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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 12, 1976

Dear Bern:

Your thoughtful message following the second debate is very much appreciated.

On balance, I think the debates are going well, and they are providing the American people an opportunity to learn firsthand the very real differences in philosophy and policies between the two parties.

I also want to thank you for your staunch friendship and support. Your comments about New Jersey are certainly most welcome and deeply encouraging. Keep up the good work!

With warmest personal regards,

Jerry Ford

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*P.S. It was great
to see you in N.J.
yesterday.
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October 7, 1976

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

My family, as we had expected, felt you had won overwhelmingly in last night's debate.

Congratulations and I'm sure when the smoke clears away, that last night will have a great deal to do with the undecided vote swinging to you.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday and only hope we can put together a satisfactory visit for you.

New Jersey looks good.

Devotedly,


Bernard M. Shanley

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