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December 12, 1955a.

Mr. Carl Swanson
Sigma Nu Fraternity House
Lexington, Virginia

Dear Mr. Swanson:

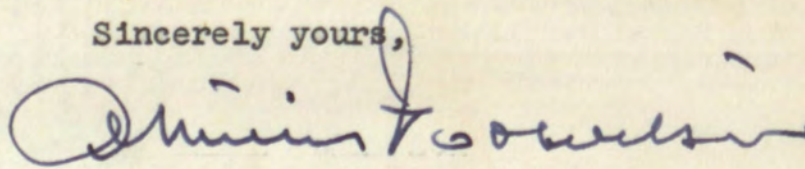
Mrs. Robertson told me over the telephone about your kind invitation to meet with your Political Science Group next Wednesday evening and I asked her to convey to you my very sincere regret that previous commitments would prevent me from doing so.

While most observers believe that Adlai Stevenson is out in front for the Democratic nomination, guessing about the Republican nominee is complicated by lack of information concerning President Eisenhower's plans. My personal view is that President Eisenhower will not be a candidate for reelection and that Senator Knowland of California will be. Vice President Nixon may also enter the race but should he lose to Knowland in a preferential primary in California that would about eliminate him.

After January 15 when the President's doctors will submit to him their final report on his heart condition, if you care to write me concerning my views at that time, I shall be only too glad to give them to you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



A. Willis Robertson