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#### THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN ....

November 4, 1976

Honorable Gerald R. Ford President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

First, let me express my deep appreciation for the letter you wrote on October 11th endorsing my candidacy and the subsequent telegram which was read at a large meeting shortly before Election Day. That helped very much and I am happy to say that I managed to win re-election and that we were able to carry the State of Vermont for you by a substantial margin.

Helen and I were very deeply grieved that you will not be the next President of the United States. Your record merited re-election, and in my opinion you served the country in the presidency in a most outstanding way.

I hope I will be back in Washington in the middle of November and I hope for a chance to see you before January. Helen's best wishes and mine and our thoughts are constantly with you.

With personal regards,

Respectfully yours,

Robert T. Stafford

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