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This is not a campaign letter but a personal letter, trying to bring out the facts concerning the coming Democratic Convention in Los Angeles.

Being 60 years of age and wishing to see another Democratic president during my lifetime, I am doing all I can at my own expense to be sure we have a winning ticket this year.

Kennedy is a fine, clean, outstanding man and I was for him 100% until I looked at the results of the first  $7\frac{1}{2}$  million votes cast in the primary election. Out of a total of these votes, the Republicans, with Nixon (no opposition) received over 4 million votes, while the Democrats with all the bally-hoo put on for Kennedy received less than 4 million votes. Referring particularly to Oregon where Kennedy was supposed to have won with a landslide, Kennedy received approximately 135,000 votes while Nixon with no opposition received approximately 195,000 votes. If this is a landslide, it was a landslide for the Republicans.

Here in Idaho I will say that if Kennedy heads the ticket, the Republicans with Nixon will win both Idaho and Utah, and it must be remembered that Idaho has voted right for president since 1912. I guess it is because Idaho is away from all the political shows and the voters are the most independent voters in the nation.

Senator Lyndon Johnson stopped in Idaho Falls to make a speech at a Democratic dinner. It was just another fund-raising dinner but when it was announced he was coming to Idaho Falls, the mayor declared the day he arrived "Lyndon Johnson Day", and urged everybody to be at the airport to greet him. There was 600 people at the airport to greet him when he arrived. The mayor gave him the keys to the city, the acting governor gave him the cowboy hat to throw in the presidential ring when he decides to run for president. The banquet was a complete sell-out of 500 people. All this happened in a town of 30,000 people. The newspapers declared it the most enthusiastic welcome ever given a political dignitary in Idaho Falls, and all this happened before he declared his candidacy for president. The only reason for such a reception is Lyndon Johnson's great appeal to the independent voter and no candidate was ever elected without the independent vote.

Now you as a delegate have the opportunity to vote for a ticket that cannot be beaten by any candidate the Republicans nominate. I will assure you that a ticket headed by Lyndon Johnson will carry Idaho by a landslide and as I have said before, Idaho has been on the winning side of every presidential election since 1912.

I hope you can see my reasoning in this letter and cast your vote for Lyndon Johnson for president.

Very truly yours,



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P. S. I would appreciate having a reply to this letter with your comments.