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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER MCCOY FROM: ANTHONY R. DOLAN ONO

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### BIOGRAPHY OF NANCY REAGAN

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But during those first months--in a series of candid and widely published photographs--another not so widely known side of Nancy Reagan emerged. Americans saw their First Lady comforting a weeping daughter as they bid farewell to their California home, riding with her son on a twoseater bicycle across the White House grounds, hugging a black child at an inner city community center.

In the official Inaugural biography, it was journalist James Jackson Kilpatrick who referred to the complexity of what he called "the essential Nancy Reagan" -- she was not, he observed from an acquaintence with her on the campaign trail and a reading of her 1980 autobiography NANCY, a woman who could be easily categorized.

Nancy Davis Reagan was born on July 6, 1923 in New York City and raised in Chicago, the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Davis of Chicago and Phoenix. Her mother is a former actress and her father a prominent Chicago surgeon and professor emeritus at Northwestern University.

She grew up on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive in an apartment overlooking Lake Michigan, she attended Girl's Page 2

Latin School in that city and went on to Smith in Massachusetts where she majored in drama.

Though she is a woman who says bluntly today: "I believe a woman's real happiness and real fulfillment come from within her home with her husband and children," she does so after the experience of a seven year career as a professional actress. Nancy Reagan, known then as Nancy Davis, made more than 11 films including "The Next Voice You Hear", "East Side; West Side"; and "Hellcats of the Navy" in which she played the fiancee of an actor named Ronald Reagan.

The two had met in 1951, when he was president of the Screen Actors Guild and prominent in the fight against communist influence in Hollywood. The following year in Los Angeles they were married in a simple ceremony in the Little Brown Church in the Valley. The Reagan's have one daughter, Patricia, an actress, and a son, Ronald Prescott, a member of New York City's Joffrey II Ballet.

While her husband was governor of California from 1966 to 1972, Mrs. Reagan gained a reputation as a patron of the arts and culture and served on the boards of numerous foundations and private charitable groups.

But Mrs. Reagan was particularly active in projects concerning the POWs and those missing in action in the Vietnam war. She spent hours visiting wounded veterans and donated her salary from her syndicated column to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia. Page 3

She was also a frequent visitor to hospitals and homes for the elderly as well as schools for the physically and emotionally handicapped. During one such hospital visit, she observed participants in the Foster Grandparents program which brings together in mutual love and need senior citizens and handicapped children.

As First Lady, Mrs. Reagan has continued her work with those who served in the Vietnam War serving as an honorary sponsor of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Nancy Reagan has also continued the advocacy of the Foster Grandparents Program for which she was noted in California. She has worked to make the program available in communities across the country by establishing affiliation with ACTION, the Federal agency which coordinates voluntary action.

Though Nancy Reagan's fashionableness and poise have won her awards like California's Most Distinguished Woman from the National Art Association and a place in the Permanent Hall of Fame as one of the country's ten Best Dressed Women, she is also straightforward, reasoned and traditional in her social and political views.

She writes in her autobiography, "Human beings need moral standards to guide them. Society needs them to keep from flying apart. Moral standards evolve, of course. They're not fixed in the stars. We need such standards because they encourage the most important asset of civilized people -- self-restraint. Self-restraint marks the difference between adult and childish behavior. A grown person who lives without self-control can have no central purpose in his or her life.

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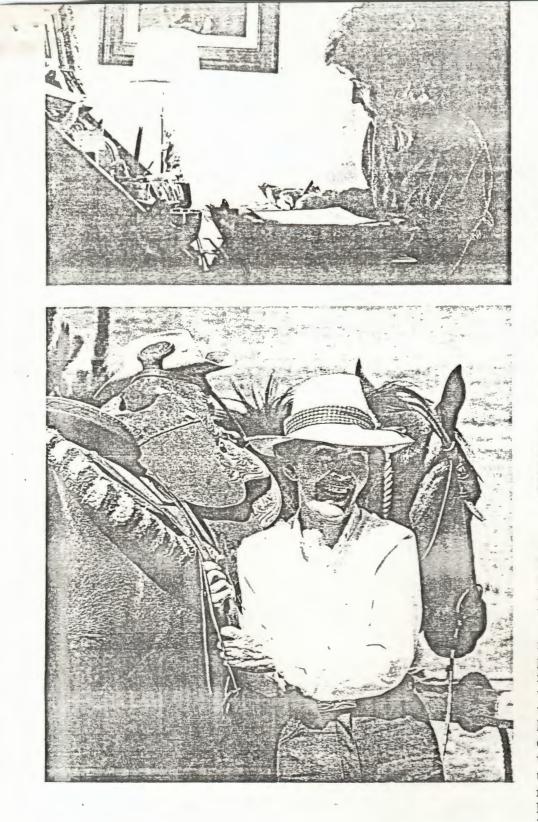
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After graduation from Smith, she spent nearly eight years in the sophisticated world of Broadway and Hollywood. It is a world, by its very nature, of artificial emotions, of masks and make-believe. None of the permissiveness rubbed off. In her 1980 autobiography, she set that firm chin of hers—it is indeed a very firm chin—and sounded off:

