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February 12, 1981

Dear Mr. Thurston:

I'm writing to thank you, having heard all that you did regarding our gifts from Mr. ^XZipkin and friends. But, also, to thank you for sending me the seals. Jerry told me how kind you've been, and I want you to know how much I appreciate having the seals. I know they will be a great practical help in the days ahead. You were kind to do this, and both Mrs. Reagan and I are very grateful.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

x

Mr. Vincent E. Thurston
T. Anthony Ltd.
480 Park Avenue at 50th Street
New York, New York 10022

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WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT: Subject File

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Audio cassette - "Birthday Tape"

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T. Anthony Ltd.
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Historical File

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT
Pacific Palisades, California

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February 12, 1981

Dear Mr. Wendell:

I have received your gift by way of Justin Dart and want you to know how very grateful I am. I'm delighted to have the personalized bolo that you made. It may not get much wear in the White House, but I can assure you I go Western when I get to the ranch or Camp David, and it will be used very much. It's very handsome and, again, let me say how grateful I am.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

X

Mr. Charles B. Wendell
548 Boliver Street
Canton, Mississippi 02021

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Mr. Charles B. Wendell
548 Boliver St.
Canton Mass. 02021

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT
Pacific Palisades, California

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PP010-01

February 12, 1981

Dear Ruth and Tom

What a wonderful night Nancy and I have to remember and how wonderful it was to be able to see you again. Now, however, I'm writing to thank you for my wonderful presents.

First of all, my sweater. I'll never be cold at Camp David again. But, most of all, that wonderful set of books. That you would surrender what must have been a treasured possession and give it to me is above and beyond the call of duty. I, too, shall treasure them and thank you with all my heart.

Sincerely,

RON

X

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones
1050 Moraga Drive
Los Angeles, California 90049

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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones
1050 Moraga Dr.
L.A. Calif.

Historical Photo

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Dearest Ronnie —

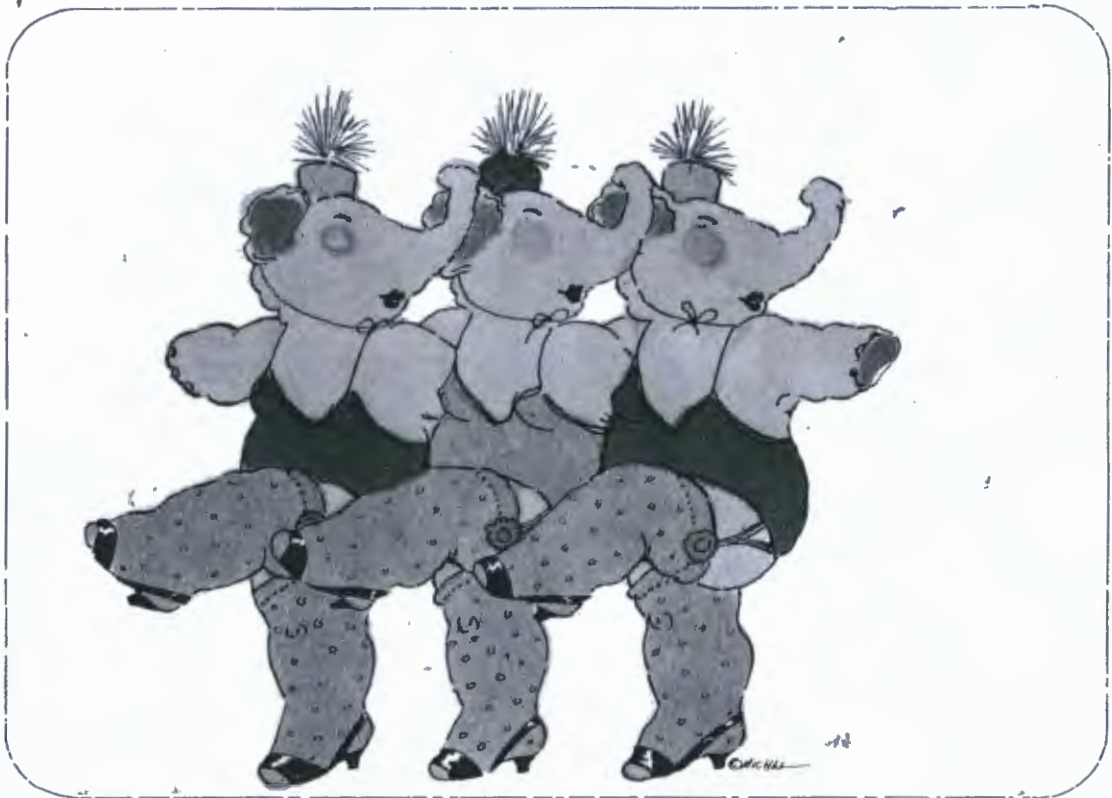
Those western cowboy shirts
won't be warm enough for here — keep this
keeps you warm & toasty at Camp David!

