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Dear Vice President Humphrey:

It was for me a source of happiness that as a result of the last Democratic convention you have been elected candidate for the presidency of your country. Because I consider myself a liberal and in certain respects culturally speaking I would even avow to being called a reformer, I am doubly happy with this result.

Some of my best friends do not share in my enthusiasm because I feel they fail to grasp the type of moral courage that is required for the type of compromise that is necessary to defend to the utmost the human values which I know you stand for.

Although far from being a practicing politician myself, I believe I can understand the name of the game. In the uphill battle lying ahead I hope you would give me the privilege of counting me among your friends. Liberty, the Hindus say, has a way of surviving by walking the razor's edge. You are walking the razor's edge and I trust your balance. May you succeed for the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely,

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