

See originals in Willis H. Farley contents.

123 Sycamore Street
South Charleston 3, 1952
March 18, 1952

Dear Mr. President:

There are many kinds of shirts and many kinds of people.

The subject of shirts and people offers a large field for the accomplished scholar ~~and~~ haberdasher to dilate upon.

At one time (about 23 years ago) lots of people didn't have shirts, while others learned, much to their amazement and sorrow, that shirts can be lost--or even stolen.

Then came the time when chambray (Blue) shirts were more plentiful and necessary as we worked our way out of the depression.

Also, about this time, we began to learn something about Brown Shirts, Black Shirts and Red Shirts, and even now, Sir, You and Mr. Acheson are making a difficult but successful effort to not let the wearers of such colors get too big for their shirts.

There is also the ever present and always bothersome Stuffed Shirt which time and experience have taught us to recognize and tolerate.

But let us now consider that for reasons which some people cannot seem to understand or with which they do not agree, there are more and better shirts for more and more people than some critics care to admit.

All of which prompts me, in view of my now plentiful supply of shirts, to present you with an original and hand-made creation by my good wife. You may be assured that comparatively few of these garments will be available to relatives and friends, and then only to those who are actual or prospective Democrats (note capital D), good sportsmen or Presidents and Past Presidents of the United States of America. (Mr. Hoover may have his upon request).

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May it remind our good Southern friends, among whom you are vacationing, that, as you have every right and privilege, by birth and sentiment, to appreciate its symbolism, so also have they an obligation and privilege to support the true cause of the great, modern and enlightened Democratic Party which it fostered.

Hope it fits.

Respectfully yours,

Willis H. Farley

P.S. If on November 4 a lot of Republican shirts are lost, I respectfully suggest that the owners may be able to qualify for aid under Point Four.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

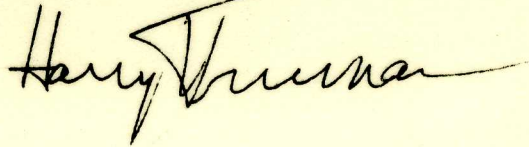
U. S. Naval Station
Key West, Florida

March 24, 1952

Dear Mr. Farley:

I am most grateful to you and your clever wife for that unique and very beautiful sport shirt which breathes the very spirit of the Old South. I have also read with deep satisfaction your very sage observations about shirts, including the always bothersome Stuffed Shirt.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harry Truman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very sincerely yours,".

Mr. William H. Farley
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