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WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

November 15, 1976

Dear Jim:

Your kind message is deeply appreciated. I am especially grateful for your endorsement and your loyal support in the campaign.

In the days ahead, I will remember the generous encouragement and goodwill which were extended to me and my entire family by so many of our fellow Americans, and I shall be especially grateful for your wise counsel and your friendship. It has been a tremendous honor to serve the people of our great country, and I will never forget this wonderful privilege.

I thank you from my heart, and send you my warmest good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

The Honorable James B. Longley

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