

CITY OF PRINCETON INDIANA

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Colonel John C. Nickerson, Jr.
Redstone Arsenal
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Colonel:

I have been reading recently of your squabble with Secretary Wilson et al, and although I only know what I read in the newspapers, I am sure you are not guilty of any charges against the government. My purpose in writing this letter is to tell you that if I can be of any help in any way, such as a character witness, or in any other manner, I would be glad to come down and testify or offer my services to help you.

As I mentioned before, newspaper accounts are far from accurate, and since I have been in politics for the past year or so, I realize that more every day. We have just gone through a very bitter strike and labor dispute that resulted in enough violence that you may have read about some of the affairs in the newspapers. I am glad to say that the bitter strike is over, but we still have a worrisky one in a local telephone strike. If this type of thing continues, I don't think I will be interested in any more political offices after I have served my present four year term.

Since we found out by a Christmas card that you were in Huntsville, Alabama, Jane and I have threatened several times to stop by to see you, the Thurston's in Birmingham, and General Pickering in Atlanta. So far it has been just talk as you know we now have three children ages eleven, three, and two, and it is rather difficult to get away with the two young children.

With best regards to you, Mrs. Nickerson, and the family, I am

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Wiltsie

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