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Leaders, for a change.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

November 3, 1976

The Honorable Gerald Ford President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I want to advise you that I am designating Mr. Jack H. Watson, Jr. as my principal representative for coordination of transition arrangements. By copy of this letter, I am delegating to Mr. Watson the authority to represent me and to speak for me in matters related to the Presidential Transition Act. Under this delegation, Mr. Watson, or such individuals as he may designate in writing, will make official requests of the Administrator of GSA for the services and funds authorized under the Presidential Transition Act. He is also authorized to request of the Attorney General such assistance as may be required in securing FBI investigations of potential appointees.

Mr. Watson has been directed by me to coordinate his activities with those White House officials designated by you. I appreciate your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Jimmy Carter

President-Elect

cc: Mr. Jack H. Watson, Jr.