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Monday Nite

Dear Dad;

I cannot let this evening pass (even though I have a lot of reading to do) without a few words about our weekend. I didn't have a chance to talk to you after the affair last night, so these written words will have to suffice.

It ~~was~~ a wonderful affair, and one which I will always remember with more than a glow of pleasure. Fran and I are delighted that we made the trip...I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

I must tell you how very proud I am of you, and how happy I am that fate chose you for my Dad. Aside from the fact that your nervousness showed strongly (for which I do not blame you), and that you looked as though you could have used a wrench to work on that microphone...your speech was a very moving one. I doubt that anyone in that room will ever forget it; certainly I won't. It was eloquent in its simplicity; it was obviously heartfelt; it was relevant, thoughtful and a wonderful summing up of a wonderful career...a career which, we all trust, is far from over. I suppose from time to time that we all need to take a look over one shoulder, to examine what we have done and what we can and should do. You should feel a deep glow of pride in your backward look...I hope that I will be able to feel half so prideful when I pause to look back. I was particularly pleased over the remark that you made about Bobby....few fathers, I think, would bother to have thrown an accolade at a young son; fewer to really have encouraged him in this manner.

Come to think of it...and we rarely do...you have done a lot for a lot of people. I think, were I in your place, I would have given up on some of them long ago. I think, in this regard, that I would have been wrong, and you right.

I know that all of us...Mother, Bobby, Helen, Jimmy, Fran were moved, pleased, proud. Be assured that no one was more moved, more pleased, more proud than your older son.

With much love.....

Jack

*At 11:30
8/6/72
by [unclear] 1:10 P.M.*