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Mr. Amon G. Carter  
The Star Telegram  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Mr. Carter:

I want to congratulate you upon your fine debate against Mr. Ickes. Mr. Ickes happens to be the type of debater who always seems anxious to hit below the belt. He is called "honest Harold" but this merely refers to the prevalent notion that money doesn't stick to his hands. I feel that he is one of the most dishonest men in public life, under my definition of honesty. He never debates on the issue. He always gets scurrilous, flings mud, indulges in personalities and uses his sharp and sarcastic tongue rather than his less sharp mind - if he has one. I heard him two or three weeks ago in a debate in Washington. During his entire appearance on the platform he offered not a single argument but tried to win by dirty digs at his opponents, dealing with nothing connected with the subject at issue.

The only thing we in the north cannot understand about you southerners - much as we like you - is your attitude toward the Democratic party. I happen to be of democratic blood. My grandfather was postmaster of this city. My uncle was for many years on the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals. Both were ardent Democrats. Both supported William Jennings Bryan, for instance. My uncle was a delegate to the Charleston convention before the war between the states. I voted twice for Woodrow Wilson and have been an independent voter.

But I love my country more than any party. Parties are instruments not fetishes. I prefer one party ~~to~~ another but I realize that no party is always right and I cannot afford to follow it with worshipful routine. I must save my party by leaving it when it loses its sense of patriotism and departs from American faith.

During the first year after Roosevelt took office I made public addresses in this section in favor of the new deal. I did this although Mr. Roosevelt as Governor had shown me how untrustworthy he was. It never bothered him to break his word to me in those days. Nevertheless, I believed he would be sobered by authority.

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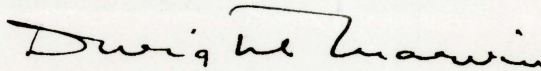
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Today after spending millions, accepting communists and socialists as his advisers, putting the weakest cabinet in the nation's history, playing dirty politics day after day, bribing the electorate with the people's money, and lying at will when he thought it would help him in his personal and political ambitions, I would vote for anyone in the country against him. I owe more to my country than to my party.

Don't you think that the attitude of some of you in the south that you will vote the Democratic ticket no matter who is heading it, is a dangerous attempt to punish the country because two or three generations ago a group of wicked men in the Republican party for a few years acted like devils incarnate? Why make the Republican party a whipping boy when your country is at stake?

Excuse the long letter.

Very sincerely,



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