

ADLAI E. STEVENSON

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Dear Friend:

I have been waiting for an opportunity to thank you for your support of the recent movement for my nomination, so I am especially grateful for the offer by Senator McCarthy to enclose this message to you with his own. It is the only way I could have hoped to reach the many thousands of friends to whom I want to write.

I am sure you understand how deeply I have appreciated your continued confidence.

As profoundly moving as this has been to me personally, I know that your support was not only personal -- it was motivated by our common concern for the future of mankind and for our country's responsibility in determining that future.

Therefore, I am confident that you agree with me about our next step. I count the election of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket a national and international necessity. As you may know, I already have embarked on an extensive speaking campaign on behalf of that ticket. I shall look forward to meeting many of you during my travels.

I should add that I consider it vitally important, and necessary to the success of our Democratic ticket, that we insure the election of the kind of responsible and forward-looking Congress Senator McCarthy is asking you to help attain.

Thank you again for everything. The warmth and good will which you and your friends have shown me is something I shall never forget. It will be one of the abiding rewards of my public life.

Sincerely yours,



Adlai E. Stevenson