

September 27, 1974

EXECUTIVE
GENERAL
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your comments concerning the pardon of former President Nixon. I appreciate receiving your views.

This was not an easy decision to reach, as I am sure you are aware. Before making it, I undertook a thorough examination of the entire matter. This included my right to grant pardons under the Constitution, the legal actions contemplated by the Special Prosecutor, the probable duration of the criminal proceedings and a number of other factors. Throughout this evaluation process, my main concern was to heal the wounds to the Nation. That was the top priority. I know there are deep and genuine differences among good people over the decision I made. But I felt then, and I feel now, that I made the right decision in an honest, conscientious effort to end the divisions in this country.

I am grateful that you support my decision and I appreciate your taking the time to let me know about it.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

The Honorable Frank Murray
Secretary of State
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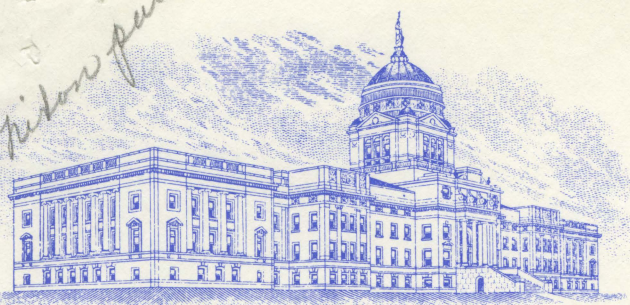


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Honorable Gerald Ford
The President
of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. President:
As a Democrat I want
to say I am proud of you on your
stand regard Mr. Nixon.
you have guts and I admire
your courage. you are indeed
a Great and Happy, Kind Man.
God Bless you
and keep up the
good work.

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