



SAVOY HOTEL
FLORENCE

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Florence, Italy

Dear Ivan,

Just yesterday the Herald Tribune and the New York Times, International Edition commented on your courage in supporting Kennedy's bill to prohibit racial discrimination. I think the editorial in the New York Times is one to be cherished. The enclosed copy for Mr. Allen. Think of a father's pride in son of whom the Times can say, "Mayer All. voice, resonant with courage and dignity, pierce the oratorical fog on Capitol Hill!"

Ivan, I am aware of the great decision you faced before making that statement. Indeed I am proud of your great courage in speaking out for the right when so many of our friends do not understand. No doubt the anonymous telephone calls are more harassing than ever and vilification is coming from many sides but, never doubt, ultimately the right will win out.

Alice and I are having the trip of our lives, but we do hope to reach home before you and Louise and Inman leave.

With deep appreciation,

Bill

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