

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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This is correspondence to and from newspaper editor and publisher Frederick W. Brinkerhoff. The bulk of letters date from the 1940s and 1950s. His first newspaper job was with the Ottawa Herald, after which he worked for the Fort Scott Republican, Chanute Sun, Chanute Tribune, Kansas City Star, Pittsburg Headlight, and the Pittsburg Sun. Brinkerhoff was also vice-president and a director of Stauffer Publications as well as director of Capper Publications Inc., the Topeka State Journal Company, and Newton Publishing Company. In addition, he was vice-president of the KSEK Broadcasting Company in Pittsburg. Brinkerhoff was well known as a journalist, serving as president of the Kansas Press Association in 1935 and as chairman of the Kansas Associated Press in 1946-1947. He also served as a member of the Pulitzer Prize jury for editorial writing in 1950 and 1951. In 1956, he received the William Allen White award to a Kansas editor for journalistic merit. Active in community affairs, Brinkerhoff was a member of the board of the Pittsburg Public Library, served as chairman of the Pittsburg Industrial Commission, and was on the board of directors and served a term as president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce. He was also active in Republican party politics. Brinkerhoff was interested in the history of the state and served as president of the Kansas State Historical Society in 1944. The correspondence is arranged chronologically and grouped alphabetically by individuals with whom Brinkerhoff was in frequent contact, including Roy F. Bailey, Arthur Capper, Rolla Clymer, Harry W. Colmery, Harry Darby, Jess C. Denious, Myron George, Merl Huffman, Clyde M. Reed, Richard W. Robbins, Andrew Schoepel, and Oscar Stauffer, among many others.

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Independence Kansas

216 S. 10th St.

June 19, 1952

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff,

Thank you for the clipping from the Pittsburg Sun. I want to thank you for everything you have done for me. Come over and visit me some time. I will be glad to see you. We are going on a vacation for two weeks we are leaving July 4. We are having a time deciding where were going. Daddy bought a box of Budwiser to wisen us up. Give my regards to your wife I think she is pretty. Say hello to Lois for me.

Thank you

. Your Freind

Stuart Jackson

Stuart Jackson

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[Jones/1952]

THE LYONS PUBLISHING COMPANY
THE LYONS DAILY NEWS
LYONS, KANSAS

Wednesday

Dear Fred:

I think you and I are probably worrying about the same thing - the apathy that exists in the press when any fight on Communism is started.

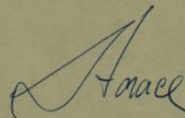
You may not recall, but last fall I attacked a certain textbook being used in the English departments of our leading colleges. The editorial got a good play around the state. Then the opposition set in. Whereas most of those who copied did so without comment, several who did not use it challenged it on the grounds of violation of the commies' divine right to "academic freedom".

I had a lengthy exchange of correspondence with the head of one English department and before it was over he told me he felt that any book that was suspect should not be used and that this would take care of the one I attacked. It is not being used in his school (K-State) this year; whether it is in any other, notably Kansas University, I do not know.

Most of the boys of the Kansas press are snoozing along and trying to push crackpotism in Kansas education aside as a bad dream. We've got some of it, Fred, and it worries me that there is no more clamor to get rid of it. Howls from the press could be tremendously effective, as my own experience proves, I think.

You appear to be on my team. Are there others who would be willing to do a bit of hell raising. I would appreciate the names of any you know to be militant instead of milquetoast.

Yours,



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Oct. 12, 1953

Horace Jones
The News
Lyons, Kas.

Dear Horace:

Thanks for your kind words. If we do not knock hell out of these critics of the fight on Communism, we will deserve what we will get.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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THE LYONS DAILY NEWS

PAUL A. JONES
Editor

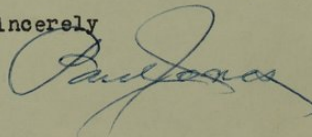
Dear Fred:

Under separate cover I am mailing to you a book, my first and, in all probability, my last attempt at fiction. If you will give it a little mention I shall be grateful, especially if you state that it may be obtained at local book stores or postpaid for \$2.75 from Prairie Publishers, Lyons, Kansas.

Also if you will give me the names of a few book stores in your locality I shall be further obligated.