"I cannot accept as admirable a modern morality that makes permissible almost any act. The truly important ingredients of life are still the same as they always have been—true love and real friendship, honesty and faithfulness, sincerity, unselfishness and selflessness, the concept that it is better to give than to receive, to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. These principles are still around, they haven't gone away, but it's not considered chic to discuss them or The First Lady



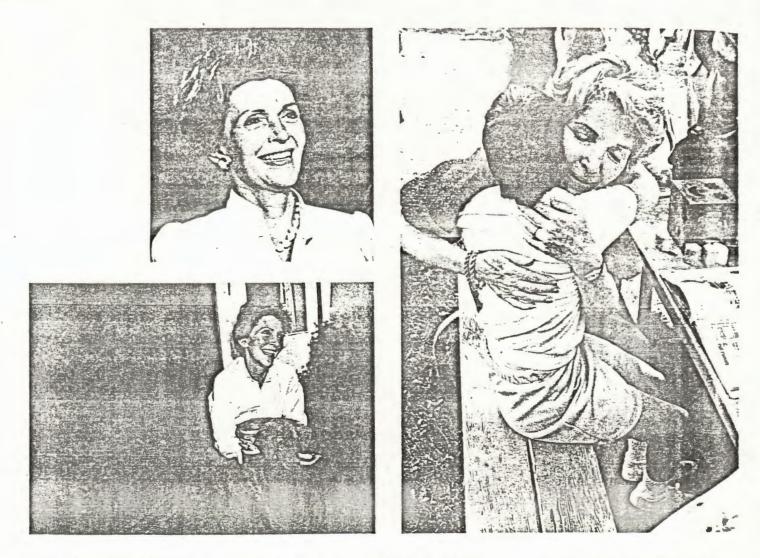






"I have long admired her," Mr. Reagan continued, "and upon my return to California intend not only to tell her that . . . but also that I love her more than anyone in the whole wide world."

That sense of closeness abides. I remember one night on the campaign trail in 1976, when we were flying from Somewhere to Somewhere, and I went forward to speak with a staffer. It had been an exhausting day. In the half-light of the darkened cabin, the Governor still was reading in his window seat, turning the pages carefully with his right hand so as not to disturb Nancy. She was wrapped head to toe in an airline blanket, sound asleep, snuggled contentedly against his shoulder. She is his love. And he is hers.



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That is the essential Nancy Reagan speaking. Again and again in her book, she returned to these themes.

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Nancy tends to divide her life into two almost equal segments-the 28 years before she met her husband and all the years that have passed since then. The watershed came in 1951. She was Nancy Davis, 28, budding actress. He was Ronald Reagan, 40, president of the Screen Actors Guild. The future President of the United States arrived for their first date on crutches: He had broken a leg in a charity baseball game. They both fibbed. It would have to be an early dinner, he said, wary that things might go wrong, because he had an early call in the morning.

"So do I," she lied. After all, as she would later recall, a girl has to have some pride. "I don't know if it was love at first sight," Nancy has written, "but it was something close to it." In her old-fashioned phrase, "we were taken with one another." The following year, March 4, 1952, they were married. They went on an oldfashioned honeymoon, complete with a bouquet of roses in the bridal suite.

Her husband, she says, "is a very sentimental man." Twenty-two years later, Ronald Reagan had an engagement on the east coast that compelled him to miss a community dinner in Los Angeles. He wrote a note to his host, expressing his regrets; and please, he added, "tell your guest of honor that I will be calling on her when I get back to California.

