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WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1976

Dear Tom:

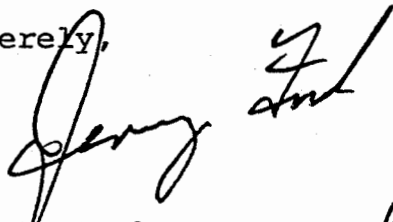
Your kind message is deeply appreciated.

While the election outcome was a disappointment, there is no question that we put up a tremendous fight and we can indeed be proud of the campaign. The dedicated efforts of friends like you made it possible for us to offer a real challenge, and I am most grateful for your support.

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

Betty and I thank you from our hearts for your friendship, and send you our warmest good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,



Mr. Tom Stahr  
824 Lincoln Lake  
Lowell, Michigan 49331

*P.S. Please extend my appreciation to those 40 students. I am most grateful.*  
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