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Office of the President

February 3, 1986

Ms. Anne Kelly The White House Room 190 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

I want to express my sincere appreciation for our meeting in Washington last week. Both Phil and I were encouraged to see the obvious interest which you and Fred Ryan showed with regard to our agenda and requests. Thank you for what you have already done, and for your continued attention to those items which are important to Eureka College and to The President.

Based on your encouragement, we are beginning our planning for a White House reception for the Reagan Scholars and major donors this spring. Please let us know as soon as you have a potential date or dates for this event. We understood that it would be possible to have sufficient lead time so that we may make the best use of this with the commitment of donors.

I appreciate your willingness to explore again with Mrs. Reagan's staff the invitation from our Board of Trustees for her to come to the campus to receive an honorary degree. As I indicated, it is clear to us that this would mean a great deal to The President, and I know it is something that the Trustees want to do. We remain ready to work with her schedule as long as the date is within our academic year. We are obviously not in a position to cover all of the expenses of staff support, etc. We would hope that this could be arranged on some appropriate official function for the First Lady.

I will appreciate your continued input as to the appropriate time for scheduling the Chicago event. Based on our preliminary conversations, it did not appear that this spring would be good for The President. Unless a date could be confirmed quickly, that would not be good for our planning either. We are therefore looking toward either next fall or spring (1987) as a more likely occasion. The spring of 1987 could be publicized around the theme of The President's 55th anniversary of his graduation. In the meantime, we will be moving to build a greater source of strength in the Chicago area for this event.

Ms. Anne Kelly February 3, 1986 Page 2

The clarification of The President's desires regarding a museum at Eureka College is important to us. It is our understanding that he plans to send personal items to the college at the completion of his term of office for appropriate handling and display. If our understanding is correct, we need for him to confirm those intentions, and we need an indication of the amount and type of items that might be included. Obviously we want to be in a position to accommodate and display these items appropriately, and this will take considerable planning on our part to have a facility prepared. I will appreciate anything you can do to help us with this clarification in the near future.

Attached to this letter is a personal letter to The President, including my best wishes for his birthday. Thank you for your willingness to see that he gets this.

I appreciate all you are doing. I will look forward to hearing from you.

George A. Hearne

President

Sincerely,

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Ronald W. Reagan Scholarship Program

February 3, 1986

Ms. Anne Kelly Room 190 The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

It was a real pleasure having the opportunity to meet you in person. We appreciate very much the preparatory work you did in leading up to the visit with Fred Ryan. We are very encouraged by the results of the meeting.

In past years we have not always received such a warm welcome by staff. I think this resulted in everyone having a more difficult time. We value the positive, yet straightforward, approach that you and Fred took to our meeting. We will attempt to always respond in-kind. We realize the time pressures on each of you and especially on The President. Our only concern is to have your assistance in completing this Program which we believe is important to President Reagan and which will be an important legacy for his presidency.

As you requested, I have enclosed a list of those top prospects which we believe a presidential visit could help in moving to larger gifts. All of these individuals have made gifts to the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships. If you see an opportunity develop for a meeting between The President and any of these individuals, we would appreciate being alerted.

Again, we appreciate very much all your help. I will look forward to seeing you again.

Best regards,

Philip J. Palin

Director

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Major Prospects

Mr. John Amos Chairman and Chief Executive Officer American Family Life Assurance Co. 1932 Wynnton Rd. Columbus, GA 31999

Mr. Walter Annenberg President The Annenberg Fund, Inc. 100 Matsonford Rd. P. O. Box 750 Radnor, PA 19088

Mr. Robert J. Buckley Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Allegheny International, Inc. Two Oliver Plaza Pittsburgh, PA 15230

Mrs. Gustavus A. Buder 29 Upper LaDue Road St. Louis, MO 63124

Mr. William F. Farley Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Farley Industries 233 S. Wacker Dr., Ste. 50 Chicago, IL 60606

