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Dear Sy

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN ~~...~~

Nov. 17, 1976

Dear Mr. President,

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This is just a word from an old friend and a classmate to say how much I admire your performance as President - and as candidate - over the course of the past two years. I do not think that my judgment is warped by the fact of our having been Michigan '35 together, and of having worked fairly closely together when you were, as a Congressman, sharing with me, as General Counsel of AID, the frustrations of dealing with Otto Passman. I do think that this country owes an enormous debt to you, in your having healed an almost impossible wound - thus allowing us to get back to normal in interparty sniping.

I look back with nostalgia to all sorts of encounters with you - from jogging around the track after your football and my wrestling at Ferry Field, to U of M Club dinners here, to (even) discussions about what kind of swimming pool to build. But I think these personal matters, however good to remember, are unimportant alongside the benefit that you have brought to the country we all love by healing that terrible thought that government was not of but against the people. You have made possible disagreement without disloyalty, dissent without reprisal. Whatever the judgment of history, in my estimation, that makes you a great President.

You will pardon the personal typing. I just did not feel like dictating this letter.

All best wishes,

Sy



Nov. 17, 1976

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Dear Mr. President,

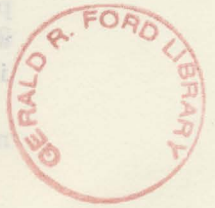
This is just a word from an old friend and a classmate to say how much I admire your performance as President - and as candidate - over the course of the past two years. I do not think that my judgment is warped by the fact of our having been Michigan '58 together, and of having worked fairly closely together when you were, as a Congressman, serving with me, as General Counsel of AIB, the Fraternities of dealing with Otto Passman. I do think this country owes an enormous debt to you in having healed an almost impossible wound - the one we had us to get back to normal industry again.

I look back with nostalgia to all sorts of encounters with you - from jogging and the track after your football and my wrestling at Perry Field, to U of M Club dinners here, to (even) discussions about what kind of swimming pool to build. But I think these personal matters, however good to remember, are unimportant alongside the benefit that you have brought to the country we all love by healing that terrible thought that government was not of but against the people. You have made possible disagreement without disaffection, dissent without reprisal. Whatever the judgment of history, in my estimation, that makes you a great President. You will pardon the personal typing. I just did not feel like dictating this letter.

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