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Dear Don:

It is always a pleasure to hear from my friends and I wish to thank you for your recent letter.

I was glad to learn that you are on the road to good health once again. I hope too that the eye specialist will be able to help you.

Unfortunately, the bill for federal aid to school construction was caught in the crossfire on a number of volatile issues, such as fear of federal control, debate over the formula for distribution, desegregation, and the economy axe. However, I shall continue to give attention to the needs of our schools and to support policies and legislation which will strengthen and improve our educational system.

Despite the disappointing action by the Senate concerning the civil rights legislation, I am convinced that we shall continue to make real progress toward our goal of guaranteeing equal rights to all American citizens. We must not allow temporary setbacks to discourage us as we work together toward this objective.

With appreciation for your loyal support and my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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