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December 8, 1976

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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

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Dear President Ford:

Probably this will be the last opportunity for us to exchange letters during your presidency.

I would much prefer to have you as our President during the next four years. However, I sincerely believe the outcome of the election can be a personal blessing that will enable you to enjoy family life with Mrs. Ford and your children. You devoted more than one-fourth of a century to public service. Somehow our system provides the right man at the right time.

History will show you as one of the most successful presidents. You did what was best for the country in every instance of your choice. Looking back over the last fifty years, the only "normal times" were the Eisenhower years and the last two years of your presidency. (It took a few months for you to straighten out the mess you inherited!)

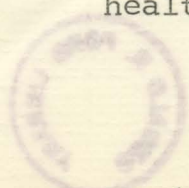
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If nothing else, the next four years clearly places the total responsibility on the Democratic party for success or failure. That would only be possible under the present circumstances.

I have enjoyed knowing you for many years. I shall always consider it to have been a privilege. Best wishes for good health and happiness during the retirement years.

Very truly yours,

*Chuck*  
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