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May 27, 1975

Dear Miss Holm:

Because of my extremely heavy schedule your very kind and thoughtful letter of March 26th has gone unanswered much too long. However, your comments and observations are nevertheless very much appreciated.

It's true that many people were confused and angered by my pardoning of the former President. But in the months that have followed I believe there has been a broader acceptance of the fact that there was a need to and the divisiveness that the whole tragic spisode had provoked.

The remark of your driver that "Rockefeller has enough money to be confirmed as King if he wants to be" was very puzzling. As you will recall, it was the Vice President's wealth that caused the greatest controversy during his confirmation hearings.

You may be sure that I, probably more than anyone else, an most concerned by the percentage of crime in our country. However, except for possibly one year under former President Nimon, the crime rate throughout the country has been increasing steadily for the past ten or fifteen years, regardless of the occupant of this office. So I really don't think we can attribute all of it to the current rate of unemployment, or to the fact that all of us are not rich.

We certainly have to accelerate our efforts at all levels of government-federal, state, and local, to insure that we have proper inforcement of the law. Persons who violate the law must be prosecuted and to the extent that the federal government can do so, I intend to see that they are.

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Holm, Celeste

I wholeheartedly agree that we must all work together in total cooperation. That is why I have been willing to go more than half way in meeting the Congress in an effort to straighten out some of our country's difficulties. Like you, I strongly subscribe to the theory of team effort dedicated to a common goal. With God's help I am most optimistic that our problems can be solved.

Thank you again for writing. Thought-provoking observations such as yours are always most velcome, despite the fact that my schedule may not allow a personal response in each instance.

Sincerely,

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March 28, 1975

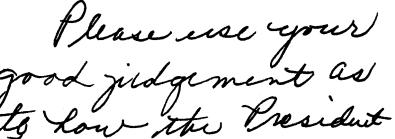
Mrs. Ford:

When I saw Celeste the other night she spoke in such glowing terms of you and the President that I thought her letter to you would be just a short Easter Message. I had no idea it would be of such magnitude. Please use your own judgement about showing it to the President.

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Ms. Celeste A olm

March, the 26 th My dear Mr. President - 1 I for we rejoiced at your very. fores appearance as president, enclusaged Las you certainly where by the sounds of buendship & support from so many. Dend how we watched your radeout wife Tchildren hanging, as we did, on your every word which came so Standaly from not only your head but your heart at that moment you held us all in your hand! O Suddenly we had emerged from the donds of sham + trumpery To. a sunlight of openness + truth. Then came the pardon which confused & angered to many who flet that justice had at last to be done. And again the country's empidence was pragmented. was fragmented. as an actuse, Thave in the last year covered 60,000 miles, lecturing + lostcertiging a conducting siminars, 2 and algothely encorred with the growing hage a fustoution now Surfacing with the growing crime note

I am currently serving my second Term on the Hoverning Goard of the National association for substal Health Fast fall in Micago where I was speaking at their mental Health Ball, Thoas driving back & the airport racked my hired chauffeur & he thought Roxlufeller would be quickly con. fined as Vice President to Juhich The replied, "He's got enough money to be quidely emfirmed as King if he wants to be And this kind of thinking is the rest of our problem! Weshow that we believe money to be the only symbol of success in this control maybe its because most of dut forbelies same here from Buch great privation that indiordual wealth became all-important It's not possible for everyone to. he rich in money, but if that is the only measure of success, how dangerous become those who know that they cannot achieve il. That's which they come Thism down your house 10

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- 3 -Ten " it time un rediservered where real success lies - to accomplish something portwe in has showny with those around us. In the theatre we know that no show can succeed without the total + constant cooperation between all the actors as well as the erew backstage! To me the purpose of the Ports is only to remind us of the value of life Iself. Gring people today are longing to feel appreciated & to be a contri-Chipping part of smething larger than themselves We have bragged about competition as the basis of our free enterprise System. That's ok the football field on the baseball differend - but out in the greatwide worksday world, it's Cooperation & the Sense of being a rejected cog in an important wheel that counts. I think this is why so many young prople are attracted the theatre I where we work as a team dedicated to a common goal.

-4-The bist movie derector 9 ever worked with starked the first days shooting by soying, " you are all here becales you know your fibs & I'm going to need all the help you can give. Loe would have done anything for him t that film subsighently won the academy award, I Doing your own thing "was Think, The dignitiest phrase the hids ever adopted because no one cando anything that doesn't affect the world abound him Somehow. When breathing changes The chemistry of the atmosphere I have infinite confederce in the Strength & courage of the temerican profle, as I'm Sur you do, to deal with the enormous deflecelties that confront us, but only if we recognize our own value in delation Teach other. This then can be our challenge, our apportunity & realize our strengths Town abilities Lets git back to "Jogether we stand " because divided we most certainly will fall and we all freed encouragement-The motion pictures & Telionin

are the most powerful instruments of communication we have ever had It yet their producors seem to have no realization of their responsibility To our minds A our hearts you have it in your hands to prohulgare this kind of unifying encodagement & OG May I quote abigail dams in a litter to John: "Twish you every public as well as private blessing & wisdom & conduct you in this difficult day." - and now is the most important time we ever have. Sinearly Celis E Hola

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