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29 October 1961

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Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your excellent paper. I wish I could be in Gettysburg to hear you give 'em hell. It's a hardhitting piece, just as I expected it would be.

Apart from admiring the paper -- and envying you for having written it -- I think it will make an even better book. Expanded about ten-fold it should really be the distinguished work you want it to be.

A couple of observations: I think you have a sentence error, resulting from a typographical error, in the second sentence of the fourth paragrah on page 5. I can never remember, but wasn't it John, and not John Quincy, who was the "honest" member of the Adams family? See page 8, line 4.

I'm still not certain that I'll be in Chattanooga. I've just returned from a week in Harvard, working through some of the Walter Hines Page papers -- and my book does not progress as it should.

You may be able to add another item to your list of distinctions. The Student Council and the Administration are about to deal a final death blow to the student chapter of the Human Relations Council (for here we are not afraid to tolerate any error, etc.). You will probably be the only speaker to have addressed the group!

Have you read Taylor's new book, CAVALIER AND WANKEE?

I've just gotten a copy and it looks like something that would interest you.

Give my regards to George Gibson.

Paul Gaston

Yrs. .