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Mr. Gerald R. Ford
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The White House
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Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply honored that I am being considered for appointment as a Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

By now, I believe you have received letters of reference from some of my fellow professionals. From the copies I have received, I know that they have been very kind. In addition, I thought it might be useful to you if I summarized some of the important elements which I might bring to the Commission.

For the past 17 years, I have made the investment industry my career, both in New York and Minnesota, developing a wide ranging background of experience in virtually all phases of the investment industry. During that time I have served with: a bank, an investment advisor, a mutual fund management company, a regional, small investor oriented broker/dealer and a large institutionally oriented New York City based broker/dealer. My responsibilities have included portfolio management, securities analysis, liaison with small and large investors and research department management. A common thread throughout my career has been to interpret the interrelationship between government legislation, securities regulation, accounting changes, economics and corporate profits for the users of corporate financial statements and most particularly, the small investor. At the same time I have been actively involved as a volunteer with raising the competence of investment professionals.

Although many people in the investment industry, the analytical and accounting professions and in public corporations have been enthusiastic about my possible nomination to the Securities and Exchange Commission and have been willing to make

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that support known, I do not believe that any of them would regard me as their "candidate." Their enthusiasm is based on their judgement of my credentials. In a very political year I am a non-political person, a registered Democrat, who is concerned with serving the public need and with supporting the viability of the free enterprise system.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Once again, may I express to you how honored I am to be considered for such high public service.

Sincerely yours,

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