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52 Cour de Justice Public.

Bordeaux, France, November 9th, 1904.

Theodore Roosevelt, President,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am most grateful to have seen this day.

Yesterday's battle was not only a glorious vindication of yourself but a marvellous self-revelation of the American people. It shows more clearly than ever before that they love a man better than a machine.

Nothing in the campaign afforded me so much joy as your magnificent denial of personal aspersions. It was high time that one assailed as you had been--made the central figure of a great national conflict --should assert his right to use English prose. On reading that splendid piece of red-hot indignation, I said I would rather you were defeated with those words in your mouth than win in silence.

You have both my congratulations and confidence. The future
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has great tasks to be performed than you have achieved in the past. God help you and keep you from weariness.

You must pardon me for referring to duty as well as election. I have been so long accustomed to regard our country as God's instrument for good to the world, I cannot help thinking quite as much of the scorn He has put in your hands, as of your capture in having such boundless opportunity in your grasp.

Sincerely yours,

Alton Harris