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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1976

Dear Ted:

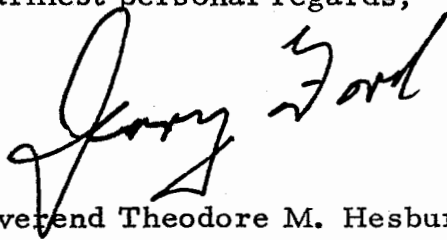
I deeply appreciated your kind and thoughtful letter.

Long after the hard work and hurried pace of recent weeks are forgotten, I will remember the generous encouragement and goodwill which were extended to me and my entire family throughout my Presidency by our fellow Americans. It has been a tremendous honor to serve the people of this great country, and I will never forget this wonderful privilege.

Although the election outcome was disappointing, I am proud that in our campaign -- just as in our days in office -- we gave it all we had in a cause we believed to be best for the country.

You have my deepest gratitude for your wise counsel and valuable assistance during the past two years. Betty joins me in thanking you from our hearts for your friendship and your prayers, and we send you our very best wishes for the future.

With warmest personal regards,



The Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.
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*P.S. I am deeply grateful
for your meaningful help
in many ways and especially
on St. Patrick's Day 1975!
J.*

