

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Farris Bryant
Ocala
Florida

Dear Farris:

I feel like a real bum for not having contacted you sooner than this.

However, as you know, I was out of the country until just before Christmas and spent the holidays at Miami. I didn't get a couple of your messages until after I returned here.

I've been trying to work out a time when we could sit down and talk. I thought I could get a speech in or around Ocala which would make it more convenient for you, but thus far have not been able to. I do have a speech over at Daytona on March 18th where we could have a visit. If that is not convenient for you, I am going to be at the Edison Pageant of Light on the 13th and 14th of February. I have to be back in Miami for a State Jaycee meeting on February 28th. I am going to be at the State Democratic Dinner tentatively set for March 14th or 21st, but it seems to me that Daytona would be best for us. If that is O.K., I will look forward to seeing you over there.

I trust you and Julia and the family had a happy Christmas and that things are going well for you.

Sincerely,

George Smathers

GS:shw