Mr. N. Bunker Hunt 2400 Thanksgiving Tower Dallas, TX 75201

Mrs. Anne L. Lehmann 10 Apple Tree Lane St. Louis, MO 63124

Mr. David Packard Chairman Hewlett-Packard Company 1601 Page Mill Road Palo Alto, CA 94304

Mr. Ronald O. Perelman Chairman and Chief Executive Officer MacAndrews & Forbes Group Incorporated 36 East 63rd Street New York, NY 10021

Dr. Alex Spanos President and Chief Executive Officer A. G. Spanos Enterprises 1341 West Robinhood Drive Stockton, CA 95207

Ms. Emily Woodruff 1941 Stark Avenue Columbus, GA 31906

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

FROM:

ANNE KELLY

SUBJECT:

EUREKA COLLEGE

In our meeting with George Hearne and Phil Palin, we discussed the following items:

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1. Bestowing an honorary degree on Mrs. Reagan. You agreed to review the request with Mrs. Reagan's office and get back to them with an answer.

2. Chicago fundraiser. We decided this might be difficult to do this spring or next fall but they should raise the idea again in Spring of 1987.

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β. White House reception for recent contributors. This would also include the last 3 classes of Reagan Scholars. The week of May 12th was preferable to them. This would follow graduation allowing students to participate in a week's worth of activities while here, as well as give Eureka sufficient lead time for the reception.

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N.B. We agreed to check with Fred Fielding on any difficulties with scheduling a brief photo opportunity for Mr. Hassib Sabbagh with the President. Phil Palin is sending me a bio on Sabbagh at which time I'll prepare a memo to Fielding from you.

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4. Personal museum at Eureka. You agreed to discuss this with the appropriate people so we could advise Eureka personnel of what role, if any, they should play in this.

5. Major Donors. Phil Palin will send a list of the major contributors, or potential contributors so that we can keep them in mind for photo opportunities when the President is on the road.

The item Phil Palin will keep pressing me on will be the date for the White House reception.



Ronald W. Reagan Scholarship Program

February 19, 1986

Ms. Anne Kelly Room 190 The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

Enclosed are the two most recent memoranda which were mailed to the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships' Board of Visitors. These are developed every eight to ten weeks.

We will include you on this mailing list. The Board memoranda may help keep you updated on some of our activities and plans. You will note that we expect to hold the next Board meeting in conjunction with The White House reception this spring.

Thank you for your help.

Best regards,

Philip J. Palin

Director

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Bonald W. Reagan Scholarship Program

November, 1985

MEMORANDUM

TO:

THE BOARD OF VISITORS

FROM:

PHILIP J. PALIN

The following summarizes a few of the current activities of the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships at Eureka College.

The review of the <u>summer mentoring</u> has been completed. Each scholar was asked to assess his or her own experience on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = poor, 5 = excellent). The average response was 4.2. A list of mentors is provided on the third page of the <u>new prospectus</u> which is attached. Thank you for the assistance of many Board members in placing the Reagan Scholars.

Also attached is a newspaper article on mentoring. We are working to enhance media coverage of this unique program.

After the delay of the campaign and the second term transition of staff, liaison with The White House has been confirmed. Mr. Fred Ryan will be our "official" contact. Anne Kelly, in Mr. Ryan's office, will also provide support. We are currently working to schedule two events with The President. Members of the Board of Visitors were instrumental in encouraging these arrangements.

The progress of the Reagan Scholars continues to be promising. Earlier this autumn we retested a number of the first class of Reagan Scholars. It has now been nearly three years since these individuals were first tested. Results showed that while, as a group, Reagan Scholars are more "power hungry" than most people, they have moderated this value by increased focus on the development of "harmonious" relationships. The psychological literature suggests that these developments conform with the pattern experienced by most leaders in early adulthood.

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Nineteen of thirty-four Reagan Scholars participated in the first of three scholarship retreats on October 17, 18, and 19. This retreat focused on the development of personal values, techniques of leadership, and adjustment to change. It was an especially successful retreat.

