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May 19, 1960

Mrs. Jane Tolmach
Oxnard, California

Dear Jane:

Thank you for your letter of May 16, I must say that I really don't know what to say in reply to it. At this time the Symington schedule is completely filled. There is NO Kennedy schedule and if Lyndon Johnson comes to California he will limit his appearances to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In regard to your "guarantee" of having Governor Brown in Ventura, all I can say is if you can show it to me in writing I will promise you that I will personally deliver him. You must remember that in politics try never to leave enough room for a doublecross.

We are very busy down here in Los Angeles with our Pat Brown Testimonial Dinner on May 31 and the Brown primary election campaign. It is unfortunate that the State Committee is receiving very little help from any other Democratic organization for either of these events, especially inasmuch as the Brown campaign is supposed to be financed totally from the Dinner. The remaining sum of money will be equally divided between use for the Presidential candidate and the Democratic State Campaign Account, which will be spent for the election of Congressmen, State Senators and Assemblymen in California.

Therefore, although I certainly see a need for helping Ventura County as much as possible, I hope you will bear with us in our problem of having so many people more concerned about a national Convention here in Los Angeles than getting Democrats elected to public office.

Kindest personal regards and sincerest best wishes.

Yours for a Democratic Victory,


Joseph R. Cerrell

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