

Central Filed

5/9/75

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. President -

We wrote Mr. Helms
some time back here - but thought
you'd like to see -

gmc

Lee L. Woodard Sons, Inc.

317 S. Elm Street
Owosso, Michigan 48867
517/723-7881

John H. Hekman
President

May 2, 1975

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President and Betty:

This letter is being dictated at a quarter to six in the morning and I've been working at the office for a little over an hour. I'm not complaining but am very thankful, as a matter of fact, for the opportunity to work.

This day, however, seems to be one of those with insurmountable tasks to be completed. Before I left home I was reading The Family Altar Meditation for Friday, May 2. It seemed to apply to the tasks that lie before me today. Then as I thought back on our wonderful week in Washington and about the tremendous decisions and involvements of the office of the President, two thoughts came to mind. Number one, how insignificantly small are any of the major decisions that we have to make compared with the awesome, far-reaching decisions of the Presidency. Second, the meditation for the second of May and perhaps others would be of interest and help to you. We know Who has the REAL power. Then "We are to do what we can and rest."

We're sorry we did not have the opportunity to see Betty but trust that you are both well. It was a wonderful service on Sunday and a great opportunity

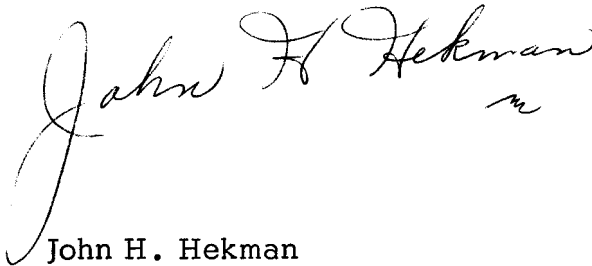
President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford
Page Two
May 2, 1975

to see you, Jerry. You're doing a wonderful job
and we're with you 100%.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your family.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Hekman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

John H. Hekman

TRANSCRIBED AND MAILED IN
MR. HEKMAN'S ABSENCE