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June 13, 1960

Mrs. Jane Tolmach, Chairman  
Ventura County Democratic Central Committee

Oxnard, California

Dear Jane:

Thank you for your letter of June 10 which, as you can see, I am very promptly answering.

Although the details of the Convention tickets are still rather sketchy, I can give you the following information:

The names of the people to whom tickets are going are supposed to be in the hands of the California Convention Committee on or before July 1. As you know, Glen Wilson is the Committee Coordinator, with offices in the Biltmore Hotel. No tickets will be available to any individual or group until Saturday, July 9, and at that time they are turned over to the delegates. From there, some arrangement will have to be made in order to see that you receive the tickets you are due. This goes for the County Committee tickets, plus those of Senator McBride, Assemblyman Cunningham, the CDC, and any others who will be entitled to tickets.

I haven't seen copy of the letter which was sent out by George W. Milias, and I would very much appreciate having you pass it along to us. The Unruh press release was in regard to the "smear and fear" attack put out by Pat Hillings, charging a vote for Brown would be interpreted by Khruschev that the Democrats are soft on Communism and interpreted by Chou-en-Lai that the United States is going to recognize Red China.

I do not know how successful the smear was but certainly it was bad enough to be mentioned nationally, including this week's issue of the New Republic.

I certainly want to congratulate you in Ventura, inasmuch as you were one of the 25 counties in which Brown defeated Nixon.

I received Margaret Robertson's letter, and I do want you to know that I have been working on trying to get an important dignitary into Ventura County.

Governor Brown's and Senator Engle's offices have been notified of this request. Regarding any of those mentioned for the Presidential nomination, I would suggest that you contact them directly. Needless to say, when they come to California they will be dealing through

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their own organizations. For Senator Kennedy, contact Dan Martin, 1115 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica; for Senator Symington, James Allen, 9744 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills; and for Senator Johnson, Mrs. Florence Hoff, Biltmore Hotel - and should you desire any other names, just let me know.

Thanks for your comment on the Pat Brown Testimonial Dinner. We also thought it was "a tremendous success", especially inasmuch as we hope to net around \$80,000.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento this weekend. Maybe we can get a few minutes to discuss some of the things contained in this letter.

Kindest personal regards and sincerest best wishes.

Yours for a Democratic Victory.



Joseph R. Cerrell

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cc: Mrs. Margaret Robertson