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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1976

Dear Pete:

Betty and I were deeply moved by the warm homecoming we received in Grand Rapids on election eve and election day. The loyalty and dedication of our dear friends and neighbors meant a great deal to both of us. We are sincerely grateful to you for your part in making our visit back home such a heartwarming experience, and particularly for assuming general responsibilities for the entire state of events.

Long after the hard work and hurried pace of these past weeks are forgotten, I will remember the 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.

I thank you from my heart for your friendship, and send you my warmest good wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Jerry Ford

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*P.S. It was great to see
you both at the
dinner. J.*