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December 8, 1976

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Although the nation turned down President Ford's bid for election, it owes a great debt of gratitude to the man who was called upon to restore a sense of integrity to his office and pride to the country. After his period of custody, he will leave the nation in far better condition than he found it.

In retrospect, President Ford will be one of those whom history treats more kindly as distance helps place his contribution in perspective. Even now, we may be too close to Watergate and the Vietnam war to realize how important it was for this nation to have had the calm and open integrity of a President Jerry Ford these past two years.

