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If you do get out

we will most probably
return to the ranch
to live

1. In the course of the
next few months - or
until we are forgotten -
we will be criticized
and ^{our motives} questioned - "what
skelton in the closet"
- what fear of what
disclosure - caused you to
make this decision, etc., etc.

That will be painful

2. There will be a wave
of feeling, nationwide this
time and not largely
state wide - of "you let
us down" - hate, even
bitter, disappointment -
similar to the wave of
feeling after you accepted

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the Vice Presidency job
with Kennedy.

This will be more
painful.

3. You may live longer.
And certainly you will
have more time for the
hill country you love,
and for me and Lynda
and Lucy. And that
we'll all love!

But Lynda and Lucy
will in a year or so
cease to be permanent
residents of our life -
only available for occasional
companionship.

4. You will have various
ranch lands, small banking
interests, and presumably
the TV to use up your
talents and your hours.

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They are chickens - feed
compared to what you
are used to.

That may be relaxing
for a while. I think it
is not enough for you. At 56.
And I dread seeing you
semi-idle, frustrated
looking back at what
you left. I dread seeing
you look at Mr X running
the country and thinking
you could have done it
better.

You may look around
for a scape-goat. I do not
want to be it.

You may drink too
much for lack of a
higher calling.

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If you do not get out

You will most probably
be elected President

1. In the course of the
campaign and in the
ensuing years, you -
and I - and the children
- will certainly get
criticized and cut up,
for things that we have
done, or maybe partly-in-
a-way have done, - and
for others that we never
did at all.

That will be painful,

2. You are bound to
make some bad decisions,
be unable to achieve
some high & anything
ambitions, be disappointed
at the inadequacies of some

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helpers - or perhaps of your
own,

That will be painful
even more.

3. You may die earlier
than you would
otherwise. Nobody
can tell that - as the
last 6 months show.
Maybe Dr. Cain & Dr.
Hurst can be helpful
in advising here.

My Conclusion

Stay in

Realize its going to be rough — but remember we worry much in advance about troubles that never happen!

Pace yourself, within the limits of your personality.

If you lose in November — its all settled anyway!

If you win, lets do the best we can for 3 years and 3 or 4 months — and then, the Lord letting us live that long, announce in Feb. or Mar., 1968 that you are not a candidate for re-election.

- you'll then be 59,
and by the end of
that term a mellow 60
and I believe the juices
of life will be stilled
enough to let you come
home in relative peace
and acceptance, (we may
even have grand-children!)

Your loving
Beige