Ulrika Shoenquist, our first <u>International Fellow</u>, has enjoyed and benefited from Eureka so much she is hoping to complete her Bachelor's Degree here. Ulrika is Swedish and graduated from the finest secondary school in Paris. As an International Fellow, Ulrika was scheduled to return to Sweden in June. She is now applying for scholarships to help her remain at Eureka.

Since September, 2,800 requests for application to the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarship have been received. Deadline for filing the application is December 1.

Twelve priority areas for fundraising have been identified for the Reagan Scholarships. These areas were selected based on the number of donors who had made gifts of \$250 or more. President Hearne and I will attempt to meet with each of these individuals during 1986. The areas are:

Area	Number of Donors	Total Gifts to Date
Metro Boston	7	\$ 8,950
Metro New York City	35	169,145
Metro Miami	15	9,622
Illinois	34	72,609
St. Louis	8	25,205
Louisiana	6	3,925
Metro Dallas	10	33,450
Amarillo	5	18,000
Other Texas	11	30,840
Metro Phoenix	14	7,225
Southern California	60	297,445
Northern California	17	6,780

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Because of the growing demands of both fundraising and scholar counselling, Rev. Glenn Riddell has been named Associate Director of the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships. Rev. Riddell is a graduate of both The American University and Yale Divinity School. Rev. Riddell has served as Chaplain at Eureka since September, 1969.

It has been difficult to match the calendars of the college President, Mr. George Hearne, and the Board Chairman, Mr. Robert Buckley. We hope to set a date for the next meeting of the Board of Visitors by the end of November. I would anticipate a late January or early February date.

The next Board memorandum will be mailed as soon as a meeting date is set.

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Ronald W. Roagan Scholarship Program

February 1986

MEMORANDUM

To: The Board of Visitors

From: Philip J. Palin

The following summarizes a few of the current activities of the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships at Eureka College.

The new year began very well with a \$500,000 gift to the Scholar-ships from Mr. Harry Casey of Portland, Oregon. This gift was to the secured fund. Total gifts and pledges to the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships now total \$3.4 million. Actual cash in the secured fund totals \$1.1 million.

We have set a private goal of raising \$2.4 million between now and May 9, 1987. This would complete the financial needs of the Scholarship Program. The campaign will be approached in two phases. The first non-public phase will seek five gifts of \$200,000. These gifts will permanently endow five Reagan Scholars.

When these large gifts are received, a second public phase will begin with a goal of \$1.4 million. We hope to initiate the public phase by September 1, 1986. Your counsel and assistance will be appreciated.

On January 30 George Hearne and I attended a very helpful meeting at The White House. We are receiving strong support from White House staff. Several events are being scheduled with The President. A spring reception at The White House will thank recent contributors to the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships and allow The President to meet again with his Scholars.

In February we will begin to interview and test sixty-three national semi-finalists for the Reagan Scholarships. We have chosen these few from over 2,800 students who requested applications. Testing should be completed in late March. The selection of five new Scholars is scheduled for April. We hope they will be selected in time to attend The White House reception.

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The Board of Visitors
February 1986
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The Society of Ronald Reagan Scholars, a voluntary association of the Scholars, has recently been active. In early February they sent a giant birthday card to The President. Before Christmas the Society began corresponding with the Young Communist League at Moscow University. The Society hopes to arrange for some YCL representatives to visit Eureka in September 1986. I believe the Society is taking its clues from the Geneva Summit Conference. Knowing the Scholars, they are probably hoping to convert the young communists to capitalism.

Preparations for summer mentoring have begun in earnest. Due to financial difficulties, two Reagan Scholars will be unable to participate in mentoring. Other arrangements seem to be going well.

The Board of Visitors' meeting will be held on the same day as The White House reception in Washington, D.C. When the final schedule is established, I will communicate it to you.

As of February 1, I have returned to full-time work as Director of the Ronald W. Reagan Scholarships. You may recall that for the last nineteen months 1 have also served as Dean of Admissions at Eureka. It is good to be back.

