

Mr. Rogers

The President has seen _____

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

~~December 12, 1985~~

Dear Mr. President,

December 12, 1982

After much thought and careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that it is an appropriate time for me to return to the private sector. I would like to do so, with your permission, on February 1st.

The past three years, one year as a campaign volunteer and two years serving in your Cabinet, have been the most gratifying of my life. It has been a great privilege to serve you and

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to be a part of your Administration. I have the highest regard for you, for your policies and for your leadership. As I have said to many groups on many occasions, "to serve President Reagan is to serve the best."

We have, however, accomplished many of the objectives we discussed at the time you first asked me to join the Cabinet. We have brought Conrail to the point where it can be returned to the private sector. A national airspace program has been defined

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and is underway. Both of these initiatives are close to completion and can be ably consummated by another Secretary.

I am extremely grateful for your support and for your confidence in me in all of our programs and especially during the difficult days of the air traffic controllers strike. As I told many people, even the most difficult problems can be handled when you have the solid backing of the President.

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I will be pleased and honored to assist you in any way I can as a volunteer if you wish me to do so. I believe the country would benefit greatly from four more years of your leadership and would like to be involved in the campaign should you choose to run.

Marilyn joins me in expressing our appreciation and in extending our affection to you and to Nancy. We admire you greatly for what you are doing for our country, and we

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love you for being what you are.
Thank you for allowing me to share
in what you are doing for America,
and for the privilege of serving
in your Administration

Sincerely,
Dan Lewis