

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

Since December 10, 1973, it has been my privilege to serve you both as Legal Counsel to the Vice President and as Counsel to the President. There is no greater responsibility or higher honor that can be afforded a lawyer in government, and I am immensely grateful for the opportunities for public service which you have given me. However, as we discussed recently, obligations to my family make it necessary that I submit my resignation, effective September 19, 1975.

In parting, may I take this occasion to congratulate you on the successful completion of the first year of your Administration. This historic period, which began under such sad and difficult circumstances, is closing with a renewed sense of hope and confidence by the American people in their institutions of law and government. Your leadership, backed by courage, understanding, and integrity, has set the Nation on a recovery course of tranquillity and prosperity at home and sound relations abroad.

I am proud to have shared in a small way in the accomplishments of your Administration, and I sincerely regret the necessity of leaving. Nevertheless, with the work on behalf of the Special Prosecutor, conducted under my direction, in its final stages, and with several other projects nearing their conclusion, the time seems especially appropriate for my return to private life. After ten and one-half years in the Federal government, I intend to enter the private practice of law--a decision which I have often postponed and can no longer delay.

I want to thank you for the many kindnesses, professional and personal, which you have shown to me and my family over the years. Beginning with your election as Minority Leader, I have always treasured our association and will sorely miss it. Of course, in my private capacity, I remain ready to assist you in any way you deem appropriate.

With deepest appreciation and warmest personal regards to you and your family,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill Casselman II".

William E. Casselman II
Counsel to the President