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Mr. James Boyd
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Dear Mr. Boyd,

I have just closed your book Above the Law and do not wish this day to end without expressing to you my profound gratitude and admiration for you and your three colleagues.

My research in another area of Governmental abuse, deceit, and injustice has left me with little illusion about the kinds of men who rise to the highest seats of power. Even so, I was appalled and disgusted by the authentic portrait that is found in your book, of one corrupt Senator and also of the institution which shelters him still.

I marvel that your book is both compassionate toward the man and merciless in exposing the facts. For your own courage in an agonizing dilemma, and for all those who gave you aid and comfort in your task of uncovering the gangrene in the Senate, the public owes you deep respect and thanks. I suspect you are receiving little payment, if any, of that debt.

In five short years, from Dallas in 1963 to Chicago in 1968, we have lived through horrifying and sordid events, to the point where despair for this country grips many of us. Your example of commitment and determination, against enormous power and vindictiveness, to defend the interests of the public is a small light in a vast and ominous darkness.

Yours very sincerely,

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