

February 24, 1961

The Honorable John F. Kennedy
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Well, we had an unforgettable birthday and we received many, many messages and presents. As a matter of fact, when you accept my invitation to go on one of these great hunts down on the Tombigbee River at McIntosh, Alabama, where Aaron Burr was captured and where Geronimo, the great Indian, was also captured a few miles from there, I'll show you my collection of guns. Our friends did send us four guns, two of them gold-plated, but the main thing was that they thought of us.

We had quite a group. The messenger brought your beautiful letter of congratulations on my birthday. Well, I don't know how you do it, but my wife also received the wonderful booklet that you sent her and she, the children and all of us appreciate that too. You have so much to do but you must have some pretty good help who will help you think of all of these things. I know your famous, fabulous Father could think of more different, fine things to do when he was here in the Capitol of the United States, organizing our great Merchant Marine, than any man I've ever known, so you really and truly are a chip off the old block.

I think that you are doing an outstanding job and all we want to do is to help in every way we can, and every morning and every night we pray that our great President, John Kennedy, will have health and the strength and wisdom to carry on in just the way that will be best for this great country and all mankind.

God bless you and thanks for remembering both of us, and with every good wish now and always, we are

Devotedly your friends,

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