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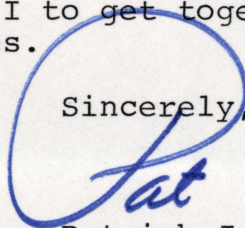
Dear Bob,

Shelley and I want to thank you and Elizabeth for the gracious invitation to your luncheon this coming Tuesday at the City Club. We both would have enjoyed attending very much. However, Bob, because I am still an active presidential candidate and will remain active until our national Convention next month in San Diego, I regret to say that I do not feel free to accept your invitation at this time.

As you know, I made a commitment to the three million who voted for me in the Republican primaries to stay in this race until the Convention and to represent their interests in San Diego. I intend to fulfill that commitment to the best of my ability and in the best interests of our party---with an eye to removing any obstacle that might stand in the way of a united GOP moving, honorably, in common cause, to dispossess Bill Clinton of his current residence.

I hope there will be occasions down the road for you and I to get together again as friends and allies.

Sincerely,



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