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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JERRY JONES
FROM: JIM CONNOR JEP
SUBJECT: Letter from Arthur A. Fletcher

The President returned the attached letter from Arthur Fletcher in the outbox with the following notation:

"Wants to see me. Should I? Would like to, if possible."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached is for your information.
It will be handled in a routine manner
unless you indicate otherwise.

Jim Connor

*WJG
wants to see me
Should I?
Would like to
if possible*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

12.6.76

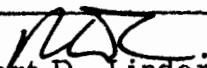
TO.

Jim Connor

For Your Information: _____

For Appropriate Handling: _____




Robert D. Linder

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

RL
Now that the election has passed and we all are adjusting to the outcome, I thought I might take a moment to put my thoughts on paper.

First, let me again commend you for making a total commitment and an all-out effort to bring honesty and integrity back to the Presidency, the White House and the Executive Branch of the National Government. You may rest assured that you achieved your objective.

The Nation was fortunate indeed to have a son, a citizen, a man and a family that exemplified the best of our national virtues. It took a man of your experience, vision, intelligence and integrity not only to recognize the need, but to have the unfaltering determination to put first things first. Your sacrifice and unselfish efforts to stabilize our government and keep the ship of state afloat in what has to be one of the most desperately critical periods of our 200 year history will be recorded as the national achievement of our time. You not only succeeded in persevering our system, America as we know it, but in my opinion prevented the demise of the Republican Party. In short, you served God, country and your Party well and you (the Ford family) richly deserve the national affection and the fruitful future that is yours to enjoy.

I would also like to thank you once again for inviting me to join your staff as a Presidential Assistant. Without question it is the high-water mark of my political and public service career. Achieving this level of involvement and participation as both a governmental official and political advocate has been a source of pride and fulfillment that words cannot express. I sincerely wish that you had been able to serve a full term as an elected President in your own right, and my one regret is that I was unable to do more to help secure that objective. Nevertheless, I was grateful for the opportunity to try.

You should know that serving at the White House set the stage for my entering the field of my future endeavors. I plan to forward still another letter advising you of my future plans which I will announce next week. Since you might be asked to respond to the project, I would appreciate discussing it with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur A. Fletcher".

Arthur A. Fletcher
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Urban Affairs

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500