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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Oct. 14

Trudy,

I thought you should have a copy  
of this in view of the President's  
handwriting.

The original letter was returned  
to Mrs. Ford's staff for their  
files.

Dorothy D

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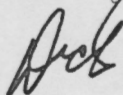
Mrs. Gerald R. Ford  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
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Dear Bet:

I just returned from visiting Julia VanderMeiden (Room 255) at North Ottawa Community Hospital on Sheldon Avenue in Grand Haven. Unfortunately, the tumor has started to block off some vital functions and, in addition, has restricted her ability to eat. As a consequence she's down to about 70 pounds and failing fast. The autographed picture you gave John for her last June was greatly appreciated and I know her spirits would be lifted if'n you could sign and send the enclosed care as a favor-to me - not that I don't owe you about 10 already.

God bless and take care of yourself and the "big fella".

Sincerely,



Richard A. Ford

RAF/nm

Dear Julia, Betty and  
I am pulling and praying.  
With all our love:  
Jerry Ford

Sorry to hear of your hospital stay--

But I hope you're improving  
with every new day

And before long you'll feel  
like your old self again--

You'll be in my thoughts  
and my wishes till then!