I have just received your letter of the 13th and appreciate your sympathetic interest. This accident not only broke our record but almost broke my heart, because I had made such a desperate effort to safeguard life, and up to the time of this deplorable accident we had not only one man killed. Even now our record is still far ahead of any other. In this connection I enclose a clipping from the San Francisco News which may be of interest.

I was deeply grieved to learn of the death of Sanford Bown. He was a fine fellow in every respect and it is a pity that these men must go and some whom we could readily spare linger on. Sanford was planning to head a delegation from Cincinnati for the opening and was working with A. H. Shapiro. Why could not you and Joe and Al take over the matter and arrange for such participation? I am going to see that you get an official invitation from the Fiesta Committee.

I also want to extend my sympathy for the loss of your mother. Please accept my sincere condolences. I learned of this only recently.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

J. B. Strauss

[Signature]

Joseph B. Strauss
May 31, 1938

Mr. Michael G. Heints
18 E. Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Mr. Heints:

We are sending you, through the Secretary of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District, a copy of the Project Report of the Chief Engineer, being the final report covering the nineteen year period of development, conception, designing and construction of the Golden Gate Bridge.

This report, which was prepared by the late Joseph B. Strauss, is published by the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District. It is an official document of both historical and engineering importance and is written in such a manner that both the layman and the engineer can readily understand the problems involved in carrying out an unprecedented undertaking.

Mr. Strauss, before his recent death, instructed that a copy of this report be presented to you with his personal compliments. Will you kindly acknowledge receipt so that we may know it was duly received.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
John Sparks
Secretary
Mr. M.C. Heints,
18 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mike:

I have your two letters of the 5th and 10th and note
the clipping regarding the controversy concerning the approach to the
Ohio River bridge at Aberdeen. I do not grasp the controversy in conncet-
ion with this bridge but I will write Mr. Wilson and perhaps may develop
something that might lead to results. In the meantime, I shall appreciate
your effort to keep me informed of any developments.

I don't think prospects are very bright for Phil. He made
the fatal mistake of depleting his resources during the good times and it
is an easy job for me to carry him during this world-wide depression. It
is a hard job for even those who are well-established to make the grade
and considering all conditions, Phil is mighty lucky that he has not been
left high and dry.

I am having my own troubles here due to the fact that the
opposition forced a Supreme Court decision on one point that had not been
decided - namely the right of an appointive Board to levy taxes. This
postpones the sale of the bonds for two or three months and meantime leaves
us without money so that the District has no means to pay me for the tremen-
dous amount that I have sunk into this project. It makes the situation ex-
ceedingly difficult. As far as the decision of the court is concerned, I think
that is a foregone conclusion, but there is no chance of getting it before
October.

I should have been delighted to attend the marriage of
your daughter. I know how happy you must feel and wish again to extend my
heartiest congratulations.

Very sincerely yours,

JES:B
June 26, 1930

Mr. Michael G. Heintz,
1654 4th Ave.,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mike:

I have your letter of the 19th and to take this opportunity of extending to you my sincere thanks for all that you did in connection with my recent visit to Cincinnati.

It was very delightful to meet my old classmates and it was most considerate of you to get them together. I don't know of an occasion in many years which I have enjoyed so much. And I want to express to Mrs. Heintz and the rest of the family, and also to Sanford Brown and others, my sincere appreciation and gratitude.

I appreciated your sending me the letter from Judge Tuttle which I am returning herewith. I am sorry I did not meet him and I also regret that I did not see Vick or Frank McGee. Give them both my regards when you see them, also, I am looking forward to receiving from you a copy of the revised list of both classes.

I enclose herewith a testimonial of my appreciation of the event which perhaps you may find of interest. I am sending you two extra copies, one for Moe Strauss who always enjoys these effusions of mine, and one for Sanford Brown in order to keep him from looking up earlier and worse productions.

Again expressing my sincere appreciation and gratitude and looking forward to hearing from you, I am,

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

P. S. I am returning under separate cover the letters your received in answer to your invitations for the reunion which I have read with a great deal of interest.
June 3, 1930.

Mr. L. G. Heintz
13 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. Heintz,

I am just in receipt of your letter of June 2, and by this morning you should have my letter advising that I have arranged to stay over until Sunday and I will be very happy indeed to meet the class of '30 and also the class of '32 at your home on Sunday afternoon from 3 to 5.

