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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
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December 14, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I want to add a few words to the cable I sent you after the election.

In such a close election, there is bound to be endless speculation about what might have changed the result. It is true that certain action or inaction by others would have resulted in your victory, but as far as your own role is concerned, you performed with the greatest competence and honor throughout your Administration; and your guiding principle right through the campaign was the greatest good for the country.

I have never been so proud to serve anyone as President Ford. I remember that at the time of your inauguration I wrote and said that if we had had the chance to search for 100 years for the right man to lead our country out of those terrible days of 1974, we could not have found anyone so qualified as you. You lived up to my every expectation. Under your leadership our country has become unified, self-confident, prosperous and peaceful; and we regained our faith in our President.

Millions of Americans thought you had deserved the indisputable right to another term, and we will never get over our deep disappointment that it was denied you. But even so, in a short time your record as President has been one of the best in history.

Please give my very best to Betty, too. You will always be a great team.

Sincerely,

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