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Senator Case  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Do you believe in restoration  
of the death penalty  
for federal crimes?  
I don't.

Do you believe a moratorium  
on strip mining should exist?  
I do.

Do you believe President  
Nixon should resign?  
I do.

Please tell why or why not to  
all of the above questions.

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Senator Case  
United States  
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Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for sharing your views with me.

I am sure you know that most crime in America does not fall under federal jurisdiction. In light of this, one of the major functions of the federal government in this area is to provide state and local law enforcement agencies with the resources they need to combat crime. In this connection, I have worked and will continue to work for increased federal aid to all elements of our system of criminal justice.

One area where federal criminal law applies most directly is in the District of Columbia. In this connection, I have supported in the past legislation to give the courts the discretion to impose the death penalty, based on the circumstances in the particular case. Since then, the Supreme Court has ruled that discretionary application of the death penalty is unconstitutional since it leads to uneven application of the penalty. It is against this background that I will give careful consideration to any new federal proposals in this area which come before the Senate, and you may be sure I will keep your views in mind.

In reference to your comments about strip mining and President Nixon, I have enclosed two statements which set out my own position on these matters.

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case  
U. S. Senator

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