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WASHINGTON

January 19, 1977

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter. It is with appreciation for your contributions to our Nation that I accept your resignation as Secretary of Labor, effective January 20, 1977, as you requested.

In doing so, I am happy to have this opportunity to commend you for the outstanding manner in which you have served -- not only as Secretary of Labor, but also as a Special Assistant to the President, as Director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and as an Assistant Secretary. You accepted the many difficult challenges offered in each of these assignments and have carried out your responsibilities with dedication and skill. In the years ahead, I know that you will always be able to look back with great pride on your many accomplishments during my Administration.

As you prepare to return to private life, you may be sure that you have my heartfelt good wishes for every future success and happiness.

Warmest personal regards,

The Honorable Willie J. Usery, Jr.

Secretary of Labor

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