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Hon. Ernest Gruening
Governor of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Governor:

I know Julius has written to you about my interest and the interest of many others here in the Averell Harriman candidacy for the Democratic nomination. I know that you, with your awareness of the need of experienced and capable leadership in world affairs, would see the merit in the Harriman candidacy. I would hope that if your own reactions are favorable on this point, you might be able to talk to the leaders of the Party in Alaska and see what could be done toward securing their support for Mr. Harriman.

We are receiving widespread indications of support, especially from liberal and labor groups all over the country. I would like to see this support translated into delegate votes at Chicago.

We need a strong and forward-looking platform on which a forthright and appealing candidate can run. As a member of the platform drafting committee, I know that I would have Harriman’s support for the kind of platform that you and I would like to see adopted. I would be glad to have your own views and reactions in this matter.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,