

August 11, 1948

Dear General:

I appreciated very much your letter of July twenty-seventh and I really think you have a suggestion when you point to the fact that most of the communists in this country are in New York and California, the home States of the candidates for President and Vice-President.

There is a question about that situation and a person has a right to wonder why these State Executives have done nothing about the situation.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN



Honorable John T. Barker
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Note in longhand -
Hope you are well.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington,

July 27th, 1948.

Hon. Harry S. Truman,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Pardon me for writing you so often, but I have
just finished listening to your address to the Congress of the United
States, and it was so fair and decent, that I want to congratulate you.
You are doing big things for the people of the United States, and if the
Congress does not support you, it will suffer the consequences. Your
program is fine.

By the way something bothers me! All the communists in America,
or at least the greatest portion of them, are in New York and California.
Does that just happen--or are the administrations there friendly, or at
least keep their hands off? I would think the Governor of any State could
make it very tough on a communistic group. I feel sure Governor Donnelly
of Missouri would not call on the Government of the United States to route them,
if they had a public organization in St. Louis or Kansas City. He would drive

them out of the State. Why has not Dewey or Warren fought them? Or at least
exposed them--they must know them--they are there.



Cordially,
John T. Barker
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Walden Park Hotel.