

Mock Convention - 1952

January 7, 1952

Senator James H. Duff
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Duff:

I write to assure you of my personal joy and of my deepest gratitude that you have consented to address our student body at its Mock Convention some time in April. I take it for granted that the boys have told you that this occasion has had a prominent place in our academic life since 1912. We believe that it is a positive influence in developing the ideals as well as the procedures of citizenship. Your coming will make the occasion this year one of uncommon significance.

I hope you will enjoy seeing this institution. Perhaps you know that it was founded in 1749, was endowed by George Washington in 1796 with \$50,000, was presided over by Robert E. Lee for the last five years of his life. General Lee is buried in our chapel. I live in the house which he built and occupied. I am now extending a cordial invitation that you will do me the honor of being our house guest for that occasion; and, of course, you will double our pleasure if you bring Mrs. Duff with you. Lexington is about 160 miles from Washington, and the trip at the time of year indicated should be a pretty one.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Francis P. Gaines
President