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The President The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I find it rather difficult to begin this letter as words can't express what you mean to me personally.

In January, 1965, I cast my first vote as a Member of Congress in favor of your being our Minority Leader. During the last month I have stated this to hundreds of people and have added that since then I have cast over 5,000 votes, none of which has given me as much pleasure. I have never followed a finer leader.

As a result of the election, I will be the Ranking Minority Member of the Banking and Currency Committee in the 95th Congress. One of my secret ambitions has been to serve you and your Administration in this post. The fact that I will not now have this opportunity is one of the great disappointments of my political career.

I hope you fully realize how many people feel the same as I do. We're confident you will have an immense influence on the future, as you have had on the past.

As you ponder that future, please keep in mind that the Bill Stantons of this world will continue to need your advice and leadership. Selfishly, I hope you will never leave the Washington area.

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