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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Amon:

Last evening while talking to a friend, your name came into the conversation; it reminded me that it has been a long time since I have had any direct word from you. Particularly I wonder about your health, and whether the doctors are letting you be fairly active or are keeping you under pretty tight rein.

For me the last few weeks have been hectic because, in addition to a considerable volume of governmental business, I am the target for a lot of political requests, arguments, predictions and so on and so on. Of course any one who has put as much effort as I have into a comprehensive plan of any kind -- in this case the legislative program submitted to the last Congress -- has a very human and very intense desire to see it through to completion. Consequently I have been hopeful that in spite of precedent and predictions, that a Republican Congress will be returned to Washington. But nonetheless, I think I have a rather calm perspective toward the whole prospect; I got involved in politics from a sense of duty and I have no personal ambitions to serve. So whatever disappointment, if any, I am doomed to suffer, my feelings will be far more objective than subjective.

Of course, if I do have a Congress of the opposite Party, we know that politics, in the partisan sense, will probably have a field day in Washington. It would be a

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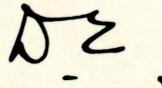
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pity if such things will so preoccupy responsible officials that we shall not succeed in pushing along for another two years a program for getting America back on a "moderate" way.

Give my love to Minnie and the family, and, of course, all the best to yourself.

As ever,



P.S.: I have not seen Sid in a long time. Please remember me warmly to him when you see him.

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