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President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower today made public the following letter from Arthur H. Vandenberg, his Secretary-designate.

January 13, 1953  
1088 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower  
Commodore Hotel  
New York, N. Y.

Dear General Eisenhower:

In my eagerness to fill the post which you offered me, I have made every effort to overcome an adverse condition of health. But I cannot longer delay in yielding to the fact that I will not be able to assume the duties of Secretary to the President on January 20th. Therefore I have no alternative except to request that you grant me an extended leave of absence from your staff.

I am deeply indebted to you for the privilege of serving with you in the past and I earnestly hope that it will be possible to resume the work within the next few months.

With sentiments of deep respect and with all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Arthur

Arthur H. Vandenberg Jr.

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On receipt of this letter President-elect Eisenhower issued the following statement:

I am distressed to learn of Arthur Vandenberg's illness. I sincerely hope he will have an early return to robust health. In this office he will be greatly missed.

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