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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

President Gerald R. Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jerry:

Now that the campaign is over and the people have spoken, I suppose that you have received thousands of letters from all over the Country, and I am sure those letters express the sentiment that we hold - thanking you for your leadership which you have shown in support of a sound, fundamental philosophy necessary for the Country's future.

I appreciated so much the opportunity of having served with you in the House of Representatives and also as Chairman of the Minnesota Ford Steering Committee during this campaign. I wish to compliment you on your statement made after the electorate had made their decision.

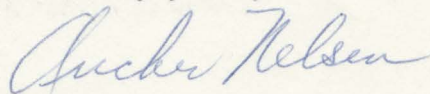
Carter has a big job on his hands. He will need all the help he can get and your statement indicated an attitude that will do much to pull the Country together.

We didn't do too well in Minnesota -- too many obstacles here -- but we had a good team and good organization during convention time as well as throughout the campaign and we all worked hard to convince as many voters as we possibly could.

One thing for sure - Mr. Carter has the tools in his hands - Democratic control of both Houses - and there will be no excuse for him not to produce in keeping with his commitments, although I feel they can never be met. On the other hand, the service you rendered our Country when things were really tough was almost a miracle in itself. We are proud of you and you need not apologize for the election results.

Very best wishes to you and Betty from Elvern and myself.

Very sincerely yours,



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