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*Letter to delegates
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Delegates:

With just two weeks and a few days before the mock convention convenes it is necessary that I call a few items to your attention.

This year we have a great responsibility in nominating a candidate; with the apparent uncertainty in the Republican ranks in making a choice between the two leading figures or a dark horse our task will be difficult. Therefore, too much emphasis cannot be placed on the politics that must be played. It is essential that we make an accurate analysis of the Republican party in order to maintain our good reputation of being a barometer of Republican happenings.

It is necessary that you respond to the call of your state chairmen. Much of the success of this convention depends upon the high degree of organization which is required. This can only be achieved by your attendance at the meetings of your delegations. These meetings will be held for many purposes, such as arrangements for the parade and the political tactics to be employed on the convention floor.

With the public attention that will be brought on the convention by the press, wire services, magazines, newsreels, and radio, we will of course conduct ourselves as Washington and Lee students and gentlemen for the duration of the convention, both on the streets and at Convention Hall.

Respectfully yours,

Wesley Oast, Chairman
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