

THE VICE PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON

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The Young People of Troy
Troy Public Library
5044 Rochester Road
Troy, Michigan 48084

Dear Friends:

Your librarian, Mrs. Marguerite A. Hart, has asked me to write to you, the young people of Troy, in connection with the opening of the first public library in your city.

I welcome this opportunity because of my sincere belief that for acquiring knowledge, no medium surpasses the written word. For knowledge of the present, books and newspapers remain the most comprehensive medium we have. For knowledge of the past, whether of spiritual and moral teachings like those of the Bible or of historical events like the sack of Rome, the written word is indispensable. Young people like yourselves, born in the age of television and radio, will still find an ability to read one of the most useful tools you can acquire both for perceiving the world around you and for learning the lessons of the past.

It is, therefore, a significant occasion when a library is opened; for a library gives to rich and poor alike open access to a great store of knowledge. I consider you fortunate in having this new center of knowledge.

Sincerely,

Spencer I. Agnew