



HOTEL NEW WESTON
A KNOTT HOTEL
MADISON AVENUE AT 50TH STREET
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

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My Dear Mayor,

I want to congratulate you on the fine speech you made before the Senate. Senator Thurmond had no right to speak to you as he did, just because you have turned on the south. And it isn't fair to say you are a Communist just because you believe in the same things they do. You are right in your position that a citizen should not be allowed to choose his customers just because he happens to own the place. And it isn't fair - as you say - to ask the state and local authorities to handle such matters just because we have a federal system. No use to cling to states rights and those other "1860's" ideal and principles just because they have made us the freest and greatest nation on earth. We've got to consolidate all powers in the Federal government, - and soon too, because we are



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way behind Russia on this. Germany
did it way back in the 1930's. It didn't
work so well over there, but Kennedy
would never abuse power the way Hitler
did. Oh, we are way behind in building
our socialist society, and guys like
Thurmond and Russell and Ivin are
trying to keep us behind, but you are
doing your part. In fact you dealt
a telling blow to all those misguided
southerners who are trying to keep us
southerners from telling them how to
run their affairs, and I hope you
got the Federal job you are after. I'd
advise you not to take it too soon,
however. That would look as though you had
sold out to Bobby Kennedy. Wait until you
have finished your term as Mayor. Then
you can take it as the progressive, moderate
right thinking southerner that you are. With
enough southerners like you, who needs Yankees.

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