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September 2, 1976

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FROM: JIM CONNOR JEC
SUBJECT: M. C. Paul N. McCloskey (R-CA)

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Please follow-up with appropriate action.

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PERSONAL

August 19, 1976

Dear Jerry,

This is written en route back to my district from Kansas City ---- the choice of Bob Dole has just been announced, and I want to congratulate you on a superb choice. Bob is a truly good man and I think you and he can win in November if your campaign is technically sound, and if you come across to the American people in the same way you have always come across to me --- a decent and thoughtful man of absolute integrity --- not the smartest man in the country, but with an open mind and a compassion for your fellow citizens, --- and a rare quality of leadership.

I write this letter for a very specific purpose. I would like to offer my services in a full-time capacity during the next 72 days as an analyst and advisor on campaign strategy and tactics. Your people may think this is presumptuous, and it may well be, but I think that a few of us who know and love you and who have been appalled sometimes at what you do and say might be helpful in reaching through to some of the constituencies you need in some of the states which are crucial to winning in November.

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Perhaps more than most of us, I have the time, scars of battle and motivation to give you full-time, 100% loyalty and hard disagreement with issues positions . . . (i.e. abortion, marijuana et al) where I agree much more with your wife's position than with yours.

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