



GERALD R. FORD

December 7, 2004

Dear Bob:

Thanks so much for your thoughtful letter of November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The election recounts were very encouraging. If we had won in Ohio and Hawaii we would have been "winners." The nation would have been in "better" hands.

You are very busy, but you are a "young man." Keep it up.

Betty and I go to Vail/Beaver Creek on December 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be joined by "lots" of family. The snow is ample, but I'm a spectator.

I treasure our long and wonderful friendship. You and Elizabeth are the finest of friends. If you come to Colorado or California, we hope you will come by. We would love to reminisce about our various mutual challenges.

You and Elizabeth are constructively active, which we admire.

Our very best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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