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President Gerald R. Ford White House Washington, D.C. 20500

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I am most thankful for your bringing respect back to the Presidency, in the eyes of the sceptical. I feel you did this very effectively.

And congratulations on a clean upright campaign. You will never need look back with regret, for it was a hardfought and clean campaign on your part; in this time when emotions gripped the voter to a point never seen before by any polster.

It is regrettable that your efforts were not rewarded. For I fear that in the upcoming four years in this United States, the truth will prove an error by the voters.

However, we have heard the voice of the people, and shall live by their decision.

This letter is to let you know that, I, for one deeply appreciate your being "Jerry Ford," a President in a time of great national tragedy, (blown so out of porpotion) that the fallout is still deadly.

So, in closing, let me say: Thanks for helping our nation in a time of crisis. Congratulations on a job well don, and our regrets that you lost the election. We're assured that you've not lost your love for this great country, that we tend to take for granted.

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