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May 31, 1976

Dear Howard:

Your letter to Mel Laird which he in turn forwarded to me has been received, and I am delighted to relate a few special memories of my eleven wonderful years as a member of Burning Tree.

Shortly after becoming Republican Minority Leader in the House of Representatives on January 3, 1965, Les Arands suggested I might enjoy membership in Burning Tree. He initiated my membership application which I deeply appreciated.

Probably my most thrilling experience at Burning Tree was winning the Member-Member Championship with Glenn Davis in either September of 1965 or 1966. Glenn and I had a mediocre score on Saturday in that tournament but came back strong on Sunday. With some modesty I helped considerably on the 16th where on Saturday we had a bogie even with our strokes. Sunday I hit two good woods and then hit an 8 iron within three feet of the pin. Luckily, I sank the putt and we picked up three shots and won with a 57, as I recall. Unfortunately neither Glenn nor I had enough faith in our skill to wager on our team except a "show ticket."

In the intervening years I played in a number of Member-Member tournaments with Glenn Davis, Bob Michel, and Mel Laird. Came close on several and may have tied once for third. Wonderful events which I really enjoy.

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Burning Tree has meant a great deal to me--super personal relationships, a magnificent golf course, a great pro in Max Elbin, and such nice people on the staff.

I look forward to many more years of all the blessings and benefits of Burning Tree.

Warmest best wishes,

**JERRY FORD**

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GRF:Downton

Dear Howard:

Your letter to Mel Fairly <sup>has been received</sup> which he in turn forwarded to me, and I am delighted to relate a few special memories of my <sup>wonderful</sup> eleven years as a member of Burning Tree.

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