

Letter, Dwight D. Eisenhower to Everett E. "Swede" Hazlett
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"I believe fanatically in the American form of democracy—a system that recognized and protects the rights of the individual and that ascribes to the individual a dignity accruing to him because of his creation in the image of a supreme being and which rests upon the conviction that only through a system of free enterprise can this type of democracy be preserved. Beyond this I believe that world order can be established only by the practice of true cooperation among the sovereign nations and that American leadership toward this goal depends upon her strength—her strength of will, her moral, social and economic strength and, until an effective world order is achieved, upon her military strength. It is these simple conceptions that I will take to Columbia. If by living them and preaching them I can do some good I will hope to stay on indefinitely."