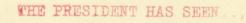
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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

21 December 1976

Dear Mr. President:

Your warm and generous letter, congratulating me on re-election to the Congress, is deeply appreciated. My joy in this victory is greatly diminshed, however, by the knowledge that I will not be working with you in the next session of the Congress.

I am indebted to you for many kindnesses you have shown me - kindnesses that began when you came to the District in my first campaign for election to the House of Representatives.

You became President at a time when national honor and confidence had suffered grievous blows. Our country will be forever grateful for the sane, courageous, effective guidance you have given us. Your leadership brought us back to pride and belief in our government.

I am delighted with your assurances that you will remain active in the affairs of our country. We Republicans need you as the popular leader of the "loyal opposition".

If I can ever be of assistance to you, I shall be honored to have you call on me.

Mrs. Fish joins me in wishing for you and Mrs. Ford serenity, good health and happiness.

Faithfully yours,

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Jim Connor