

June 22, 1962

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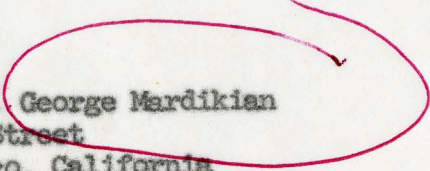
I want you to know how much I appreciated the message of congratulations you sent me after the primary election.

The prospects are that the campaign this fall will be the hardest fought in California's history. However, I am confident that our decisive primary victory has provided the springboard we need to assure success this November.

At the present time, I am laying the groundwork for the most intensive, hard-hitting campaign in California's history. You can be sure that knowing you are on our team will be a constant source of inspiration and encouragement.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. George Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

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ARE READY TO WORK HARDER REGARDS=

Dear GEORGE AND NAZ MARDIKIAN.

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207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

Mr + Mrs. George Mardikian

March 5, 1962

Bohemian Club of San Francisco
624 Taylor Street
San Francisco, California

Attention: Membership Committee

Gentlemen:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of George Mardikian's application for Regular Membership in the Bohemian Club.

I have known George for many years and I am sure there are many of our members who feel the same as I do -- that George would be an excellent addition to the Regular Membership of the Club. He most certainly has proven himself to be a man of whom all members of our organization can be justifiably proud to call a fellow-Bohemian.

I am delighted to have this opportunity to give my unqualified recommendation that George Mardikian's application be given favorable consideration.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Bohemian Club
Membership Committee

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MARDIKIAN,
GEORGE

RMW:wt

January 13, 1961

Dear George:

Now that my office staff has been able to dig its way out from under the mass of mail that has come to us in the days since November 8, I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciated all that you did on our behalf during the campaign, and particularly your outstanding work as a member of the Nationalities Advisory Committee for Nixon-Lodge.

Losing the election was naturally a keen personal disappointment to Pat and to me. We often talk of the things we could have done or mistakes we might have avoided which could have changed the result. As the months and years go by, these factors will fade into the background. But we shall never forget the devoted and selfless efforts of those who worked so hard for our cause during the campaign. We only wish that we, ourselves, could have done more so that we could have won the victory which you worked so hard to achieve.

I have been encouraged by the fact that in the great amount of mail that I have received since the election I have found very little evidence of discouragement or defeatism among those who supported us in the campaign. On the contrary, I sense a renewed determination to continue to fight for the principles for which we stood. I want to assure you that, to the extent my own time will permit, I intend to do everything that I can in working for those principles in the years ahead.

I hope that before too long Pat and I will be able to thank you personally for all that you did. In the meantime, she joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. George Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

November 17, 1961

Dear George:

Since I announced my candidacy for Governor of California, I have received a number of inquiries requesting information as to our campaign plans. I am writing to you as one of those who has participated in our past campaigns to give you a report on my personal plans and on the plans which are in progress for the campaign. I would appreciate it if you would pass on this information to others who may make inquiries of you in this respect.

I am looking forward to getting started in what I intend to make the most intensive campaign in California's history. However, because of commitments made long before my decision, I must concentrate during the next several weeks on completing the heavy schedule of writing, speaking and legal obligations already on my calendar. After the first of the year, with these commitments honored, I will be able to devote my entire time to the campaign.

I do want to assure you, however, that during this period we are going forward in organizing and mapping our overall campaign plans, and I will greatly appreciate it if you will take the time to send me any suggestions or observations you may have about any phase of the campaign. I would particularly like to know about your own availability to be an active participant in the campaign as you have so effectively done in the past. I am enclosing a card which can be used to send in this information if you so desire.

We are about to open a campaign headquarters office, and so that you will be aware of any activities and developments as they occur, I am taking the liberty of adding your name to their mailing list.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

D

Mr. George Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

November 8, 1961

Dear George:

As I looked at my desk calendar this morning, it seemed hardly possible that a year had gone by since our campaign of 1960 came to a close.

I would not want this day to pass without taking the opportunity to tell you again how deeply grateful I am for all that you did for our cause. No candidate for the Presidency could have had a more dedicated and loyal group of supporters.

