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November 29, 1976

The Honorable Gerald Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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I have personally admired the dedication with which you have worked and campaigned in recent months. To have worked so hard in doing a creditable job as President and campaigned so tenaciously to gain election in your own right only to be met by defeat has to be a devastating experience. You and your entire family were obviously in the depths of despair as you conceded defeat before the eyes of your fellow Americans. The graciousness of that concession in which you wished the victor well must stand as a hallmark for you as an individual and for our country's office of the Presidency. It proved and confirmed what every fair American already knew. That is, the great innerstrength and fundamental decency of you and your family.

Please accept my best wishes for a pleasant, prosperous, and fruitful retirement.

Respectfully yours,



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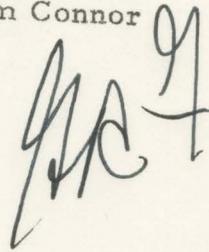
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MR PRESIDENT:

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

Jim Connor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JC" with a large "9" written above it.