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

Dear Mr. President:

Ivan and I are very grateful for the time you gave us last Monday, and for the acceptance of the concerns we expressed to you.

It was not until the next day that I learned of the heavy burdens on your shoulders during the time we were with you, due to the American departure from Saigon. In my opinion, given the circumstances, this was handled in the best way possible. Your habitual adherence to principle has been most evident in this entire matter. Thanks for doing it that way.

Felix Sawosko dropped by today. I conveyed your personal greetings and gave him the pen you asked to be delivered to him. He accepted it with flushed face and tears in his eyes. Your thoughtfulness will be long remembered.

We will continue to pray for God's guidance for you in your heavy responsibilities.

Cordially,

Msgr. Zervas

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