



STATE OF NEW YORK
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AVERELL HARRIMAN
GOVERNOR

July 26, 1956

Dear Mrs. Tolmach:

My congratulations on your election as a member of your State's Delegation to our National Convention.

Under Democratic presidents, we had a government that strove constantly and vigorously to assure that all Americans shared in our prosperity. Today, our lopsided prosperity does not extend to our farmers, small businesses, and many other families, and the rights of labor are being undermined.

Under Democratic presidents, our country earned the deep respect and confidence of free peoples everywhere. Every competent observer has reported that now much of that prestige has been dissipated. The Kremlin is gaining throughout Asia and the Middle East, and we are losing ground. There is no valid reason for us to suffer these defeats.

At Chicago, we Democrats must write a liberal, forward-looking platform that will express clearly our determination to correct the tragic mistakes of the Eisenhower administration and put our nation back on the road of progress -- in which we all share. We must demonstrate that we have the vision to tackle new problems and seize the great new opportunities that lie ahead. And we must present the candidate who can make the strongest appeal to the country on that platform.

I understand that you are committed to support another candidate. Nevertheless, I hope that we will have an opportunity to talk together about these broad objectives, and I am looking forward to seeing you personally in Chicago, if not before.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Averell Harriman".

The Honorable Jane Tolmach
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