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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

ROBERT E. BAUMAN FIRST DISTRICT MARYLAND

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December 21, 1976

The President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It was good seeing both you and Mrs. Ford at the recent Christmas Ball at the White House. It reminded me that I wanted to send this note to express my sincere appreciation to you for all that you have done for me, and for the American people.

I know it was a very heartbreaking outcome in the election, and it added but little comfort that you were able to carry my Congressional District. I only wish the American people as a whole would have reached the same decision as the people in the First District of Maryland.

If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please let me know. I have valued our association over the last twenty years, and I am sure that God will bless you in the future--that is my earnest prayer.

Faithfully yours,

ROBERT E. BAUMAN Member of Congress

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached is for your information. It will be handled in a routine manner unless you indicate otherwise.

Jim Connor

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