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Columbia University
in the City of New York

NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

PRESIDENT'S ROOM

Education

March 9, 1949

Dear Mr. Bell:

Chancellor Chase of New York University, President Conant of Harvard, President Day of Cornell, President Seymour of Yale, President Stassen of the University of Pennsylvania and I, on behalf of Columbia, have, together with an outstanding group of men in the professional and business world, given much thought and careful study to the serious financial crisis confronting the medical schools throughout the country today. This body has requested me to address this letter to you.

Substantial financial support must be made available to many of them in the near future if they are to survive.

I enclose a statement outlining the situation and an ambitious but important plan for its remedy.

We have confidence in the generosity of the American public and believe they will gladly contribute to a National Fund that will bring forcefully to their attention the needs of the medical schools.

What is most important is the selection of the public-spirited men and women to lead the Fund as its trustees; on them depends the success of the whole enterprise.

I am therefore writing, on behalf of the gentlemen named above, to invite you to serve as a Trustee of the National Fund for Medical Education.

I sincerely hope you will accept this invitation to serve in this enterprise of national significance.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Mr. James F. Bell
Chairman of Board
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400 2nd Avenue, South
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Politics

OFFICE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Brown Palace Hotel
Denver 2, Colorado
August 18, 1952

Dear Mr. Bell:

Harry Bullis has forwarded me your helpful idea and suggested poster layout for a pledge to stimulate a heavy vote in the coming election.

I am having this sent on immediately to Walter Williams at Citizens' campaign headquarters in New York, and to the Republican National Committee in Washington. The more promotion we can put behind maximum registration and voting, the better off we will be.

Encouraging reports have been reaching me that regular Republicans and new recruits alike are turning to with a will at this unglamorous grass-roots task. I hope we can keep up their fire!

Your support and help are heartening!

Sincerely,



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W. J. Bell

OFFICE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

COMMODORE HOTEL
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

September 3, 1952

Mr. James F. Bell
c/o Mr. T. R. Anderson
750 McKnight Bldg.
Minneapolis 1, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bell:

Your additional generous contribution in the closing days of my nomination campaign was most deeply appreciated. Coming at a time when the need for funds was so crucial, your response was a source of great encouragement and inspiration to me.

We are facing a difficult struggle in the crusade upon which we have embarked, and I feel sure that with all of us pulling together we shall win in November.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

OFFICE OF DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Claypool Hotel,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
September 9, 1952.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Last Sunday our mutual friend, Harry Bullis, gave me your thoughtful letter of September fifth, and I should like to thank you very much for the constructive suggestions set forth therein with regard to the Taft-Hartley Act as a constitution for labor.

This seems to be a new and positive approach to this very complex problem, and I am referring your letter to appropriate members of my staff for further development and possible inclusion in policy statements for future speeches.

I am sorry that I did not have an opportunity to talk with you personally during my visit to Minneapolis, but particularly appreciate your thoughtfulness and assistance in sending me these very helpful suggestions.

Sincerely,



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400 Second Avenue South,
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