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January 8th, 1977.

Dear John:

I have touched base with Bill Marvel who succeeded you as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Foundation, with Roger Jones, Bill Bowen and Don Stokes, Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School. All four men agreed enthusiastically that were you to resume a place on the Advisory Committee the School would greatly benefit by reason of your wide experience in public affairs and your exposure to bureaucracy, to management problems and to "how to get things done in Washington". Bill Marvel suggested that you, as the first Chairman of the Committee "have been on an extended leave of absence" and must resume the Chairmanship of the Committee with which Bowen, Stokes and Jones agreed heartily.

After all it was you and Andy Goodpaster who in 1959 strongly encouraged Marie and me to undertake the idea of the Robertson Foundation's support of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. You may recall the two long sessions Gene Goodwillie and I spent with you at the Carnegie Corporation in New York. We also visited with Andy when his office was alongside of President Eisenhower's Oval Office in 1959. You later became a cabinet officer in the Johnson administration and Andy went on to become the Supreme Commander of Allied Forces - Europe - (Andy is a trustee of the Foundation and has never missed the annual meeting.) Gene and I during Gene's lifetime never had cause for regret that we followed yours and Andy's advice. The Woodrow Wilson School is first rate. Don Stokes who three years ago was Dean of the University of Michigan's Graduate School is presently the Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School and is doing an outstanding job. Please don't accept my word for it but I know you will agree with me once you have had an opportunity to look closely at the School, its Dean, faculty, student body and curriculum.

Common Cause has availed itself of your time and energy and dedication to the public interest for the past six years. In your October 1976 letter you summarize "historic changes you have helped bring about". May you feel equally proud of your advisory role in the Woodrow Wilson School after you have had an opportunity to look it over carefully.

Sincerely yours,

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