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Dear Joe,

I'm very sorry the Socialist Party couldn't get on the Nebraska ballot. I think maybe in 1952 the Socialists, or a popular party including the Socialists, will be on it.

When I finish school, I'd like to practice in Nebraska, if I can get rid of hay fever with shots, as Pop as done the last two years. I don't know whether I'll want to practice at Seward or at some other town; Norval Brothers would have advantages other firms wouldn't have (especially one begun by me), but I may be too well known in Seward to be able to settle there peaceably.

I think a socialist party could be organized in Nebraska. Perhaps we could study the methods of the CCF in Saskatchewan, and learn from them some things applicable in Nebraska. Maybe by the time I have graduated, you and some other people will have organized an influential party, and I can take my orders from you.

I myself have done nothing with party organization, partly because I don't know enough about socialism to convince other people, and partly because I myself have not been organized. I have thought some about politics and economics, and read a little; maybe this year I'll be able to comprehend socialism.

I have thought a little about political organization in Nebraska. Perhaps you can make suggestions about my ideas. I think a socialist party would best be initiated by an objective propaganda campaign conducted by a small group such as you have organized in Lincoln. It seems to me that most Nebraskans know little that is true about socialism. A campaign with pamphlets, letters to papers and magazines, and discussion groups would be required, or anyway useful, to inform people what socialism is and thus gain proselytes. Maybe such a campaign would have to be restricted largely to Lincoln alone, until enough people could be enrolled to conduct a state-wide campaign. It seems to me that pamphlets humorously written and illustrated (for which your artistic friends

I have wondered some about the proper policy for a legislator-- whether to vote his convictions, or to vote the way he thinks his constituents want him to vote, whether he agrees with his constituents or not. My latest opinion is that he should vote as he thinks his constituents want him to vote, if he can ascertain reliably what they want; in other business, he should be <sup>as</sup> objective as possible, and should state both his own opinion and that of his constituents; he should try to let his constituents know his opinions on all relevant questions, and should let them know the facts on which he bases his opinions, since he will likely be more familiar with facts affecting a question than most of his constituents will. The policy I have just stated would be usefully supported by a non-partisan organization such as I described in the preceding paragraph, which would conduct polls and act as liaison between the legislator and his constituents.

If I have time this fall, I may do a little flunky campaigning. I don't know enough to do anything more high-powered.

If you are thinking these days, let me know what. If I can get educated, I may come back to Nebraska and try to help with the revolution.

Fuzzily yours,

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