August 31, 1956

William O. Douglas, Justice
Supreme Court of the United States
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Justice:

Thank you for your kind expressions regarding my decision not to seek reelection to the United States Senate.

I want you to know how much I appreciate the sentiments in your communication and to tell you how greatly I have always prized the trust and confidence of the people of New York and of the nation, whom I have tried to serve to the best of my ability over a period of many years.

You may be assured that I reached my decision only after the deepest consideration, and I believe that it was the right one.

Since you may not have seen my statement in full, I am enclosing a copy.

Thank you again for your kind thought, and with all good wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

Enclosure