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PRESIDENT FORD: TODAY HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT DAY FOR YOUR FAMILY, FOR MY FAMILY, FOR OUR REPUBLICAN PARTY AND WHAT WE TOGETHER STAND FOR, THAT IS, THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. TODAY MY HEART HAS YEARNED FOR REASON WHY WE FAILED YOU, BUT I KNOW I MUST YIELD TO THIS COUNTRY'S NEW LEADERSHIP FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THIS COUNTRY WILL SURVIVE THAT NEW LEADERSHIP, BUT NOT WITHOUT ADDING TO THE BURDEN OF THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM'S RENEWED FEDERAL SPENDING. TODAY WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME IS THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY NOT LOSE SIGHT OF WHAT I THINK IS ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION, THAT IS, THE PRESERVATION OF OUR FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. TO DO THIS THE PARTY MUST REMAIN ORGANIZED WITH A SINGLE CENTRAL WELL-DEFINED LEADERSHIP. YOU HAVE INSPIRED

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MYSELF AND HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THIS COUNTRY'S CITIZENS TO BECOME INVOLVED AND SUPPORT THE FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM. I PRAY THAT YOU CONTINUE TO REALIZE YOUR IMPORTANT LEADERSHIP AND THAT YOU EXERCISE THIS LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRE THIS REPUBLICAN PARTY AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE OUR CHILDREN WITH A WORKING FREE ENTERPRISE SYSTEM IN A PEACEFUL WORLD. I AM PROUD TO HAVE WORKED FOR SUCH A CLOSE FRIEND AS YOURSELF. GOD BLESS YOU,

CLEBURNE SMITH CO-CHAIRMAN SEBASTIAN COUNTY REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
AND VICE PRESIDENT FRASER CONSTRUCTION CO PO BOX 717 FT SMITH
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