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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 16, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TRENT LOTT

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS G. CURTIS JONES, JR. FOR THE POSITION OF NATIONAL ARCHIVIST FOR THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY ENCLOSURES RESUME

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Dear Trent:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker recommending G Curtis Jones Jr. The President has, however, made a tentative decision to appoint another individual.

Please be assured that your comments will remain a permanent part of Presidential Personnel's files. In the event that another position becomes available in which this individual's background and expertise can be fully utilized, your candidate will be given every consideration.

Please continue to pass along your recommendations regarding other qualified candidates to serve in the Administration.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Tuttle
Director of Presidential Personnel

The Honorable Trent Lott
House Minority Whip
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
RECOMMENDATION ROUTING TICKET

CANDIDATE: Jones Jr. G. Curtis

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Honorabe Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Howard,

I wanted to take this opportunity to offer my strongest recommendation of Mr. G. Curtis Jones, Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia, to serve as the National Archivist for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

From my personal knowledge of Curt, I know that he is a person of the highest integrity and finest character. Both his qualifications and level of competency are truly outstanding, and I have no doubt that he will be a very valuable asset to the Library.

I would sincerely appreciate your ensuring that Curt is given every possible consideration for this position, and would welcome word of any further developments at your convenience.

Again, I greatly appreciate your time and assistance in this matter, and with kind regards and very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Trent Lott

TL:sbh

Enclosure
July 9, 1987

The Honorable Trent Lott
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Lott:

Thank you for your letter of July 6th recommending the appointment of Mr. G. Curtis Jones, Jr. to serve as the National Archivist.

Appointments of this type are handled by the Office of Personnel at the White House. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Bob Tuttle, Director of Presidential Personnel, for his consideration.

We appreciate your interest in this very important appointment.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Jones
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Robert H. Tuttle
Dear Mr. President:

I recommend G. Curtis Jones, Jr., to be the first Archivist of the National Archives and Records Administration.

I believe Mr. Jones is uniquely qualified for this position. As a veteran and a career federal executive with more than 20 years of experience, he has demonstrated outstanding leadership ability in a number of significant and complex federal management positions while bringing about an increased sense of loyalty and pride among his associates. Also, his varied academic background provides a perfect counterpoint with his management experience to make him the ideal candidate for the position of Archivist of the United States.

Mr. Jones is currently the State Director for the Eastern States Office of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Bureau, as an agency, and the Eastern States Office in particular, has significant archival records responsibility. As custodian of the old General Land Office title records, as well as survey and field notes, the Eastern States Office maintains more than seven and one-half million records covering one and one-half billion acres of land.

These old, but nearly continuously used records need better preservation, protection and restoration, and Mr. Jones, who became State Director in May 1982, has initiated a records improvement project to "Preserve America's History." The project has received an unusual letter of encouragement from the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution based upon a unanimous vote of its members. These fragile records, dating back to the 1780's, constitute a day-to-day recorded history of the expansion and development of the United States.

In the course of developing this project aimed at safeguarding the General Land Office records while still allowing their continuing heavy use, Mr. Jones has become very well informed regarding the current state of archival preservation, restoration, and retrieval technology. This experience would be of great benefit to him as the trustee for all federal records and in using the latest technology to make the records more readily available to their many users.
Throughout his career, Mr. Jones has worked closely with state and local governments. In his present position he has established excellent working relationships with the various governmental entities in the 31 eastern states over which he has jurisdiction, and with their Congressional representatives. He worked with more than half of the states to organize the Eastern Lands and Resources Council. State and local governments are the major users of most of the General Land Office records and the principle concern of this organization is records management, improved information systems flowing between state and federal government, as well as preservation and restoration of land records. The advent of this organization has already, in its brief history of approximately four years, significantly improved coordination and communication among federal and state agencies on issues of mutual concern.

Mr. Jones, in his professional career and avocational interests, has clearly demonstrated an ability to involve both public and private sector groups in either fund raising or overall support of a particular event or an ongoing activity. In his professional work, he initiated the first private sector participation in his agency's unique wild horse and burro adoption program from the Bob Evans Farms, Inc., as well as the Boy Scouts of America through its Northwest Suburban (Chicago) Council's Scout-O-Rama.

Additionally, his present responsibilities for the General Land Office records, as well as mineral leasing and operational management for approximately 36 million acres, requires extensive involvement with a variety of constituencies, including industry, trade associations, and the general public. Close coordination is also required with numerous federal and state agencies.

