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Personal

My dear George,

Please forgive the informality but I wanted to talk to you as a longtime friend and a person who has ministered the gospel to you and your wonderful family.

I have been in Europe now for a number of days, and I have sensed something of what is going on in America politically.

I have wanted to be of help but felt, under the circumstances because of my calling to proclaim the gospel to people of all persuasions, that I should keep quiet politically. Knowing you, I am certain that you agree with me. Your identification with certain leaders of so-called fundamentalism made it a little more difficult for me also, even though I know, respect, and have Christian love for each one of them. Yet the path the Lord has called me to these years has been more down the middle, ministering to people of all persuasions--whether they be Jewish, Catholic or Protestant--and in most cases I have had the support of these various groups. I am certain that without further explanation you understand my personal dilemma.

There is no family in America that Ruth and I love more than the Bush family--which began with your father and mother many years ago. I think both your wife and mother are two of the great saints of God that we know. The times we have spent with you at Kennebunkport are highlights of our lives, and to know your children, inlaws, and grandchildren has made us feel that we have almost been accepted as a part of the family!

I wish the average American could know you as we feel that we know you.

I still feel at this date, before the debates begin, that you have an excellent chance of being re-elected. However, in my prayers I have to say, as Jesus did at Gethsemane before He faced the cross on Calvary, "Thy will be done."

I love America and believe in its institutions, but I also see storm clouds on the horizon that, with your experience, you would be superb in handling. I have written a book that will come out in a few weeks entitled, Storm Warning. Here in Europe I feel that we are seeing history repeat itself, with many of the same elements that were present at the beginning of World War I.

✓ Many years ago I got to know Ross Perot very well. Ruth's brother is his pastor and has performed the weddings of all of his daughters. He is bringing ✓ an element into the campaign that may muddy the waters for you, but it may also work the other way.

I just wanted you to know that we love you, respect you, honor you, and thank God for you and your leadership but, in a very personal way, are grateful for your friendship and the many things you have done and said to encourage my ministry. Ruth loves Barbara like a sister.

I wanted to assure you that in these debates, we will be praying for you night and day that God will give you wisdom. In a way, we will be praying the same for the other candidates because who knows what the Sovereign God has in mind?

Unfortunately, I will be in Europe until after the election, though I have already cast my absentee ballot.

We have had many crises in American history and somehow God has seen us through all of them. He will not fail us this time.

I hope, in your private moments, you will put the entire thing in the hands of God.

Cordially,



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