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From the desk of Holmes Ellis, 20 S. College, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Dear Mr. President, Qua Ohr Holm November 6, 1976

Obe and I sincered Obe and I sincerely regret the loss of the election this week to Mr. Carter. We know that the odds were very strong in his favor, particularly because of the heavy labor vote, but we just wanted you to know that you and Betty and the children and your whole organization did a superb job against heavy odds.

We were unable to join the very large crowd Monday which welcomed you here, but we had to take a trip to Fargo, N.D. to check out a new treatment for ALS that I am going to try.

In any new endeavor that you may follow, we wish you the best of luck and just wish to express again our sincere regrets at the loss of the election this week.

We talked to Bill and Betty Bloomer Monday and then again Wednesday, and Bill and I agree that it would appear that Socialism is going to rapidly come to the front in the United States and it looks as though the BIG GOVERNMENT which you have been trying to avoid is going to be something that our children and grandchildren are going to have to live with.

Warmest personal regards,

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