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Dear Friend:

It has been more than a year since Al Lowenstein was murdered.

How often in the intervening months have we missed his wit, his perception, his common sense and his unique ability to move us to tackle what seemed impossible?

The passage of time cannot possibly ease our sorrow. Nor will it ever diminish the impact Al had on our lives. For many of us, he truly was a moral and political conscience. We believe it is the kind of spirit and energy Al demonstrated – and inspired in others – that will determine whether “history is inclined toward justice.”

The fund will help finance the costly and extremely important job of preserving the record of Al's life for the benefit of future generations. Al left behind several hundred boxes of personal papers and a preliminary evaluation by archivists has shown them to be an extraordinarily valuable record of the political and social movements in which he was involved. Several major institutions, including the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Stanford University, have expressed interest in acquiring the papers and making them available to the public as soon as possible.

In addition, because Al made so many of you an important part of his life, we want to involve as many of you as possible in our effort to remember him. One way to do that is by beginning an oral history of his life, covering both the seminal role he played in the major events of our time, as well as the endearing, and occasionally frustrating, personal characteristics that were so much a part of his personality.

Finally, the fund will establish the Allard K. Lowenstein Leadership Award. Our current goal is to make grants to individuals demonstrating a commitment to the causes Al championed. Al's life represented the truth of the saying, “One man can make a difference.” This award, we hope, will recognize those who continue to give truth to that ideal.

Hundreds of people have already lent their personal and financial support to the creation of the Allard K. Lowenstein Fund. Won't you also help establish this fitting and meaningful memorial to Al by sending your contribution in the enclosed envelope?

Sincerely,



Larry Lowenstein



Dorothy Lowenstein DiCintio

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Contributions are tax deductible, as determined by law.
Please make checks payable to “The Allard K. Lowenstein Fund.”



P.S. A group of Al's Washington friends, led by a number of congressmen, are planning a memorial symposium to be held the weekend of March 13-14 in Washington. We hope to meet in panels and small groups to examine the meaning of Al's life and consider its lessons for the future. Please put this Lowenstein Reunion Weekend on your calendar. (And send the names of those you think would be interested in this event to: Congressman Doug Walgren, 117 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.)