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Letter, 1981 August 17, from John Carlin to Eva Jessye

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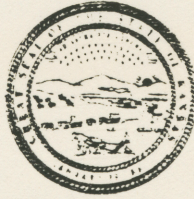
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John Carlin Governor

August 17, 1981

Dr. Eva Jessye
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Dear Eva:

What a delightful birthday gift you sent to me. I especially enjoyed your poem, A Bag of Peanuts. Not only did it, with its poignant wording, bring back many feelings of childhood that I think each of us has had; but additionally, in its closing verse, the poem sums up those precious qualities in life that we tend to ignore just to enjoy our momentary "peanuts." Thank you for thinking of me.

Also, I read the quote you sent me from the Fortune Telling Book with interest. I do not deny that persistence is one of my character traits and it is good to know that Madame Chesiri considered that a positive attribute.

I enjoyed your letter very much. Please continue to keep in touch. Eva, there is no need to feel humble about your new title, Kansas Ambassador for the Arts. It is deserved and I was happy to make the proclamation. Enjoy your year of travelling, but always remember where home is.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Carlin".

JOHN CARLIN
Governor

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