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August 2, 1948.

Herbert Hoover,  
The Towers,  
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel,  
New York 22, New York.

Dear Friend:--

You may be sure that I greatly appreciate your letter of July 28, from Stanford University.

I have received from your office at my request a copy of your address at the Republican National Convention. I had been told repeatedly that it was the outstanding event of that great gathering. Tommy Luke, one of Oregon's representatives there, told our Newberg Rotary Club, as he has told everywhere he has spoken, of the great ovation that was given you, in such striking contrast to the treatment given you at Chicago, and declared that your speech would be recognized as a classic historical document in the future, and that the campaign would be based on that speech rather than on the platform adopted, or on any other statements. He avowed that that speech was the keynote of the convention, no matter what address was called the keynote. Well, having read the speech, Rebecca and I are agreed that the praise it has received is well deserved.

I shall soon be on my way to the Friends Cemetery here for the graveside service of Clarence J. Edwards, the son of Jesse and Mary E. K. Edwards, and one of the two members of the first graduating class of Pacific College. I think you remember him. He did more to get me to accept the position of president of Pacific College than anybody else, and has been good enough to say that he considers it one of the best things he ever did. I am to have the service here this morning, and I participated in the service at the Methodist Church in Tillamook yesterday -- he has been a leading member of that church most of the time since he removed to that place in 1914, but he was a leader here until that time, and a member of the Pacific College Board for nearly fifty years.

With best wishes to you and yours from both of us,

Sincerely your friend,