

May 9, 1935.

Mr. Wilson McCarthy, President,
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Denver, Colorado.

Dear Wilson:

I enjoyed reading your letter of May 3rd. It is certainly pleasant to have such flattering friends. Such expressions as yours help to boost my ego irrespective of the merit.

The opposition to my confirmation fell very flat--as a matter of fact, Senator Glass was left practically alone. The report from the entire Committee was unanimous, Glass, of course, being absent when the vote was taken and there was no opposition whatever in the Senate, unanimous consent being obtained so that it was not even necessary to defer action until a later executive session. The opposition was never as serious as it appeared at first. I feel sure that the White House would have forced the issue through had it been necessary to do so, but it is very much better for me and my relationship with Congress that the way was smoothed out, thus avoiding a fight.

I appreciate more than I can tell you your interest in the matter and I know how helpful your efforts, as well as those of Elbert and Senator Thomas, were in bringing about the favorable results. As you suggested, I am writing a note to Mr. Preston at Knoxville expressing my appreciation for his assistance, a copy of which letter I am enclosing herewith for your information.

Your son Kenneth was out to the house about a week ago to dinner. He seems to be a very fine boy and I was glad to meet him. I was also happy to have him get acquainted with Campbell and Eleanore.

I hope you will give me a ring whenever you are in Washington as I always enjoy seeing you.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,