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Senator Thruston Morton  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Morton,

As a lifelong Democrat (who occasionally votes for Republicans), may I congratulate you on your outstanding speech yesterday?

It is a courageous, honorable thing you have done, important for the country, for our honor and integrity, and for our future. And it takes a brave and dedicated politician to say "I was wrong". For this, as well as your excellent speech, you have my admiration and respect.

I would appreciate a copy of your speech and the one General Eisenhower made to which you refer. I think it is by far his best speech, one of the most significant ever made by any American President. I have often wondered who drafted it for him. Can you enlighten me.

Important as your speech is, I really doubt if you understand its full significance. I have been working intensively in a related field for several years. Should you ever want to discuss what I have learned and the conclusions I have reached, I would welcome the opportunity. When I complete the book on which I am now engaged, I will return to that one. It is already researched, my notes drafted. I call it, TIGER TO RIDE.

It is my intention to quote your speech in it. I have only newspaper versions of Mr. Eisenhower's speech, which I also intend quoting. It is for this purpose I hope you have a full copy you can spare.

Senator, enormous as is the significance of the question you addressed, what underlies it may be even more so. All success to you! May your colleagues find the courage to join you.

My sincere thanks for your courage and integrity.

Respectfully,

Harold Weisberg