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Mr. Eliot Porter
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Dear Mr. Porter:-

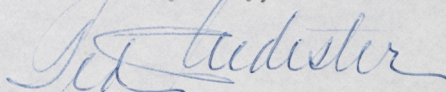
A few days ago I got a form letter from you on behalf of a candidate. . . I believe a democrat. Now most of the political propaganda that I get receives about the same treatment as an ad for snake oil, or perhaps a chain letter, but yours seemed to have a personal approach that caught my eye and caused me to ponder.

Most of the people, who presume to advise me, have some particular knowledge or education or experience that I respect, or that they feel qualifies them to offer advice. I was wondering, in your case, what makes you feel that you are qualified to make suggestions to me about these matters, or why I should consider these suggestions.

Incidentally, one experience that I feel sometimes qualifies a man to give me advice is that of initiating some kind of enterprise. . . employing people, . . . creating jobs, and meeting a payroll with his own money. Do you perhaps do that?

I would be interested in knowing more about you.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ted Chidester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "C".

Ted Chidester