Hope you still are well and happy.

Sincerely



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dear Fred:

I am wondering if you ever found time to write a little something about "Blue Feather." Naturally I want to know your opinion and marked paper or tear sheet may have gone astray. Not hard to do down at the office with so many papers coming in every day and me not there to check them.

Too bad our good friend, Jess Denious, had to go. I liked him but who didn't? Anyway he made it past the three score years and ten. So have I -- so God be praised.

Sincerely



Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dear Fred:

That is the best review of a book by a guy who hadn't ~~read~~ read it that has ever come to my attention. Nice work and thank you especially for stating the price of the book and where it may be secured. William Allen White once told me that reviews will flatter your ego but if those two details are omitted they are not worth two whoops in a rain barrel .

Please read the book some day and give me your personal opinion of it. You gave me names of book stores and librarian and I have solicited them. In fact you have done all you can do so now just relax and have a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely

Paul

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Dec. 3, 1953

Paul A. Jones
Lyons, Kas.

Dear Paul:

Unfortunately I have been unable to find time to more than glance at the book. But on Nov. 23, feeling that it would be well to write something about it in order to stimulate interest--and sales--I wrote and printed an editorial and I am enclosing a clipping. A little later I intend to enjoy the book.

I enclosed to you a copy of the letter I sent to Mrs. Nevin, librarian. And I am sure she has the book in the library now. If you did not get that letter in which I told you of some book stores, let me know and I will give you the names again.

Certainly was too bad about Jess. A week ago Sunday night Pearl and I had dinner with Jess and Juliet at the Kansas City Press Club party. Juliet told me on the side that Jess was in bad shape and was having a miserable time. She indicated that his condition was most serious. I saw him all Monday morning at the AP meeting and at the luncheon which followed. Then I told him good-bye, which proved to be the last time. I thought he looked about as well in those two days as I had seen him look for a long time.

Good luck to you and best wishes for your book.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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Jan. 2, 1956

E. W. Johnson
The Tribune
Chanute, Kas.

Dear Ernie:

Thanks for the kindly support which you have given me in my campaign to bring the national committeewoman job back to Kansas. Thinking you may not have seen a second editorial which I ran Dec. 27, which some people believe has some reference to the first one, I am enclosing it. You will be interested in knowing that the Tulsa Tribune had a big feature story on the subject the other day, evidently sending a reporter to interview Mrs. Semple and looking at the facts of residence. It almost draws a diagram of the home in Oklahoma and the legal home in the wilds near Treece.

This woman has some things that your famed feminine leader of politics does not have. But they remind me much of each other in their ambitions to be political bosses.

This tax thing is a mess. I still believe that an important factor has been ignored by our boys in Topeka although I am sure that there must have been some word from Chanute in the deliberations on the subject. When I do not have money to spend, I try to cut down the things for which I spend money. I think the cutting of expenses should have primary consideration. I realize that it is a difficult task. But, by thunder, we ought to pay some attention to cutting down expenses. You and I do that in our business. But the politicians, practically without exception, are always talking about having to have so much money, about money to a certain amount being absolutely necessary. This is poppycock, flapdoodle and piffle. Any man in business who tries to apply that so-called principle in the operation of his business would go broke.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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The Chanute **TRIBUNE**

CHANUTE, KANSAS
E. W. JOHNSON, EDITOR & PUBLISHER

January 3, 1956.

Mr. F.W. Brinkerhoff,
Pittsburg Sun,
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Fred:

Our Advisory Committee has dealt with revenues and taxes, but it couldn't overlook entirely the reasons for the need for more taxes.

One of the reasons is that the state is sharing with local units more than 40 per cent of state-collected revenues. The result is a measure of relief to the local ad valorem taxpayer on schools, roads and streets, et cetera.

Another is that more services are demanded from the state--the mental health program, aid to local education, increased higher educational facilities made necessary by the state's achievements in past years, bigger highway outlays required for traffic increases, and others. Where, then, do we start cutting?

Contrary to what may be regarded as a general impression, the costs of general state government have hardly kept up with inflationary trends. In competition with industry, and even with the federal government, state salaries can't attract and hold the kind of personnel we would like to have running public business.

