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Dear Mr. Diefenbaker:

My recent visit to Ottawa served as a reminder to me of that great experience, two summers ago, when I enjoyed the privilege of working for you. Further, upon discovering that you have not settled upon a successor for Keith, it helped me decide to request your consideration of a more formal "return engagement" on my part.

Fully anticipating that you have, or will have, received applications from a number of very qualified persons, I do not request any special consideration. At the same time, I wish to claim some insight into the demands of the position, and feel that past experience in working for you and writing for The Spectator provide the basis for an eager acceptance of the challenge.

Also, some acquaintance with your supporters in Prince Albert and with the situation in the riding should prove useful as the campaign approaches and the need for special liaison between your office and the riding develops.

Personally, I would regard the opportunity to work for you as a great honour which would provide a very real education not available in any formal institution. Next week I write the Law School Admission Tests which are a standard set of exams taken by all law school applicants throughout North America. These tests, along with my marks from the first two years of university, will qualify me to apply for admission to Canadian law schools.

However, I am now two years younger than the great majority of my fellow students and am not very anxious to have this age gap widened any more by immediately entering into the study of law. So, I have given consideration to accepting a position with The Spectator following next semester, but, would, of course, much prefer employment with you in Ottawa.

Should I have some role to play in public life in the future, I can think of no finer training than that obtained through working for you.

Having said all this, dear Chief, I just wish to assure you of my confidence that your decision will be the best possible for all concerned. My loyalty and support will remain unchanged and I shall continue to be available if there is ever any way in which I might assist you or Mrs. Diefenbaker.

With kindest regards and best wishes of the season to you both,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

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