Pat joins me in sending our best wishes,

Sincerely,



Mr. George Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

September 14, 1961

MARKIDIAN

Markidian, George M.

Dear George:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of August 18 enclosing snapshots which were taken during my all-too-brief stay at the Grove this summer. You may be sure I am pleased to have these pictures for my album.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. George M. Markidian
George M. Markidian Enterprises
207 Powell Street
San Francisco 2, California

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Attyah, Albert M.

DINNER GUEST April 16, 1961
United States Organization for Medical and Educational Needs
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Regrets R.M.W.:Pj

April 29, 1961

Dear Dr. Attyah:

This is just a note to tell you how very much I regret that your letter of April 4 did not come to my attention in time for me to write you before the U. S. OMEN dinner on April 16. Although I could not have been with you because of a previous commitment, I certainly would have wanted to have a message which you or my good friend, George Mardikian, could have read.

The next time you have a meeting of your Board of Directors, I would appreciate your extending to them my regrets and very best wishes for the continued success of your organization.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

RN

Richard Nixon

Albert M. Attyah, M. D., President
U. S. OMEN
Post Office Box 15791
Los Angeles 15, California

cc: Mr. George Mardikian

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April 18, 1961

RN:rmw

Dear George:

This is just a note to thank you for one of the most memorable evening's out it has ever been my pleasure to enjoy. As you know, I have travelled to fifty-five countries and have been entertained by emperors, queens and prime ministers but never have I had such a feast as you laid before me on Sunday evening during my visit to San Francisco early this month. What made it even more memorable was your company, as well as that of Mrs. Mardikian and our mutual friends, the Matteis.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Grove. But I shall bring some metrecal in my bag because one Mardikian meal a day is enough for anyone who has to watch his weight!

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. George M. Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

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MARDIKIAN, George M.
San Francisco Visit - April 6--10, 1961
RN dictated

January 20, 1961

Dear Mr. Mardikian:

This is the first opportunity I have had to thank you for writing me on behalf of Allen Lewis, who is interested in a 1961 nomination to the Naval Academy.

As you perhaps know, all selections are made on the basis of Civil Service examinations which were given in November. I deeply regret that Allen's grades were not sufficiently high to receive an appointment. However, with approximately 1500 applicants to fill a total of six appointments to the service academies, the competition was particularly keen this year.

If Allen did not succeed in being appointed through another source, he should apply again this spring for a 1962 nomination from his Representative, both Senators and the Vice President. We have sent Allen the grades he attained in the November examination which I am sure will be helpful to him in preparing for future tests.

Thank you again for taking the time to write me about this young man, and with best wishes:

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. George M. Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco 2, California

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GEORGE M. MARDIKIAN ENTERPRISES

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April 18, 1961

Mr. H. R. Haldeman
Vice President
J. Walter Thompson Company
6505 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles 48, California

My dear Mr. Haldeman,

Enclosed please find two sets of pictures as mementoes of your visit to our city. One set is for you and the other for our beloved Vice President Nixon.

It was a great joy and pleasure to be with you and we hope we will have the opportunity of "breaking bread" with you both again.

With best wishes always, I remain,

Sincerely,

George M. Mardikian

GEORGE M. MARDIKIAN

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I have answered this letter for myself but I guess Mr. Haldeman should thank for photos.

I kept my set -

his are attached

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Mardikian

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RICHARD NIXON

April 29, 1961

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Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Albert M. Attyah, M. D., President
U. S. OMEN
Post Office Box 15791
Los Angeles 15, California

cc: Mr. George Mardikian

Let's Break Bread!

This Palm Sunday message recalls a tradition of Biblical days.

It reminds us that there's more to food than the eating

Truly America is the land of plenty. Her rich earth gives us the best and most nourishing food in the world, and this makes our children grow straight and tall and beautiful.

But sometimes, as I look at all this abundance, I wonder if we aren't taking it a little too much for granted. Aren't we forgetting, for instance, the Bible's reminder that "man shall not live by bread alone" — that food is more than just something to eat?

Perhaps the story of a simple Armenian custom will show you what I mean.

