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Senator Clifford Case  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Case:

I called your office this morning and talked to one of your aides--Mr. Vandenkirk?--please thank him for his patience with me. I was very upset and I still am.

I am not unlike other people I know these days, perhaps you know a few yourself--so sick at heart about America I wake up crying. For a long time now I have been able to think of little else than the horrible, horrible things we are doing to Vietnam--and for what? (Now the downtown Hanoi bombing and the French mission, what next?) The ITT, the wheat, Watergate, the Washington Post story--is there a person deep freeze that you can recommend?

We talk about cancer from cigarettes and sit back and let the biggest cancer of all time--irreverence for life--eat away at the insides of America. Perhaps one day we'll settle for the cobalt treatment after all.

It's been said that there is the vote--and then we hear about the polls. And what is much of the public opinion based upon? Lies and innuendos. The people are being told that they will be victimized while they are already the victims!

If there is a peace agreement based on much the same terms as could have been made four years ago, I hope Nixon is blasted for the needless killing of over four million people. They should not be forgotten so quickly. The anguish will remain with me for the rest of my life!

And now Nixon is given full veto power of the budget.

I wish I were making this all up. I really do!

Senator Case, this may seem unorthodox, but--please vote for George McGovern. If he were president I'm sure you would all be working together.

Sincerely,

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October 30, 1972

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New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter.

Jack Vandenberg of my staff had informed me about his conversation with you before your letter arrived and I believe he accurately described to you my deep concern about the problems you discussed.

What disturbs me most, of course, is any erosion of confidence in the ability of government to represent the people. I have long believed that a public office is a public trust and must be handled as such in order to maintain the confidence of people like yourself. For this reason, I believe that a special prosecutor should have been appointed in connection with the Watergate situation and related matters, for example.

Each of these matters must be handled on an individual basis as they come up so I am unable to give you any overall prescription for curing the ills that beset us. I can only assure you that I will continue to do everything in my power to seek to maintain trust in government and to make sure that that trust is deserved.

I appreciate hearing from you on these matters.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case  
U. S. Senator

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P. S. I appreciate your comments on my staff, I have a great deal of confidence in all of them.