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## THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN .... JOHN T. CALKINS

2130 Wyoming Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20008

November 9, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

I know all too well the sort of impact that last week's events can have on a man, and I want you to know how deeply sorry I am about the final outcome of the election.

I was very honored to have served you and your Administration for one year as a member of the White House Staff, and with empiric knowledge gained from that service, I have difficulty in accepting the fact that a different man will occupy the Oval Office soon.

I know that your attitudes of positive thinking which are so characteristic of you will help in the adjustments which are required under these circumstances. It is difficult to know what I could do to help, but you know I am available to you at any time should the need arise.

I hope to see you at some point in the near future, and I very much hope you decide to stay in the Washington area. I am edging toward a decision as to my own future activities for early in 1977.

Pat joins me in sending our great feelings of support and compassion to you, Mrs. Ford and your family during this difficult period.

Sincerely,

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