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Dear Southern DSCC Member:

As we conclude the year 1973 and look to 1974, I think it is appropriate to reflect for a moment before rushing headlong into the election year.

Just to briefly review, 1973 was a year of a great deal of activity for us Southern California Democrats. Promising strides have been made in the areas of fund raising, voter registration, party organization and candidate development.

However, as we look to 1974, the challenges before us are many. We must not, at all costs, be lulled into a false sense of security by Watergate. In my opinion, it is still too early to predict how the electorate will react to what has become a crisis in the faith in the political process by the American people.

The challenge presented to us by reapportionment must not be taken lightly. Many of our incumbents will be running for re-election in districts that are largely new, and many fine new candidates will be seeking elective office for the first time. This only serves to heighten the need for effective voter registration and political organization.

By far, our biggest task and challenge is to come out of the June primaries a united Party. Never before have we been so blessed with so many fine candidates for public office. As is natural, emotions will run high as we get closer to June. Our goal must be to keep our mutual November objective in proper perspective.

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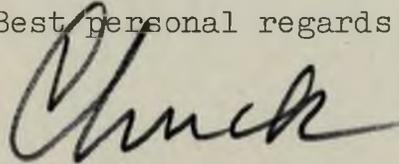
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Even assuming the challenges ahead for 1974
I think that by working together, we have many
good things to look ahead to next year.

Best wishes for a prosperous and successful New
Year.

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned directly below the typed name.

Charles T. Manatt

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