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Dear Mr. Reed:

Your thoughtful telegram touched me deeply, because all of us fathers are occasionally disappointed in the actions or reactions of our children.

The whole American system of education is based on the premise that young people gain maturity through training and experience. In the idealism and enthusiasm of youth, they sometimes attempt to solve complex problems with simple solutions. Only through the acceptance and discharge of responsibility can they learn to exercise mature judgment. For that reason I believe in delegating editorial responsibility in a student publication.

As a matter of fact, I think THE SPECTATOR has been quite fair in handling this entire situation. The editorial did not claim to represent a poll of student opinion, but was signed by the eight individuals who constitute the editorial board. In its news columns, THE SPECTATOR has given fair treatment to both candidates.

I wish that the members of the editorial board had seen fit to support our campaign. I am pleased that the majority of the student body appears to do so. I am even more pleased that a substantial number of the alumni, with greater understanding of the complex situation, are supporting the campaign so vigorously.

It was indeed considerate of you to send your telegram, and I am most grateful for your expression of confidence.

Sincerely



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MR. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
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IT SEEMS I AM FOREVER APOLOGIZING FOR THE DEPREDACTIONS OF
MY CHILDREN AND AGAIN I MUST DO SO. FOR WHATEVER MINOR
IRRITATION THE COLUMBIA ^{SPECTATOR} EDITORIAL MAY HAVE CAUSED, AND FOR
WHATEVER PARTICIPATION MY SON, MANAGING EDITOR, HAD IN ITS
WRITING, I AM TRULY SORRY. THIS SELF-PERPETUATING BOARD
SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP WITH RESPON*
SIBILITY TO THE UNIVERSITY BY WHOM THEY ARE FINANCED. IT
IS NOT FREEDOM OF SPEECH OR OF THE PRESS TO PLACE IN THE
HANDS OF THIS LEFT WING FEW THE PRINCIPAL MEDIUM OF EXPRESSION
FOR THE WHOLE STUDENT BODY. AGAIN MY APOLOGIES TO YOU SIR
FOR MY FAILURE AS A FATHER. YOUR'S, NOT DOROTHY SCHIFF'S, IS
THE AMERICANISM I HOPED MY SON WOULD EMULATE.

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