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August 9, 1976

Dear Ham:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the support, confidence and loyalty expressed by you and those who joined with you in the August 5 letter to me.

It is encouraging to me to know that you share my commitment to the programs and policies of the past two years, and that we will be joined in the effort to ensure their continuation. Your assistance will be invaluable in achieving a Republican victory in November.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

**JERRY FORD**

The Honorable Hamilton Fish, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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August 5, 1976

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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

On the eve of the 1976 Republican Convention, as you prepare to embark for Kansas City, we, your friends and former colleagues in the House of Representatives, wish to express to you our wholehearted support, confidence and trust.

We want you to know that you have, in addition to our support, our respect and admiration. We have been behind you and we will be behind you all the way.

We believe you have done a most commendable job as Chief Executive of this nation and we are convinced that this country and all of its inhabitants will enjoy lasting benefits from your continued stewardship.

In the closing days of the 1976 Primary race and in the General Election ahead, we want you to know that we stand prepared to render whatever assistance is available to insure that you will serve a well-deserved full term as President of the United States.

Sincerely,

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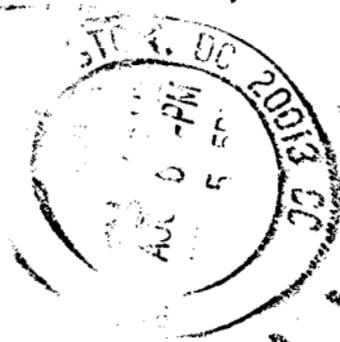
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August 10, 1976

Dear Bill:

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the support, confidence and loyalty expressed by you and those who joined with you in the August 5 letter to me.

It is encouraging to me to know that you share my commitment to the programs and policies of the past two years, and that we will be joined in the effort to ensure their continuation. Your assistance will be invaluable in achieving a Republican victory in November.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable G. William Whitehurst  
House of Representatives  
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August 10, 1976

Dear Sil:

Thank you for your letter to the President with which you enclosed the additional names of signers of the joint letter of support. I know the President will appreciate receiving this and I shall call it promptly to his attention.

We had noted that Bill Steiger signed the letter, and also that Fletcher Thompson is the former Member now living in Atlanta.

I would like to add a word to let you know how much this affirmation of support means to the President.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Silvio O. Conte  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

25 Presidential letters sent in response to added list of 25 co-signers of previous letter.

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August 10, 1976

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Members of Congress listed on the enclosure signed my letter of support to you dated August 5, 1976.

Their names were erroneously omitted from the list of signatories first sent to you. Please note also that Bill Steiger's signature is also incorrectly identified as that of Sam Steiger and that Fletcher Thompson is identified as a Member, rather than a former Member of Congress. I deeply regret these errors which occurred when one of my secretaries sent the incomplete letter to you without asking my approval or permission.

I wish to express again my sincere appreciation for the job you have done and to reaffirm my wholehearted support for your candidacy.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

  
Silvio O. Conte  
Member of Congress

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The President  
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