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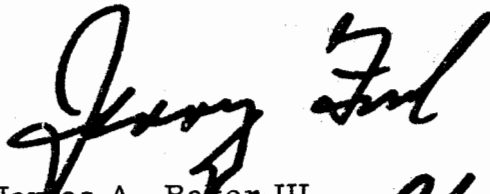
November 15, 1976

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your gracious message. We lost a close one, but we have no apologies.

Long after the hard work and hurried pace of these past weeks are forgotten, I will remember the generous encouragement and goodwill which were extended to me and my entire family by the members of the President Ford Committee. I thank you from my heart for the leadership you gave to their efforts. For your friendship, and for your loyal support, I shall always be deeply grateful.

With my warmest good wishes always,



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*P.S. you were superb.
Thanks from all
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