His avocational responsibilities are significant, too. For example, he is currently Executive Vice President of the National City Christian Church Corporation, where he directs a campaign that has raised approximately $18 million in current funding and endowments for restoration of the church. His support of the various universities he attended has involved fund raising and volunteer work with alumni, students, and friends of the institutions.

Mr. Jones' varied academic background would bring a unique perspective to the office of Archivist of the United States. He has both an undergraduate and Masters degree in Political Science from Texas Christian University. Also, he spent a year at Yale Divinity School on a Rockefeller Fellowship. He is a graduate of George Mason University's School of Law and a member of the Virginia Bar. His legal background would prove invaluable in solving the difficult legal and political issues which the Archivist has to address.
Last year, he was asked to apply for the position of President of Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, and reached the final round of selection from among 86 candidates. He is extremely interested and involved in higher education. More importantly, he recognizes that the National Archives and Records Administration is one of the primary research tools available to academicians, federal and state government researchers, and the general population.

As a career member of the Senior Executive Service, Mr. Jones epitomizes the best in career federal executives. His professional reputation would enhance the office since the initial incumbent will be instrumental in determining the reputation and direction of the organization, as well as providing the leadership necessary for a new independent agency. His varied management positions in a number of federal agencies should prove invaluable in insuring that the National Archives and Records Administration maintains a solid foundation, for not only meeting its present responsibilities, but also providing for the future continuity and credibility of the organization.

The National Archives and Records Administration is a complex organization to manage, being comprised of 17 regional archives, 14 regional records centers, and 8 operating Presidential Libraries. I believe Mr. Jones' background as a career federal executive will enable him to successfully lead the agency. Also, he understands what is required to manage a large government organization, while working with Congress, as well as other agencies and departments of the Executive Branch. His familiarity with the workings of state and local government, a variety of private constituency groups, universities, and related academic groups, as well as the general public, provides a highly suitable background for the National Archives and Records Administration's successful outreach to all the constituencies it must serve.

Mr. Jones works well with people and believes that they can and do make a difference. I believe that his energy, enthusiasm, creativity and leadership will enable him to do an outstanding job as the first Archivist of the National Archives and Records Administration. Without reservation, I highly recommend him for this position.

Sincerely,

James H. Quillen
GEORGE CURTIS JONES, JR.

1721 Fox Run Court  (703) 938-3141 Residence
Vienna, Virginia 22180  (703) 274-0180 Office

CAREER OBJECTIVE: Increased leadership responsibilities within the Federal Government.

CAREER HISTORY: More than 20 years experience in significant management positions including historical land records management; regulatory and information systems management; project planning and operations; legislative and intergovernmental coordination; human resource responsibilities; natural resource management; and fund raising in numerous church and university related campaigns.

LAND RECORDS MANAGEMENT AND REAL ESTATE ACTIONS: Initiated an automated system covering more than 7.5 million old General Land Office land title records and tract books, some dating back to the late 1700's. This records improvement project entitled, "Preserving America's Heritage," has received a letter of encouragement from the Commission on Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. When complete, it will provide greater protection and preservation of the historic land records, while improving access to the information they contain. Operates "world's largest title company," with some 50,000 requests annually for title data and verification. Private sector realty transactions dependent on this title work amount to millions of dollars annually.

Conducts land sales, exchanges and disposal of public domain lands valued in the millions, requiring complex legal actions. Oversees a legal staff involved in land, minerals and title issues.

REGULATORY AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT: Initiated a computerized system for the Bureau of Land Management's Eastern States Office formulating step-by-step procedures for land use, and minerals leasing and development. Procedures eliminated unnecessary, duplicative efforts, improved efficiency by as much as one-third, speeded service to the public and gave rise to a statistical status reporting system. Procedures are now used by various federal and state agencies and private interests.

Managed the Federal Energy Administration's site specific utility project management system. Identified problems and developed actions to overcome delays in completing utility projects, such as regulatory and fiscal constraints and labor shortages.
PROJECT PLANNING AND OPERATIONS:

Responsible for program development and preparation of comprehensive short and long-range land and resource use planning including budgeting and budget coordination, annual work plans, management-by-objectives coordination, and systems analysis activities affecting the Eastern States Office.

LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION:

Initiated organization of the Eastern States Lands and Resources Council for improved coordination for land records, as well as land and natural resource management among state and Federal officials. States and local governments are among the largest users of the General Land Office records and the genesis of the Council was based on improving access and use of these records. Established personal rapport with Governors and cabinet officials leading to formal agreements concerning land use planning, mineral development and records access. Regularly brief the many Congressional delegation members from the 31 eastern states on priority lands and mineral issues.

