

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 23, 1974

Dear Ray:

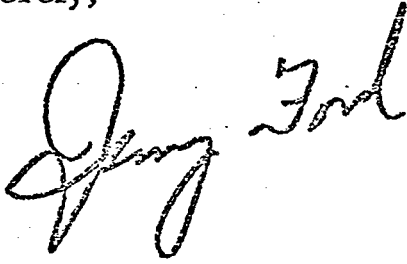
Thank you for your very thoughtful letter of October 16. For the record, I will, of course, accept your resignation as Special Consultant to the President effective, as you requested, on November 8, 1974.

Beyond this, however, I want to express my personal appreciation for your service to the White House and for your contributions to our country. I know that for nearly six years you were a key member of President Nixon's staff. During this time, and earlier in the 1968 Presidential campaign, you carried out your responsibilities in a way that earned you the respect and friendship of your colleagues in government and the admiration of those on both sides of the political fence.

History will one day record the important achievements of these past years. But at the time these events were unfolding you had the difficult task of helping to articulate them to the American people. That you were able to do so in such a clear and compelling manner is tribute not only to your skills as a writer but also to your impressive knowledge and understanding of national and world affairs. This was again made evident by the comments in your letter to me.

Like you, I have a deep faith in our Nation and confidence in its future, and I truly appreciate your good wishes for the time ahead. In turn, you can be sure you have my own best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jimmy Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Raymond K. Price, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.