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My dear Bart:

I know you will pardon my delay in answering your swell note to me on this appointment. It required a great deal of thought and consideration to come to the conclusion that this was the thing for me to do. I had in mind the children and the honor and prestige it meant to the family. As against that was the entrance into a terrific job. I wouldn't be human not to say that the President's choice and particularly the chairmanship of this Commission was something that meant a lot to us all.

I am going to give it the best I have, with the hope that that will bring some good results. I appreciate your offer of help and, goodness knows, there will be plenty of times I expect to avail myself of it.

I am expecting John Burns in the morning and I am hoping to persuade him to stay here. It is really the biggest job in the government and will make him a national figure. I have never met him, but I know what you all think of him.

If your work carries you this way, let me know when you are coming and arrange to stay with me.

Love to the family.

JPK:VVO