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Mrs. Jane Tolmach

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Dear Mrs. Tolmach:

It's always difficult to find the time to keep in touch with friends and associates, but I am going to make a special effort this year to do a better job of it. I am sure you know how much it has meant to me to have the privilege of working with you and sharing in your friendship.

As you may know, I have been writing a weekly newspaper column since early summer and, by way of letting you know of some of my thinking these days, I thought you might like to glance through a few of the more recent columns.

Several reflect on my trip to the Soviet Union, where I had another interesting and informative visit with Premier Kosygin--as well as with a large number of Soviet scientists, educators, and other officials. As you know, I have always felt it a matter of the highest national priority to seek better communications with the Soviet leadership.

I shall be returning to the classroom shortly, as classes begin again at Macalester College and the University of Minnesota. However, I shall be doing considerable traveling this fall, as I have been all year. My secretary tells me that I have been in 20 states since the first of the year, and will be in four or five more before the end of the year. I have given Chairman Harris and Acting Treasurer O'Connor a list of dates when I would be available for regional meetings and fundraisers. Any inquiries that you receive from time to time regarding my participation in fund-raising events should be directed to the Treasurer's office for coordination and handling.

In writing this note, I wanted to let you know of my continued deep interest in the welfare of our party. The elections of 1970 will require a tremendous effort on the part of all Democratic

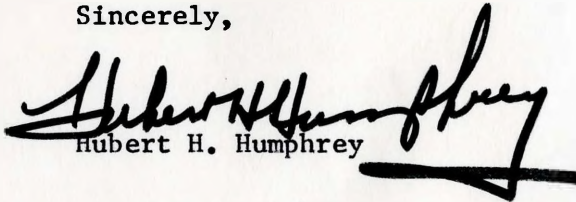
leaders. The stakes are high, including not only the holding of a majority in the Senate and the House of Representatives but also the elections of governors and state legislators which in turn will decide what will happen in this country on redistricting. We cannot afford to waste our energies and resources on factional struggles which only weaken us for the task of defeating the Republicans in the elections this fall and next year.

While it is essential that we continue our efforts to broaden participation within our party, and to strengthen the democratic process within the party, it is equally important that we actively seek to find common ground and to make common cause with those in our party who may differ with us on some matters.

Some affirmative thinking along these lines would surely be helpful at the upcoming meetings in Washington.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,


Hubert H. Humphrey