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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

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November 6, 1976

The President and Mrs. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

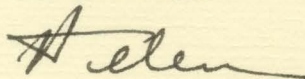
Dear Mr. President and Betty:

Tuesday was a hard day for the Republicans but, more important, hard on the Ford family. If it had been one week later, the results would have been what we all wanted. As you prepare to leave the mantle of the Presidency, you can remember with extreme pride how you did turn the nation around and bring its spirits up out of the morass. And that took much more effort -- the kind that few people see and appreciate -- and skill than most people realize.

I'm sorry that because of my own personal business efforts I was not able to do more for you in the campaign, but all of us were supportive to the fullest extent possible.

We want to wish you, Betty, and the Ford children only the best in the future. You deserve every good thing that comes your way.

Sincerely,



P.S. Again let me say thanks to you for your moral support while I was still in office. When you have time next Spring perhaps one day we can reminisce over the whole transportation picture -- and Republican politics.

HDB/e

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