

Washington, D. C.
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Mr. Roberto H. Todd,
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Dear Roberto:

Thanks a lot for your good letter of Nov. 7 which reached me a few days ago. I was delighted to hear from you. No one knew better than I how pleased you would be over the triumph of the G. O. P. in the last election.

Because of a trend, which was quite evident throughout the country during the campaign, toward a Republican triumph, I do not think the result was a great surprise, even to Republican leaders, particularly as far as the House was concerned. While it was pretty generally conceded that we would carry the lower house of Congress, few, if any, thought that we would pick up enough seats to control the Senate.

Now, for the first time since 1930, the Republican party is in control of the legislative branch of the government, having a working majority in both the House and Senate. From all reports, reaction to this victory was one of relief throughout the country. The people felt that there should be a change, and voted accordingly.

Realizing their great responsibility, the Republican leaders are planning to move cautiously. They are not unmindful of the fact that any mistakes on their part would destroy what now appears to be an excellent chance of taking over the White House in 1948. There are many serious problems to solve. The task of finding a solution for some of our economic ills is a staggering one.

I am sure the Republican party will meet all emergencies. It is quite generally conceded, even among Democrats, that the ablest and most influential man in the Congress of the United States, and in the Republican party, is Senator Taft of Ohio. The Senator is a clear thinker and always has both feet on the ground. He is recognized in the Senate, by both parties, as an authority on economic and financial questions, and a painstaking legislator.

I noted, with extreme pleasure, in your letter, that you have not given up the idea of making a visit to the United States. I can think of nothing that would give me more genuine pleasure, or make me happier, than to have a visit with

you. When you do come to the States, let me know far enough in advance so that I can work out an "agenda." There will be so much to talk about that I am afraid I will overlook something. Unfortunately, the hotel and housing situation is bad. It is even worse now than it was during the war. Why it is still so bad here in Washington is beyond my comprehension. With so many war agencies demobilized, you would think there would be more room now. On the contrary, it is worse now than it was at any time during the war, and the situation is the same in other cities, both large and small, all over the country. It is tragic to see veterans and their families begging for places to live. I managed to get a reservation in New York, at the Vanderbilt, for two nights, about six weeks ago. I wanted to stay longer, but they threw me out, and since I couldn't find any other place to park I had to come back to Washington. It is hoped that the hotel situation will ease up some of these days. When it does, and I hope it will be soon, I will look forward, along with your other many friends, to welcoming you to the United States with open arms.

Some of your old friends always ask me about you. The Republican National Committee meets here next week. I expect to be here. I am sure to run into some old-timers who will ask about you. And I am sure it will please you to know that they never mention your name without singing your praises. If there was ever a more popular member of the Republican National Committee than you, I don't know who it was.

I hope your new Governor is getting along all right. I was pleased to see a native appointed to that position.

Speaking of Governors, I never hear a word about our old friend "E. Mont." I have inquired about him a few times of some of my friends on the Kansas City Star staff here but they seem to know nothing about him at all.

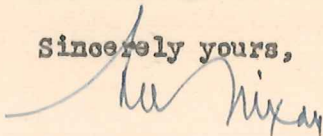
Saw Fred Leser the other day and we reminisced a couple of hours about the old days in Puerto Rico. Fred is leaving to-day for Honolulu to spend the winter.

Of course I remember the oyster bar. When you visit the States, which I hope will be in the not too far distant future, we will visit the bars, and they won't all be oyster bars.

Dear friend, I sincerely hope you are fine, in good health, that you will have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and that I will have the pleasure of seeing you soon.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



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