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Dear General Eisenhower:

I am quite incapable of expressing how grateful I am to you for the time, consideration, and patience that you showed me on my recent visit. I will always consider myself among those who have been given a great privilege.

I am sure that if the American public could be exposed to your ideas, philosophy, and ideals, there would be no doubt about the vote at the Republican Convention because, regardless of the politics involved, I believe the American people would make a march on Chicago and demand the nomination of you on the Republican ticket.

I am equally convinced, along with many others, that if this nomination takes place, you will be our next Commander-in-Chief. I, personally, am convinced that you will be our second Lincoln.

Mr. Odlum will mail to you within a day or two the information that you requested, and I hope that it will be useful. If after you have read this material, you still wish to talk with Mr. Odlum, he will make arrangements to attend to business in Italy or Spain and to stop off in Paris enroute.

I am pleased that you were so touched by the film of the Madison Square Rally. It was a rally by non-professionals which I consider important and indicative. The politicians said we could not fill the Garden; that it had never been done. Mr. McCrary and I were pretty certain that the rally would be a success quite apart from the theatrical personalities to be present. Actually, we only informed the public three days before the rally that any stars would be present. This I am told is the greatest spontaneous ovation that has ever been received in the history of our country by a potential for the presidential candidacy. The surrounding streets could not have held the overflow if it could have been announced that you, yourself, would be present. The next rally will take place in Fort Worth, Texas, and the march will continue with increased momentum if we can receive some help and encouragement from you.

Again, my grateful appreciation to you for your courtesy and confidence.

Cordially,

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