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November 12, 1976

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

The President
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I have watched with tremendous admiration the splendid campaign that you have waged to win the election as President of the United States. You have fought a noble battle and I am more distressed than I can say that you did not win.

I was greatly honored to serve as your Ambassador to Austria during the term of your Presidency and I admire enormously the fiscal responsibility that you showed in your courageous vetoes of many of the Congress' irresponsible votes. I am distressed as a citizen of the State of New York that this State was the one which could have won you a new term of office, which would have guaranteed a continuation of financial responsibility to the nation as a whole, and not to regional interests.

I should also like to thank you again personally, and in my capacity as former Ambassador to Austria, for your generous invitation to Chancellor Kreisky of Austria to visit the United States and for the wonderful way in which you and your lady and your associates received him. It was certainly in the best tradition of our Presidency.

Without hoping to seem presumptuous, should there ever be the opportunity of welcoming you in our house here in Long Island, or being of assistance to you in any way, I hope that you will continue to consider me a very good and admiring friend.

Respectfully yours,

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