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MILTON S. EISENHOWER

August 14, 1974

12 East Bishops Road
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Dear Mr. President:

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While a secretary in your office said you would today return a telephone call I made to you yesterday, I realize how very busy you are and am therefore writing you in the event a telephone conversation does not become possible.

First, I want you to know that if there is anything a 74-year-old Eisenhower, the last of my generation, can do for you, you need only let me know. I could undertake only part-time assignments and would accept no compensation, for that has been my policy since my brother became President in 1953. I have carried out assignments for eight presidents.

Second, I hope you have noticed that in the Gallup Polls the only Republican who defeats Senator Kennedy for the Presidency in 1976 is Senator Charles H. Percy of Illinois. It would therefore seem to me wise for you to consider him for the vice presidency now, and also to keep him on the ticket with you should you accept nomination in 1976. I have known Chuck Percy for 24 years, and can assure you that he is highly intelligent, moderate in philosophy, a fiscal conservative, and a man of unquestioned integrity. He is the best inflation fighter in the Senate.

I also commend to you, if for some reason you feel you cannot name Senator Percy, Governor William Scranton. I nominated Scranton for the presidency at the 1964 Republican convention in 1964. You know that he is a man of intelligence and high integrity.

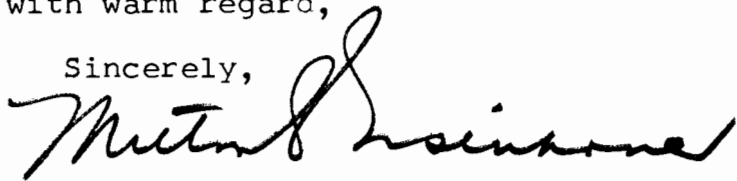
Third, since I applaud your determination to fight inflation, I am constrained to state my view that wage and price controls are all right for

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about one year. They break the cycle of higher wages, higher prices, and again higher wages, but at most they buy time to permit fundamental things to be done: Balancing the budget; being exceedingly prudent in managing the money supply; employing export controls for a time to prevent the excess export of certain commodities, particularly farm commodities; stimulating farm and industrial production; cautiously lowering interest rates; keeping taxes high and then, when controls are lifted, retaining a Council to monitor prices and costs with a view to doing what can be done on a voluntary basis to hold down wages and prices while productivity increases.

Respectfully, and with warm regard,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milton Eisenhower". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

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

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