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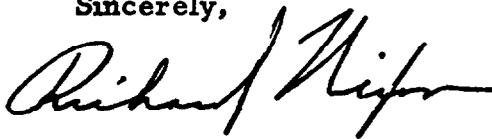
Dear Dr. Freis:

My warmest congratulations to you on receiving the Albert Lasker Medical Research Award for clinical research. There can be no question that this is one of the most prestigious awards given in medical research, and it is a source of special pride to me that it was given to a member of the Federal Government's medical research team.

Your findings that the early treatment of hypertension can reduce deaths from stroke and congestive heart failure have given new hope to millions of people throughout the world. In addition, the research method you used -- the Cooperative Study Group embracing seventeen hospitals -- suggests that our Veterans Administration hospitals offer great potential for reducing the time necessary to test new treatments.

These splendid achievements have earned you the gratitude of all our fellow citizens, and on their behalf I am pleased to extend to you my very best wishes for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Nixon".

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