

JAMES C. WILSON

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Dear Bud -

It's extremely difficult for a busy civilian to get enough information to have intelligent thoughts on some of the serious affairs with which you have had to deal during the past four years. But nevertheless we've tried to learn something from the newspaper articles, the television reports and even the Playboy interview and my conclusion is that your decisions have been in the best interest and for the long range good of this country. And the thing I admire is that you have had the guts and unselfish courage to defend these decisions. As I said four years ago they picked the right man for the job. I didn't know how right I was.

Sincerely
Jim Wilson

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Dear Jim,

Great to hear from you, and many thanks for the complimentary remarks. It's encouraging to have evidence of concern from one who is not nose to nose with our nation's defense challenges every day. It helps me to be certain that I'm not misreading the indicators which are discouraging at the moment. My optimism is strong, however, that the country will wake up and muddle through in that mysterious, but wonderful way which has always brought us to the top. I'm convinced that the serious thinking citizen like you will be the key to righting our ship from it's dangerous list.

Mouza and I are settling for the moment on the fringes of Washington to stay within earshot of the action and catch our breath. The future is uncharted, but even that prospect is exciting. Again, my appreciation for your thoughtful note, and our best wishes for a happy future.

Warm regards,

Mr. James C. Wilson

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