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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 23, 1969



President Richard M. Nixon  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

When we visited in Key Biscayne about my joining the Administration, many thoughts raced through my mind concerning service in the Executive Branch of government. I must concede that my imagination failed to present anything approximating an accurate picture.

I can say without qualification that these first six months have been the most challenging and stimulating of my 37 years. The Office of Economic Opportunity end of my duties has been tougher than I had anticipated, and I regret that, as a result, I have not been more deeply involved in the broader domestic activities which are of such direct interest to you. However, I look forward to freeing myself up somewhat during the coming year to be able to fill the role you outlined.

As this hectic and fascinating year draws to a close, I want to express my thanks to you for the confidence you have placed in me, and my appreciation for the many courtesies both you and Mrs. Nixon have shown the Rumsfeld family.

It is a privilege to be a part of your Administration.

Sincerely,

Donald Rumsfeld

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