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June 25, 1956

Mr. Fred W. Sparling
616 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Sparling:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of May 22, and to tell you that I do remember you in Tom Owens' office in the 80th Congress.

I greatly appreciated your writing to me about Bill Balmer, but as you probably have noted in the papers, I am leaving for the Philippines on June 30, and with the closing days of the session there just is no chance at the moment for me to set up any conference.

You may be sure I greatly appreciate both your thoughtfulness in writing to me as you did and his willingness to be of any possible assistance. I hope you will be good enough to convey my thanks and best wishes to him.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

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616 N. Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois
May 22, 1956

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

Dear Mr. Nixon:

I met you a number of times during the first session of the 80th Congress in the office of Thomas L. Owens, whose campaign I managed and whose office I helped organize. I know this is an introduction you could fail to remember, but I use it to avoid being placed in the "crackpot" class.

I spent last week in Washington in the company of William J. Balmer, amidst all the intrigue, hauling and pulling that is now going on within the Republican Party. I think the situation is serious enough to demand your attention and the attention of all others interested in the welfare of the Republican Party.

Mr. Balmer was a Midwest manager of Eisenhower's campaign in 1952. He was high on the board of strategy, working directly with the President and with Herb Brownell. I personally observed him at work in that campaign and in my political memory book he is the shrewdest of the old line politicians that we have left.

In our discussions of the political situation of today, particularly as it pertains to your own situation, there is in our joint opinion much that should be done at the present time, and if you would like to avail yourself of the services of Mr. Balmer, I have his authority to make you this offer.

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This offer first would entail a lengthy conference with yourself. This can take place any day or any evening that you nominate, either in Washington or in Chicago, and on any date of your choosing. I believe time is of the essence and that there is much work to be done before the convention.

Hon. Richard W. Nixon

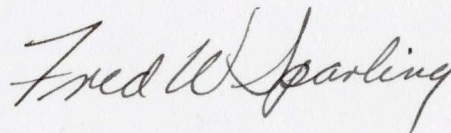
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May 22nd

I might tell you that Bill Balmer is a delegate to the convention from the 3rd Illinois District, that he has many friends among our delegation and that he has many friends in other states who will serve as delegates. He is also the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Cook County Republican Organization.

May I hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred W. Sparling". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Fred W. Sparling

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F. W. Sparling
616 N. Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois

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Margaret La Thomas,
Secy to Cong. M^c Vey
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high regard by many Cong.
Ardent R. N. supporter

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

Wanted her to deliver
personally so V. P. would
be sure to see letter.