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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford The President of The United States The White House Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

You won the West! You won our State of California! And you overwhelmingly won my district! But more than that you won the hearts and minds of millions of Americans who will always be indebted to you for restoring trust, stability, and confidence to the highest office in the land. And this at perhaps the most traumatic and critical point in our nation's political history.

I will never, I promise you, forget all the things you have done for me personally. Coming to California in December of 1972 to be the keynote speaker at the launching of my first Congressional campaign, speaking again in Newport Beach in my behalf in 1973 -- and then your friendship and warmth extended to me when I became a new member of our Chowder and Marching Club.

I hope and pray you will see fit to offer your wise counsel and immense stature to the Republican Party in the years to come. In modern history there has never been a President leave office with the physical and moral good health and stamina you possess.

In conclusion, Mr. President, the golden deserts of California beckon you and your family.

You'll always be my President!

regards. Warm personal

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