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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

The Grand Rapids Press



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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Nov. 7, 1976

RN
President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I remember as you greeted me so warmly at Kent County Airport Nov. 1, you remarked, "Maury, we have been together through tick and thin."

We have, Mr. President, and I wanted you to know that we who support you and who have been your friends since 1948 continue to believe in you, trust you and love you.

The fact that you were placed in the office of President of the United States did not increase those feelings. They were there from the beginning.

I regret deeply, that you were denied a full four-year term in office, elected by all the people of our great nation. But be assured that your many millions of friends, especially those many thousands in the 5th Congressional District, will continue to remember you as the man who truly bound the nation's wounds in one of its darkest moments.

My wife, Theda, and our two children, Mary and Tom, while deeply disappointed as a result of the election, want you to know you are in our hearts and prayers forever.

If at any future time I can be of service to you, I am at your disposal. Please convey to Betty our best wishes. God bless you in whatever He has planned for your future.

Warmest Personal Regards

Maury

Maury DeJonge

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White House

Manly DeLoach

Dear Mr. President:

You are mistaken to be blamed for your failure. Please contact to Betty and rest assured. God bless it at any time I can be of service to you. I am at your

side in our efforts and prayers together. Disappointed as a result of the election, may you to know you and wife, Freda, and our two children, Manly and Tom, with deeply

in one of its darkest moments. To remember you as the man who truly saved the nation's soul. Many thousands in the 2nd Congressional District will continue to be assured that your many millions of friends, especially those in office, elected by all the people of our great nation. But I regret deeply that you were denied a full term.

There is no regret. The United States did not increase those feelings. They were the fact that you were placed in the office of President.

To regret in you that you and love you. And our you and who have been your friends since 1958. We have, Mr. President, and I wanted you to know that we are

at risk and yours. Now, I, your remarked, "Manly, we have been together through I remember as you blessed me so manly at Kent County, Virginia

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MAIL ROOM

I have heard the wild Bird sing,
So I know what freedom is.

I have looked into the eyes of a child,
So I know what faith is.

I have seen a rainbow
So I know what beauty is.

I have planted a tree
So I know what kindness is.

I have seen a blossom burst into bloom
So I know what glory is.

I have lost a friend
So I know what sorrow is.

I have knelt down in prayer
So I know what peace is.

I have seen a mother at a crib
So I'm sure of the meaning of love.

I have seen and I have felt these things
and now I know what God is!



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