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Dear Mr. President:

Louise and I know you have been deluged with letters and telegrams, so please do not feel it necessary to reply to this. We do, however, want you to know how much Betty and you are in our thoughts and in our prayers--for her complete and quick recovery and for your continuing ability to lead the country in these difficult days for both of you.

The White House will be radiant with joy once more when the First Lady returns home to you and the family. God bless.

Sincerely,

  
Jerry terHorst

The President  
The White House



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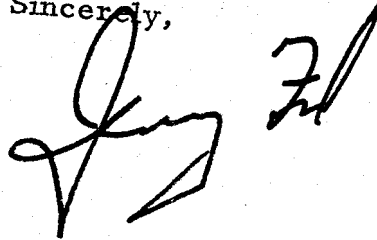
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Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of September 30. Betty's spirits have been lifted by the many kind messages that have been sent to her over the past few days. We are all very thankful for the very good progress that she is making and your and Louise's letter will serve to speed that recovery along.

My very best to your wife and again my thanks to you both for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,



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