

Condolence

27 April 1948

Dear General Summerall:

I have just learned of Mrs. Summerall's death and am writing to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Having some understanding of the depth of your grief, I realize that little consolation is possible when a loved one has departed. However, I want you to know that a host of Army friends share your great sorrow.

Sincerely,

DSE

General C. P. Summerall, USA Retd.  
The Citadel  
Charleston, South Carolina

27 APR 1948



DDE

WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

23 April 1946

Dear Mrs. Stone:

It is difficult to express the depth of my sympathy in the death of Mr. Justice Stone. Your loss, I know, is a great one, ~~but greater still is that of our country's.~~ *as is our country's.*

Although my relationship with Mr. Justice Stone was not close, I have long admired him for the true soldier he was, fighting always ~~for his construction of the laws and the rights and duties of the Supreme Court as he understood them.~~ His loss will be more keenly felt with the passing of years. In his 20 years on the Supreme Court bench, Chief Justice Stone has always exhibited a logical and consistent *Constantly grown in stature* philosophy of the law which has placed him high among the leading jurists of the world. His decisions will long remain behind him, as a monument to his devotion to duty and as sound guidance for his successors in generations to come.

*the principles by which he lived.*

It should be of some consolation to you to know that, while his friends were many, his admirers were legion.

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. F. Stone  
2340 Wyoming Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

rough hand  
letter from DDE

Dear Mrs. Mallery:

Your recent letter addressed to G.E. at CU was forwarded to Nard  
has just been received.

As the G is away on a trip, I am  
replying to your inquiry. There  
have been so many requests for  
handwritten letters that G.E. has been  
forced to adopt the policy of declining  
them all, simply because of the  
limitations on his time and <sup>energy</sup> ~~talent~~.  
I know you will understand that,  
in fairness to those he has refused, ~~the~~  
G could not make an exception in  
this instance. If you would like to  
have an autographed card or photograph,  
let me know and I will ask the G to sign  
one for you at an early opportunity. Maybe  
I should tell you ~~the~~ now that he makes no  
in<sup>scrip</sup>scription unless he knows the recipient  
personally.

Thanks for writing. I do hope you  
will appreciate the circumstances which prevent  
a more favorable reply - <sup>Carroll</sup>

26 April 1948

Dear Mr. Shreve:

Your very cordial invitation to be the guest of honor at your Organization Night Dinner was delivered to my office by Mr. Berkshire who spoke most convincingly in behalf of it. I know I should greatly enjoy being with you, but despite my personal desires, I cannot see my way clear to do so. - 27 April

As my aide explained, I have just returned from a brief leave and a quick trip to Kansas and back, and I am confronted with the multitude of last minute problems which accumulated during my absence from Washington. In fact, my schedule for the three or four days before my departure for New York is so overwhelming, I have been forced to withdraw from several engagements of long-standing. To accept in this instance would undoubtedly give the appearance of a breach of faith on my part.

Will you express to your members my deepest regret that, with circumstances as they are, I have no alternative than to decline this gracious invitation.

With best wishes for a highly successful meeting,

Sincerely,

DAE

Mr. Earl O. Shreve, President  
Chamber of Commerce of the United States  
1615 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Drop 4/27 APR 1948

MESSAGE TO THE VETERANS' HOUSING CONFERENCE

As citizens assembled at this conference, concerned with decent housing for your families and your neighbors, you deal with a problem -- fundamental to the national welfare -- that now demands of us proper and adequate solution. In the years of war, the effort for survival and victory took precedence over the needs of our growing population. In the reconversion to peace, there was conflict between many deficits of our economic life and none could be singled out for overriding priority. But now, and unmistakably, our first domestic lack is enough, reasonably-priced, good, modern housing for Americans.

As veterans, working on this problem, the talents you apply are enhanced by war experience. You know that great goals are attained only by the united efforts of many men joined in teamwork. ~~You have faith in America and in the greatest team of all the American people.~~ <sup>It is certain</sup> You are inspired by the certainty that if we all <sup>work together</sup> ~~join~~ together, from the individual family, and the ~~small~~ community ~~to the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~most~~ commercial enterprise and the Federal Government, we can accomplish our purpose in every ~~worthy~~ endeavor.

Your conference has my best wishes for unbounded success. You, America's veterans, have, as ever, my confidence in your ability to achieve whatever <sup>worthy</sup> goal you may set for yourselves.

This principle has local as well as broader applications.

I well remember "The Holmes" as  
the residence successively occupied in  
World War II by prominent officers of  
the United States Army. It was here  
that General Bradley spent the months  
during which he organized the First  
United States Army for the momentous  
assault against the Normandy beaches.

*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

31 APR 1946

*Dwight*

*He*

*Appreciation*



DDE

3 May 1948

*until you suggested it,*

Dear Hap:

I cannot tell you how deeply Mamie and I appreciated the send-off you gave us yesterday morning. While it had never crossed my mind that special ~~notion~~ would be made of our departure, yet I now realize that had we passed out with no element of ceremony whatsoever, we would have, in the years to come, felt disappointed. You obviously not only sensed this, but you did the whole thing so ~~beautifully and~~ simply and splendidly that we shall be eternally grateful to you.

Mamie carried her flowers very proudly out of the car when we reached our new house in New York, and I assured the reporters that they came from the oldest regiment in the Army, presented by its newest recruit.

Please give Elzena our love and, of course, warmest regards to yourself.

Cordially,

Major General Hobart R. Gay  
Commanding General  
Military District of Washington  
Washington 25, D. C.

P.S.: Anytime that you two come to New York give us a ring in advance to see whether one of the spare rooms is vacant at the moment. You will always be welcome guests.