our love & good good
wishes

GRANDIOSE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Blue Turtleneck
Sweater

Pat & Tom
Jones



A GRAND EVENT IS CELEBRATED; A GREAT, GOOD TIME BEING HAD BY ALL!

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February 12, 1981

Dear Sue and Ted

What a wonderful memory Nancy and I will carry with us -- not only through this year but the years ahead. I don't know that anything can top my surprise birthday party, and I don't care what the cynical press says -- I was surprised. I think I figured it out, though -- all we have to do is do this over again, even without a birthday, and more than once.

Now, however, let me thank you for my very beautiful gift. Now I really know what the fox hunters mean when they talk about a stirrup cup. Well, this must be the most beautiful stirrup cup anyone ever carried on horseback. Don't worry. I'm not going to take it riding. It is sitting here before me on its little stand and adds a great touch of class to my study.

Thanks again and love,

Sincerely,

RON

X

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cummings
806 North Camden
Beverly Hills, California 90211

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Mr. & Mrs. Ted Cummings
806 N. Camden
Beverly Hills, 90211
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT ELECT
Pacific Palisades, California

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PP010-01

February 12, 1981

Dear Francis Albert and Barbara:

It was wonderful to have you here the other night, a night which Nancy and I will place alongside the gala in our memory and keep it there for as long as we have a memory. I've never been so surprised and so overjoyed as to see all of you here. I must be pretty naive because, believe me, I had no inkling whatsoever that it was going to happen.

Handwritten notes: 20 minutes, 4 pp 6

But now, and of equal importance, I came upstairs to find some gifts awaiting me and, among them, that most beautiful ship's clock. As a matter of fact, the case alone was beautiful enough to be a gift by itself. Well, anyway, Nancy and I are both so happy with it, and it sits out there in the great hall on the second floor very proudly on display. Please know you have our heartfelt thanks.

Nancy sends her love and so do I.

Sincerely,

RON

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sinatra
Sinatra Enterprises
1041 North Formosa Avenue
Hollywood, California 90046

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copy to Jeanette Chase 9-29-88

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Joels
in Box

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Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sinatra
(Let me know if we don't
have their address)

Happy Birthday
Mr. President -

Much love,

Barbara and Francis Albert

[Faint, illegible handwritten text]

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sinatra

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February 12, 1981

Dear Grace and Henrys:

How can we ever really thank you for that beautiful bejeweled crystal elephant. You'd be surprised what it has done for the second floor here in this lovely place. It is a treasure Nancy and I will cherish forever. And don't worry -- It will go wherever we go.

We'll both be remembering this surprise party for a long, long time, and it will be a very warm memory.

Nancy sends her love and, again, our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

X
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Salvatori
1901 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, California 90067

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Crystal & Robert

Our love and very best

~~Mr. and Mrs. Henry Salvatori~~

Wishes as always

Henry and Rose

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457 Bel Air Road
Los Angeles

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February 12, 1981

Dear Kacey and Peter and Shane and Patrick:

Thank you all very much for my gifts. Peter, that sterling silver buckle and knowing the story behind it -- is just too beautiful. I promise I'll never wear it while doing ranch work. It will only be for show off. I'm more grateful than I can say for such a wonderful gift and one that I know has meaning for you.

Shane and Patrick, thank you for the picture you did. It is very nice, and I'm very pleased to have it. Thank you, also, for my little gray squirrel. There are many of them on the lawn here. I see them from my window in the office. Now I have one of my own.

