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Mrs. Jane M. Tolmach, Chairman
Ventura County Democratic Central Committee
Oxnard, California

Dear Mrs. Tolmach:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of June 15th. Your interest in desiring to have a reception and dinner in my honor the week before the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles is much appreciated, and I wish that I could give you a favorable reply. However, it seems clear that my Senate duties are going to keep me here in Washington right up until adjournment, and I have no plans for being on the West Coast.

As you may have noted in the newspapers, I have announced that it is not my intention to attend the Convention this year. There are several reasons for this decision. However, I am sure you will agree, that I could exercise little influence upon an Oregon delegation already pledged to Kennedy, and my presence at the Convention would be embarrassing for all concerned.

Of one thing you may be sure and that is after the convention is over and the nominees have been selected for President and Vice President, you will find me working hard for a Democratic victory in November.

I appreciated hearing from you and send kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne Morse

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