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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I understand that you have agreed to make the good offices of Indonesia available to facilitate a meeting of senior officials of South and North Korea and the United States and want to express my sincere appreciation for your decision.

Your statesmanlike gesture has made it possible to begin a process which can only serve to reduce tensions in Asia and contribute to peace in the world. I attach the greatest personal importance to the meeting between North and South Korea and the United States and Indonesia's participation in the process. I know that you and I can work closely together to make sure that what we are undertaking now will contribute in time to a reduction of tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

Your decision on this matter, as well as the role of your government in hosting the vital series of meetings taking place in Bali, reflects great credit upon your leadership. You have my best wishes and support in the months ahead as we work together on the reduction of tensions both on the Korean Peninsula and in Southeast Asia.

Sincerely,
JIMMY CARTER.
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