While in Washington, I met with Dr. Gary Jones, Director of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation. The foundation is the fundraising arm for the Library. The meeting was helpful in clarifying several matters. It is our hope to avoid any competition with the Library efforts. Ideally, we see several areas for cooperation. As a result, I have asked Dr. Jones to consider membership on the Board of Visitors. If he receives permission, I will be mailing proxies for your consideration.

A <u>second Reagan Scholar retreat</u> took place in early January. The Scholars examined personal strengths and weaknesses, participated in a special seminar on Leadership in a Technologically Advanced Culture, and experimented with a role-playing exercise on leadership development.

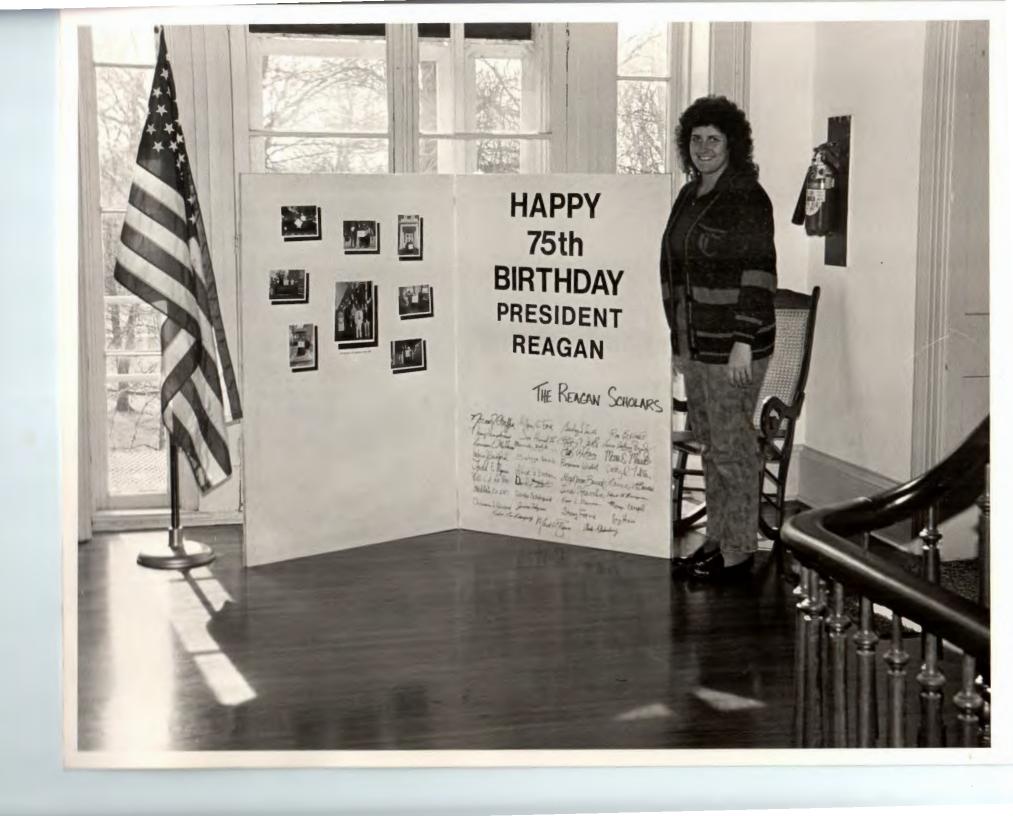
The next Board memorandum should be distributed in early April.

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PHILIP J. PALIN HURHKA COLLEGE Phone (309) 467-3721 Eureka, Illinois 61530

Anne-

Here is a photo of the birthday cand which the scholars are sending the President. I've had nothing to do with it, but think it would be great to have a photo of the President receiving the card.



Eureka College SPORT CHAIR PREDORY

Office of the President

February, 1986

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

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

Just yesterday I noticed the sign in Burgess Hall announcing a meeting of the senior class to go over plans for Commencement. It was a reminder of how rapidly the year seems to be going. We are now well into the second semester; a good time to share with you some of what's happening at Eureka College.

