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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8/25/76

Dorothy,

Somehow this letter
got mixed in with
Mrs. Ford's mail in K.C.

I do not know if the
President has seen.

Rancy

[8/17/76

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.....

Mr. President -

If the convention adopts The Reagan Rule 16C, I suggest the following position for you -

in naming your V-P ~~selection~~ preference (or preferences) issue a statement saying:

1.) That you have done this reluctantly because so many able people were thus eliminated from your ^{former} consideration and

2.) in stating your preference (or preferences) you first ~~wanted to make~~ wished to state unequivocally that the ultimate decision as to who is to be the Vice-Presidential candidate lies with the delegates. They determine that. That is right and as it should be.

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In that way you turn ^a defeat into a victory - and the delegates and the nation will love it.

Bill (Newton)



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