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**The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States of America**

Bucharest, December 27th, 2006

Dear Mr. President,

I learned with deep sadness about the passing away of former President Gerald R. Ford. On behalf of the Romanian people I would like to express our sincerest regrets and condolences.

President Ford represented a landmark in recent US history as a strong statesman, dedicated to serve his country and its ideals. He served with honor in a challenging time for America and for the whole world. Romania will always remember President Ford for his resolve aimed at continuing the fight for freedom, against communism and totalitarian regimes, and for promoting the human rights principles and ideals beyond the "Iron Curtain".

His spirit of freedom and understanding among peoples around the world will remain as a long lasting image of his legacy as President of the United States.

Please accept, dear Mr. President, my highest consideration and best regards.

Traian BĂSESCU

President of Romania