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Dear Jim,

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of Dec. 10 and please forgive me for taking so long to answer.


I agree that the evangelicals were of minimal help and I am sure that a portion of that was because of the evangelical candidate.

Just because an evangelical is a candidate does not mean that he would be a good governor. John Johnson was not a constitutionalist and had he have won he would have done much harm to our movement as he would not have known how to govern correctly. I have enclosed an article on Evan Mecham of Arizona which gives you an idea of what a constitutionalist can do.

I appreciated deeply your words of encouragement concerning the initial Reagan losses and his ultimate victories. Gov. Mecham also ran 4 previous times before being successful. I agree that a rebuilding of the party was the correct procedure for Gov. and now President Reagan.

I am still pondering your advice as to whether or not I should run again. During the interim however, I will follow your advice to this extent; I will continue to teach the Constitution throughout Wyoming and will encourage all of our graduates to be active in the political process. By doing this I will keep my options open and if it is right and the Lord again sanctions my campaign then I will be in a position to run again in the future. Again thank you for your kind letter.

Warmest personal regards,


Russ Donley