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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1977

Dear Jack:

This is a difficult letter to write, because of all the letters coming to me during these closing days of my Administration, the ones that touch me the most are those from old friends like you with whom I have worked so closely over the years. Legally this is a formal letter accepting your resignation, but first of all, I want to say what words are almost inadequate to express -- thank you for all that you have done to help me as President.

It has meant a great deal for me to have the benefit of your advice and counsel. I know your dedication to duty, the sacrifices you and your family have made. I am proud to call you my friend, and I am proud of all that you have accomplished in the demanding assignment that has been yours during your White House service. I am particularly pleased to know that you are helping on the transition and I hope that in the days ahead we will continue to see a great deal of you.

Betty and I send you, Glenn Ann 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 Counsellor to the President effective January 20, as you requested.

Sincerely

John O. Marsh, Jr.

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*P.S. you have been
super. Thanks.
J.*