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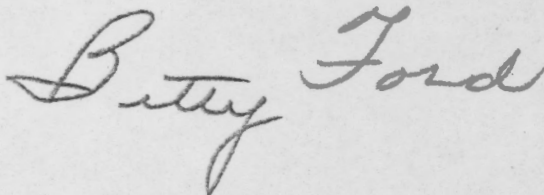
Dear Mr. Sonnabend,

Thank you for visiting the White House today to bring me up-to-date on the plans for WE, THE PEOPLE, the Bicentennial celebration for volunteers. I am delighted to serve as Honorary Chairman of this exciting project which so aptly acknowledges the special meaning of voluntarism in our country.

The spirit and accomplishments of our citizens, the giving of their time and talents for the benefit of others has made our nation unique. I believe that WE, THE PEOPLE not only honors volunteers for their past accomplishments but also offers a challenge in the years ahead.

I hope you will convey my enthusiasm and my appreciation to all those who are actively involved in the preparation of WE, THE PEOPLE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

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