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The Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

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While abroad I received only scanty news of the progress of the Presidential Campaign. I returned in time to cast my ballot for you - but I was surprised and disappointed at the final outcome. At a most difficult time in our history, you lent digmity, competence and integrity to the Office of the President. Millions of your fellow citizens wished you could have been allowed to continue your administration for the next four years. Yet we remained proud of the gracious way in which you conceded defeat and pledged your cooperation with the new Administration.

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