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Dear Fellow Republican:

ADJOURNMENT REPORT: With the session over there will be the usual box scores on how the President fared with his program, how House and Senate members voted and how it all compares with the 83rd Congress when Republicans had a majority in both House and Senate. When all is said and done however, the important fact emerges in the field of foreign affairs that peace has been preserved, war in the Pacific has not developed, treaties with Austria, Germany, Nationalist China, and the Southeast Asia nations have been consummated, the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act has been extended, our national security has been kept intact, and our national defense strengthened. On the domestic front, prosperity has increased, the gloom-and-doom prophets have been routed, the labor force is the highest in the history of the nation, personal income highest in our history, postal workers and other Federal employees have received pay increases, and confidence in the future restored. Considering the conditions which President Eisenhower and the Republican Party inherited in January of 1953 the whole record is a splendid one and especially so in the face of Democrat majorities in both House and Senate.

SURVEY ABROAD: During the session, I completed a 32-day, 26,000 mile survey in Asia, the Middle East and Europe in connection with the Mutual Security Program. An extended report was made to the President, the Secretary of State and to the Senate Appropriations Committee. There is attached a news account of the highlights of the survey which affords a brief perspective of the trip. During the late summer and autumn, I hope to make some detailed reports to the folks back home.

JOBS: We endeavor to keep abreast of job opportunities in government, whether Civil Service or non-Civil Service, and to keep all interested persons advised. In this connection, a list of job vacancies is attached. Anyone interested should obtain the usual Standard Form 57 from the local post office and submit it together with a letter of endorsement from his County Chairman or Ward Committeeman.
ILLINOIS SCORE ON FEDERAL POSITIONS: Here is a very brief summary of Federal positions filled by persons from Illinois: Exclusive of the 1,082 persons who were employed on the Agricultural Survey at the end of 1954 for a period of several months, there have been 261 appointments in the Post Office Department in Illinois and 846 other appointments ranging from three Ambassadors, three Under Secretaries, seven Assistant Secretaries, and the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington through three Federal judgeships, the United States Attorneys and United States Marshalls in Illinois, down to fee attorneys and fee appraisers. In comparison with other states this is a very substantial representation.

SUMMER AND FALL SCHEDULE: Shortly after adjournment, I expect to base the schedule from my home in Pekin (telephone number 1449) or from the Chicago office in the Federal Building (telephone number Harrison 7-4700, extension 318). Engagements on the calendar include Park Ridge, Logan County Fair, Gilman Centennial, Illinois State Fair, Madison County Republican Committee picnic, Putnam County, DeKalb, Kane County, Aurora, LaSalle, Peoria, Belleville and others.

EXECUTIVE APPEARANCES IN ILLINOIS IN THE NEAR FUTURE: Cabinet members and others will appear at Illinois meetings in the summer and autumn. Agriculture Secretary Benson will appear at Bloomington on the afternoon of August 25 and at Bradley University on the evening of that same day.

Sincerely,

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