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Birmingham, Alabama,
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Hon. R. H. Walker,
Athens, Alabama.

Dear Mr. Walker:

I just want you to know that I think of you daily and will be so glad when you can be with us again. Something occurred this week which, if possible, makes me more grateful for the true friendship shown by you for me. This week Mr. Long gave all the employees in my department, except me, a thirty day vacation without pay. The fact that I was not included, I know was due entirely to the fact that you had previously told him that you wanted me to hold my position.

I have been thoroughly cognizant of the fact that you, knowing that it would hurt you locally and politically, did not hesitate to help me when you had an opportunity to do so. That is true friendship, and I am hoping that the day will come when I can show, other than by mere thanks, just how deeply grateful I am.

With best wishes for your early return to good health, I am,

Jim Howard
Sincerely yours,
Jim Howard

P.S. I understand that the employees in some of the other departments have been given a vacation on the same basis.