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Dear Herbert

I know you are overwhelmed with letters of congratulation and praise, and I hesitated before adding another one for you to read. Of course to the minds of your friends everything you have done and everything you will do is butted with a deep roar. So am I not writing you this letter as we are not friends but as a citizen of the great State you have governed so long. This redoubt one of the great fortunate incidents in the history of our State.
that at a period and time of greatest strain and stress you were its Governor. Your genius for governing, your financial ability, and experience of truly noble character and kindly feeling to all groups and classes of men, guided and directed us citizens through this difficult and stormy era with honor and glory, and enabled us to be in a position to keep our President in this greatest danger that has ever happened to our Country. God bless you and keep you and may the "AE" be a constant reminder of the sacrifices made by you and yours.

As always

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