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Honorable Gerald R. Ford
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Dear Mr. President:

It's really very difficult for me to write this formal note, for I felt so wrapped up in your own personal campaign for reelection and have suffered the same letdown as I'm sure you have experienced in coming so close and yet losing.

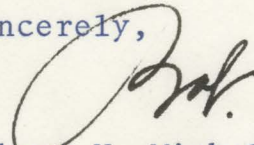
However, I did want you to know how very much Corinne and I personally appreciate all the things you've done during your Presidency. You've got to take heart and some measure of comfort in knowing that you took over the reins under the most difficult set of circumstances since Lincoln's time, when one takes into account the aftermath of Watergate, the worst recession since the Great Depression, and a hostile Congress.

You have probably done more by way of restoring the people's confidence in the Presidency, simply by being what you are. This will always be remembered by your friends, and by your political foes as well.

I'm crushed that we won't be working so closely during the next two years, but do hope you will decide on a course of action that will still keep you in close touch, both politically and personally. As a matter of fact, while the weather here in Washington can't compare with Palm Springs this time of year, we're going to be around for several weeks and would love to either team up with your handicap against a couple of our friends or take some of that Presidential money as an opponent out at the Smoldering Stump.

Corinne joins me in expressing to both you and Betty our sincere thanks for a job well done and our warmest best wishes for whatever you choose to do.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. President:

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