Well, all of you -- thanks very much for my gifts.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

X

Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCoy
and Family
5161 Palisade Lane
Washington, D.C. 20016

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Stirling Silver
Brooch
+ picture drawn
by John Patrick
Spencer

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Dear Mr. President,
The happiest of birthdays
to you!
with great affection and
admiration.
Lucy and Peter

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~~Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCoy~~

Mr. & Mrs. Peter McCoy

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I know we must
have their address.

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February 12, 1981

Dear Jan and Mike:

It was wonderful to see you. I wish we could have had that great evening and, at the same time, more time to visit. But I am writing now to thank you for your gift. The studies of Lincoln in that book are magnificent and, somehow, you seem to look at them with a different feeling in this place. It's almost as if he might come walking out of one of the rooms any minute. I found myself almost tempted to go into the Lincoln bedroom to look at the picture. Anyway, it was wonderful of you to give us this gift, and we're both grateful.

Nancy sends her love. So do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner ^XCowles
810 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. President

Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Cowles

Bank THE FACE OF LINCOLN

To Wish You
a very Happy

Birth Day 103861

with love,
Jan & Mike

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Mr. & Mrs.
Gardner Cowles
810-5th Ave.
N.Y. N.Y.

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February 12, 1981

Dear Kitty and Mervyns

Thank you so very much for our very beautiful silver letter opener. I may find myself sometimes wanting to use it on something other than a letter before I get out of here. But I'll restrain myself. You were very kind, and we're very grateful.

Nancy sends her love, and we both hope we'll be seeing you soon.

Again, thanks.

Love,

RON

x
Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn LeRoy
615 North Camden
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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February 12, 1982

Com sent to K. Shepley 2-9-82

W

Dear Mr. Shepley, I am writing to you regarding the...

Respectfully,
Robin Thomas

Love,

Robin Thomas
1111 California Street
Berkeley, CA 94704
Phone: (415) 841-1111

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Dear Ronnie.

So wish we could
be with you to wish
you joy & happiness
on your Birthday -
warmest love.

Killy & Leanne

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Letter opener

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn LeRoy

615 N. Camden

Beverly Hills Calif.

90210

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February 12, 1981

Dear Sophia and Bill:

Thank you very much for the framed picture. Nancy and I have seen that in a paper or magazine someplace since the Inaugural Parade and wished that we had it. Now we do. We're both grateful to you and will be remembering February 6 for a long, long time.

Nancy sends her love and, again, our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable and Mrs. William ^XCasey
The Jefferson Hotel
1200 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
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Happy birthday
with this memento
of what Figara
called in it's caption
on this picture
"the day America
woke up"

Sophia and Bill
Casey

Panose Photo
framed 003863

To Mrs. Mrs. Wm. Casey
(I guess we have his
signature)

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For Someone Special



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February 12, 1981

Dear Marge *CH*

It was a wonderful evening and so great to see all of you. I'm just sorry there were so many that we couldn't spend the time visiting with each one of you as much as we'd like. Nancy and I will be remembering that night for a long time.

Thank you very much for my handsome maroon sweater. Tomorrow we're off to Camp David, and this time I won't be cold, thanks to you. I had a maroon sweater, but Patty grabbed it a few years ago, and I've never seen it since. So I'm delighted to have this one.

Nancy sends her love as do I.

Sincerely,

RON

^X
Mrs. Webb Everett
Beverly Wilshire Hotel
Beverly Hills, California

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Mrs. ~~W~~ Webb Everett
Beverly Wilshire Hotel
Beverly Hills ~~Calif~~ Calif.

To a most wonderful
man - and a great
President

...for a very special person!

How fortunate I am
to have you both as
such wonderful
friends

Marion
Dunlap

Happy Birthday!

Love,
Marj

A very special card...



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February 12, 1981

Dear Bunny and Jack:

How can I ever thank you for that very beautiful belt buckle. I'm gonna be the classiest cowboy east of the Mississippi and certainly on our own ranch. I have some belt buckles, but I've never had one really handcrafted by an Indian artisan as this one is.

It was so wonderful to be with you at my surprise party. And I don't care what the press said, I really was surprised. I promise I'll never let the Russians sneak up on me that way. You don't suppose we could make this a kind of weekly get together, do you? I know one thing -- Nancy and I will be remembering that night for as long as we can remember.

