

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 11, 1974

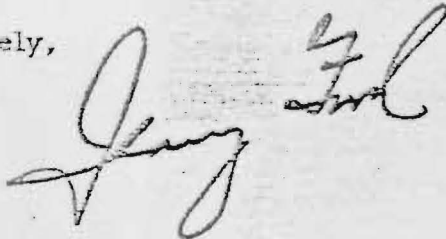
Dear Pat:

I have your letter of October 7, and I will, of course, accept your resignation as Special Consultant to the President, effective as you requested, November 15, 1974.

In doing so, I first want to express my personal thanks for your assistance to me and to the White House during these past weeks of transition. Beyond this, I want to thank you for your great dedication to our Nation, dedication that I know will continue to serve our country well for years to come. You were on board early for the campaign of 1968, and throughout the Nixon Administration you were among President Nixon's most effective, articulate and courageous advisers. I know the pride you feel in the great work that was accomplished. I know, too, that President Nixon was very proud of you.

There is still a tremendous job to be done in this nation. I am very grateful for your good wishes and support for my Administration and for my family. In turn, you have my heartfelt best wishes for your continued success and happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Patrick J. Buchanan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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October 7, 1974

The President
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Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

With this letter, I am submitting my resignation as Special Consultant to the President, effective 15 November 1974. The opportunity of having served you and your predecessor for more than half a decade in the White House I shall cherish as among the highest of honors.

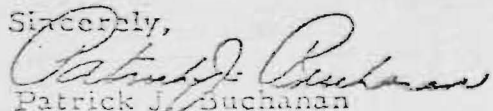
The nation is a different place than it was six years ago, when we fashioned that narrow political victory of 1968. The United States has withdrawn honorably from the war in Southeast Asia; our prisoners have been returned; that cause of so much bitterness and division among our people has been removed; and that era of civil disorder and domestic discord seems far, far away. For having courageously held the course during those stormy years, your predecessor, I believe, will deserve and shall receive the favorable judgment of history.

Tragically, the national unity manifest in the mandate of 1972 was shattered by Watergate; and the political momentum of that electoral triumph lost. Yet, the nation you now lead faces conditions at home and in the world equally as grave as those of 1968.

In confronting those conditions, you have the good will of the entire American people and the confidence and support of millions, among whom I count myself one. Certainly, your personal graciousness toward those who served the former President will not be forgotten. Further, I am confident history will look with approval upon the great dignity with which you assumed this Office, the good cheer with which you have confronted adversity, and the compassion and magnanimity you have shown your predecessor.

With warmest good wishes for the continued rapid recovery of the First Lady, and for the success of your Presidency,

Sincerely,



Patrick J. Buchanan

Special Consultant to the President