

John Long's letter about his boyhood and friendship with Dwight [Eisenhower]
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“I got hold of a bicycle that had the front wheel wrecked and I sent off and got a new rim and the necessary spokes and after a lot of work in the evenings I got the bicycle in fine shape and the first thing I wanted to do was to take it over to show Dwight my bicycle repair job. I invited Dwight to take a ride on the handle bars with his feet on the foot rests on each side of the front wheel forks. I took him up town and we came to a cross street and I stopped to[o] quick to let a girl pass and Dwight landed right down on his hands and knees in front of this girl and we were both surprised as this girl was Florence Engle (John H. Engle[']s oldest daughter who was about the same age as Dwight). I kided [sic] Dwight a little about getting down on his knees to Florence. Florence later on married a minister.”