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Dear Mr. Basave:

I wish to acknowledge, on behalf of the Vice President, your letter of December 28 requesting a photograph and short biography of him.

You may be sure the Vice President appreciates your interest in writing to him and we are glad to send you the enclosed photograph along with a biography of the Vice President which has been prepared by the Republican National Committee.

I know he would want me to take this opportunity to extend his best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Robert L. King  
Assistant to the Vice President

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## NELSON ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER

Nelson A. Rockefeller was born July 8, 1908, at Bar Harbor, Maine, the second son of John Davison Rockefeller, Jr., and Abby Greene Aldrich. He was educated at the Lincoln School in New York City and at Dartmouth College, where he majored in economics and was graduated in 1930 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. On June 23, 1930, Mr. Rockefeller married Mary Todhunter Clark.

Mr. Rockefeller was the founder and first president of International Basic Economy Corporation (1947-53), and also of the American International Association for Economic and Social Development (1946-53), established to help raise living standards in underdeveloped areas. IBEC is engaged in joint business enterprises, chiefly in Venezuela and Brazil, in the production and distribution of essential goods; the non-profit AIA provides educational, social and economic services for improving agriculture and rural life.

Mr. Rockefeller was chairman of the board, and is now trustee, of the IBEC Research Institute, a non-profit corporation carrying out research in tropical agriculture.

In August, 1940, President Roosevelt appointed him Coordinator of the Commercial and Cultural Relations between the American Republics. The name was changed twice by executive order, finally to the Office of Inter-American Affairs. Mr. Rockefeller was Assistant Secretary of State in charge of relations with the American republics from December, 1944, to August, 1945.

In November, 1950, President Truman appointed him chairman of the newly-created International Development Advisory Board, charged with recommending general policy toward underdeveloped areas. Mr. Rockefeller served for a year, during which the Board published its conclusions regarding the roles of private capital and public funds in a report to the President, "Partners in Progress."

In November, 1952, President-elect Eisenhower appointed Mr. Rockefeller chairman of a three-man committee to represent him in reviewing studies for streamlining the executive branch of the government. The President's first executive order, on January 24, 1953, gave official status to his Advisory Committee on Government Organization with continuing responsibility for recommending changes which would promote greater efficiency and economy.

Mr. Rockefeller's first position was that of clerk in the Chase National Bank in New York and later in the London and Paris branches. Subsequently, he became a director of Rockefeller Center, Inc. and was president from 1938-45 and from 1948-51. He was chairman of the board from 1945-53.

In 1932, Mr. Rockefeller was elected a trustee of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and treasurer in 1937. He was president of the Museum from 1939-41 and again from 1946-53.

Mr. Rockefeller has been a trustee of Dartmouth College and the Committee for Economic Development, and was a director and vice president of the Amun-Israeli Housing Corporation. He is now a vice president and director of the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund, and is chairman of the board of the Government Affairs Foundation, Inc.

Mr. Rockefeller was appointed by President Eisenhower in June, 1953, as Under Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. In December, 1954, he resigned this position to accept an appointment as Special Assistant to the President, charged with coordinating federal programs bearing on relations with other countries, with a view to "the development of increased understanding and cooperation among all peoples."



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