Academic Life. Our faculty is working intensely on the enrichment of the educational program. Heading the list are discussions on our general education requirements. I asked the faculty to make that a top priority, and I am pleased both with the process of debate and discussion on this issue and with the objectives that the committee has established. Their final recommendations are expected next year.

An Honors Program has been proposed for high achieving students. We are receiving exciting proposals for adjustments in our Business curriculum to make it more responsive to the needs of the business world, and to the goals of a liberal arts education. A distinguished panel of alumni, trustees, and other business leaders are advising us as we design that curriculum. A comprehensive program in the Behavioral Sciences, combining Psychology and Sociology, is under study in the Social Science Division. These important signs of the vitality of our academic planning and those who lead it have made for a constructive and stimulating year.

You may have heard of the decision of George Williams College to close in December. While we regret the loss of a distinguished sister institution in Illinois, we have been able to attract one of their leading faculty members to our campus. Dr. Andrew Pavlos, Professor of Psychology there for the past twelve years, will join our faculty for the Fourth Term (March), filling a very important position for us.

Student Life. It would be hard to overstate the impact of an active student body on the climate of the campus this year. A reporter from the Peoria Journal Star regularly visits Eureka because she claims that it is the only college in the area that seems to have a quality of vitality in debate and discussion among its students. In addition to focusing on key issues in its regular publication, The Pegasus, the student newspaper, is sponsoring a series of forums on controversial topics. The Student Senate recently hosted

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the Trustees for lunch, and reported on activities and items of interest to the students. It is an ambitious and eager student body, vitally involved in their educational experience at the college.

The men's and women's basketball teams stand at the top of the conference. The men's team is having an exceptional year with a record of 19-3. We should easily make the NAIA regional playoffs, and, for the first time, may rank high enough to begin them at home. Coach David Darnall celebrated his 200th victory at Eureka College earlier this season in a career that spans 11 1/2 seasons.

Enrollment. When we opened last Fall, we had an enrollment of 446 students. Facing the need to grow, we began immediately to build enrollment prospects for the coming year by giving strong attention to the quality of the program and services available at the college, and to new efforts at marketing and recruiting. We advertised broadly the advantages of our Second Term (October Term) which offers a unique opportunity for students who did not enroll in the fall to begin their study without waiting until second semester. The response was gratifying, and it also led to increased new student enrollment for the January Term. That, plus a positive mood on campus, built a much stronger enrollment for Term Three than has been true in past years. We are greatly encouraged by this progress which is a part of the optimism we all share as we look to next Fall.

The other part is the outlook for next year's freshman class. Applications are significantly ahead of last year. We anticipate an entering class of 170 or more students, an increase of 20% over this past year.

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Larry Lesick has joined our staff as Director of Admissions as of February 1. Dr. Lesick has experience in sales and in admissions activity, having served three years as Associate Director of Admissions at Alma College in Michigan. He is also committed to private higher education. He is an honors graduate of Ohio Wesleyan College and holds both the Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Vanderbilt University. He brings an unusual combination of talent and strength to this position, and has already demonstrated his readiness to lead us in this area.

This move enabled Phil Palin to return to full-time direction of the Reagan Scholarship Program. He has divided his time between that program and the admissions effort over the last year and a half. It is good for us now to have full-time direction in both programs.

Gifts. This will be another record year for gifts to the college. At this time, we project total gift receipts exceeding \$1,750,000. Last year's record was approximately \$1,500,000. Though Eureka's achievement is exceptional when compared to other colleges of our size, our need for additional gifts remains very critical today and in the future.

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In early, January, we received combined gifts from Mr. H.J. Casey and his sister, Marguerite Casey, to the Reagan Scholarship Program totaling \$500,000. I visited with the Caseys in November and asked them to consider endowing a Reagan Scholarship in each of their names. (A gift of \$200,000 is required to permanently endow one Reagan Scholar.) I am happy to report that, with their gifts, we now have four of the twenty annual scholarships fully endowed, and pledges will account for three more. We need to underwrite the remaining 13 scholarships with the next two years.

