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Dear Mr. Martineau:

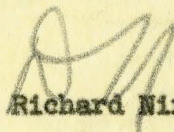
I know from experience that there is no more exhausting or nerve-racking activity than to be a candidate in a political campaign. The letdown is bad enough when you win and, obviously, even worse when you lose.

I think I felt the losses we suffered this year as much as if I had been on the ballot because so many good friends were unable to survive the national Democratic trend. I can only say that I, personally, deeply appreciated and admired the gallant fight you made in your campaign and I look forward to working with you in rebuilding our Republican Party strength at every level over the next two years.

I will certainly appreciate any suggestions you may have as to how we can do a more effective job in 1960 than we did in 1958. Sometimes I think we learn more from defeat than from victory. Consequently, I know your advice will be particularly helpful to those of us at the national level who have responsibility for developing a successful strategy.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,


Richard Nixon

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