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Dear Vernon:

A few weeks ago I believe Estelle told you that I had sent copies of IHL to General Olson and Judge Rossman in Salem. The other day I received a cordial acknowledgment from the Judge, and yesterday a most enthusiastic letter from the General, thanking me for the book and saying he felt it should be read by everybody. I'll drop a note to George McGee to keep him up to date.

The enclosed lists may be a help in checking up on your Congressional delegation, and we should be grateful for any news on the results you may have had there, or from any of your other people in Oregon. These can be used to encourage people in other places as well. For example, the other day a lady in Louisville sent a copy of IHL to Alben Barkley, Senate Majority Leader, who, in a speech shortly afterwards, quoted the phrase about "not who's right but what's right." In this way we can begin to make an impact on the thinking of our Representatives and through them on the people.

Estelle is doing a great job, as usual. We have been putting the finishing touches on the new Revue, the training series, and a number of other instruments to carry our ideology to the country. This is a very critical year, politically and in every other way, and I believe that God is going to give us a chance to turn the tide of the thinking of our country and other countries from materialism to the true moral and spiritual values which are Democracy's heritage. It will be a great battle, but I believe that under God's guidance we can win it if we are faithful. For this is not a battle to be fought by a mobile task force alone. We can only win the country as each one of us grips the ultimate responsibility for it in terms of our own community and sector of national life. This is mature citizenship; this is true patriotism, and the urgency of the time demands nothing less from each of us.

About the first of November we leave for London, Ontario, and will move from there probably to New Jersey and New York. It seems likely that we shall be coming West later in the winter and if we do I'll certainly look forward to seeing you all at some point in our journeys. All the best to Ruth and the family, the Bains and all the Oregon troops. We'll fight with you all the time.

Faithfully

Francis