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December 6, 1976 From Scottsdale

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The White House
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This is a long delayed letter to tell you how sorry we are that you are not going to continue to be our President. I think you did an outstanding job in your two years in the Oval Office--I don't know how anyone could have done any better. When things are going so well, it seems a shame to have to "change horses" because such a political change-over as is indicated is certainly going to cost a lot of money and possibly produce a lot of political mistakes with people who are not acquainted with the job. At any rate, we hope that you and Betty will get settled in the right place. I know that you will always have something challenging to do wherever you are. We send our love and best wishes to you always.

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