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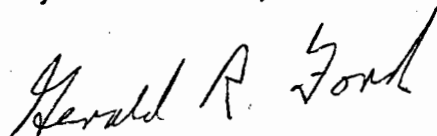
December 29, 1976

Your Highness:

As you know from my public statement, we admire and support the responsible position your Government took at the OPEC Ministerial Conference in Doha. The same sense of leadership which you have so ably demonstrated in guiding your country in its first five years of independence was apparent in your decision to resist pressures for the higher price rise. While I regret that the other OPEC nations, with the exception of Saudi Arabia, did not act with an equal awareness of the interdependence among nations and the relationship between the price of oil and the health of the world economy, I am heartened by your attitude and the courage which you displayed in maintaining it.

I know that the American people and others throughout the world applaud your farsightedness and dedication to the cause of global cooperation which both our nations seek. I am confident that the United States will, for its part, continue to work for the solution of global economic problems within a framework of cooperation rather than confrontation. The United States will also energetically pursue its efforts to bring about further progress in this coming year toward our shared objective of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

With very best wishes,



His Highness  
Zayid bin Sultan al-Nuhayan  
President  
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