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There is no question about the national benefits derived from your Presidency. You did an excellent job in pulling this country together again following the scars of Vietnam and Water-gate. You restored trust and integrity to the first office in the land and made impressive progress in the fight against the economic problems which you inherited. The times in which you were called upon to serve as President were not easy. Yet, without asking for the job, you were equal to the task and I join with Americans everywhere in thanking you for the dedication and direction you provided.

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