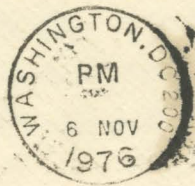


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*Lee Elder*

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

November 5, 1976

The President and Mrs. Ford  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President and Mrs. Ford:

Needless to say how deeply sorry and disappointed we are over the election. You might be leaving the White House, but you'll always be in our hearts and prayers. We want you to know how very proud we are to have had the privilege of knowing you and your beautiful family during your term in the White House.

Personally, we have much to thank you for. It's the little things that are most valuable in life, and you took the time to meet and greet many of our family and friends and gave them a joy they will cherish for a lifetime. We know that true friendship cannot be bought or sold, so when we ask God for gifts, we always pray for the love of real true friends, especially in our life styles, it is more valuable than gold.

We, together with your many other friends, hope you and your family will remain here in the area. And, hopefully Mr. President, you and I will have many more pleasurable games of golf in the future.

Last but not least, Rose and I will join you one hundred percent to join forces with the new administration and do all we can to work for full unity. We wish you would convey this message for us, and if there's anything we can do for you from now through January in this vein, please call on us. I know there is still a lot of work to be done.

The Country is losing a great President, but more important, Betty is getting her husband back, and the children a father of whom they should ever be proud--not only for being President of the United States, but for being a great human being.

Have a great rest in Palm Springs; Mrs. Ford, enjoy the sun and Mr. President, hit them long and straight.

Very fondly,

*Lee & Rose*  
Lee and Rose Elder

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THE PRESIDENT HAS THIS

Joe Biden

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