

July 27, 1938.

Hon. Walter Chandler,  
2012 Sterick Building,  
Memphis Tennessee.

My dear Mr. Chandler:

The utility program at Cleveland yesterday was, I think, a real success. I enjoyed very much being there. Judge Burns gave one of the best reports that I have ever seen at a Bar Association meeting. The only thing that marred the pleasure and enjoyment of the occasion was your absence. I was awfully sorry to have missed you. I had several things I wanted to discuss with you and I wanted, among other things, to wish you the best of luck in the Tennessee situation.

I also wanted to remind you of my desire to get from you the little postscript which I could add to McIntyre's letter so that I can frame the letter, the transcript, and the Chandler Act pen.

I might add that the utility section meeting yesterday had one unusual phase. Apparently Judge Burns and I completely paralyzed the lawyers who were there, as when the time came for a question, let alone speak. I put that down in my book as something noteworthy, as I think it really is something when you can reduce a roomful of lawyers to utter silence.

Yours faithfully,

William O. Douglas,  
Chairman.