HUMAN RESOURCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

Conceived, implemented and coordinated regional and state energy development programs at the Federal Energy Administration, Department of Energy involving federal, state and private sector resources. Maintained liaison with congressional offices, state officials, industry and trade association representatives. chaired and served on numerous federal task forces including representing the Department of Energy on the 1979 White House Drought Task Force. Prepared testimony and testified before Congress.

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS:

Directed Job Corps recruitment, placement and training activities on a National and regional basis. Responsible for developing National human resource programs dealing with people-related impacts stemming from the 1974 oil embargo, e.g., developed a program through the National Truckstop Association enabling migrant farm workers to obtain fuel for harvesting of crops. Human resource management is and has been critical to the success of every position held.

Directs federal onshore minerals programs in 31 eastern states for the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management. Includes 56,000 surface and 36 million subsurface acres. All phases of onshore minerals management are involved ranging from preleasing to the issuance of leases and drilling permits, to monitoring production. Responsible for minerals resource economic evaluation and appraisal.
WORK EXPERIENCE:
5/82 to Present
State Director, Eastern States Office, Bureau of Land Management. Responsible for managing the Bureau's lands and minerals programs in the 31 eastern states, including custodianship of the original General Land Office records as well as survey and field notes covering more than a billion and a half acres of land.

5/78 - 4/82
Director, Division of Licensing and Siting, Resource Applications, U.S. Department of Energy. Directed the Department's licensing and siting activities, involving powerplants, coal mines and synthethic fuel facilities.

11/75 - 4/78
Director, Office of Utility Project Operations, Energy Resource Development, Federal Energy Administration. Managed the Administration's site specific utility project management system.

10/74 - 10/75
Chief, Division of State Programs, Energy Resource Development, Federal Energy Administration.

3/74 - 10/74
Director, Office of Special Impacts, Federal Energy Office.

3/65 - 2/74
Management responsibilities in Job Corps included recruitment, transportation, training and placement in Washington, D.C., Austin and Dallas, Texas and Denver, Colorado.

7/61 - 7/63
Lt., U.S. Army, 1st Infantry Division, Ft. Riley, Kansas.

EDUCATION:
J.D. 1983
M.A. 1967
B.A. 1960
1960 - 1961
George Mason University, School of Law
Texas Christian University
Texas Christian University (athletic scholarship)
Yale University Divinity School (Rockefeller Fellowship)

PERSONAL:
Married, two teenage daughters, excellent health.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:
Virginia Bar Association, American Bar Association, Federal Executive Institute Alumni Association, Senior Executives Association, American Society for Public Administration, and the Academy of Political Science.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES:
Executive Vice President, National City Christian Church Corporation; Chairman of the Board of Elders, National City Christian Church; active member, Texas Christian University Alumni Association; Yale University Alumni activities; and active member of George Mason University Alumni Association.
The Honorable William French Smith  
Chairman, Site Selection Search Committee 
Reagan Presidential Library Foundation  

Dear Bill:  

In a conversation with President Reagan on April 2nd he requested that it be indicated to the Trustees at the April 23rd gathering of the Reagan Presidential Library Foundation that he has now concluded a Southern California setting having reasonable proximity to his proposed home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles, is desired for the location of his Center for Public Affairs and the Reagan Library; and that these two facilities should be situated as closely together as possible for convenience.  

It is the preference of the President not to have a formal affiliation with any one educational institution, but the President does approve of a plan of having an informal relationship with any educational institution in the State of California which could be of mutual benefit.  

Further, these stated positions of the President are irreversible.  

Sincerely,  

Walter Annenberg  

"Sunnylands"  
P.O. Box 98  
Rancho Mirage,  
California 92270
**INCOMING**

**DATE RECEIVED:** JULY 14, 1987

**NAME OF CORRESPONDENT:** DR. GEORGE A. HEARNE

**SUBJECT:** WRITES REGARDING THE INVITATION TO PLACE THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY IN EUREKA AND THE DECISION TO HAVE IT LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA

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President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President/Ron:

I want to thank you personally and on behalf of the Trustees of Eureka College, for your gracious response to the invitation to place your Presidential Library at Eureka. Your desire to have that close to where you will live and where you have spent most of your life, is understandable. We wanted you to be aware of our genuine desire to accommodate the Library if Eureka would be your choice. Now, we understand your preference, and support your decision for its placement in southern California.

We are extremely grateful for your commitment to send to Eureka College numerous pictures, artifacts, books, and other materials related to the years of your Presidency. We are beginning plans now to provide an appropriate facility for the collection and display of these materials. I see that facility as one which will blend easily into the campus, and which may also serve as a conference center for attracting retreats, conferences, workshops, and the like to the campus. We will certainly keep you advised as our plans develop on this project.

