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December 7, 1955

Speaker of the House Rayburn
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Speaker Rayburn:

Since the coming year will be one of great political controversey and significance, the members of Washington and Lee University are naturally taking a great interest. In the course of every election year the students, ~~themselves~~, stage an exact replica of a convention held by the Party out of power. In order to make this convention a success it is necessary that members of the different factions of the Democratic Party come before us to speak on their interpretation of the situation for the purpose of enlightening the participators and arousing their interest, as well as to arouse interest other than student.

We of the ~~Steering~~ ^{Mock} Committee for this year's Mock Democratic Convention believe ^{that} you are a person who could excite interest in our affair and at the same time give us a clear picture of the stage as it is set. It would be a great honor and pleasure for us to have you come before the student body of Washington and Lee at any time from the loth to the 21st of April.

Respectfully yours,

Ted M. Kerr
Mock Convention Steering Committee