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Dear ...,:

First, let me thank you for your confidence and support at the Convention. I shared your hope that the importance of the Midwest as a political factor might have been appreciated and recognized and that someone from that great heartland might have been considered for a place on the ticket, whether that person came from Illinois or some other state.

But the ultimate decision was otherwise, and I cheerfully abide that decision and support it to the full. This much is certain--Dick Nixon and Cabot Lodge will conduct a vigorous, aggressive, hard-hitting campaign. If at every level we emulate that effort and their leadership, there is every hope of a Republican victory.

With faith in our cause and the conviction that we can win, let me once more say thanks for your trust and support.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen