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November 5, 1976

My Dear Mr. President:

I am saddened by the results of the election and share your disappointment. You made a tremendous effort against overwhelming odds and a partisan media. It was so close, if New York, if Ohio, if Mississippi, if, if, if!!!

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

Apparently in the hoopla and rhetoric of the campaign, 51% of the electorate overlooked the real accomplishments of the past two years, and the truly important issues at hand. You returned dignity and trust to the White House. Even more important, you set an example of honesty, decency, dedication and concern for all of us.

You turned the economy around, got people back to work and no one is getting killed in service. One Hell of a record and your candidacy deserved a better fate! Only we, the people are the losers.

Anyway, you have provided a great service to our Nation and eventually all our fellow citizens will come to realize it.

We enjoyed your family's participation in the campaign. You can deservably be very proud of all of them. We particularly liked Jack's performance on "Meet the Press".

Hazel sends her love. She was terribly disappointed, having worked hard in your behalf.

If there is a convenient time in the remaining weeks (1'11 check with Miss Leonard), I would love to visit you in the Oval Office, perhaps Hazel too.

Meanwhile keep the faith.

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