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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1975

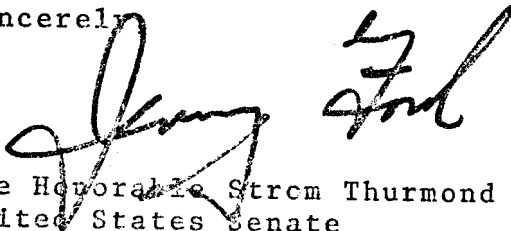
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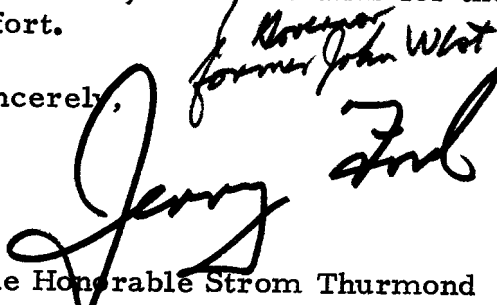
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