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HON. R. H. WALKER, EDITOR
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MY DEAR MR. WALKER:

REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 7TH. I REGRET SO MUCH THAT I HAVE BEEN SO BUSY TRYING TO GET SHAPED UP TO LEAVE TOMORROW FOR ANNISTON TO UNDERGO A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION TO DETERMINE MY MILITARY STATUS THAT I HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY TO YOUR EARLIER LETTER ADVISING THAT YOU WANTED TO COME TO MONTGOMERY AT A TIME WHEN I COULD BE HERE. SINCE I LEAVE TOMORROW FOR MY INDUCTION POINT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT I SHALL RETURN TO MONTGOMERY BEFORE THE END OF THE WEEK. HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO BE HERE WHEN YOU COME TO THE CITY AS THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT I SHOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU SHOULD I BE CALLED UP FOR ARMY SERVICE. THEN TOO, I JUST NATURALLY LIKE TO SEE YOU ANY WAY.

I AM GLAD THAT BOB HENRY WAS NOT INDUCTED. HE CAN BE WORTH MORE TO THE WHOLE WAR EFFORT HELPING YOU TO PUBLISH AN EFFECTIVE NEWSPAPER THAT DOES SO MANY THINGS TO AID OUR GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING ON A WAR PROGRAM.

I APPRECIATE MORE THAN I CAN SAY MRS. WALKER'S SENTIMENTS WITH REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT I WOULD BE CALLED INTO THE SERVICE. I KNOW HOW EXTREMELY FOND THE ENTIRE WALKER FAMILY HAS ALWAYS BEEN OF ME AND IT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I TREASURE MOST HIGHLY. I SHALL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK YOU IN THE FULLEST MEASURE FOR ALL THAT YOU DID TO START ME ON MY MONTGOMERY CAREER AND FOR ANY THING THAT I MAY HAVE DONE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY IN PUBLIC LIFE I OWE TO YOU.

I TRUST THAT I SHALL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOU BETWEEN THE TIME THAT I RETURN FROM ANNISTON AND THE TIME THAT I MUST LEAVE FOR SERVICE IN THE ARMY SHOULD I BE ACCEPTED.

WITH EVERY GOOD WISH, I AM

YOUR FRIEND,



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