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Mr. Charlie McCarthy
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Dear Charlie:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your poll. The approach is certainly unique.(and good-humored).

I hope you won't mind if I'm selective about my answers. Polls usually are.

Perhaps I can answer a number of the questions with a general observation. We have tried over the years to put together a staff that represents a broad spectrum of ages, backgrounds, and skills. About one-sixth of the staff is over fifty years of age. As you know, both Bill Bradley and Doug McGarrah are from western Massachusetts (west of Quabbin Reservoir).

In response to your third question, I would definitely choose "c" which is why we have Frank Daly -- a man with "a highly visible ethnic Irish surname" -- surely not an under thirty "brie chablis" type -- working with the media in Massachusetts.

I believe "a" and "d" are both accurate responses to your fourth question.

The most accurate caption to the picture you enclosed would be "Paul Tsongas wants Charlie McCarthy by his side, come rain or come shine."

Paul's 86% popularity rating doesn't tell you much about the 1984 election (but it's nicer to have it than not).

I don't know of many people on our staff who has a soft forty hour a week job. Such a person would not be a desirable candidate for a staff job. A full commitment is, of course, a prerequisite for a job with Paul.

Charlie, you and I both know of Paul's tremendous respect and affection for you and his appreciation of your loyalty and years of work on his behalf. That's what he meant when he said, "There is only one Charlie McCarthy". You should never have any doubts about that.

I hope my responses will be computed along with those of the 999 others whom I assume were polled in order for a scientifically accurate statistical sampling of opinion to be achieved. This is the first time, by the way, that I've ever been polled. Thanks for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Kanin
Administrative Assistant to
Senator Paul Tsongas

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P.S. Just out of curiosity, who is that under-30 year old, inside Route 128, "brie chablis" type? you keep referring to? You know -- the one with diarrhea of promise and constipation of action". I'd love to know.