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November 5, 1976

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The President The White House Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. President:

I realize that nothing can lighten the shock that must have followed the results of Tuesday's election. I personally experienced an election defeat in 1959 and, although it was a minor upset compared to yours, I can say that I do know what you are going through.

Although nothing can ease the impact, it does help at a time like this to know that you have many friends who share your feelings with you.

This will not only express my very deepest condolence, but also my best wishes for the future. You did a great job!

Sincerely,

Robert B. Burns

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