A good analysis of why-we're-here is given in Financing Kansas Government, Part 1, a publication of the research department of the Legislative Council. I am having a copy mailed to you from Topeka, in case you don't already have it.

Thanks for your pertinent comment, and

Best regards,

E. W. Johnson
E.W. Johnson

*RE: The LADY.
Glad to be brought up to date!
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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

June 23, 1956

E. W. Johnson
Tribune
Chanute, Kas.

Dear Ernie:

I made a speech at the dinner of the Kansas Peace Officers Association here when they had their convention here the first of the month. I said among other things that our committee of the Kansas Press Association had not a single case before it where newspapers were having trouble with the police of cities. For that matter there has been nothing about other peace officers. I have no literature or documentation on the subject whatsoever. Under the circumstances I proceeded to discuss the relations of the Pittsburg newspapers with the police department and to show that such relations are extremely pleasant.

The other part of my speech dealt with politics and the police department and a strong declaration in favor of keeping politics and patronage out of the police department. Also I favor removing the restriction on the sheriff's office so that when you get a good sheriff, as occasionally happens, you can keep him just like we keep a competent chief of police.

I am sorry I can do no more for you but the right to know committee really has not had much of anything except photography in court rooms. Personally I would really like to have a nice clean police-newspaper row to survey, research and eradicate.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

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July 10, 1948

Judge John L. Kirkpatrick
Olathe, Kas.

Dear John:

Enclosed is the editorial page of today's paper in which I have dealt with the Miller case. I want to congratulate you on the manner in which you handled the case and on the action of the supreme court.

I do not need to tell you that any incident of the kind in any court tending to increase respect for the courts is of deep interest down this way.

Do not overlook letting me know in advance when you and Anna are coming down this way. Pearl is getting over a sprained ankle which was pretty bad. She fell a month ago.

With kindest regards to you both.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

PS I got the advance sheets from Multon & Letton. Multon read the stuff and was commenting on the careful manner in which you had handled the whole thing.

FWB

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JOHN L. KIRKPATRICK
OLATHE, KANSAS

LAW OFFICE

July 3, '98.

Dear Fred: -

I hope you will have time to get at any lawyer's office, and read, State & Miller, 165 Kan 228, now in Judge advance sheets rec'd yesterday, (No. 2 of 165 Kan) and also, May advance sheet, don't have here but being 164 Kan. 688, habeas corpus case.

In the opinion of affirmance 165 Kan. it seems that the Supreme has served proceedings much in detail as a model record to follow in pleas of guilty cases.

I hope you will note last paragraph page 240.

We should like to see both of you and hope you are all right. Don't know when we will be down but hope to look in during the summer.

Yours truly,
J. L. K.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Aug. 3, 1948

Judge John L. Kirkpatrick
Olathe, Kas.

Dear John:

Your letter of July 13 was a classic. Perhaps you did not realize just how effectively you dealt with some things that trouble a lot of us down here. Undoubtedly I do not need to go into detail on that. Your observations are so clear and so sound that I have taken the liberty to permit some of my legal friends to read the letter. These include Letton who was highly enthusiastic about it. One of these days I shall attempt another editorial on the judicial subject you have brought up. I will not identify you with it, however. This thing of bargaining with justice is one of the most disgusting things with which newspaper men have to deal. I think I could get a general affirmation of that from newspaper men all over the country.

I hope you are both well and that you will be able to get down for a little visit.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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*State Of Kansas, Tenth Judicial District
Johnson and Miami Counties*

*John L. Kirkpatrick
District Judge
Olathe, Kansas*

July 13, 1948

Court Reporter
JAMES G. MANNING
Olathe, Kansas

Dear Fred:

