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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 8, 1976

Dear Mrs. Vestal:

The sad news of Bud's death has reached me, and I want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

I have always had a high regard for Bud's ability and his accomplishments, and I join his many friends and colleagues in expressing to you my deep sympathy during this difficult time. I hope that the memories of the life you shared will lighten your burden of sorrow and that God's love will give you courage and strength.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Ford*

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*P.S. I remember vividly our  
get togethers overseas and at  
home. Great memories of a  
wonderful person.  
J.*