

June 20, 1967

The Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senator from Illinois
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Percy:

Please accept a sincere fan letter from someone who used to be a staunch Democrat, but who is now wavering in his faith in the present administration. I had the opportunity of hearing your speech at Claremont College last week, when I attended my nephew's graduation there. I was greatly impressed by your clear and precise evaluation of the Mid-East crisis and was staggered by some of the revelations you made of our State Department's shortcomings. Your speech was a blast of clear air in a cloudy and mirky moment in world history.

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After seeing you and hearing you, I now have the strongest conviction that you will, one day soon, be our President. My feelings at this time are that that would be most fortunate. In that forthcoming event, I should like to take this opportunity to sponsor a "plug", perhaps even a plea, for your considering the possibility of using men as consultants on world affairs who come from the discipline of psychoanalysis, which I, myself, belong to. I firmly feel that, had the psychology of the Arabs been clearly understood by the Russians, they would never have invested in them. Had our own country understood their psychology, we could have been more firm. The ~~Saladin~~ ^{Said} of the Arab was the original invention of T.E. Lawrence, and the world has since suffered from his bizarre misappraisal. This has been a sample of where the psychoanalytic approach, along with the sociological, and perhaps others, could be of value. There are other examples too numerous to mention here.

Again, please accept my compliments and best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

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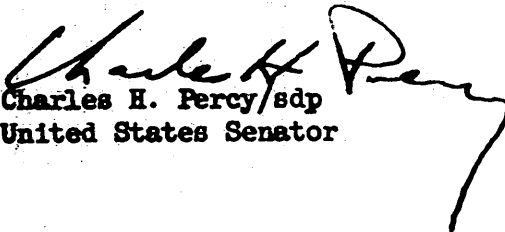
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Dear Dr. Grotstein:

Thank you for your kind remarks about my Mideast position and for your suggestion that I accept the counsel of psychoanalysts on questions of foreign policy.

Since you only briefly touched on Arab psychology, I would much appreciate a more detailed appraisal of that subject if it is convenient for you. Your views will always be welcomed by me.

Sincerely yours,


Charles H. Percy/sdp
United States Senator