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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 19, 1977

Dear Brent:

Of all the letters coming to me during these closing days of my Administration, the ones that touch me the most are those from the members of the White House staff. Legally this is a formal letter accepting your resignation, but first of all, I want to thank you for all that you have done, the dedication to duty you have shown, and the sacrifices you and your family have made.

You have assumed tremendous responsibility as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs and you have amply demonstrated your leadership and executive abilities in this most sensitive and vital assignment. From working so closely with you, I know how much you love our country. I know, too, how deeply committed you are to the freedom and security of our people and all who cherish and yearn for liberty throughout the world. You have served the cause of peace, and I am confident that your dedication will continue in the great work which is ours -- making this Nation and our world a better and safer place.

I know we will remain friends, and I hope our paths will cross often in the days ahead. Betty and I send you, Jackie and your loved ones our warmest wishes for every success and happiness in the years ahead.

It is with deep appreciation for your contributions to my Administration and to our Nation that I accept your resignation as Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs effective January 20, 1977, as you requested.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Ford*

*P.S. No words can express my gratitude except  
thanks you.  
J.*

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