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July 19, 1972

Dear Dick:

During the past few weeks I have had many close friends and acquaintances inquire for my opinion as to whether or not your running mate will continue to be Spiro Agnew. For instance, during Dodo's and my recent visit to Europe and her home country, this same question was asked by various important people with whom we came in contact.

We have a round table at the Metropolitan Club which is patronized daily by a dozen or so members for luncheon. One after another is more or less continually asking for White House information, and particularly as to whether it will be Agnew, Connolly or someone else. Up to now, invariably my answer has been, based on my own conclusions, that the nominee for Vice President will be Agnew, unless he himself decides not to run.

My feeling has been that Agnew has served you and the country even beyond the usual requirements expected of the Vice President. He has proven to be a most valuable aid in collecting political funds, and as far as my knowledge goes, he has, as a rule, filled the halls. There is no doubt he has been a trouble shooter and a good hatchet man as well. He possesses the rare talent of being able to find words and modes of expression uncommon to the average speech maker. This has been proven in his tackling communications, T-V, Radio and 50% at least of the Press, all of which have been hostile to the nth-degree with respect to your administration...you, personally, and America too, generally.

I feel the points Agnew has made in a most cogent manner have been acceptable to not only Republicans but to a high percentage of Democrats as well.

There is no doubt in my mind, judging by the terrible internecine conflicts in the Democratic party, and the character of the mixed dregs of humanity which McGovern has gathered about him because of the great hand-outs he has promised to give to the poor and the bums of our society, the coming campaign will turn out to be both bitter and dirty. McGovern and his lieutenants have little respect - in fact no regard for dignity that the President of the United States must maintain, as characterized by you yourself, thus far, in your administration.

The Vice President will have to play a role of actual combat on all the insults and innuendoes which seemingly will characterize McGovern's manner of conducting his campaign.

Summing it up in a few words - it will be Nixon at any cost.

I do not know of anyone better fitted to line up on your side than Spiro with his fertile mind and his unique and forceful blow of biting language. I feel sure you have no thought of dumping him or replacing him with a more fitting and highly thought of candidate. I have a great respect for Connolly and I think he will be a great asset in the campaign, not only in Texas but other important states. However, as a candidate for the Vice Presidency I would view him as a reverse asset. Without any doubt you can make splendid use of him as a top member of your cabinet after your reelection.

During the past two years, or even a little longer, I have been told that Spiro was questioning seriously as to whether he would want to run for a second term. The major reason behind his future course was the fact that he was finding it quite difficult making ends meet financially. According to information which I received from one of his closest friends, the Vice President felt he ought to give thought to obtaining a far more lucrative position in industry than that which the Vice Presidency affords. I have not had news of this character brought to me during the past six months or so. Consequently, I assume that Spiro does want to run and expects to be on the ticket. Without asking you in any way to commit yourself, as far as I am concerned, I can only state I do hope he will be your running mate.

Sincerely,



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