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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

8001 Hazeltine Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91402
November 22, 1976

DEC. 11/24

Mr. Max L. Friedersdorf
c/o President Ford
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Friedersdorf:

President Ford's loss of the election has weighed heavily on my mind, to the extent that I just had to express myself in the enclosed poem.

Rather than mailing it directly to him, I would appreciate your presenting it to him in person, if you feel it is worthy. It is a humble gesture, but self-explanatory.

I felt it would mean more to him knowing that it comes from someone whom you helped when we wrote desperately to solicit his help last March 21, 1976, when Tae M. Kwon was about to be deported so soon after his Valentine wedding to my only daughter, Jane.

Sincerely,

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Unfinished plans and thwarted dreams,
A job that wasn't through.

History will be kind to you
And bring your just reward,
Because you soothed a country's wounds
And brought it sweet accord.

Your calming tones and honesty
Are things we needed most;
Your decency and welcome truth;
Of these we proudly boast.

A diamond is a tiny thing,
Its worth exceeds its size;
Likewise the briefness of your term
Your worth can't minimize.

Books will print in glowing words,
"He changed a nation's fate";
And Gerald Ford will take his place
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