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The President
The White House
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I appreciate very much your kind letter of congratulations on my reelection. It was most gracious of you to write me, particularly in view of all you have been through, and your very busy schedule.

I must confess that I have extreme emotions over the change in Administration, even when my own party is taking over at the White House.

You and your Administration have been very helpful to me in my efforts to serve the people I represent. Max Friedersdorf and his staff have always been most cooperative with me and members of my staff. But, as you already know, he is a great guy and has a lovely wife. We have just taken a trip to the Far East together.

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I had intended to write you another letter under separate cover, but may I take the occasion of this response to tell you that we will miss you and your lovely wife, Betty, in the White House - Democrats and Republicans alike. I know I will. My wife, Christine, and daughter, Nancy Dail - now a freshman at Carolina, will miss you and yours.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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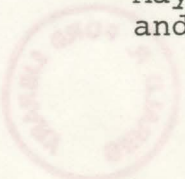
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Again, as a private citizen and as a Member of Congress, I want to thank you for the great service you have rendered our great country for so many years and in so many ways - including your period of service in the Congress, as Vice President, and finally as a most distinguished and honorable President of the United States.

If at any time during the next two years I can be of service to you in anyway, please do not hesitate to call upon me. I know you will be very, very busy - hopefully doing some of the things you have always wanted to do. But should you be on Capitol Hill, particularly on the first floor of the Rayburn Building, we would all be honored for you to drop by 2188.

May I also take this opportunity to wish for you and yours the most wonderful Christmas ever, with an abundance of the blessings of life - especially good health, happiness, and enduring friendships. May I also wish you every success wherever you may be and in whatever you may be doing.



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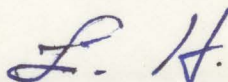
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With kindest and highest personal regards and
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Sincerely,



L. H. Fountain

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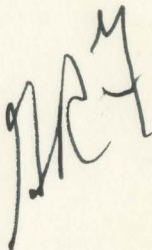
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MR PRESIDENT:

The attached is for your information.
It will be handled in a routine manner
unless you indicate otherwise.

Jim Connor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JC", is written in the bottom right corner of the page.