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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

November 4, 1976

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford The White House 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dear President and Mrs. Ford:

Congratulations.

This may seem an unusual greeting. I think, however that it is extremely appropriate. Because, I think, that you are both winners, despite what the polls say. You have won because during the time of your office, people have trusted you and you have won their confidence that the things that were in your hands would be taken care of fairly, not infalibly, but honestly and with good judgement. You have won because you have had the faith of millions of people who have waited and watched as you have made decisions and who trusted that your sincerity in doing things, as a man, as a person, as a leader, as our President would benefit us, keep us together, and help us as a people. Everybody makes promises, sometimes difficult to keep, but you never seemed like a person who would try to "pull a fast one" despite the fact that I think politics are often crooked.

And Betty, I think you are aces. I can see how hard you and Gerry work together, for each other, for your family, and for the tremendously difficult job of directing the country. I think you are both very strong people, dedicated and certainly admirable. You've both got a lot of class and so it's because of the way I feel that I say "Congratulations" for doing your very best for us and allowing us to say we knew Gerry and Betty Ford.

God love you.

Respectfully,

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