District Clerks
GERTRUDE S. HEDBERG
Olathe, Kansas
ETHEL J. HUNT
Paola, Kansas

Balliffs
R. F. BOOTH
Olathe, Kansas
HOWARD BOUSLAUGH
Paola, Kansas

Yesterday I held court at Paola and could not acknowledge receipt of your letter with the much appreciated editorial. It buoys me up. You probably have noticed the Supreme Court has fixed the date of execution as August 18th. My understanding on the law and of my duties may not coincide with that of a good many lawyers especially the so-called criminal lawyers. It is customary to bargain with justice and the easy way out is offered by the defendant's counsel when there can be no escape and it is accepted by the county attorney. The court frequently enters into the bargain, so I hear, and nothing more happens until later when the parole is sought and obtained. I understand that the average life sentence in Kansas amounts to about twelve years, then the convict returns to society, often to commit another murder. If the sentence had been for life there would have been no suggested irregularities in the proceedings. The efforts after sentence were probably brought about because of the attempt, as I have heard, of the defendant's attorney to inject the race question into the case. As a matter of fact I suspect it did get in but not before me. I have heard that the attorney was in Miami County soliciting funds for the defense. Well I could tell you a lot and shall when I have the opportunity. So far as I know the prejudice against the death penalty did not figure. Some persons, so long as murder does not strike in their own families, profess to have such a prejudice. But I understand that no protest has been filed by any person with the governors for the purpose of preventing execution in the past and there have been five.

I am sorry that Pearl had the accident. Annie has had some rheumatism which handicaps her but she continues to get about and some of these days we hope to briefly visit in Pittsburg and of course wish to see you. We much appreciate all that you have done for us. We get homesick to see old friends and old places but keep so busy we don't have time.

*Glad you mentioned old Mr. Nulton
should like to see him and
all others there.*

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I thought that I would write just one page but I wish to say some more. I can tell you some things others might not understand or believe. I have a peculiar feeling about my position and it holds me close to my work. I have no political attitude toward it at all. Jones says I have no political sense. This is something of my attitude! The state of Kansas has treated me very well since moving in 1896. I went to school at Pittsburg and then at K. U. Kansas gave me a lot and now since the duty has been imposed on me I feel that I must do as much as I can to re-pay. This is not a job for me. Kansas does not owe me a job or a living but I do owe the state a lot. Consequently I will to the best of my ability perform this job without any regard for its consequences so far as continuing in office is concerned. When the state thinks someother person should have the job and can do it better then, no doubt, I shall be believed. My wishes ought not to be paramount and of course I have no idea of promotion at my age. So there isn't much political sense to that and actually the suggestion of political expediency, seldom made however, is repulsive to me.

You hear a lot about "throwing the defendant onto the mercy of the court". I believe you will be interested in this quotation from an address by Justice David J. Brewer. " * * * I know that in human courts mercy is a futile plea. Only in an appeal to the executive is there place for mercy. Pardon is not a judicial function."

We too often forget and let sympathy for the defendant rule forgetting that it is justice which we seek and not pardon.

I will have to stop now or you will not read this. Again thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing the editorial, so well written, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

John L. Kirkpatrick

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HOWARD BOUSLAUGH
Paola, Kansas

August 12, 1948

Dear Fred:

Since your letter came stating that I had made a clear statement of something which had baffled you I have been intending to write to you but just keep busy all of the time and didn't get at it. We keep going all of the time. 3 divorces Tuesday, 1 contested Wed. 1 today besides other orders and at Paola Mon. and to-morrow. But what I wish to say is that I appreciate what you said but don't have a copy of what I wrote so cannot check except that the opinion was one which I frequently express so is not new to me and I didn't think much about it. If you should write something I hope I may be favored with a copy since it does me a lot of good to know that someone notes what I may say. I haven't any idea about coming your way soon although should like to make the trip. A heavy Sept. term approaches and I seem to get along well working. Certainly should like to see everybody down your way but don't know when.

Yours sincerely,

You probably noticed some political news from the Co. a few back to some political ambitions. Probably,

John L. Kirkpatrick

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HOWARD DOUSLAUGH
Paola, Kansas

August 26, 1948

Dear Fred:

I have been wanting to write to you but have been trying to carry on work every day here and at Paola and on the side as my vacation have been going to see a dentist. So I just didn't get at it.

The thing I wished to tell you is that last week The Northeast Johnson County Herald, Overland Park, Loyd Neff, Publisher, reprinted your editorial, A Tribute to a Judge, with an appropriate heading and I feel pretty good. You may exchange with that paper. Anyway I don't know how it happened as I had nothing to do with it.

Well the latest in the Miller case is an application to the governor for a commutation of sentence. Yesterday I received official notice that the hearing would be on October 28th that is in 1948 however so the time is conceivable.