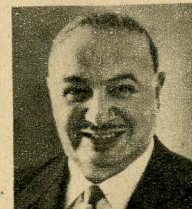
To Armenians, bread was veritably the staff of life. Many of them did not stay in one place and grow crops; they were eternally on the move.

Without bread, baked from wheat they carried with them, they would have perished.

It was a sin to waste bread. If a crumb fell to the ground, the Armenian picked it up and kissed it, and said a prayer, and put it on a wall for the birds to eat.

Now, the traditional Armenian bread is *lavash*, a large round cracker that you break in your hands. And out of Armenian antiquity has come the custom of holding *lavash* over the dinner table with your guest, and breaking it together.

This means not only that you are each taking a piece of *lavash* to eat with your meal; it is your way of saying, "What is mine is yours." It means that you think so much of him, you are sharing



Famed San Francisco restaurateur and author of "Song Of America"

By **GEORGE M. MARDIKIAN**

with him the staff of your life, and thus the most precious thing you possess.

And it is done reverently, because you are also uniting in gratitude to God for the miracle of bread — and the even greater miracle of life.

So when I see the plenty around us, I wish that at every meal I could break bread with every one of you. Then together, in this old way, we could all say that we are brothers, and could all thank God for our bountiful country.

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WORDS TO LIVE BY



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Maxwell Coplan

October 22, 1960

Dear George:

I was indeed pleased when I learned that you had agreed to serve as a Vice Chairman of the Nationalities Committee of the Volunteers for Nixon-Lodge, and I want you to know how grateful I am for your willingness to accept this key position.

The forces you are mobilizing can well be the decisive factor on election day. It is most heartening to know that you are devoting your outstanding abilities and efforts on behalf of our common cause, particularly during these final crucial weeks of our drive to victory on November 8.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. George Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

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GEORGE M. MARDIKIAN ENTERPRISES

June 20, 1960

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The Honorable Richard Nixon
Vice President of the
United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vice President:

Thank you for your letter of June 2nd which was on my desk when I returned from a speaking tour.

Needless to say, all your friends and right thinking Americans are working for your cause which is our cause. We are hoping and praying that you will get a chance at least to come for two or three days to the Grove so that you can give a talk to the large gathering of Bohemians. Every member in the Caveman's Camp has missed you, and it will be a great thrill for all of us to have you in our midst.

I am very grateful to your secretary, Miss Wood, who arranged my meeting with General Cushman, and I hope the information I passed on was worthwhile as we are very much concerned about the new tricks that the Soviets are playing in order to penetrate communism into the ranks of the people through religion and churches. We always have to be on guard.

Hoping this letter finds you and our charming Mrs. Nixon and your two lovely daughters in the best of health and spirit, I remain,

Devotedly,

George M. Mardikian
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FREEDOM CLUB PRESENTS

George M. Mardikian

"SONG OF AMERICA"

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Like a cool, refreshing rain falling upon a parched and thirsty farmland long beset by drought, comes the stirring story of a man who adopted America in his early youth and who found in that country of his adoption unlimited opportunities to work, to grow, to accumulate and to serve his fellow citizens in an outstanding manner.



GEORGE M. MARDIKIAN

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The saga of George Mardikian reads like something out of Arabian Nights. Just to hear it and to learn of the almost unbelievable accomplishments of this penniless, young Armenian refugee from a Turkish firing squad make the blood course faster in tired, discouraged old veins and give the lie to those omnipresent prophets of doom who continually harp upon the old discordant refrain that America as a land of opportunity is done.

First sighting the statue of Liberty on July 24, 1922, Mr. Mardikian went immediately to San Francisco, making the long transcontinental trip on a diet of

potato salad, which in Armenian is "patates salata," the only item he could recognize on the menu. As a result of this experience, he vowed that some day he would invent a better potato salad than any they served in railroad stations in America. Later selecting the preparation and purveyance of food in its most appetizing and attractive form as his life's work, he toured the world in search of rare recipes.

