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Here in Puerto Rico, we deeply appreciate the help we have received from you and the White House staff these past two years, and we were honored to welcome you personally to our island this past June.

My wife Kate and our children join me in wishing you and Betty and your fine family every happiness now and in the years to come.

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