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I hope whatever field of endeavor you follow hereafter that you will do what you can to help attract high-minded and competent Republicans to congressional candidacy, because I am confident that 1978 will find some resurgence and it is important that we get people of high quality into office at that time. Your experience and prestige will help us greatly, and I know they will be freely loaned to the cause.

I hope you are not too regretful about the close loss to Governor Carter. Soundings around my district have assured me that the major political problem our Administration suffered was continuing identification with the embarrassments and complications of the Watergate affair. Since I believe you conducted yourself correctly in every way on this issue, I am afraid there was not much that could have been done.

Best personal wishes to you and your family.



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