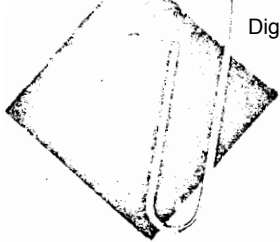


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E WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

Dear Mrs. Allen:

Louie's death comes as a shock to all his Washington friends and admirers, and Mrs. Ford and I just want you to know that our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family.

Louie Allen has been a well-loved and deeply admired part of life in our Nation's capital for many years. He will be sorely missed, but always remembered with affection by all of us who counted on his cheerful presence each evening to help us make the best of Washington weather.

We send you our heartfelt sympathy at this sad and difficult time.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Ford

Mrs. Louis Allen
3510 Frederick Place
Kensington, Maryland

*P.S. Betty + I loved
his charm and spirit.
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