

THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON

October 4, 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby submit my resignation as Secretary of Agriculture.

I sincerely apologize for any offense that may have been caused by the unfortunate choice of language used in a recent conversation and reported publicly.

It has been a high privilege to serve as a member of the Ford Administration. American farmers will always be grateful to you for your solid support of our efforts to raise their incomes and to permit them to manage their farms without excessive governmental regulation.

I shall always be your ardent supporter.

Sincerely yours,

EARL L. BUTZ