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Dear Bob,

I was deeply moved by your kind reference to me in the Iowa TV debate with your Presidential rivals. It was a very gracious statement.

It is no secret around this office or with the national press corps that I have developed a genuine admiration and affection for you, Bob, with the passage of time the old partisan divisions seem increasingly less real to me. So much of what we do as Senators and in our lives as a whole has little to do with party labels. Beyond that much of what you say (i.e. grain embargo) matches my own thinking.

I'm very worried that Carter's inexperience and his lack of any clear sense of history

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may be unwittingly contributing to war  
with Russia. They are so paranoid  
about the West — and now China — that  
I think it requires an American  
President of great sensitivity as well  
as courage — and wisdom to handle  
them effectively.

With the very best wishes of 1980 to  
you and lovely Elizabeth, I am  
as always, your friend -

George