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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

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November 13, 1976

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DREW LEWIS

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Dear Mr President -

I am using this paper - as a last hurrah!

I am broken-hearted for America that you were not elected President. Of all the presidents who have served during my knowledge of presidents of our country, I believe you to be the finest, to have done the best job that needed to be done at the time. And your wife, Betty, has been the greatest and strongest lady of them all.

You two, and your four strong, handsome wonderful children, have given the United States a strength, a glow, and a pride. Now to have what a friend of mine who lives in Georgia, calls the "Georgia Crackers", in the White House is an appalling thought.

I apologize that Pennsylvania did not make it for you. It was so close and the election would have been a different story had Pennsylvania come through.

We did so well for your nomination.

I was responsible for Pennsylvania's 'Nest of the Puss-quehanna Puss' - and we did well in the Nest.

I was so confident - but Philadelphia and the suburbs

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President Ford Committee

WHITE HOUSE MAIL ROOM

November 13 1974

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Dear Mr President -
 I am writing this paper - as a last funeral!
 I am a member of the President's Committee for the Americas that you were not elected
 President. What the President did was to bring us down -
 to a point of no return in our country. I believe that the President
 has done the best job that could be done at the time.
 And your wife, Betty, has been the greatest and strongest lady
 of them all.
 You two, and your four sons, daughters, wonderful
 children, have given the United States a strength, a pride
 and a hope. Now to God what a great man you are
 and a wife. Now the "Logic" is in the White
 House is an appalling thought.
 I apologize that I am writing this but make it
 for you. It has to be and the election would have
 been a different story had I been in there.
 The call to me for your committee
 I was surprised to hear of the President
 and he did well in the past.
 I was so surprised - but I believe



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fell down.

I feel I know you very well and I shall always feel that, even though I am a face among millions to you. You entertained the Pres Ford State Chairman at the White House, you entertained us Pennsylvania delegates at the White House and you entertained my husband and me at the dinner for the President of Finland.

It was a great honor to be there as your guest and I shall never forget it.

You made a great impression in Pittsburgh when you were here the last week of the campaign. You allowed me to present to you all of our Southwestern Penn. Pres. Ford Committee Chairmen — and Allegheny County and Southwestern Penna did amazingly well for you. If more people could have met you!

I adore your brother Tom, who stayed at our home when he was campaigning for you here.

I am writing to thank you for the wonderful job you did for America and to wish you well. You still have a great contribution to make for us. God bless you, and love —

Marian Bell

President Ford Committee

ONE MONTHLY MEETING, FLYING MEETING, AT 1988 GIVE BOARD

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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MAIL ROOM

I feel I know you very well and I shall always for
that, now thank I am a few more million to you.
You understand the President's Chairman of the

That's how you understand in Chairman's reports
at the White House and you understand in books and
in at the dinner for the President of the
It was a great pleasure to be there on your great



and I shall never forget it.
You made a great impression in Detroit when
you saw for the last week of the campaign. You always
are to present to you all of our Southern States. Don't
and Washington County and

For Chairman's Chairman
South western Down and convincing me for you. If
was people could say that you. I who stayed at our home
I hope you better than, who stayed at our home

when I was comparing for you. I
I am writing to thank you for the wonderful job you did
for America and to wish you well. You will be a great contribution
to making the world a better place. I hope you will
continue to do so.