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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached is for your information.
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Jim Connor

Jim Connor *JAC*

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

The Grand Rapids Press



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Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Nov. 7, 1976

RN
President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I remember as you greeted me so warmly at Kent County Airport Nov. 1, you remarked, "Maury, we have been together through tick and thin."

We have, Mr. President, and I wanted you to know that we who support you and who have been your friends since 1948 continue to believe in you, trust you and love you.

The fact that you were placed in the office of President of the United States did not increase those feelings. They were there from the beginning.

I regret deeply, that you were denied a full four-year term in office, elected by all the people of our great nation. But be assured that your many millions of friends, especially those many thousands in the 5th Congressional District, will continue to remember you as the man who truly bound the nation's wounds in one of its darkest moments.

My wife, Theda, and our two children, Mary and Tom, while deeply disappointed as a result of the election, want you to know you are in our hearts and prayers forever.

If at any future time I can be of service to you, I am at your disposal. Please convey to Betty our best wishes. God bless you in whatever He has planned for your future.

Warmest Personal Regards

Maury
Maury DeJonge

Enclosure

I have heard the wild Bird sing,
So I know what freedom is.

I have looked into the eyes of a child,
So I know what faith is.

I have seen a rainbow
So I know what beauty is.

I have planted a tree
So I know what kindness is.

I have seen a blossom burst into bloom
So I know what glory is.

I have lost a friend
So I know what sorrow is.

I have knelt down in prayer
So I know what peace is.

I have seen a mother at a crib
So I'm sure of the meaning of love.

I have seen and I have felt these things
and now I know what God is!

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Judy

NOTE FOR:

Connie G.

FROM

: RON NESSEN

I believe the
President knows
Mawry DeJonge
well enough to
see this letter.

RAN