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Robert Kerrey

Dear Walter,

Thanks for another generous gift of yourself during a difficult time. Leaving Santa Barbara was more difficult for me than I let on.

After three speeches in 18 hours I was ready to stop talking.... but I didn't.

The "Voices of the Stranger" class is a brilliant idea. Only a grown man with a child's imagination could have thought of it. I wish this: listening to them I hope the students weep for the pain of this world. Lately, it is the killing that angers me most; it does not make me feel stronger.

Utopia must be somewhere on the edge of madness. Somewhere in the shadows the key to the garden's door lies unseen. I wish to find it for my people, and for you.

I do not wish to conquer anything but the fear we have of each other, and the hate which always must be resisted. If the Earth we till is made better by our labors then we will deserve an eternal Amen. And if we can rock back and laugh so hard the tears flow down our faces, we just might get the job done. And if we don't, we'll have made a friend or two along the way.

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Also to know for sure: You've got one here who
thinks you're pretty terrific.

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