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Dear Educators:

I am proud to present to you a collection of materials on President Reagan and the Cold War. The packet is organized around six major events relating to the topic. As you delve into the documents, you will notice that various themes emerge, such as the role of leadership and diplomacy in ending the Cold War and a focus on the special relationship between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev. Key foreign policy concepts such as “Peace Through Strength”, President Reagan’s emphasis on building up the American military in order to negotiate from a position of power, come to life as well.

Included in this unit are Cold War Cards. They will provide teachers and students with pictures to highlight each of the events, background information on the events, quotes, questions, research topics, and activities to work with both inside and outside the classroom.

Additionally, we have included original documents from the Ronald Reagan Presidential Archives to add further depth and research potential to the basic information. Documents include copies of hand written and typed letters from President Reagan and Soviet leaders, Memoranda of Conversation from summit meetings, copies and drafts of presidential speeches, among other resources.

I would like to add a special thank you to Mike Duggan, our Supervisory Archivist who put in a tremendous amount of effort helping us cull the appropriate documents.

Most importantly, I would like to thank the staff of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. They serve as ongoing supporters of all of our educational programs and activities. The Foundation makes it possible to provide free materials to educators.

This packet is meant to serve as a grab basket of goodies for you to use with your students as you see fit. I hope you enjoy it.

Best,

Mira Cohen
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