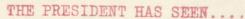
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The gist of my message is that there exist a number of campaign supporters who believe that Gerald Ford is a man of greatness in addition to the standard bearer of our principles. Our committment was on behalf of you as a man, and I guest that's what makes the loss hurt so badly.

At age 25, your presidency has been a source of renewed committment for me, and I shall always try to serve in a manner consistent with the standard of leadership you have established in political life.

Thank you for what you have given this Country. God bless you.

Respectfully,

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