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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON 20220

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

November 4, 1976

Dear Mr. President:

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Whatever the short term perceptions of your Presidency, I am confident that you have assured yourself a unique place in the history of the high office which you have distinguished with your service. No President inherited a more difficult legacy, and few men could have overturned that legacy with such honesty, endeavor, leadership and humility. You have reinstated the faith of Americans in the Presidency and in America. You have ushered in a new responsible and united era in our history. Could anyone have done more?

As one who is privileged to work closely with you, I shall always be grateful for the example that you, so many times unconsciously and humbly, gave. It has been a privilege and honor for me to serve as your Secretary of the Treasury, and it has been a unique and inspirational experience to know you as a man and as our 38th President.

I know you are as proud as I am of the accomplishments of your administration. Under your leadership we have been able to reverse the destructive trends of our society, and give this country a balanced economic recovery with sound fiscal and monetary policies. We have taken a leadership role in maintaining a free and open world trading and investment order, and have helped establish a framework of world-wide economic cooperation.





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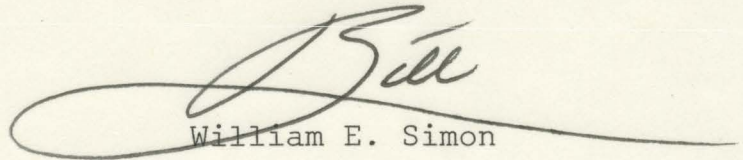
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Carol and our children join me in extending our warmest and best love to one and all in the Ford family. May you all rejoice in future good health and happiness. We know the good Lord will bless you all for your efforts and sacrifices for the benefit of our beloved America.

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The President
The White House
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President said no answer necessary.
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