

April 3, 1943.

M. E. Thompson, Esq.,  
2615 Northside Drive, N. W.,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Thompson:

I am not one of the 7,000 who were trying to get one of the 400 jobs! However, I do want to ask a favor.

This college is sponsoring the Lowndes County War Bond Drive for April, with a quota of about \$400,000.00 to shoot at. On April 13, we are having a "big day" here on our campus, with everything pointed toward selling war bonds.

We very much hope that Governor Arnall, Mr. Marion Smith, Dr. Sanford, and others connected with the University System can be here for this occasion. Please talk with the Governor and see if you can persuade him to pay us a visit on that day. We have selected April 13 because it is the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson.

One other favor, --- we are inviting Captain Rickenbacker to be here on the 13th, as we feel that his presence here will be a stimulus to people in this section in connection with the Bond Drive. If it is not asking too much, I hope that the Governor will be willing to send a telegram to Captain Rickenbacker at 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, urging him to accept our invitation. If you could possibly get off a night letter for me tomorrow night, Sunday, it would be a great help, --- as our invitation will reach Captain Rickenbacker Monday morning.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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