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Mr. David Berenstein,
Boatman's Bank Building,
Saint Louis, Missouri.

My dear Mr. Berenstein:

I have your letter of April seventeenth, concerning Senator Truman.

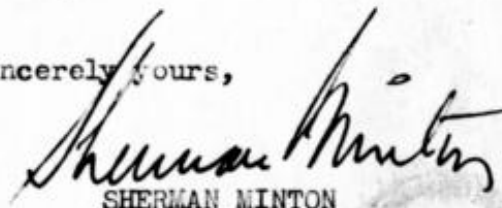
I came to the Senate the same time Senator Truman came, and I have occupied a seat by him all the while we have been in the Senate. In addition to that, I have served on the important Interstate Commerce Committee with him. I have, therefore, had some opportunity to observe Senator Truman and to measure his service.

He is one of the most conscientious, diligent public servants I have ever known. He is a man of fine integrity and high purpose. His work upon the Interstate Commerce Committee has been outstanding, especially on the Committee that investigated railroad finances. He is recognized by his Colleagues to be one of the best informed men in the Senate on this particular subject, and to be well informed on all matters that come before this important Committee.

Senator Truman is not active in debate on the floor of the Senate, and his best work is done in Committee where, after all, the real legislation is done. Senator Truman is a Democrat in every sense of the word, whether you spell the word with a small "d" or a large "D".

I certainly would not want to intrude myself into the political affairs of the great State of Missouri, but I can say without reservation that Senator Truman's services in the Senate have been of such a high character that on that record, he would, in my judgment, be worthy of the consideration of thoughtful people like you.

Very sincerely yours,


SHERMAN MINTON

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