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My constituent requested that his letter to President Ford be delivered to him personally.

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April 15, 1976

President Gerald R. Ford

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to say "Thank You" for your efforts to preserve and protect the lives of my family and myself from the horrible ravaging effects of the "SWINE FLU".

Those persons who attempt to make a political football of your efforts, should all be made to stand last in line for their shots.

I had a personal experience at the age of eleven. I laid next to my mother, in bed, in 1918, with this horrible disease. Both of us nearly choked to death. God in his mercy, helped us to survive. However, my wife's mother was not so fortunate. She died and left my wife motherless, at six months of age, to be raised by Grandparents.

Again, I say "MANY THANKS" and may God protect and bless you, and all your family.

Your grateful constituent

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May 18, 1976

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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

President Ford has asked me to thank you for your letter of April 15 in which you expressed your gratitude to him for launching a program to protect Americans against a possible swine influenza epidemic. The President appreciates your kind remarks and good wishes.

The decision to initiate an unprecedented immunization campaign was based on the advice of the most noted health authorities in the field of influenza. The possibility of an epidemic this fall, based on available scientific evidence, is too real to ignore. A virus similar to that of the swine-like virus is believed to be the cause of the 1918-19 worldwide epidemic which resulted in over a half-million deaths in the United States alone.

The effort to immunize almost all Americans this fall will require the marshalling of many resources, both public and private. The involvement of concerned citizens, such as yourself, will also be crucial to the success of this program.

Again, on behalf of the President I would like to thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

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