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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON.

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 1884.

My dear sir:

I am not unmindful of my obligations towards you for the frank and full expression of your views in several letters; and I trust that you will not have regarded my silence as indicating a failure to take into consideration what you have written.

My previous letter, however, advised you with sufficient

but my personality is  
mingled in your views  
in such a way that  
I can properly express  
my acknowledgements to  
you.

I am,

Very sincerely yours.

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what I can do. Perhaps, and  
probably, circumstances will  
crystallize in the next  
three weeks so that I can  
ask my personal friends  
to take a definite course;  
but in the meantime, I  
can only wait. Of course  
I understand that your  
suggestions are based on  
your views of our party  
interest, and do not, as  
they should not, come from  
any considerations in which  
my interest is merely personal;

fullness of my own  
personal feelings on the  
subject, and I have  
not changed them. I  
certainly do not want  
the Vice Presidency; and  
I earnestly hope that for  
the higher office my name  
may not be used as a  
means of ignoring men  
whom I regard as more  
deserving and better fitted  
for the place. I am  
doing nothing in the matter,  
and I do not now see