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Hon. Richard M. Nixon
521 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dick:

I will make this brief, but I think it is a bit of advice that is worth considering.

Jim Stahlman called me from Nashville yesterday and wanted me to convey two or three points to you. I will list them and then comment:

1. He says that you do not need to go to college campuses, at least for a while, while the McCarthy-Kennedy stew is brewing and the children are generally anxious about going to war. It won't help your cause any, and they are now in such a state of emotional unrest that there is danger of misinterpretation, that the reporting might be screwed up.
2. It isn't necessary now to talk very much about the war, at least for a while. Whatever you say might be a brief statement on what you have already said. It isn't time yet to spell out what you mean about ending the war if you are elected.
3. He also suggests that you stay off quiz programs on television. You are getting the right kind of exposure as it is, and the people who are going to vote know how you look.

I think I agree with all three of these points. There is no need now, while the fight is on the other side, to center attention on yourself. It doesn't do any harm to have a period of quiet while your organization is making preparation for the fighting ahead. This will also give you time to think and shape your own course.

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Call Ray tell
him I agree
completely
at Ray et al -
consult with
Ray
where appropriate

Perhaps you know already that Eisenhower has a very hot piece in the April Reader's Digest. It expresses his opposition to anyone who declares dove-like sentiments, and he makes a special point about what happens during negotiations if they ever come.

Things look so good I am almost scared, but needless to say I am happier than I have been for many years.

Faithfully,

Ray

RM:dpm