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IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO DEMONSTRATE TO THOSE STILL SUFFERING FROM SOCIAL AND RACIAL INJUSTICE THAT NEEDED CHANGES CAN BE MADE WITHOUT LAWLESSNESS VIOLENCE AND CIVIL GUERRILLA **WARFARE** I URGE YOU AND ALL REPUBLICAN SENATORS TO SUPPORT CLOTURE AS A MEANINGFUL STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. NATIONAL STATE LOCAL AND PRIVATE ACTION IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO DEFEAT THE EFFORT OF THOSE ORGANIZING FOR RACIAL REVOLUTION IN AMERICA

GEORGE ROMNEY

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*Lansing Michigan*

*Romney, Stee*

COPY

March 13, 1968

Dear George:

I've purposely waited a few days for the immediate impact of your withdrawal to subside before writing you this personal note of admiration and continued high respect.

You have distinguished yourself again as courageous and dedicated to the causes in which you believe. Your decision to withdraw is yet another testament to that courage and dedication, reflecting the integrity of a man who puts concern for the welfare of his nation and party above all personal considerations.

I am sure that you know that your decision to stand aside came as a personal disappointment to me. But nothing will ever diminish my certainty that you would have made a splendid President of the United States.

I'd also like to take this opportunity of thanking you for the message you sent when the open-housing provisions of the civil rights bill were so much in jeopardy on the floor of the Senate. It was typical of you to express your interest and concern in this manner, and I know that your assistance proved extremely helpful in the final success.

This note brings with it my every best wish to you and to Lenore. I am sure you will continue to enjoy the great satisfaction that comes with inspired public service and the knowledge that one has lived true to his convictions and principles.

Sincerely,

Edward W. Brooke

The Honorable George Romney  
Governor of Michigan  
State Capitol  
Lansing, Michigan

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*Romney, Lenore*