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Attn
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Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

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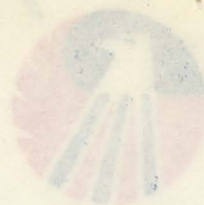
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