

It seems it is a little difficult to get anything about your Mr. McKim - apparently little to know! The most about him appeared in the papers, so I have gotten those for you.

I called Miss McConnell to see if they had any information, and she said she knew Currie had checked on him and so would speak to him and call back.

Currie said all he was able to get was:

McKim held a thoroughly minor insurance position out in the middle West; he is from St. Louis; is a very, very close friend of President's and has been for many years, served under him in the last war and very close to each other since then.

Very close to him now, and is running the White House office, his title being Chief Administrative Assistant. No way of telling how much he is influencing policies, but he is running the operations, so - - -!!! Doesn't think he is a very big person.

Currie hopes to see you very soon to talk over many things, and may be able to give you a more definite impression in person -- but at present can't seem to get much to go on other than the newspaper reports and the little things mentioned above.

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