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Luis A. Ferré San Juan, Puerto Rico

November 8, 1976

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You can rest assured that the respect and admiration you so richly deserve for the restoration of stability and serenity to the highest office in the land will grow steadily as the perspective of history sheds light on the deep significance of your tenure. The applause, instead of dying out, will increase.

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