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The New York Times  
229 W. 43rd Street  
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Letters to the Times

Re: A Vacancy in the Vice Presidency

To the Editor of the New York Times:

In his column of December 6, 1963 entitled "The Problem of Succession to the Presidency," James Reston states that "Congress has been remarkably casual about the succession problem from the start of the Republic." Congress has also been remarkably casual about the problem of a vacancy in the Vice Presidency. It is shocking to realize that we have had sixteen Presidents who have had no Vice President for a period of time. Eight Vice Presidents have succeeded to the Presidency. Seven have died in office. One has resigned from office. This void in the Pres- <sup>vice</sup> idency totals about thirty-six years. Is it not time that Congress seriously considered meeting the problem of a vacancy in the Vice Presidency?

Very truly yours,

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