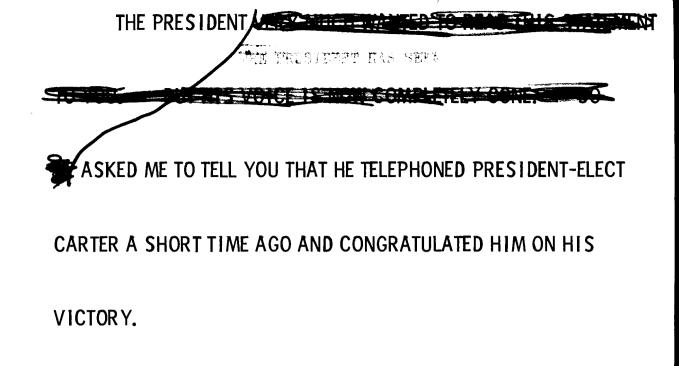
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# THE PRESIDENT ALSO WANTS TO THANK ALL THOSE

## THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO WORKED SO HARD ON HIS

BEHALF AND THE MILLIONS WHO SUPPORTED HIM WITH

THEIR VOTES.

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IT HAS BEEN THE GREATEST HONOR OF MY HUSBAND'S

LIFE TO HAVE SERVED HIS FELLOW AMERICANS DURING TWO

OF THE MOST DIFFICULT YEARS IN OUR HISTORY.

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THE PRESIDENT URGES ALL AMERICANS TO JOIN

HIM IN GIVING OUR UNITED SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT

CARTER AS HE PREPARES TO ASSUME HIS NEW

**RESPONSIBILITIES**.

**1'D LIKE TO READ YOU THE TELEGRAM THE PRESIDENT** 

SENT TO PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER THIS MORNING.

**DEAR JIMMY:** 

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# IT IS APPARENT NOW THAT YOU HAVE WON OUR LONG

AND INTENSE STRUGGLE FOR THE PRESIDENCY.

CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR VICTORY.

AS ONE WHO HAS BEEN HONORED TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF THIS GREAT LAND -- BOTH IN THE CONGRESS AND AS PRESIDENT -- I BELIEVE THAT WE MUST NOW PUT THE DIVISIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN BEHIND US AND UNITE THE COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN IN THE COMMON PURSUIT OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

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ALTHOUGH THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISAGREEMENTS

OVER THE BEST MEANS TO USE IN PURSUING OUR GOALS, I

WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOU WILL HAVE MY COMPLETE

AND WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT AS YOU TAKE THE OATH OF

OFFICE THIS JANUARY.

### I ALSO PLEDGE TO YOU THAT I AND ALL MEMBERS OF MY

### ADMINISTRATION WILL DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO INSURE THAT YOU

# BEGIN YOUR TERM AS SMOOTHLY AND EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE.

### MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AS YOU UNDERTAKE

YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

JERRY FORD