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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1976

Dear Dean:

Now that the debates are over and I've had an opportunity to catch my breath, I wanted you to know how much I appreciated all your efforts. There is no way we could have pulled the debates off so successfully without your wise counsel and active help as a negotiator.

I think the debates well served the President's interests and, more importantly, the interests of the Nation as a whole.

It was great working with you -- without your calming influence, I'm sure I would have punched one of the Chairpersons square in the nose!

you guessed who!

Sincerely,

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