

Darling, here is a note that Senator dictated to me:

"I have been making some progress on the San Antonio deal but miss your advice and striking power. We are going to try to get a defense plant to finance the building of a steam plant near Peters under a construction-operation contract with the Authority. I do not know how these things will come out, but will do the best we can.

I have seen Tom and Biddle, who both told me practically the same thing Tom told you over the phone. Biddle has not yet got the President to sign the memorandum regarding Leo Crowley. I also saw Watson and he wanted to arrange an appointment with the President but has not yet done so.

I had lunch with Malcolm today and we went over everything pertaining to his affairs and yours. Malcolm told me that Charlie Henderson had come to Maury for a job and told Maury that you had sent him. This is quite interesting in view of your statement to me that Charlie had not consulted you. Malcolm was satisfied that they were doing you a favor and that you were wanting to get Charlie out of the office. I did not correct this impression because I am convinced that your office will run as well or better with him gone and you had as well save his salary. As you know, I am fond of Charlie but unless he has someone over him to keep him on his toes I am afraid that he lets things slip. Furthermore when he is here he wants to assume the responsibility and does not give the others assignments on things that they might handle just as well and get done more expeditiously.

I am sure Bird has told you all the rest of the news and I will close by sending you my love."