

Letter, Swede Hazlett to Dwight D. Eisenhower
February 6, 1952

“Dear Ike,

No doubt you haven't time to read everything that is written about you these days. Neither have I, but I suspect you read the Collier's article by Charlie Harger—you wouldn't miss that one. I never realized before how much he had to do with getting you your appointment; I was under the impression you had done most of it yourself, especially by your fine showing at those 'competes' down at Topeka. But no doubt there were political angels I knew nothing about—and I knew that you had his backing. He helped me along, too, with old Congressman Calderhead, but my Dad did most of the work on that as I was away at school. I never knew the fine old gentleman too well personally but have always held him in the greatest respect. I am probably one of those he mentions as not showing proper gratitude, such as remembering his birthdays as you (more power to you!) do. I plead guilty—but it is because, I suppose, that I have never been fully aware of any personal relationship there. If my father had lived after my graduation I feel sure he would have impressed upon me a sense of my obligation. It seemed to me that there were a number of slightly cockeyed statements in the Harger article, but that can be expected from so old a man after so long a time. Or it may well be that my own memory is slipping. Anyway, the general tenor of the article was factual, flattering and benign. I will always be skeptical, however, of that supposed A.H.S. picture of you. It looks much more like Ed to me.”