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Senator John F. Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

I am casting an absentee ballot because I have to attend a meeting in Arizona on election day. Will be listening and rooting for you. Best wishes.

I hope that I was able to help in a small way, as one of your science advisers. I hope you will continue to call on me for advice in this area, especially in the fields of space research in particular and basic research in general. For your information, I have been very close to the National Bureau of Standards and all of its activities, ever since the war. I was at one time a member of the Visiting Committee and carried the brunt of the attack on Secretary Weeks when he ill-advisedly tried to fire Dr. Astin, the Director of the Bureau. Perhaps I can help in the education of your new Secretary of Commerce.

But there is one deeper and more complex area in which I may be of assistance. I have been associated since 1930 with a small organization that has now grown to the great National Security Agency. I served with them as a naval officer during World War II. I have been a consultant to that activity, with Top Secret clearance, and have also had some association with (C.I.A.) Obviously, in an unclassified letter, I cannot go further into detail.

But I wish to register that I have certain facts in my possession concerning actions by Eisenhower and his subordinates that have had a very adverse effect in these super-sensitive areas. Matters were so bad that I wrote a Top Secret report, which eventually reached Eisenhower and