

Wash DC

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My dear Sir:

I have not replied to you because an answer in writing is so difficult and so sure to convey a wrong idea.

My personal ambitions have the smallest part you can imagine in this matter.

I shall be satisfied with removing in any way the greatest obstacle to Republican success. Of course a Cataclysm is possible which might

elect B.V. But I really cannot  
Contemplate the afterwards.  
As for your suggestions as to  
Myself the impetus would  
undoubtedly have to come  
outside of my own state  
a condition of things which  
could not be explained in  
a half hour. My state is  
not unfriendly. No state  
ever is but some may be  
in toils. To borrow Revokind  
How's not on Richardson  
My reputation is for the  
moment "exclusively national"  
In the rest of New England  
there has already been some

Many suggestions  
made - nobody can  
tell what is in the  
womb of the future -  
Do whatever work you  
find to do for the pur-  
-pose I have indicated  
and not for me unless  
you see that it can  
be done for me for the  
best good of the purpose  
Probably to your vision is  
the clearest from being  
away from Washington.

Washington like St. Peter's  
has an atmosphere of its  
own and those who live  
in it are too likely to  
hear false sounds and  
at least get false ideas  
of the temperature of the  
Country —

Truly Yours

W B Reed

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