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When the history of the angry and troubled years is written and seen as a backdrop to your healing and reconciling work, the hallmark of excellence placed on your administration will be recognized by all.

Never before in American history has any president caught in a maelstrom of events been called upon to swim the vortex of waters as troubled as ours. You placed conscience above compromise; you handled with integrity the most delicate of issues when some would have been purely political and less forthright. You led the nation from war to peace, from distrust to credibility, from economic dislocation to rising strength, and through it all, with courage, faced a hostile Congress.

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