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Senator Lyndon B. Johnson
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Johnson:

May I ask you to do all you can to persuade the Administration that war to defend the off-shore Chinese islands for Chiang Kai-shek might lead to national disaster and would be much too high a price to pay in any case to realize his personal ambitions.

In support of my point of view I beg you to consider that Chiang Kai-shek is completely discredited as the leader of the Chinese people; that war to save the diplomatic face of the United States is an immature policy; that Quemoy and Matsu are as much a part of the Chinese mainland as Nantucket is a part of the North American continent; that to retreat from the stand Secretary Dulles has taken would not be appeasement as the President says and would not be analogous to the Munich capitulation; and that international opinion does not support Mr. Dulles' position.

I believe that the United States would be honored throughout the world for a reversal of its present belligerent attitude.

Respectfully yours,

Eliot F. Porter