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Dear Vice President Humphrey:

Soon you will be leaving your high office to carry on with your inexhaustable energy the battle for a better world.

I took the liberty before the elections to write you a letter wishing you the success that you deserve. As far as I am concerned, I wish you now to know that whatever the results of that election, success and not failure has been the result of your untiring effort. Perhaps as latins we have a different way of looking at reality, somewhat more oriental. Success means doing one's best, striving not for the result of the action but for the action itself. And believe me Mr. Humphrey, I have seen few examples of courage and compassion, of nobility and determination, of total dedication, as the one you gave us during the electoral campaign.

Because of it, there will be many who like myself shall always look to you as a source of inspiration to carry on our own effort however modest to contribute to the perfectibility

of our species. Battles may be won or lost but the war of mankind for its own betterment is as long as the presence of man on earth or in whatever planet we may reach.

Because of a common commitment to this strife, I wish you to know that wherever I may be (place or circumstance) I hope you will honour me by looking upon me as your friend and ask of me whatever collaboration may be within my reach.

Allow me to take this opportunity to send you my best wishes both to yourself and your family and also to wish you a very Merry Christmas in the company of those you love.

Truly yours,

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The Vice President  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.