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Honorable George Wallace  
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My dear George:

Note copy of my letter to General Weary Wilson, Chief of the Army Engineers, who is a close friend of mine, and who I think I helped more than any other one man in getting President Kennedy to put him on. I think they had other ideas about other people, because he is the best thing we have ever gotten in the South, and it is the highest honor an Engineer can get, and he sure is for us.

I tell you what he did for us about the parks on 127 miles on this Miller's Ferry project and the other project we have on the Alabama River. He is worth his weight in gold to us. Of course, you know we elected Ross Barnett as President of this Association, which was started by Alabama, and then Mississippi helped, and then Tennessee, and now Kentucky, and it is going to help the whole country. Anyway, we will elect you President of that in the next go-round, because you have worked for it and we are going to put it through this coming year, the good Lord willing, and I don't believe Clarence Cannon will let me down.

I wonder if you ever wrote Roy X. Ferguson, at St. Regis Paper Company, 150 E. 42nd Street, New York, New York. He is Chairman of the Board, how much we wanted him here. We have the site and everything, as I have written you, but I doubt if you get a chance to

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read all the letters because there are so many - I know I don't. I have 6,000 unanswered, but I am sure working, and I am writing this on Sunday.

Anyway, we are figuring on an \$85,000,000.00 plant in Calvert, Alabama, and a \$25,000,000.00 city, with the water works, streets, sewer system, roads, etc. - so you see, it will be about \$100,000,000.00 proposition and one of the greatest plants of its kind, not only in the South, but up North, or anywhere else, but on earth, and we will have an unlimited supply of wood. We already have 300,000 acres bought and paid for there, and two railroads and two rivers - as a matter of fact, three railroads, and the Alabama Coosa runs into the Tombigbee at Calvert, right below Calvert, and that is where the mill will be. We must look at this site.

I do want you to write Roy Ferguson fully about it, and tell him how glad you are he is coming, and what we will do for him on taxes, and also that we will have deep water there. We already have it, but there are one or two or three little places that have to be knocked out, dredged, as it is a sand bar and has filled up, but Ross Barnett, the way he took away the \$300,000,000.00 plant told the oil companies he would do it himself, if the Federal Government didn't, so we will do the same thing, although we can get W. K. Wilson to do it for us.

I believe I would write a letter instead of telephoning Roy, but you can do either one you want, but I want you to be here with this group, because it means an awful lot. We are fixing you up a room, a special room at the hunting lodge, because I think it is a good place for you to rest a little bit - a good place for us to have meetings. I know what it has meant for us in the past. As a matter of fact, we had a meeting down there the other day - I invited you, but you weren't able to come. I talked to your brother about it.

George, if you think it is a good idea, and send me some of your stationery, I will prepare this letter to Roy Ferguson, and things I think he will want to know and hear from the Governor of Alabama. Also to several other people - the people that are putting up the

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\$85,000,000.00, and then I can send them back to you and you can change them any way you want to, and let them ride - but this is a big thing and will be very, very helpful.

I had a group down the other day, just day before yesterday - I only returned home last night. I showed them through the great Geigy Chemical Company that is building 9 new plants. I want to take you over there. I want to take Austill Pharr, the Mobile Register and their picture man and take some pictures of the wonderful things. Nobody knows about it here. That is the place we doubled tracked where the Southern wanted to tear it up. Now they are doing so much business, they had to double track. They are fixing one water container there for these great plants that make everything, that is costing over \$1,000,000.00. Think of it. It is wonderful, it is fantastic, and it is fabulous, and we will do the dedicating about the 1st of next March.

Now, Ed Ball will be on this party next Saturday and Sunday. Now, if you can't stay long - just fly down to Grove Hill or Mobile, and we can run you up there and we can all have a good talk and let these people see you and know you as I do. Anyway, as soon as you get this, call me.

Did you get the package I sent you for Thanksgiving?

God bless you now and always -

Sincerely your friend,

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Member of Congress

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