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Dear Jim:

Thank you very much for the exchange of correspondence with your friend Campbell at Chapel Hill.

I have heard nothing from him, but I suppose these matters do take some time. I gather from Campbell's reference to my "so-called" ~~ex~~ biography that at least one Republican must have slipped into the Democratic never-neverland of No'th Carolina.

If ~~is~~ something comes of it, splendid; if nothing, nothing lost. This week I got an invitation from Cornell to speak there in March, and I have another date at the University of Texas in April. I can only take a limited number, especially now that the New Frontier has reached the White House and is keeping me busy. I find Kennedy very engaging, a tough-minded realist and much more of a fighter than might be suspected from his Ivy league background. It is too early to form reliable judgments, for he is working seven days a week to pull a program into perspective, and it is likely to be March or April before we can see how he is making out. The house showdown on the rules committee is scheduled for tomorrow; that may show something.

We see Lillian frequently; she is still emotionally disturbed from the shock, but bearing up bravely. Don't think she has moved yet, but will shortly.

It was awfully good of you to write the letters.

best regards,

Bill Costello