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January 6, 1977

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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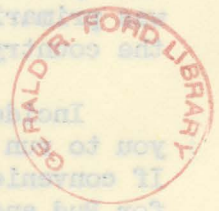
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With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

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U. S. Senate



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