The first morning after his arrival in San Francisco, while out for an early exploratory walk, he had an experience that was to remain with him and to typify his new homeland:

"My head began to spin. I stopped in the middle of the sidewalk and turned around and looked back across the street. Sounds began running through my brain, one by one, then all mixed up together: the humming of the happy street sweeper, the pleasant 'Good Morning' of the two smiling policemen, the clanging of the motorman's gong on the crowded streetcar, the running footsteps of the men hurrying to work, the happy voices of the scavengers, the cheerful clip-clop of the milk wagon's horse, and the quick, gay tune that its driver was whistling.

"They all mingled in my ears into the most beautiful music that I had ever heard. All at once, standing there in the bright morning sunlight on the street of that lovely city, I understood. I was hearing the song America sings. I was hearing the Song of America."

Beginning as a dishwasher for \$12 a week in one of San Francisco's restaurants, he soon advanced to the best job possible there, and looked around for new world's to conquer.

For sheer courage and indomitable perseverance against almost unbelievable odds, Mr. Mardikian's story is a real epic. Successfully operating the Omar Khayyam restaurant in Fresno, he later returned to his first adopted city, San Francisco, where he established the Omar Khayyam restaurant in the same building in which he had washed dishes many years before.

During World War II and during the Korean conflict, he was food consultant to the Quartermaster General, charged with the responsibility of improving service overseas. As a result of these activities, he learned the enviable title of "The G.I.'s Chow Champion."

Reservations positively necessary!

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During his overseas tour of duty he became interested in the sad plight of displaced persons. He founded the American National Committee to aid homeless Armenians and contributed large sums of his own money in addition to giving time and energy to raising funds and in initiating rehabilitation programs. Because of these efforts, many displaced persons have found a homeland in America and in other nations of the Western Hemisphere.

Author of one of the best-sellers of 1956, SONG OF AMERICA, and of another widely-read volume in 1944, DINNER AT OMAR KHAYYAM'S, Mr. Mardikian is in great demand as a lecturer.

There is just one thing that Mr. Mardikian does not like in his adopted land. It sickens him to hear large numbers of young men between 18 and 22 talking about security. "When I came to this great country I asked only for the opportunity to make my own security. Nothing is sweeter than to feel that you made it yourself and that Nobody gave it to you."

CAN FREEDOM BE REGAINED?

by **L. A. ALESEN, M.D.**

As the Freedom Club commences a new year of activity it would seem appropriate to take inventory of the current scene, to determine whether or not the freedom which we so complacently accept and about which we so glibly speak is in less or greater jeopardy, and to conclude whether or not we as citizens of the greatest land upon which God's sun has ever shone are worthy of the limitless opportunities offered and are willing to sacrifice just a few of the enervating creature comforts with which we are surrounded in order to transmit to posterity the political, social and economic structure which has given us the highest scale of living ever enjoyed by any people anywhere in history.

The sad but undisputable fact is that freedom is losing ground on almost every front. With a Supreme Court that bases its decisions upon the whimsical vagaries of a foreign collectivist planner rather than upon the bedrock of the American constitutional ideal; with a public school system intensifying and expanding its manifest and obvious efforts to destroy in every pupil the respect for and the desire to defend his God-given rights and instead to indoctrinate him for a ready acceptance of the International-Welfare-Police-Slave-State; with a business community that each day becomes less willing to fight against the evils of government subsidy and concomitant control; with a clergy that has in large part yielded to the cancerous doctrine of the Social gospel; with a false prosperity and dangerous inflation predicated upon a paper currency standard; with a "mental health program" the quite obvious studied and intended end of which is to effect the coup de grace to individual freedom; with a people whose bellies are to a greater extent than ever before filled with rich food, whose wives are finely clad, but who for some unaccountable reason seem carelessly and slothfully disinterested in making any effort whatsoever to protect the social, economic and political system which has made possible for them the good things they now enjoy, are we wasting our efforts and are we just talking to ourselves?

There are those who believe, and certainly with no little justification to support that belief, that a nation which has gone as far down the primrose path to economic, social and political insanity as has our beloved America can never alter its course without some sharp cataclysm of a revolutionary nature. However, there is an alternative if you and I and any reasonable minority of 170,000,000 Americans are willing to dedicate ourselves to the task, take off our coats, roll up our sleeves and do something besides talk.

