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November 10, 1976

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The White House
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Washington, D.C.

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No better man could have been chosen, and no better service could have been performed than that which you gave our country in a time of grave constitutional and moral crisis. Your openness and infectious honesty restored the public's confidence in our government and allayed the distrust which had arisen between the Congress and the Executive Branch.

I offer you a story which I hope may afford some solace. When Democratic and Republican candidates for Governor debated in St. Louis in 1964, Adlai Stevenson introduced them and said, "May the best man win, although it never happened in my case."

Good luck and good fortune to you and Betty in the future.

Your friend

William L. Hungate

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