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Dear Sir:

I am sending BATTLE LINE a photo-copy of a letter I have addressed today to the New York Herald Tribune concerning the protest of several leading Jews over ~~Mor~~Klein's quoting an editorial from an Israeli newspaper.

Please feel free to use this letter in any way that will help the Republican campaign. Jewish Democrats, out of party loyalty, are for the most part closing their eyes to the perilous implications of their candidate's platform. However, there are a few of us who feel that the country is more important than the party. In this election I shall be voting Republican for the first time and experiencing, by this act, a tremendous feeling of relief. As far as I am concerned, the Democratic Party has become the party of Western self-destruction.

Sincerely,

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To the Editor of the Herald Tribune:

Sen. Kennedy's stand on Quemoy and Matsu opens the way to a perilous road of appeasement for the free world. His arguments concerning the indefensibility of Quemoy and Matsu can be applied to any number of points in the freeworld that touch the Communist dominion: Hong Kong, Berlin, Macao, Laos, Tibet, and a host of other such places which tomorrow might include Key West. If we are prepared to give up every part of the free world not separated from the Communists by 100 miles of water, then we shall eventually wind up in exactly the position of isolation the Communists want us in.

Also, as is very well known, this East-West struggle is as much a psychological war as a military one. To abandon any part of the free world for any theoretical reason would register in the minds of everyone, and particularly those who count on us for defense, as an abject surrender to the Communists. It seems to me that the bright Senator from Massachusetts who prides himself on his knowledge of history, has completely forgotten Munich and what piecemeal appeasement brought the world.

If the free world is to win it can only do so by thinking in terms of an offensive strategy and not a defensive one. Sen. Kennedy's defensive strategy forgets the most vital and crucial point of all, that the ultimate goal of world Communism is world victory, and that no defensive line will ever be respected by them, whether it be one mile from the Chinese mainland or one thousand.

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