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Mrs. Kathryn Drought
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Dear Kathryn:

I enjoy your letters as I have told you before, because you are able to think clearly and to express your thoughts.

I am hoping that while we have been pushed to the brink by Roosevelt and the New Deal, that the Good Lord may save us from falling over thru bringing success to the Republican ticket this fall. The manpower poverty of the Democratic party is a powerful illustration of what happens when a man considers himself indispensable and dominates every thought and action of the party. Roosevelt's span of life may not be long and God save any country that might be controlled by as weak and therefore dangerous a man as Henry Wallace. There will be no question in regard to Republican success in Kansas, and I trust the many evidences of a return to common sense now to be seen in the nation will result in the election of Dewey and Bricker.

Today is my birthday. Gertrude had a nice dinner for me last night with Dolph and Dolph Jr. present.

Marie is now visiting in Detroit and John, Dolph's youngest son, is with his grandmother and Uncle in Auburn, Nebraska.

My oldest grandson, the only one old enough to be eligible for military service, received his commission as a Lieutenant on July 1st, and we expect to see him tomorrow. He has been trained to be a navigator in the ATC.

We leave Tuesday for Gull Lake. Our stay there will probably not be greater than six weeks--perhaps less. I hope to see Lillian. We arrive by train and usually catch a bus out for the north in about an hour's time. If we miss that bus, I don't know what the schedule would be for the rest of the day.

We are having a dry summer--a very wet early spring, but rather of a dry June and July. Wheat is excellent, potatoes only