LYNDON B. JOHNSON

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Dear Doctor:

First of all, I want to thank you for your very generous letter. You are far better to me than I deserve but I suppose that among friends such excesses are understandable and certainly I must admit I enjoy them and appreciate them.

You and I and the members of the American GI Forum are indeed "amigos." I am very proud of that fact and I hope very sincerely that I always conduct myself in such a way as to justify your respect and confidence.

Doctor, there is nothing that I would enjoy more than the opportunity to be in Los Angeles on August 14th to speak to the National Convention of the American GI Forum. However, there is a strong possibility that Congress will still be in session; in fact, that Congress will be in the final and very busy stages of winding up its session. For this reason, I believe it would be the better part of wisdom for me not to count on coming since I might have to cancel out at the last minute and cause you considerable inconvenience. I know you can understand the difficulty of my position and I hope we can arrange to get together at a future date.

With warmest good wishes.

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