I have also had a further letter from Sanford Brown in reference to the luncheon which I think was arranged for Saturday, but I am not certain. At any rate, that will be the only time I can make it and I am sending you a copy of my letter of even date to Sanford for your information. I will be glad if you would discuss it with him.

I am sending you under separate cover three copies of "Bridges by Strauss."

With kindest regards and looking forward to seeing you, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

J. Strauss
Encl.
Mr. W. G. Hantz,
18 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mike:

I have been away some five weeks, and your letter, which came just after my departure, has consequently remained unanswered. I have also received a letter from Mr. Righter and Judge Marshall, both on the same subject. Inability to arrange with Mr. Stimmel is due in any way to any doubt as to the state of his health. Your word as to his ability to serve and your endorsement of him is all that I need.

The trouble, however, has been that the American Citizenship Foundation has had a rather rocky road to travel. I believe I advised you that we had made plans for a drive to raise funds, and to facilitate this I resigned as president and let somebody, whom I considered a bigger man, take the office. The only result was that we got deeper into debt and the drive failed and has been abandoned.

At present, therefore, all activities of the Foundation have been suspended, and we are devoting ourselves to a reorganization, and this has been held up pending my return. I am in hopes that we can get something started this week, but it will be several months I think before we will be in a position to build up a speakers bureau where Mr. Stimmel would fit in.

In the meantime, I suggest that you write to the Rotary Club of Chicago, which is often in the field for speakers, and perhaps they would be able to arrange a speaking date for him. I do not know of any other suggestion that I could make that would be of any value, and perhaps this is of no value, but I am offering it for what it is worth. Just as soon as the Foundation picks up, I shall be glad to take up with you the matter in reference to Mr. Stimmel, and perhaps then something can be done.

I am still as you know afflicted with peripatetic habits I acquired when we took our long jaunts in Cincinnati, hardly remaining long enough in Chicago to rest my own family. I hope that some of these days my footsteps will carry me back to Cincinnati, in which event I will look forward to a visit with you, as I have just about given up hopes of your ever trusting yourself to the wicked city of Chicago.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Strauss
Mr. M. C. Heintz,
o/o Heintz & Heintz,
13 East Fourth Street,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Mike:

Got back to Chicago yesterday and am leaving for New York Thursday, returning here Wednesday, and leaving the following day - that is, the 4th, for San Francisco, so that you can see I am not likely to rust out yet.

I note that you have taken the bridge matter up with parties who are in touch with it and that you expect to have some word in a few days.

Enclosed herewith is a letter I have just received in regard to the matter by the senator who introduced the bill. Perhaps this may be of some aid to you.

I would be very glad, indeed, if you could establish contact with this work which would develop into a contract. As a matter of interest, I am enclosing herewith an extract and copy from Popular Mechanics, in which I just noticed an article on the Longview bridge, of which I am the engineer. This may serve as a preliminary aid in broaching my name and I can supplement this if you wish by information relating to the other projects with which I am connected and which give me the distinction of being associated with the largest bridges in the world now under construction. I can also send you a set of documents bearing upon my qualifications.

I do not, however, want to burden you with any of this until it becomes evident that there is a prospect of your being able to utilize it. So I shall await your further advice and trust I shall be able to hear from you before I start for the West.

Irrespective of whether this develops or not, I hope some time to again visit my old friends in Cincinnati, and, incidentally, my brother. In the meantime, I remain, with best wishes to you and Vic

Very sincerely yours,

JNH
encl.
June 10, 1938.

Mr. Chas. F. Merry,
3445 Middleton Ave.,
City.

My dear Mr. Merry:

The Class of '86 of Hughes High School is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its graduation at our home on Erkenbrecher Avenue on Saturday afternoon and evening, June 25th. You met quite a number of the class when we held a reception for Joseph F. Strauss the day after he got his honorary degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1930. Members of the class, as well as Mrs. Heintz and I, invite you and Mrs. Merry to attend.

Some of the girls are sensitive about having it known they graduated fifty years ago at the extra-need to avoid publicity. I suppose I must therefore ask you to treat this as confidentially. I enclose herewith a copy of the notice which was sent to all members of the class. We were anticipating having Mr. Strauss with us and he was hoping to come, but his death two weeks ago changed all that.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. F.

Enc.

(Signed) Michael G. Heintz.