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December 1, 1976

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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for your congratulations on behalf of my reelection to the 95th Congress. Your gracious comments mean so much -- that is the kind of a man you are.

Certainly it has been an honor and privilege walking along with you the various pathways — our service in the United States Navy...our election to the House of Representatives in 1948 and our association here together...and our work together during your term as President of our great United States.

No man in the nearly two score list of chief executives ever rose to that exalted position of leadership and responsibility without first subjecting to himself the searing agony of an election. No one before has ever completed the demanding task set before him so high in the esteem and honor of his countrymen. I congratulate you!

Mrs. Staggers and all of us join in extending our very best wishes to you, your gracious and charming wife, and your fine children.

Looking forward to seeing you again at the first opportunity and with kind personal regards always, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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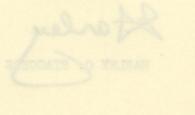
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