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Born into the world of the theater, Nancy Reagan built an acting career on 1 Broadway and in Hollywood. But after her marriage in 1952 her interests 2 changed abruptly. "My life really began when I married my husband," she 3 says. Thenceforth, her career was to be the wife of Ronald Reagan and mother to their children. She acknowledges, however, that acting was good training 5 for politics--for her role as First Lady of California, and later of the 6 United States. Her poise, her wide hazel eyes, and her stylish wardrobe--7 together with her staunch support of her husband's causes--became familiar to millions. 9

Her autobiography Nancy, published in 1980, points out that though she was born Anne Frances Robbins--in New York City on July 6, 1923--she has 11 been called Nancy for as long as she can remember. Soon after her birth, 12 her parents separated. Her mother, Edith Luckett, continued her career as 13 an actress. For five years, Nancy lived with an aunt and uncle in Bethesda, 14 Maryland, near the Nation's Capital. When Nancy was six, her mother married 15 Dr. Loyal Davis, a noted Chicago neurosurgeon. From a comfortable apartment 16 on Chicago's Lake Shore Drive, Nancy could look out on the expanse of Lake 17 Michigan. It was a happy time--Girls' Latin School, summer camp, tennis, 18 swimming, dancing. 19

She majored in drama at Smith College in Massachusetts, played in summer fully Mech stock, then on tour and on Broadway. In Hollywood she performed in 11 films her last--Hellcats of the Navy--featured her as the fiancee of the hero, 20 21 22 played by her husband, Ronald Reagan. The two had met in 1951, when he was president of the Screen Actors Guild and prominent in the fight against 24 Communist influence in Hollywood. The following year in Los Angeles they 25 were married in a simple ceremony in the Little Brown Church in the Valley. 26

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3 When Ronald Reagan left an acting career to win the first of two terms as Governor of California in 1966, Nancy kept her primary efforts directed toward her domestic role. "I believe a woman's real happiness and real 5 fulfillment come from within her home with her husband and children," she 7 said. Living in a rented house when the Governor's Mansion in Sacramento, California, was declared a fire hazard, Nancy helped plan a new mansion. She also redecorated the Governor's offices on the state capitol grounds. Her delight in interior decoration was evident in the Reagan home in Pacific 11 Palisades in Los Angeles and at their ranch near Santa Barbara. Warmhearted yet strong-willed, she is "most concerned about the events and expe-12 riences, the emotions and insights of an unusual, inspirational life," 13 notes the introduction to her biography. She was deeply moved by the plight 14 of Americans imprisoned or missing in action in Vietnam, and she firmly 15 supported them and their families. Working with the Foster Grandparent 16 program, in which handicapped children are helped by older citizens, she saw 17 the program spread nationwide. Continuing involvement with this special 18 project ranks as one of Nancy's major activities as First Lady. 19

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Mrs. Reagan graduated from Girls' Latin School, Chicago, and is a member of the 1943 graduating class of Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. She majored in drama at Smith.

Prior to her marriage to Ronald Reagan on March 4, 1952, Nancy Davis worked as an actress in stage, film and television productions. Her stage performances ranged from road tours to Broadway and Radio City Music Hall. From 1949 to 1956, she made 11 films including *The Next Voice You Hear; East Side, West Side;* and *Hellcats of the Navy*, in which she played Ronald Reagan's fiancee.

The Reagans have two children. Patricia Ann, age 28, is pursuing an acting career in California. Son Ronald Prescott, age 22, is a member of the New York-based dance company, Joffrey II. President Reagan also has two children, Maureen, 40, and Michael, 35, from his first marriage.

Shortly after her husband became Governor of California in 1967, Mrs. Reagan began visiting wounded Vietnam veterans and making regular visits to hospitals and homes for older citizens, and schools for physically and emotionally handicapped children.

During one of these hospital visits in 1967, she observed participants in the Foster Grandparent Program and became its champion. This unique program brings together senior citizens who need to be productive with handicapped children who need parental time, love and attention. Mrs. Reagan helped extend the program in California and worked to make the program available to all communities across the country through affiliation with ACTION, the federal agency which now administers the Foster Grandparent Program. As First Lady, Mrs. Reagan continues to work to expand the program on the national level and hopefully to promote private funding.

Mrs. Reagan has also been active in projects concerning POWs and servicemen missing in action in Vietnam. During the war, Mrs. Reagan wrote a syndicated column, donating her salary to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Action in Southeast Asia. Mrs. Reagan now serves as an Honorary Sponsor of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

As First Lady, Mrs. Reagan is serving as the Honorary Chairman of the Wolf Trap Foundation Board of Trustees; the Joffrey Ballet Gala; the 1981 Cherry Blossom Festival; the Republican Women's Federal Forum; the 1981 Goodwill Embassy Tour; the Women's Committee of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; the Ford's Theatre Gala; the JFK Center for the Performing Arts; the National Women's Republican Club; the National Society of Arts and Letters, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She is also Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1977, Mrs. Reagan was named one of the ten most admired women in the U.S. by readers of Good Housekeeping Magazine. She was named the Los Angeles Times' Woman of the Year in 1968. Mrs. Reagan has also been selected by the National Art Association as California's Most Distinguished Woman and has been named to the Permanent Hall of Fame as one of the country's Ten Best Dressed Women.

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