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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1976

Dear Mr. Johnson:

During this holiday season I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the editorial endorsement of the <u>Dallas Times Herald</u> for my continuation in the <u>Presidency</u>.

I particularly appreciate your comments about my efforts to restore trust and stability to government. I profoundly hope that the sense of stability that I have tried to foster will provide a solid base for the difficult years ahead.

The confidence you have expressed in me will be a great source of strength to me in the years ahead, as I continue in private life to speak for the principles that have governed my years in public life.

With warm regards,

Sincerely ill continue as we who for a better Amire Mr. Kenneth P. Johnson Vice President & Executive Editor Dallas Times Herald 1101 Pacific Dallas, Texas 75101