January 11, 1952 Mr. Alf M. Landon Topeka, Kansas Dear Governor: Thank you very much for your kindly letter of December 19. I am proud of Dolph and also of his two fine sons, Dolph Jr., now in the Marines, and John, a sophomore at K. U. So often boys born into families able to care for them become more or less frivolous, but in my son, Dolph, and in his boys I deem myself especially fortunate. They are as clean cut in character and as fit mentally and morally as one could wish. I too sincerely hope that we may have a Republican president. I do not think that Truman is so much a badman as he is an incompetent one. His training came under leadership that could hardly have equipped him into a well-rounded conscientious statesman. I feel our nation will be long in recovering from the effects of the Roosevelt and Truman administrations. With continued good wishes, I remain, Cordially yours, W. C. Simons WCS:en