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The Honorable John Heinz  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Jack:

I hope you will enjoy reading the latest book written by a member of the faculty of The Kennedy Institute of Ethics. This volume by Richard A. McCormick, S.J. is part of a series devoted to questions of health and medicine as viewed by the great religious traditions. The Lutheran General Health Care System is the organization developing this series of books.

Even if the title and subject matter of this book strikes you initially as being somewhat specialized, I hope that its discussion of the ethical and moral aspects of treatment for the sick and dying, for pre-natal life, for newborns, for the mentally retarded, and for the aging, not to mention its reflections on morality and sexuality from the time of Augustine (605 A.D.) up to documents issued in the 1970s and 1980s, will prove to be interesting.

I hope also that you will have a happy Holiday Season and a blessed and productive 1985.

Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours,

Sargent Shriver