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The Honorable Edward I. Bernstein
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Dear Eddie:

I cannot adequately thank you for all that you did in producing the wonderful victory. It was simply tremendous not only in the winning margin but as well in your producing so much with so little to work with -- except the wonderful people.

The victory was particularly gratifying in our proving that in Maine it isn't necessary to spend vast sums of money with paid workers, saturation television and radio and direct mailing in order to win.

What the magnificent and fantastic Smith volunteers did has reflected great credit on Maine nationally at a time when the pundits have declared that vast sums of money must be spent if anyone is to survive politically. The Smith volunteers showed the nation that the Maine way is reassuringly different.

We are going to keep our team together right though the General Election. We will cooperate with the regular Republican State Committee, City and Town Committees for the benefit of the entire Republican Party. But we will not lose our separate identity.

The more that we get our supporters to the polls to vote, the more every other Republican nominee will benefit. I would hope that each and all of the other Republican nominees would keep their own terms driving for them. The aggregate of the efforts of all Republican nominee teams cannot help but rebound to the benefit of everyone on the ticket.

Again my very deep gratitude to you for what was even more a tremendous victory for you and your associates in your magnificent performance and achievement than it was any personal victory for me. You have made Maine proud and you have again put Maine on the map nationally to make people throughout the United States envy Maine for its principles.

Gratefully,

Margaret Smith

Margaret Chase Smith
United States Senator

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