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Hon. Rufus A. Lewis 801 Bolivar Street Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Coach:

The events of recent months have clearly demonstrated the desirability of an overall review of the Democratic Party's structure. We hope to begin a reconsideration of the Party from top to bottom in January of 1969.

One of the most acute problems is insuring that the Party is representative. You are, of course, well familiar with various aspects of this problem. In this connection, I would very much like to have your suggestions as soon as possible. I particularly would like your suggestions as to various ways that we could insure a broad representative cross section of all citizens.

I am not looking for a formal recommendation at this time, but various ideas that can be discussed and reviewed. I would greatly appreciate it if you would give me the benefit of your thinking as to specific ways that we might approach this problem.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Vance

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