The kind of an action program that will revitalize the basic idealism of the founding fathers is a program of austerity that may not be pleasant to contemplate: 1. We must stand firm in our determination that collectivism shall make no single further advance in any phase of American life. This will be difficult for the votaries of the Welfare-Police-Slave-State are many in number, subtle and beguiling in the sophistries with which the citizen is further deprived of his freedom.

2. We must return to the gold standard. This will be difficult because much of the apparent prosperity which we now seem to be enjoying is due to the deliberately dishonest paper standard of exchange with the paper standard of mentality which it encourages.

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Hon. Richard Nixon
Vice-President
Washington, D.C.

Only by returning to a hard money base will that money be put to honest, constructive and profitable usage, and only under such an honest, hard money standard can there be formed the durable and dependable base for an orderly economic expansion in the future without the boom and bust experiences of the past. Under the gold standard in which paper currency is at all times freely convertible, the people are in fact possessed of the power of the purse which rightfully belongs to them, and their actions under such circumstances are much more dependable and much more trustworthy than are the fanciful gyrations of our government manipulators.

3. We must abolish the income tax and eliminate the federal government from its wasteful and unconstitutional competition with the private citizen in private industry. House Joint Resolution 355 (Gwinn) calling for a constitutional amendment to effect these changes can be adopted if we but persevere.

4. The so-called social security system with its unheralded, unfund liability of \$280,000,-000,000, with its cynical and deliberate misrepresentation as an insurance system with guaranteed benefits when as a matter of fact it is merely a payroll tax without any guarantee whatsoever as to the stability of premiums or the benefits to be derived, ought to be subjected to a thorough and searching inquiry by an unbiased, responsible, non-governmental financial agency. Certainly it is possible with the brains and ingenuity of the American insurance industry with the assistance of profit-sharing and the mutual investment programs to develop a system of retirement pensions on an honest and dependable basis which would in fact guarantee the worker a much handsomer retirement income than he is now promised by this collectivist measure.

5. We must go back in our public school system and perform a labor far more difficult than that of Hercules in cleaning out the Augean stables. The doctrines of John Dewey and his progressive educationist cohorts, who have for years been teaching the pupil to deny and reject responsibility for himself and to transfer that responsibility to the group, must be thrown immediately and irretrievably out the nearest window. In their stead there must be adopted a regimen of instruction based upon individual responsibility, individual respect and individual self-control.

These and a myriad of other seemingly almost insuperable tasks confront us if we are really sincere about regaining freedom in America. They are not at all impossible, but they cannot be performed from an armchair.

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UNITED STATES DAY — OCTOBER 23

Are you proud to be an American citizen? Then say so today and every day. Put a sticker bearing your country's flag on the rear window of your car. These can be obtained at the Freedom Club office.

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June 2, 1960

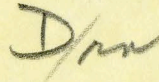
Dear George:

This is just a note to tell you how sorry I was to have missed you when you dropped by my office recently.

Bob Cushman passed on to me the gist of your conversation and I want you to know that I appreciate very much your taking the time and trouble to let me know about the visit here from the Soviet Union of the Catholicos of the Armenian Church.

With all best wishes,

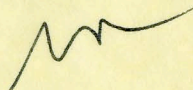
Sincerely,



Richard Nixon

Mr. George Mardikian
Omar Khyam Restaurant
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

RN signed 'Dick' and wrote following p. s. "I am still hoping to get to the Grove this year but the prospects are not too bright"



Mardikian, George

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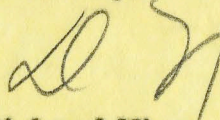
Dear George:

Mrs. Nixon and I appreciated very much your warm note of welcome to San Francisco as well as your thoughtfulness in seeing that we received both versions of your Song of America for our library.

It was kind of you to send us one of the specialties of your justly-famed restaurant and all of our family enjoyed your very fine treat.

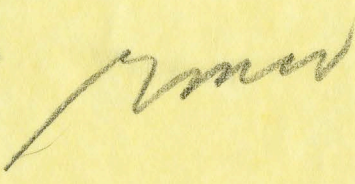
With best wishes from the Nixon family,

Sincerely,



Richard Nixon

Mr. George M. Mardikian
Omar Khayyam's Restaurant
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California



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George Mardikian's

Omar Khayyan's Restaurant

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February 20, 1960

The Honorable and Mrs. Richard Nixon
St. Francis Hotel
San Francisco, California

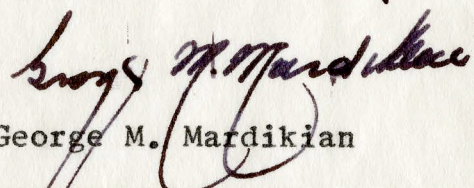
Dear Mr. & Mrs. Nixon:

Welcome to San Francisco and just a little reminder that we here in San Francisco have rolled our sleeves and are ready to work, sacrifice and do whatever necessary to have you as our next President, our country needs you, and we need you!

May your stay in San Francisco be pleasant always.

With great devotion and admiration.

Sincerely,


George M. Mardikian

bcc: Mr. George Mardikian
207 Bayview Street
San Francisco, California

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June 11, 1958

Dear Mr. Racubian:

Mrs. Nixon and I wish to express our appreciation to you and the other members of the Armenian Cultural Association for your kindness in remembering us as you did when we were in Buenos Aires recently. You may be sure that the beautiful bouquet of red roses added a great deal to the pleasure of our visit.

Because of our mutual friend, George Mardikian, I was particularly sorry that my official schedule in Argentina was completely committed so that we were unable to get together.

We shall never forget the very gracious hospitality which was extended to us during our stay in your city, and this note brings our thanks and best wishes to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. Samuel Ernesto Racubian, Secretary
The Armenian Cultural Association
c/o The American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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American Embassy please note.

Following appeared on Racubian's
card which accompanied the flowers:

Samuel Ernesto Racubian
54-0774 Particular
48-4270 Com.

This information may be helpful in
locating Mr. Racubian.

Racubian Ernesto
Staff of the Vice President

June 14, 1958

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RACUBIAN SAM. E.

June 11, 1958

Dear Mr. Racubian:

Through this note, both Mrs. Nixon and I wish to express our appreciation to you and the other members of the Armenian Cultural Association for your kindness in remembering us as you did when we were in Buenos Aires recently. You may be sure that the beautiful bouquet of red roses added a great deal to the pleasure of our visit.

Because of our mutual friend, George Mardikian, I was particularly sorry that my official schedule in Buenos Aires was completely committed and that we were unable to get together for a visit.

We shall never forget the gracious hospitality which was extended to us by our friends in Buenos Aires, and this note brings our thanks and best wishes to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. Samuel Ernesto Racubian, Secretary
The Armenian Cultural Association
54-0774 - Particular
48-4270 - Com.
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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BCC - Geo. Mardikian
207. Powell St.
San Francisco.

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April 24, 1958

Personal

Dear Mr. Mardikian:

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet you when you came by the office with Libby Stevens last week.

As you know, we have been preparing for the South American trip, so I have not yet had an opportunity to try my completely inexperienced hand at some of the recipes in your book, "Dinner at Omar Khayyam's." However, you may be sure I intend to experiment as soon as we return.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

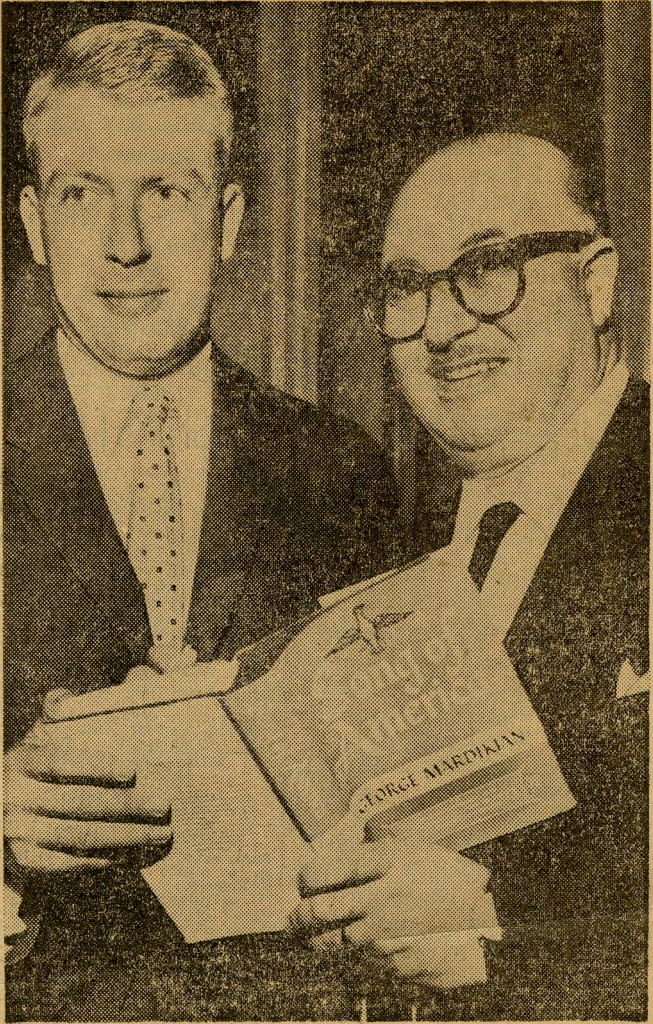
Rose Mary Woods
Executive Secretary
to the Vice President

Mr. George Mardikian
207 Powell Street
San Francisco, California

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AUTOGRAPHING AUTHOR — George Mardikian, right, Freedom Club speaker, autographs book "Song of America" for Program Chairman James Williams. Times photo

Restaurateur-Author Gives Success 'Recipe'

S.F. Man, Who Arrived in U.S. Penniless, Says to Have Faith in Self, God, Country

George M. Mardikian, a stocky, self-assured San Francisco restaurateur who came to this country as a penniless Armenian immigrant 35 years ago to build a prosperous business and fall in love with America, has a basic "recipe" for success in a land of unlimited opportunities.

Addressing the Freedom Club of the First Congregational Church in Los Angeles last night on "The Song of America," Mardikian said to take faith in oneself, faith in America and, above all, faith in God, and mix with a generous portion of hard work — and "nothing can stop you."

Cites Own Case

Citing his own case as an example of what America offers, Mardikian recalled that he landed on Ellis Island as a boy of 19, "who was already an old man, one who had seen five wars," one who had seen his father killed before his eyes and had witnessed other hundreds of innocent people

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where relatives lived, remembered that first day walking the streets of freedom in utter disbelief at the way men sang at their work and the way policemen smiled and said hello. He was overjoyed by his first job offer—washing dishes in a restaurant 12 hours a day for \$12 a week. It was not too many years later, he said, that he bought the same restaurant, and that transaction became to him a symbol and an object lesson to hold before the youth of America.

Aided Army

Mardikian, well known as a food consultant to the U.S. Army and as a philanthropist to other immigrants, said he deeply loves his adopted country and becomes distressed when he hears young people, born in America, talk of getting on the security payroll of government employment. "Build your own security," I tell them." Freedom, dignity of the individual, unlimited opportunity, he said, are

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207 Powell Street

San Francisco, California

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(he is Armenian member of Nationalities Committee of RNC)
(also owner of Omar Khayyam's in San Francisco)

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Mardikian, George
Khayyam, Omar

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June 28, 1956

Dear George:

I am looking forward with enjoyment to reading your autobiography and Mrs. Nixon and I are deeply grateful for the friendship in which the autographed copy was sent.

You may be sure your thoughtfulness in giving us your book brought back many pleasant memories of our enjoyable visits to your fine establishment and set us to wishing that it would not be too long before we might have this pleasure again.

It was good of you to think of our interest in SONG OF AMERICA and Mrs. Nixon joins me in sending you our sincere thanks.

The picture taking in my office was all too brief to be called a visit and I do hope we may have a longer chat another time.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Mr. George M. Mardikian
Omar Khayyam
196 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, California

Gift - book
bookcase

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there in D.C. records, etc.
Please sign:

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FOLDER

Richard Nixon

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