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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, Bob Hinckley and I have been interested in the senatorial outlook in Utah. We feel, after looking over the situation, that Delbert Draper, who has been prominent for years as a lawyer and in the party organization, would stand the best chance of winning in the primary against King. Draper, who is in the late forties, I think, is very highly regarded. He has a liberal viewpoint. He has been active for many years in the organization and has served as State Chairman.

There is one difficulty in the situation. Congressman Murdock who, as you know, has an excellent record, has indicated that he might enter the primary also. If both he and Draper were in, they would probably split the vote so that King would come through successfully. On the other hand, if Murdock were to run again for the House, where he is valuable and needed, and Draper were left free to contest the primary against King, it would make a strong and, I believe, successful ticket. From what I know of the situation and from surveying it recently, I am satisfied that Draper would stand a much better chance than Murdock in running against King in the primary, particularly because Draper would have stronger organization support against King than Murdock would.

I felt I should let you know my views and express the hope that you may feel free to give Draper such help and encouragement as you may consider appropriate.

Respectfully yours,

The Honorable
The President of the United States,
The White House.

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