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

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed cartoon, which appeared yesterday in the Albany N.Y. Times-Union, states better than I can the disappointment of many people over the result of the Tuesday election. If you desire, I can ask the artist for the original.

Even in defeat, Mr. President, you must take satisfaction from these facts:

- 1 - A solid majority of the white people in the United States voted to keep you in office.
- 2 - A majority of those national welfare wanted you to stay in the White House.
- 3 - A majority of those who finished high school or better voted for you.

In other words, Mr. President, a majority of the people who constitute the backbone of our country tried to tell you "well done".

I'm sure you'll lose little sleep over the fact that your foes included draft dodgers and their fuzzy supporters, the Ahqups and Norman Hears and the New York Times.

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I am very sure that you have earned a solid place in history for pulling us together at a time when the foundations of our system groaned and creaked. I also am sure that your defeat against enormous registration and other odds does not mean that there is no room in our government for honest, decent people like you.

I am saddened, Jerry, that you didn't win, but you take with you the good wishes of countless people.

In addition you depart with honor, dignity and the realization that you have some active years in which to enjoy life and your family.

Respectfully
Leo W. O'Brien

Good luck, Jerry.

