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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1976

Dear Joe:

During this holiday season I want to take the opportunity to thank you for the editorial endorsement of the Dallas Morning News for my continuation in the Presidency.

I particularly appreciate your basing your support on my record of government restraint. I firmly believe that our system functions best when it provides limited government and unlimited opportunity.

I will, of course, work toward that principle when I leave public office. Your confidence in me will continue to be a source of strength in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Jerry Ford

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*P.S. I do hope our friendship
will grow as we work for
a better America.
J.*