Eureka College is proud of you, and especially of your dedication to the ideals of leadership and service which are so important to us. We are excited by the prospect of combining the materials from your days as President with those which you have already sent to us, so that we can share the importance of your life and contributions with all of those who come to our campus.

Thank you for the material which we are already receiving, and for the additional items that will be coming in the future.

Sincerely,

George A. Hearne
President

GAH:mls
July 9, 1987

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. WILLIAM H. PERKINS JR.
SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE LOCATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND SUGGESTS THAT THE GUBERNATORIAL PAPERS BE HOUSED IN CALIFORNIA AND THE PRESIDENTIAL PAPERS IN ILLINOIS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1987

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Thank you for your recent letter, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Illinois.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

C. Christopher Cox
Senior Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. William H. Perkins, Jr.
Howlett & Perkins Associates Ltd.
188 West Randolph Street
Suite 915
Chicago, Illinois 60601

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)
Dear Mr. President:

It was with sincere great interest that I recently read that your Presidential papers were not going to be reposed at Palo Alto.

Several years ago I wrote to you suggesting that your Presidential papers and gubernatorial papers should be separately housed with your papers as Governor to be housed in California and your Presidential papers in Illinois.

You are a native of Illinois and I am sure that either Eureka College or even Tampico would raise the necessary funds for a Reagan library and museum.

The Middle West is truly the repository of Presidential papers - Ford in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, Michigan; West Branch, Iowa - Hoover; Eisenhower in Abilene, Kansas; Independence, MO - Truman and stretching the point Johnson's at Austin, Texas and Carter's in Atlanta.

I am sure because of the Roosevelt library in Hyde Park, N.Y. and Kennedy's at Boston, Mass. many people are never privileged to see them and I feel that with your papers in California many American citizens would never get to see your papers.

I respectfully request that you give serious consideration to your home state of Illinois for your papers.

It has been my privilege to have visited all eight libraries several more than once and a visitation to the existing libraries by your committee would be of invaluable assistance to them.

Sincerely,

William H. Perkins, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 20, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. W. RAY HEARON

SUBJECT: LENDS HIS SUPPORT AND URGES STRONG CONSIDERATION FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY TO BE BUILT AT THE BLAKELY-SWARTZ SITE IN TIERRA REJADA VALLEY IN EASTERN VENTURA COUNTY

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Dear Mr. Hearon:

Your letter dated July 17, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in the Tierra Rejada Valley in Eastern Ventura County, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.
Counsel to the President

Mr. W. Ray Hearon
President
Moorpark College
7075 Campus Road
Moorpark, California 93021

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)
MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT: Additional Correspondence from the General Public Suggesting Sites for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

As requested, the attached two letters, identical to your responses to several similar letters recently received on this subject, are for your signature.
July 17, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It is my understanding that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation is currently considering alternate sites for the ultimate location of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs. I am pleased to lend my support and urge strong consideration for the Blakely-Swartz site in the Tierra Rejada Valley in Eastern Ventura County. As you know, Ventura County is readily accessible to the larger Los Angeles Metropolitan area, and yet maintains the tranquil setting conducive to contemplation and research that would be central to the purpose of this type of facility. It is my further belief that the citizenry of this county would be strongly supportive of such a facility and would certainly cooperate in any manner which would make it a reality. I personally would like to extend the courtesy of offering the facilities of Moorpark College, located less than five miles from the proposal site, for any discussion relating to the proposal between your representatives and local officials and interested citizens.

Selection of this site would certainly be regarded as an outstanding addition to Ventura County and would be ideally suited to your own needs. If I, or the college, can be of any assistance in the deliberation, we are at your disposal.

Respectfully,

W. Ray Hearon
President

cc: Mr. Gary L. Jones, Executive Director
Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation
1025 Thomas Jefferson Avenue
N.W. 820, Washington, D.C. 20007
INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 21, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MAGGIE ERICKSON

SUBJECT: REQUESTS CONSIDERATION OF VENTURA COUNTY AS THE SITE FOR THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE (ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
Dear Ms. Erickson:

Your letter dated July 17, 1987, addressed to the President, requesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by ABC
Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.
Counsel to the President

Ms. Maggie Erickson
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
Government Center
Hall of Administration
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)
July 17, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President, United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.  20500

Dear President Reagan:

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors would be honored to have our County considered as the site for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. We view the Presidential Library as a depository of American history, a part of this Country's heritage, and something the citizens of Ventura County would be pleased to welcome as a demonstration of their patriotism.

