United States Senate

May 17, 1968

My dear Friends:

I am very grateful to you for signing my petition of candidacy for re-election as United States Senator for Idaho.

I appreciate the confidence you have reposed in me these past twelve years. In return, I have endeavored, as Idaho's senior Senator, to represent you with dignity, diligence and independent conviction.

Idaho's influence in Washington depends primarily on the stature and seniority of her two Senators. With the passing years, I have been able to serve Idaho with increasing assurance and growing results.

In the nation's capital, it is to the Senate that our State must look for the protection of her vital interests. The safeguarding of our water, the preservation of our scenic splendors, the prudent development of our great natural resources, the attention which will be given to the special needs of our farmers, workers, and local businesses, all depend upon Idaho's capacity to deal from positions of strength in the Senate. This is what Idaho has at stake in the coming Senatorial election.

From the time I first came to Washington in 1957, I have also regarded my office as one of personal service to the people. Periodically, I have visited every county courthouse, offering my help to anyone with a problem involving the Federal Government. My door has been open to all comers, without regard to politics or partisan considerations.

Now, I must depend on friends like you to help me in my re-election campaign. I know I can count on you.

Sincerely,

Frank Church

Enclosure