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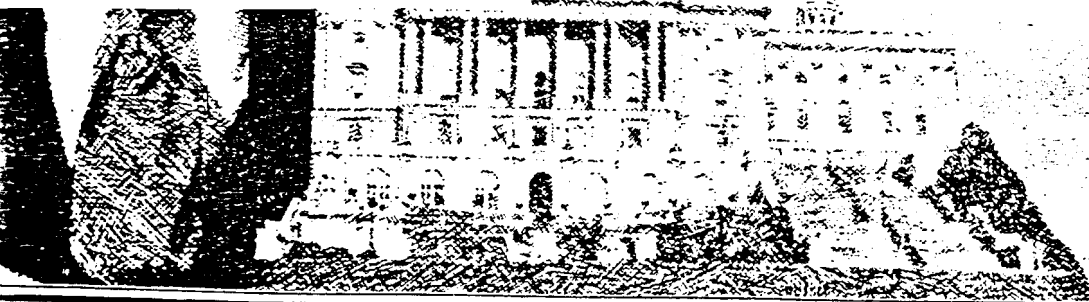
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The unique American union of the known and the unknown, the tried and the untried has been the foundation for our liberty and the secret of our great success. In this country individuals can be the masters rather than the helpless victims of their destiny. We can make our own opportunities and make the most of them.

In the space of two centuries we have not been able to right every wrong, to correct every injustice, to reach every worthy goal, but for 200 years we have tried and we will continue to strive to make the lives of individual men and women in this country and on this earth better lives—more hopeful and happy, more prosperous and peaceful, more fulfilling and more free. This is our common dedication and it will be our common glory as we enter the third century of the American adventure.

Gerald R. Ford  
Jerry Ford

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Handwritten letter of Edith Green

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Edith:

First, Betty & I thank you for the thoughtful, beautiful and very generous letter. Your words meant so much to us at a tough and traumatic time.

Second, you will never know, because words are inadequate, how much I appreciated your wonderful support. Betty & I are most grateful.

You are stamp collectors, Dick & you, so I am enclosing each of your two of the enclosed with special signatures.

Thanks again - you are really a superb

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

person and a friend whose  
many kindnesses I will never  
forget.

You and your family have  
our love and best wishes.

Most appreciatively,  
J. Ford