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WASHINGTON

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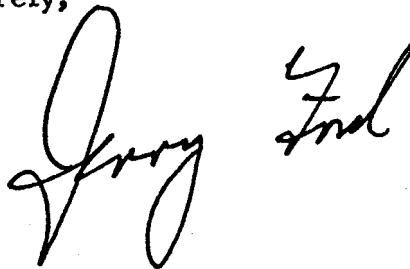
July 16, 1976

Dear Mr. Donley:

Thank you for your recent thoughtful letter concerning Jack's campaign in Colorado, and specifically, Weld County. Both Betty and I were pleased to learn of your high marks for Jack's visit, and I know that he enjoyed the chance to be in Colorado once again. The Ford family always feels at home in Colorado and it's not surprising to me that Jack enjoyed his recent trip immensely. Thank you again for writing to me directly.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerry Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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July 12, 1976

Dear Mr. President,

On Thursday, July 8, 1976, my wife and I were privileged to host an informal gathering of uncommitted Weld County, Colorado, delegates. Your son, Jack, spoke with those people on your behalf. Thereafter I had occasion to observe him as he moved about the convention floor and in congressional district meetings during the long, hot hours of July 9 and 10. I thought you might be interested in one man's thinking on the impact of your sons visit.

Some background is appropriate in analyzing the real value of the visit. In Weld County the opposition ruthlessly controlled the state delegate selection process. The county chairman

was among Richard Nixon's supporters in 1968. In 1968 Weld County delivered 100% of its votes for Nixon's committed national delegates. You faced the same stacked deck.

Your telephone call to Greeley and Jack's visit on Thursday night cut Gov. Reagan deeply. Even his dog and pony show on Friday could not undo what you and Jack accomplished. Please note that Weld County provided you an average of 24 votes in the 4th District races. Your three committed delegates won by that margin. I attribute those 24 votes to Jack's visit. The heat, the pressure, and the partisan Reagan crowd would have taken their toll on a lesser man. Jack did an outstanding job and you can be proud of him personally and politically.

Jack's friend from Breckenridge, I believe his name was Tim Weed, although I may be mistaken, deserves considerable credit. He was always alert to the need to keep Jack circulating and I would say he worked extremely hard at trying to get Jack introduced to the uncommitted delegates. Much of Jack's success was due to Tim's efforts.

The secret service agents assigned to Jack also deserve recognition and praise. I had plenty of opportunity to observe them during their stay. They maintained an unobtrusive efficient protective presence. Not once did I see them interfere with Jack's movements. They were polite alert, always immaculately dressed and never condescending. Agents Torres, Yee and Steinmetz were especially courteous to my wife and children during Thursday visit in our home.

Sandra just reminded me that the weeds in my garden are not impressed with this past week-ends activities. Wishing you a happy birthday, continued good health and victory in '76, I remain in your service...

yours truly,
John P. Lonley

P.S. Perhaps we could match golf cards on your next visit to Bail.