The Budget. With careful monitoring by the Business Manager and the individuals in charge of departmental budgets, expenses for 1985-86 are within budget. Tuition revenue is above projections. The ultimate success of the budget year rests on gift income between now and June 30. Although total gifts are significantly ahead of a year ago, much of that is designated for endowment or capital purposes. Annual gifts that are unrestricted, or those restricted for current operations, are critical if we are to meet the remaining revenue projections.

This year our budget calls for 39% of the educational and general expenses to be met through annual gifts. As we plan for the future, this expectation is much too high, both because it is extremely difficult to project and sustain, and because it diverts gifts away from vitally needed capital projects and endowment growth. Therefore, we must continue to increase the percentage of those expenses that are met by tuition. This will be done through growth in enrollment and adjustment in fees. Both of those factors are projected in next year's budget.

Our endowment, particularly for scholarships, must also grow to help us increase enrollment. Resources must be available to help those students who want to attend Eureka make that a possibility even when their family is not able to meet our costs.

Estates in Process. Within the next two years, there are nine estates that will be settled with Eureka College as a beneficiary, with amounts ranging from \$1,000 to close to \$1,500,000. Some of these are directed toward endowment, which will greatly enhance annual endowment income particularly for scholarship purposes. Others will be used for debt retirement. We have made significant progress in reducing the debt incurred as a result of deficit operations prior to the 1984-85 year. It is gratifying to know that that progress will continue through these commitments.

Unfortunately, along with the good news of the estates, comes the sad news of the death of some close and longtime friends of the college. Mabel Dingeldine of Washington, Illinois has been a loyal follower and supporter of the college for years. At her death, she designated that the three higher educational institutions in her area receive all of her estate for the purpose of establishing endowed scholarships.

Ruth Beck, a graduate of Eureka and a four term member of the Board of Trustees, died recently in Tennessee. She has included the college for one-half of her estate.

We will miss these good friends, but appreciate their devotion to Eureka during their lifetime and in their final decisions.

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New Trustee. The Board elected Clark L. Reed, Jr., of Columbus, Georgia, to fill an unexpired term through 1988. Mr. Reed is President and founder of Calumet Financial Associates, Inc., having served earlier as a Partner-in-charge for Bear Stearns & Company's Bond Department for the Southeast Region. He graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1963 and has been active in numerous civic organizations. We welcome him as he brings a considerable amount of talent, enthusiasm, and interest to Eureka College in his role as Trustee.

Commencement 1986. Commencement exercises will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 3:00 p.m. in Rinker Outdoor Theatre. A Baccalauerate Service will be held at 10:30 in the morning in The Christian Church. I am pleased that Mr. William Farley, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Farley-Northwest Industries, will be the Commencement speaker. In addition to being a leading corporate executive, he is a strong friend of private higher education. He is also a member of the Founders' Society at Eureka. His belief in the importance of a liberal education in today's society is central. I am sure that he will have much of interest to share with our graduates and their families.

The Baccalaureate speaker will be The Reverend Nathan Smith, Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois-Wisconsin.

You are invited to join us for that happy occasion. If your schedule will permit you to do so, please let me know so that we may look forward to welcoming you that day.

I have touched on what appear to be the most significant happenings that have transpired over the past months at the college. I trust this gives you a taste of the excitement we are feeling. Because of friends like you, the college is growing in strength everyday. Thank you for caring so deeply about Eureka College.

As always, I welcome your observations, suggestions, and recommendations. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

George A. Hearne

President

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Ronald W. Reagan Scholarship Program

March 13, 1986

Ms. Anne Kelly The White House Room 190 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

Thank you for your telephone call. We will anticipate The White House reception for mid-May and await final word from you.

As you requested, enclosed is a brief background document on Hasib Sabbagh. In January, 1984, Mr. Charles Tyson of the NSC staff communicated there was "no problem" with Mr. Sabbagh.

