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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1976

Dear Tom:

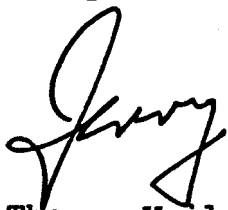
During this holiday season I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the editorial endorsements of the Plain Dealer for my continuation in the Presidency.

I much appreciate your supportive comments on my tenure in office and your expression of faith in what I would have tried to accomplish in a full four-year term. I profoundly hope that the sense of stability that I have tried to foster will provide a solid base for the difficult years ahead.

I shall, of course, continue to work for the application of the principles that have governed my conduct in public office when I return to private life. The confidence you have expressed in me will continue to be a source of strength to me in the years ahead.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



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*P.S. Our friendship over the years has meant a great deal to me and I will be forever grateful.  
J.*