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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

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Dear Betty:

You can be justly proud of your role as a delegate to the 1968 Democratic National Convention. This Convention bestowed upon me a great honor, and I am grateful for the opportunity to lead our Party.

We Democrats faced up to some of the most difficult and controversial issues ever to come before a national convention. These issues represent the real concerns and convictions of millions of Americans. That they were brought before our convention is evidence of the Democratic Party's determination to meet the needs and demands of the people.

I know you have been pleased with the reception to Senator Muskie's nomination. The Vietnam debate was probably the most informed, intelligent and thorough debate on a crucial national issue in modern convention history. The plank agreed to by the majority calls for pursuing an early end to the war and seeking a settlement which will recognize the rights of all the people of Vietnam. Actions taken by the convention with regard to the unit rule and the selection of convention delegates will bring about needed reforms in our party structure and national conventions.

Undoubtedly, we face a major challenge in this campaign. Larry O'Brien as National Chairman and Campaign Manager means an effective and well planned campaign. I urge you to join with other Democrats in your State to work for a Democratic victory this fall from the courthouse to the White House. Senator Muskie and I are in this race to win and, with your help and enthusiastic support, I know we will win.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

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