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Mr. Robert E. Bell
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Dear Buster:

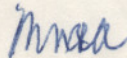
General Almond has sent me a copy of his letter to you under date of February 13, and he is correct in that it seems to me that Medaris is taking unto himself too much credit for the fine work that has been done at Redstone.

Accordingly, I am wondering if there is anyone up there who is in agreement with our opinion and who would be willing to write a letter to the editor sending a copy to The Anniston Star and the Birmingham papers, as well as the Huntsville paper.

If that cannot be done, I wonder if you will give me enough information so that I might write an editorial from this end.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely,



H. M. Ayers

HMA:jw

February 18, 1958

Col. H. M. Ayers, Publisher
Anniston Star
Anniston, Alabama

Dear Colonel:

It was nice, as always, to receive your letter of February 15 and I hope that this finds you and Mrs. Ayers enjoying your usual good health.

I am attaching hereto a copy of a letter that I am today writing to General Almond, which is pretty frank in its contents but contains facts that I think you should know.

I seriously doubt that you will find anybody in this locality who could afford to undertake to write a letter to the Editor such as you suggested in your letter, because knowing the man who would be the subject of such a letter, life here could be made a rather miserable existence, not only by him but by some of your and my mutual friends who are disgustingly courting and cow-towing to the man to the point of its becoming repulsive.

You may rest assured that I will consider it a privilege to give you at any time any information that you might desire toward the end of your writing an editorial in the "Star." If you need any additional information other than that contained in the letter to General Almond, please let me hear from you.

I have heard from more than one source that you are favorably inclined toward the candidacy of Judge George Wallace for Governor, and I sincerely hope this is true. I know all of the candidates well and intimately; and, as a matter of fact, I taught several of them at the University. George is head and shoulders above the flock, not only in character and integrity, but in his experience and background in state government. He is a man who I am confident will rely heavily upon such people as you for counsel and advice if he is successful in winning the Democratic nomination.

With warmest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Always sincerely yours,

RKB:mfl
Enclosure

Robert K. Bell