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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator

FROM: Dan S.

SUBJECT: Asking People to Vote

I had a long talk with Governor Smith of West Virginia on Saturday.

He made a very interesting observation which I wanted to bring to your attention.

He said that you are eager to ask people "for their help" but you rarely ask them to vote for you. You rarely say: "I need your help and I want you to vote for me and ask your friends to vote for me."

I agree with Smith that using the word "vote" is extremely important. You can still ask for their help. But you still need their votes!

Smith felt that this was important in West Virginia. He tells of visiting a man in Parkersburg who contributed a sizable sum to his campaign. When Smith thanked him and asked "Will you vote for me?" the man said "No." because you didn't ask me for my vote. Smith believes people want to be asked for their vote. I agree. John Kennedy went through West Virginia saying "I want your hand, your heart and your vote."

You might want to repeat this line. Even if you choose not to, I believe you should end almost every speech with a "I need your help, your support and your vote" theme.

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