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Dear ...:

I can so well understand the feeling of disappointment which takes the form of a desire to labor for some form of political realignment which more nearly reflects your own views and those of many others who have written on this subject. And the reason why it is so understandable is because the Republican party did come into being out of somewhat similar circumstances.

At the moment I do want to do my full part for a Republican victory and make every possible endeavor to re-energize our two party system, for it seems to me that therein lies our last best hope and assurance against possible one party autocracy and dictatorship.

There is upon all of us the responsibility of keeping our party on the beam of sound Republican principles and in this field all of us can render highly useful service.

There has been entrusted to me a very special responsibility as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee the task of achieving a Republican Senate in the 83rd Congress to work closely with a Republican president. To this, I shall devote my efforts and will labor for the entire ticket with the same vigor which I have devoted to this task in other days.

Your gracious and complimentary letter brings both good cheer and genuine encouragement. I am deeply grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen