

December 28, 1960

Judge Louie B. Nunn  
Richards Building  
Glasgow, Kentucky

Dear Louie:

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 in our behalf during the campaign.

Losing the closest election in history was naturally a keen disappointment to Pat and to me. We often talk of the things we could have done or mistakes we might have avoided which might 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 work that you and other Party leaders did for our cause.

When we consider the national results, I think we can all agree that this is no time for defeatism or discouragement as far as the Republican Party is concerned. Before this campaign began, there were approximately sixteen million more registered Democrats in the country than Republicans. Political columnists and commentators were saying over and over again that the Republican Party was not a national party and that it was hopelessly destined to be a minority party.

Yet let us examine what happened in the campaign. I visited every one of the fifty states. I endorsed the Republican candidates in every meeting at which I appeared. I spoke out without apology or equivocation for the Republican principles adopted by our Party in its platform in Chicago. In other words, ours was a Republican campaign in every sense of the word.

Now let us look at the results. We received over thirty-four million votes, carried twenty-seven of the fifty states, made substantial gains in the House, Senate and State legislatures, and failed by only one-tenth of one percent to win a majority of all votes cast. In view of this record, there is no question but that if we continue to fight for our principles we can make our Party what it deserves to be -- the true majority party in America.

June 6, 1960

Dear Mr. Nunn:

This is just a note to tell you how delighted I am that you have been selected as an alternate delegate from Kentucky to the 1960 Republican National Convention.

I am looking forward to participating with you in the July Convention meetings which will mark the kick-off of an all-out Republican drive for Victory in Sixty.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

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Richard Nixon

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