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January 12, 1956

Yours sincerely,

Dear Dr. Silver:

You have probably read about the Students for Stevenson organizations which are springing up on college campuses in various parts of the country. I am eager to try to coordinate the activities of these groups, so as to help make them as effective as possible. For that reason, I am seeking your valuable advice in regard to your institution.

Political activity among these young people seems to me to promise good experience for the participants and important benefits for Adlai Stevenson, as a candidate whose philosophy and personality make a warm appeal to young Americans.

I shall need a good deal of information, which is hard to obtain, in order to start working with these groups of young volunteers. It would help me greatly if you would answer these questions:

1. Have you heard of a Students for Stevenson organization, in embryo or in existence, on your campus?
2. If such activities have started, could you give me the name and address of at least one leader of the group as well as your judgment on the effectiveness or appeal of the group?
3. If no such movement has yet started, do you think a student Stevenson organization could win some support among your student body?
4. Could you suggest any student or students with prestige on the campus who might give capable and responsible leadership to such an effort?

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Co-Chairman: If you would care to answer these questions, please be assured that no publicity whatever will be given to your reply. The information I seek is entirely for my own guidance, and for the benefit of Adlai Stevenson. I know he would join me in gratitude for any information or suggestions you may give us.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Bingham

Co-Chairman, Organizing Committee

Dear Dr. Silver:

Dr. James W. Silver
Chairman
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