I hope you have found time to read the article in the August Reader's Digest, Scotland Yard's Greatest Secret. There is quite a lot about the system but the significant statement is on page 82 which makes a comparison of the number of murders etc in the U. S. with the number in England. Apparently we just don't care much about law enforcement.

I must not bore you and since I don't have a steno. furnished and have to do this myself I soon run down. I don't know when or whether we will be able to get down for a day or two before the Sept. term but should like to if possible.

Yours truly,

John L. Kirkpatrick

*I see by
the paper
this morning
Jo. Co. now is
4 in pop.
and I also
have
Miami Co.*

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

JOHN L. KIRKPATRICK
OLATHE, KANSAS

LAW OFFICE

Aug 31, '98.

Dear Fred: -

I am just guessing that you are at Topeka to-day and I am wondering whether or not the Committee adopts your editorial which I read in Star as plank in the Platform, if any.

Also whether you will be recognized as the Sultan as suggested in your letter which I think has a veiled meaning in which I am sure I concur. Will be glad to tell you some things which I cannot well write when able.

And we may take advantage of the next Monday holiday and appear in Pittsburg but not certain at all. We of course will not expect any plans and arrangements as we will not have much time to see a good many of us get to come. Have to be at Topeka next Friday regular motion day and that hinders somewhat

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Sept 14 48.

Dear Fred: -

We are trying an auto. collision damage suit to a jury and as a result I try to tell you that I today rec'd your Jan editorial "Bargaining with Justice" and greatly appreciate it. For several days I have intended to tell you that the Graphic News, Olathe, last week published your "A Tribute to a Judge". You have credit and will have to commence copyrighting your articles. All very fine and I am grateful.

No one ever has complained to me about the sentence, the only objection made being by the race trying to work up something.

Well we will wait and see what happens after Oct 28th. I have no present idea. There will be resistance to the plea for clemency but probably no concerted action. You will recall that former Chief Justice Dawson is the Governor's aid in these matters. I have to go back to the trial now. Appreciate your letter also.

Yours truly

John L. Kirkpatrick

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Sept. 13, 1948

Judge John L. Kirkpatrick
Olathe, Kas.

Dear John:

I am enclosing a couple of tearouts showing the discussion of mine on this matter of bargaining with justice. Several persons have talked to me about it. I had a call from Pansy Keller who was much pleased.

I am assuming that the murderous Ethiopian will not swing unless there is a red hot crusade for the rope from Miami County and that will not be until after the battle on Nov. 2.

Regards to Anna.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

FWB:ls

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Aug. 27, 1948

Judge John L. Kirkpatrick
Olathe, Kas.

Dear John:

I suspect that Lacy Haynes who gets one of our papers may have supplied that clipping to the Herald man. The Herald does not get our papers on exchange. I will be watching the Miller case. And I thank you for calling my attention to the Digest article which I will read, come this weekend.

The editorial about which I spoke to you has been written and is in storage ready for publication when we can get to it.

I noted the defeat of Jones. You probably noted the defeat of Bruner's partner, Farabi by Dr. Dellinger for our senate seat. My information is that Jones and Farabi have been very close friends in the Young Republican organization of the state. If Farabi is entitled to be known as a Republican, I am entitled to addressed as the sultan of Sulu.

Sincerely yours,

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Paola, Kansas

October 26, 1948

Dear Fred:

I have received and thank you for the clipping, "The Law Fails". I am glad that some one understands and has the guts to tell the public the truth. As sentiment now is we try criminal cases on the theory that the accused is to be acquitted at all hazards if that is possible. What is remarkable about giving a criminal a fair trial? That is the real theory of the law because it is true that crimes are committed and that the accused is entitled to a fair trial and that is all. So why are juries so hesitant about doing their simple duty. Bring the accused to trial, present the evidence and if guilty why shouldn't the jury simply say so? Suppose we had experienced such travesties in the cases of the assassinations of the presidents? Other cases should be likewise handled. I greatly appreciate your efforts.

Yours truly,

John L. Kirkpatrick

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Paola, Kansas*

Nov. 15, '98,

Dear Fred:-

*I am wondering whether
you have type that will
stand the "heat" of your
comments about the escape
of the two confessed murderers
of Sheriff Patterson & his son
permitted yesterday when
they were taken to attend
the funeral. One 5 times,
"Plea of guilty". Accomodation!
Yours truly,
F.W.B.*

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

Nov. 16, 1948

Judge John L. Kirkpatrick
Olathe, Kas.