Our Board would be pleased to meet with your representatives to discuss a suitable site and the scheduling desired for construction of the library. Our staff is ready to assist in any manner required to accomplish this task.

It is our understanding you would like groundbreaking to occur prior to your leaving office. This Board and the citizens of Ventura County would be honored to help prepare for such an occasion.

Your favorable consideration of Ventura County would be most gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,  

MAGGIE ERICKSON
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc:  Blakely Swartz
California Property Investors

Gary L. Jones, Executive Director
Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation
INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 22, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE VICKY HOWARD

SUBJECT: URGES CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL TO LOCATE THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY IN VENTURA COUNTY

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
Dear Ms. Howard:

Thank you for your letter dated July 19, 1987, addressed to the President and Mrs. Reagan, urging that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Ventura County, California.

We have referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.
Counsel to the President

Ms. Vicky Howard
Council Member
City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, California 93063

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)
July 19, 1987

The President of the United States and Mrs. Reagan:
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

A proposal to locate the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Public Policy Center in Ventura County has recently come to my attention and I would urge your consideration.

Our area is extremely well situated, approximately half way between your former home in the Palisades and the ranch in Santa Barbara. The mild climate, clean air, excellent freeway access and location within one hour of LAX are added benefits.

The Twenty First District now so well represented by our former Mayor, Elton Gallegly, has a long history of strong support for you, Mr. President. The Presidential Library and Public Policy Center would receive a warm welcome here. We would be most honored by your consideration.

Most respectfully yours,

Vicky Howard
COUNCIL MEMBER
WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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CBln - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
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V - Telephone
X - Miscellaneous
Y - Study
Dear Ms. Phinney:

Your letter dated May 12, 1987, addressed to the President, indicating your desire to have the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library located in Danville, Illinois, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by ABC
Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.
Counsel to the President

Ms. Sue Phinney, GRI
Realtor Associate
United Brokers
200 West Williams
Danville, Illinois 61832

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)
MEMORANDUM FOR ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT: Requests to Locate Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Danville, Illinois and Windom, Minnesota

As requested, the attached letters are for your signature. Please note that we are providing a copy of each of the attached letters and its response to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustess of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his information.
May 12, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

Dear Mr. Reagan:

We would be honored to have Danville, Illinois chosen as the site for your library. Our ties to Mr. Lincoln and your ties to Illinois, plus our location to interstate traffic should add positive notes for Danville.

Thank you for considering DANVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Sincerely,

Sue Phinney, GRI
Realtor Associate

CC: File


I think the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library should be located in Danville.

There's some background to this, of course. It has nothing to do with partisan politics or the kind of voting support people here have given the president. After all, he obviously has received plenty of voting support from plenty of towns and states.

My idea comes from my recent visit to Washington, D.C. I was there for about three days working in the USA TODAY building. I spent most of two days on the 17th floor reading 316 contest entries in the monthly Gannett news competition.

My arrival at the first-ever tour of the building - came late at night at National Airport. The pilot advised us that we would pass near the Pentagon, but I was on the wrong side of the plane.

What I did see, though, was inspired to me. My college degree is in history and I have spent my lifetime in news, much of it oriented toward events in the capital.

I got goose bumps looking down on the lighted Washington Monument with the Capitol Dome sparkling in the distance. I also was able to see the Jefferson and Lincoln memorials. The nighttime lights produce an eerie reverence, a terrific experience for me.

The morning after arrival, I got to the office where I'll spend a lot of time. The view in daylight from that floor is also impressive. There it is again, the Washington Monument and the Capitol Dome and Lincoln and Jefferson.

Our building is on the banks of the Potomac in Arlington. A tour of the building allows a view of the arched bridge over the river into Arlington National Cemetery. Images of the John Kennedy funeral and the Eternal Flame swim to the surface.

On my final morning in Washington, I get to the office early and visit some of my colleagues at Gannett News Service. A cup of warm coffee brightens the morning as I read that day's USA TODAY.

A little item from California catches my eye. Stanford University faculty members don't want the Reagan presidential library located there, so a different site in southern California will be sought.

It's incredible that such academic narrowness could occur. I can't believe they wouldn't embrace such a chance.

Well, Ronald Reagan's Presidential Library would be welcome in Danville. There's even some logic to such a decision. He is a native son, went to college in Illinois and draws many of his feelings about our government from Abraham Lincoln, who walked the streets of Danville.

What better place than here, the Heartland of America, to leave a presidential legacy. I think the people of Danville should let the president know that we would welcome the library here. I would think just clipping this column and sending a note to The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500 would do.