

SENATOR EDMUND S. MUSKIE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

May 11, 1972

Mr. Eliot F. Porter
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Dear Eliot:

At no other time in my life have I been so keenly aware of a debt to others for their steadfast support and sensible advice. I am grateful for the help you have given me during the months of my primary campaign. I am hopeful that you will continue to help in the weeks before the Democratic Convention.

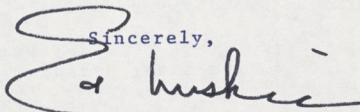
It is impossible to predict with confidence the course of events from now until then. There may be any number of surprises in the remaining primaries or at Miami Beach.

While I will not compete in these primaries, I am committed to an active campaign to win the nomination. I seek your continued support now because I know you continue to share my goals for 1972: an end to the war in Vietnam; an anti-inflation policy which controls prices as well as wages, and produces jobs instead of unemployment; a more equitable distribution of the burdens and benefits of our society; an open government which confides in our people, responds to their needs and opinions, and which is free from the corrupting influence of special interests.

To achieve these goals requires the defeat of Richard Nixon. And because our campaign offers the best chance for Democratic victory in the Fall, I will continue to seek the nomination of the Democratic Convention in July. That is what I am fighting for -- and that is why I ask you to stand with me now as you have in the past.

I wish I could find words adequate to thank you for what you have already done. I will never forget your contribution to our common effort. I will do everything I can to carry that effort through to success.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Muskie". The signature is written over the word "Sincerely," and the name "Edmund S. Muskie" which is printed below it.

Edmund S. Muskie