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September 18, 1974

Dear Susan and John,

I really appreciated John's recent letter. It was great to hear from you, and it was good to know that you had another enjoyable visit to Vail.

John, I am very pleased to have the encouragement you expressed in your letter. It is wonderful to have the support of long-time friends and to know that those friends continue to wish me well with my new responsibilities.

You asked whether we still plan to spend our Christmas holidays in Vail. As of now we are indeed planning to be there. We have our reservations all set, and unless there is some unforeseen emergency we will all be there. We are already looking forward to it!

Again, thank you for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. John O'Laughlin
44 Brinker Road
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

D/M

John O'Laughlin,

our neighbor at Vail.

Yr. note to John &

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Jackie in VP records
does not have address

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The **LODGE** at
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Mr. P.

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IN THE BROADMOOR MANNER

Dear Gerry,

I seems that it has been a very short time since I have written to you to congratulate and compliment you on becoming Vice-President; Now I find myself in such a very short time saying, MR. PRESIDENT; How pleased I am to so address you.

Remember when we talked from time to time about the retirement of the minority leader? Wouldn't you think that retirement could find itself in a somewhat less awesome atmosphere than that of being President of the United States?

Now we must think in terms of all the things that can be accomplished. These things can only be done with the confidence of the people and goodness knows we seek that confidence. My friends, my peers, and my associates,

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The **LODGE** at Vail



IN THE BROADMOOR MANNER

IN THEIR most diverse ways of life,
now rally around a point of view, and
that point of view is yours.

We have just returned from Vail.
330 & 332 look very nice, but the big
padlocks are forboding. Query -
does that mean that the Fords will
not be there this year: if not, who
will share Christmas with our
family?

John