. I thought you might like it either for the Douglas Co. Historical Society or for your own historical collection. As some of the relatives of the parties prosecuted by J.B. Watkins are still alive the photograph might be valuable only as