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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

November 29, 1976

President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford The White House Washington, D.C.

My Dear President and Mrs. Ford,

Now that the tumult and the shouting dies I want to send a short personal note of appreciation for your friendship and kindness to me in the past two years. I would also like to try to find words to express my high regard for your integrity, your leadership and your personal grace.

The nation was in dire straits when you came to the White House. Your honesty, candor and good judgement restored so many essential beliefs and confidences in our system of government. The American people believed you -- and believed in you. Because of this, future Presidents can again lead the country, and the federal government can govern creatively and energetically. History will honor you both for all that you have done.

I recall with warmth and humility our wonderful meeting in the Oval Office, and the delightful luncheon with Mrs. Ford. I think of all Mrs. Ford has done to encourage the arts and women's rights. I know the country will miss you both.

I hope we can keep in touch, and that Susan will continue to pursue photography. I read about your looking around Palm Springs for a new home. Why not investigate our Pebble Beach area? Or the dry warmth of Carmel Valley! I need not tell you of the beauties of the climate and the glories of our golf courses. It would be marvelous to have you as neighbors!

Virginia joins me in regards and best wishes for the future,

With warmest greetings,

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