We appreciate your follow-up work regarding the museum. It will be good to know exactly what The President has in mind.

Best regards,

Philip J. Palin Director

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Enclosure

Background Information on Hasib Sabbagh

Birth date:

1920

Birth place:

Maragouan, Lebanon

Occupation:

Chairman

Consolidated Contractors International Company Limited

Atrina Centre 32A Kifissias Ave. Paradissos Amaroussiou

Athens, Greece

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Residence:

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2409 Wyoming N.W. 24th St. Corner

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Also has residence in London, England.

Education:

Graduate of The American University of Beirut, Lebanon,

(1940s, Engineering)

Business

Associations: Member of the Board of Directors, Arab Bank

Religion:

Roman Catholic

Family:

Three children — two attending college in Florida;

daughter, Sana, a Harvard graduate, self-employed

in Washington, D.C.; wife deceased in 1978.

Gifts to

Eureka College: \$200,000; has pledged an additional \$400,000.

Member of the Board of Trustees at Eureka College 1984 - 1991.

Vis:

Eureka College

Ronald W. Reagan Scholarship Program

April 4, 1986

Ms. Anne Kelly The White House Room 190 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

There are a couple of small matters on which I hope we might receive your help. The first relates to the upcoming birthday of Mr. Israel Hebert. Mr. Hebert will be ninety years old on April 15. Would it be possible for a letter of congratulations to be sent from The President to Mr. Hebert? Attached is our recommendation regarding the letter of congratulations.

Also attached to this correspondence is a White House photograph of The President. This was taken on his last visit to Eureka. We would like to reproduce this photograph for fundraising purposes. It is our understanding that since it is an official White House photograph that we cannot easily arrange for reproduction. Would The White House photographers' office be able to provide a negative? We are going to reproduce at least one hundred of these photographs. If there is a cost associated with receiving the negative, please let me know.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. We are continuing preparations for the possible mid-May reception. Please let me know if we can do anymore on that score.

Best regards,

Philip J. Palin

Director

PJP/rc

Attachments

Dictated by Mr. Palin and signed in his absence.

Recommended Letter to Mr. Israel Hebert

Mr. Israel "Paul" Hebert 615 Shankland Ave. Jennings, Louisiana 70546

Dear Paul:

Best wishes for a very happy birthday. I trust that your family and friends have prepared a big day for you.

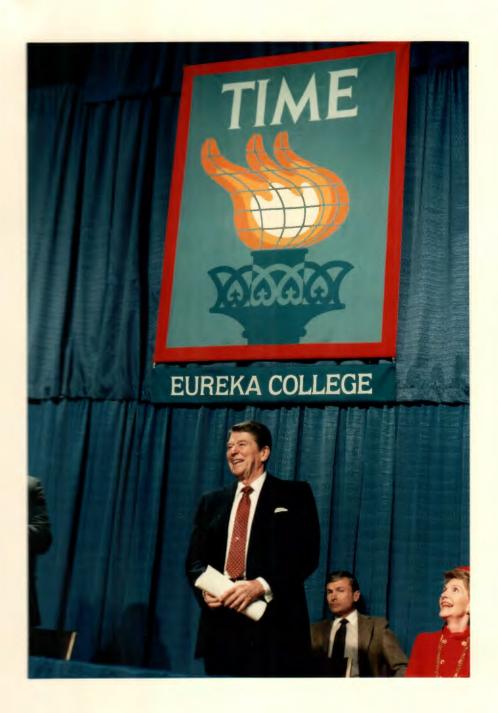
I know the dedication with which you and your family have served America throughout the years. In recent years I have deeply appreciated all you have done on my behalf. It is good to know that we have such strong support among one of the leading families of Arcadiana. What a beautiful and historic area.

I want to take this opportunity, in particular, to thank you for your support of Eureka College. As you know, I hold an especially warm place in my heart for that small college which helped my dreams come true.

Bien a vous,

Ronald W. Reagan

(Mr. Hebert is Cajun French).



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