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Jean King

Dear Linda and George:

People have been talking to me about running for lieutenant governor. I wanted to write you because if I am I wanted you to hear it from me and not as a rumor floating around.

You helped put me here in the legislature, first as representative, then as senator, and I'm deeply grateful. Your support has sustained me and been a source of strength through those years and there's no way to really thank you enough.

Now comes the question of whether I can hope to do more as lieutenant governor or by remaining a senator.

My initial reaction to the urging was negative. I like being a senator. I'm proud to represent the people of the Sixth Senatorial District and the State as a whole. I like trying as senator to help make Hawaii more the kind of government we'd like.

Now, after discussing it more and thinking about it more, it seems to me that the lieutenant governor's office offers real possibilities if you look at it not primarily as a stepping stone but squarely in terms of what you could do there. For example:


- A more visible forum, with perhaps more weight.
- Greater access to more people.
- More people with greater access to you.
- A top-level window to let more sunshine in.
- A full-time year-round full-crew staff!!!

I'd like to mesh the potential of the office with the exciting thing that's happening -- more and more people fed up, speaking out, wanting to get involved.

An early indication now of whether you support the candidacy, and would perhaps assist later in some way in the campaign, would be very helpful. Enclosed is a slip in case you'd like to let us know. We'd certainly appreciate it if you would.

In any event, I wanted you to know what we're considering and to say again how grateful I continue to be for all your help and support in the past.

With all good wishes,


JEAN KING
State Senator

Enclosure