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**December 7, 1976**

**Bob Barrett -**

**I thought you should have a copy of the attached letter in your files for after January 20th. It would appear that it will be referred to again.**

**The President saw Dr. Swanson and Dr Flatt on December 5.**

**Trudy Fry**

12/10  
TRUDY

PRESIDENT SAW SWANSON AND FLATT  
YESTERDAY - DECEMBER 5.

NELL

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Terry)

Dr. Swanson is a very  
good friend of mine.

I would like to accommodate  
him. What about 5 P.M.  
Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

He is an outstanding  
hand surgeon & gave many  
days voluntarily in Vietnam.  
Wonderful person.

"From the desk of"

ALFRED B. SWANSON, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Dear Dick

We sure would appreciate the opportunity of seeing the President —  
Thanks for your help —

Have a good Thanksgiving!  
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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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November 17, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your valiant campaign. With any kind of good luck, you could have successfully closed that tremendous gap. We all appreciate your tremendous work and dedicated service for us.

We would like to make a mold of your hands of silicone rubber from which models can be made (a simple process). Dr. Adrian Flatt, Professor of Hand Surgery of the University of Iowa Medical School, has made models of all the President's hands since President Eisenhower. This remarkable collection at the University of Iowa includes many of the athletes, astronauts and famous artists of our country. Copies would be restricted to you, of course.

Dr. Flatt, Genny and I will be returning from a symposium in New York and could be at the White House in the late afternoon of Sunday, December 5. We would appreciate this opportunity of seeing you and obtaining the molds.

Sincerely yours,



Alfred B. Swanson, M.D.

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