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Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
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Dear Mr. President-Elect:

As responsible religious leaders of Washington we greet you as you come among us to take your oath of office and to assume the overwhelming tasks of the Presidency. We are asking that in all our churches and synagogues special prayers shall be offered for you and for all who will share responsibility with you in the executive branches of our government and in Congress. On the day of your inauguration many of our churches will be open for private prayers on your behalf.

Our prayers will be offered for your health and safety. Even more we shall pray that you may be granted the wisdom to guide us into the way of peace, the spirit of servanthood that can alone preserve us from the pride of power, and the courage to withstand Godless tyranny abroad and the threats to personal freedom at home. We shall pray that you may lead us steadily towards a more just and brotherly common life and keep us sensitive to the struggle for freedom and dignity among oppressed peoples in many parts of the world.

We do not ask that you lead us in an easy way, but that together we may be led into God's way. For in His way alone can we find the peace and freedom we seek.

With pledges of loyalty to you and our country, and with great respect,

Faithfully yours,

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The Most Reverend Patrick A. O'Boyle..Co-Chairman
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