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January 8, 1977

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Dear Mr President,

Your  
courteous message followed by  
your letter which assured us  
of transportation to Mackinac  
Island were most gratefully  
received. Our last year  
with Phil was both a trial  
and a time of special  
sweetness. As his strength  
waned his determination to  
complete his legislative  
program grew. One bill  
which concerned him

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all hugged me and said  
they knew "Dad was smiling."  
I might as well tell you  
I am going to do whatever  
I can to keep him smiling.

Please give my regards  
to Betty. I hope you and  
all your family enjoy  
many years of service  
and happiness together.

Sincerely

Janey Hart.

greatly was that of  
general amnesty for Viet Nam  
era deserters + draft dodgers.  
Our family had been so  
blessed to be together all  
through the months of his  
illness and indeed all  
their lives. I was thinking  
how tragic it is that  
parents are ill and  
dying and their sons are  
unable even to visit  
them. Then your call  
came through. I just  
blurted out my request  
for amnesty. Our children