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Dear Richard and Mary Ann, Rick and Laurie, Jean and Nancy,

Another Presidential election has come and gone and, again, the highlight for me was the time spent with all of you. From my point of view, the decision to look at the '76 election with the Johnsons was a stroke of genius. Our programs were enhanced by your presence. I hope it was fun for all of you.

The last of our reports suffered, I'm afraid, from a lack of proper editing time. The man who put the first two together took ill, we were rushed, and never caught up. The result was something not quite as good technically as the others. And we did not have the time to whittle away at the things we used in order to make room for the very good and very important interviews with Rick and Laurie. They would have improved the program.

Because the voting statistics were put in electronically, through a control room, I have ordered a kinescope recording for you rather than a film print. The finished product is the same and can be played on a home projector, it's just a different way of reproducing the original material. It will take a little longer, but I'll follow up on it.

As for the election results, I suspect some of you were pleased, others were not. And that's certainly the way the voters must feel. I suspect many of the politicians right now must know the same thing our viewers found out after watching our reports: that the American voters are far more intelligent, well-informed and perceptive than they're given credit for.

There is really no adequate way to thank you. Not just for your help and your hospitality, but for being very nice people. I have, again, invaded your home, your privacy and your lives. Who knows, perhaps we'll do it all again in four years. By then, I hope you'll have forgotten what a chore it is.

Until then, I want to wish you all the very best. You're like a second family for me by now.

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