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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN...

M.F.

November 6, 1976

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Dear Mr. President,

Condolences and congratulations! The first because it's always good to win and you put up such a hell of a fight. The second because, after doing an outstanding job for two years against heavy odds, the relief from the responsibility of the mind-numbing decisions which must be made over the next four years for the good of our beloved country must leave you somewhat elated.

Believe me, you will like it out here!

You have done a good job!

Your leadership has been excellent, though made difficult by a Congress which sometimes seems bent on the ultimate destruction of this country. Your vetoes took plenty of political



courage, and the tragedy is that there are millions of people who will never realize how necessary they were for this country.

Your actions during the past two years and your campaign brought you from the position of candidate for an overwhelmingly minority party to within a whisker of winning — and this against some of the most determined organized opposition we have seen. You may retire with great pride!

The new combination of a top-heavy Congress and a Democrat president means they will make whopping big mistakes — no other way they can go, and I expect to see large victories for our Party and for all people of conservative bent two years from now and particularly four years from now. Part of the credit will be yours.

Sincerely,
Henry P. Smith

P.S. Helen sends her love to you and Betty.