Dear John:

You guessed it. Yesterday, after noting what had happened to the Lamar killers, I wrote my sentiments which were printed today. One of the strange things is that you concluded your letter with the explanation "accommodation." And yesterday I could think of no other word to describe the situation in the Missouri court better than accommodation.

By the way, what has happened to the Osawatomie case? I thought that his royal greatness was to pass on the clemency plea before now.

Sincerely yours

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Nov. 12, '48.

Dear Sir: -

*Thanks for the "tear-out"
with editorials about escapees.
Herewith a "tear-out" from
K.C. Times about the Miller
case. That is the latest
information that I have
and make no predictions.
Of course it will be delayed
by the Neff case in which
Rooney participates.*

F.W.B.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

March 7, 1950

C. P. Kelso
Kelso Seed Company
Pittsburg, Kas.

Dear Cap:

Undoubtedly this Elizabeth Bentley is the former student of "Dr." James Mendenhall. I think I told you that Senator Mundt of South Dakota told me last fall that Elizabeth told his committee of Congress that Mendenhall took her to the Communist meeting at which she was converted to redism. Elizabeth joined the Catholic church and you will note that her lecture at Kansas City is under the auspices of the Catholic college.

By the way, the hardest fighting done against Communism in this country now is being done by the Catholics. Our fellow Masons should be ashamed of themselves for their passive, indifferent attitude.

Thanks for calling my attention to this.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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GENERAL OFFICES
114 W. ELEVENTH ST.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

July 9, 1951

Mr. Fred Brinkerhoff, Editor
The Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas

Dear Fred:

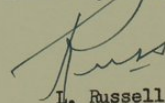
You will find attached the letter which you received from Myron V. George and I want you to know that all of us in the railroad business and in the coal business certainly appreciate your efforts and the good results which you received from Mr. George.

I think from a southeastern Kansas standpoint that the defeat of the St. Lawrence Seaways will certainly be helpful to your area for the reason that if this project goes through it will be a socialistic project and will result in large government subsidizing water power plants and will result in the loss of a great amount of revenue to the railroads of this country and to the coal and oil operators. I cannot see any good at all that if this project should go through it could in any possible way be of any benefit to southeastern Kansas where the main industries are railroads and coal mines.

I have told a great many people of your help on this matter, most all of them associated with railroads and coal mines. Thank you very much.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,



L. Russell Kelce

LRK:rt

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

ESTES KEFAUVER
4848 UPTON STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

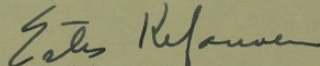
March 25, 1952

Mr. F. W. Brinkerhoff
Editor, Pittsburg Headlight
Pittsburg, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

I want to thank you for the favorable comments you have made about my candidacy in your editorials. Your warm and generous words on my career are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Estes Kefauver
U.S.S.

Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence

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April 10, 1952

Estes Kefauver
United States Senator
4348 Upton Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Thanks for your note of March 25. You are going places
in the campaign and there are many Republicans who have
high regard for you and for your candidacy.

Sincerely yours,

F. W. Brinkerhoff

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Frederick W. Brinkerhoff correspondence



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

224 West 57th Street

July 15, 1952

Dear Mr. Brinkerhoff:

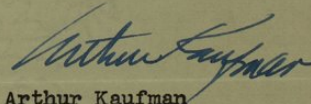
I am returning, under separate cover, the tape recording containing your editorial on Stuart Jackson, which you so generously consented to make for us.

I'm sorry not to have acknowledged receipt of the recording sooner, but I was waiting for a definite usage report for you.

Your editorial is being used in full in a very interesting show which our editors have put together. It is being beamed out tomorrow on the Voice of America's world-wide English show, "American Journal".

Again, let me thank you for your very kind cooperation. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Kaufman
Acting Chief, Special Events Section
International Radio Program Division

cc: Thad Sandstrom-KSEK

Mr. Fred W. Brinkerhoff
Editor
The Headlight-Sun
Pittsburg, Kansas