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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

February 24, 1980

cc: Saw Hazard
Your friendship & support
are gratefying, & the
prob is great! Thanks!

Sir:

After just watching the U.S. Hockey Team win the ~~Gold Medal~~ ^{Jimmy Carter} at Lake Placid, I feel inspired to write you this letter. This fantastic win by the American underdog team generates a feeling of patriotism throughout all levels of our nation's population, as no single happy event has done in my lifetime. Your telephone conversation with Team Captain, Mike Eruzione, which was carried over national TV did much to reinforce this feeling.

We live in very trying times now. And what a refreshing experience this Winter Olympics has been to counteract the pressure of our problems!

Despite this wonderful experience, however, under current conditions in Afghanistan, I also support your call to boycott the Summer Games in Moscow. Being a "runner" yourself, I know this was a difficult decision. But in the final analysis, the safety and security of our nation and world must be placed ahead of sports competition.

As Industrial Relations Director for Bardstown, Kentucky's largest employer, I hear comments regularly about your visit to our town last July. Even your strongest critics were impressed with your manner, character, and ability to field questions at the Town Meeting.

Enclosed is a photograph I took of you as you passed me in your motorcade. As an amateur photographer, for me, this picture captures your confident, self-assured manner. I don't mean to sound presumptuous, but I hope you will enjoy it as much as I have.

My very best to you and your family and may God give you strength to guide our nation.

Your Republican-Bardstown, Kentucky friend,

Sam Hazard
S. G. HAZARD
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BARDSTOWN, KY 40004

PS: If you'd be so kind, would you please autograph and return one photo for my personal collection of pictures. A stamped, self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

SAM HAZARD

Took photo in Bardstown, KY
Self-request.

Return to Jane Simpson

*James
pls send cc
of letter back
to the school of special
education of Bardstown
Ky. 40004
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With Best wishes
to Sam Hazard
Jimmy Carter



FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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