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To Robert Lovett

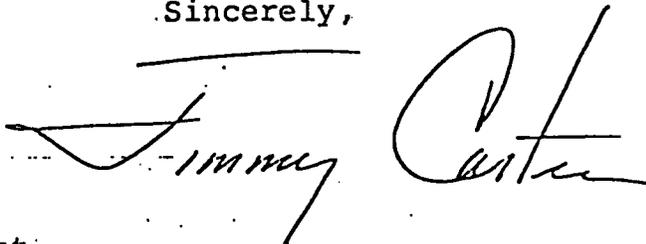
The unique qualities of General Marshall's character and role in the history of our country have long brought well-deserved admiration from men and women of all walks of life and from both of our major political parties. The letters written to you and your predecessors at the George C. Marshall Research Foundation by every President of the United States since Harry S. Truman are eloquent testimony to this fact.

I believe it is essential that we, the people of this country, not forget the services of its great leaders. It is therefore appropriate that succeeding generations be made duly aware of General Marshall's contributions as a soldier, diplomat and statesman. I therefore strongly endorse the efforts of the Marshall Foundation to obtain a full record of the facts of his life and times and to portray them to this nation.

As my predecessors have done, I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretaries of Defense and State, and the Administrator of General Services (for the Archives) in order to let them know that the present arrangements for collecting documents relevant to General Marshall should be continued under my Administration.

I wish the Foundation every continued success and send you and your associates on its Board of Trustees my best wishes.

Sincerely,



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