Nancy sends her love and so do I. And, again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. and Mrs. Jack^x Wrather
172 Delfern Drive
Los Angeles, California 90024

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Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weather
172 ~~300~~ Delferm
L.A. Calif

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This is for riding
the trails at Camp David
Happy Birthday - and
God bless.

Love -
Penny and Jack

Buckle

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wrather

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FC

February 12, 1981

Dear Mignon and Bill:

It was wonderful to see you here. And Nancy and I have both decided there should be a reunion in Mexico -- guess where.

But what I'm really writing about is to thank you so much, and that's on behalf of Nancy, too, for my birthday gift. That picture frame is the most unusual and beautiful thing we have seen. We are going to be hard put to find a little picture worthy of it. I tell you truly, we are just crazy about it. Thank you so much.

Nancy sends her love and so do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. and Mrs. William Winans
1251 Tower Grove Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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~~Mr.~~ (WINANS)
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Winans
1251 Tower Grove Dr.
B. H. Calif. 90210



THE MADISON
Washington, D. C.
20005

Pic. Frame
James A. Carter

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Dearest Mr. President (Ronnie),
We do hope that all
your dreams for the full-
filment of the great potential
of these beautiful United
States will come to pass.
We are so proud of
you and your gorgeous
Nancy. We love you.
Happiestness plus!
Wignou and Bill
(address on back)

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February 12, 1981

Dear Lorena:

It was so wonderful to have you all here at the party. We are still talking about it and probably will be for a long time to come. It truly was a magic evening. When it was over and we came upstairs, I found some gifts here, among them a very beautiful scarf from you which I am delighted to have and for which I thank you from the bottom of my heart. We came here not completely equipped for this kind of weather. You have helped take care of that. And, again, thank you.

Nancy sends her love and so do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mrs. Michael ^XNidorf
Penthouse A
875 South Comstock Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90024

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Dear

MRS. MICHAEL NIDORF

Penthouse A. 875 So. Gravelly Ave.
L.A. 90024

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Dear, dear friend, Mr President -

May your birthday be as
blessed and happy as I pray
every day will be for you!

This wish comes with my heart.
felt love.

Loena

M. Rawlins 10/20/02

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

O - OUTGOING

H - INTERNAL

I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/102/14

ID # 003889

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Name of Correspondent: Robert L. Livingston

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Writes on behalf of Mr. Arvil Bethel,
advises constituent has painted a
portrait of the President & would like
the opportunity to present it to him

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
<u>La Frie</u>	ORIGINATOR	<u>8/102/14</u>	<u>MF</u>	<u>8/03/23</u>
<u>Newell</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>8/03/26</u>	<u>GN</u>	<u>8/05/05</u>
<u>Ronaldson</u>	Referral Note:	<u>8/05/05</u>		<u>C 1 1 WS</u>
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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
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- D - Draft Response
- F - Fact Sheet
- I - Info Copy
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

- A - Answered
- B - Non-Special Referral
- C - Completed
- S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

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Prime Subject Code: GI 002 Secondary Subject Codes: PR 007 _____

PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

<u>Code</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Form</u>
C	_____	Time: _____	P- _____
DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

SIGNATURE CODES:

CPn - Presidential Correspondence
n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
n - 3 - Ron
n - 4 - Dutch
n - 5 -

CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
n - 2 -
n - 3 -

CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
n - 2 -

MEDIA CODES:

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O - Memo
P - Photo
R - Report
S - Sealed
T - Telegram
V - Telephone
X - Miscellaneous
Y - Study

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

- O - OUTGOING
- H - INTERNAL
- I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8/1/03

Name of Correspondent: Robert L. Livingston

MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Refers to his Feb. 11, letter, regarding a letter he received from a constituent, Mrs. David Bettel, & his request to present the President with an oil portrait. Enclosure constituent's most recent letter & a photo of

ROUTE TO: the picture he painted ACTION DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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ACTION CODES:
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DISPOSITION CODES:
 A - Answered C - Completed
 B - Non-Special Referral S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:
 Type of Response = Initials of Signer
 Code = "A"
 Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

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No. of Additional Correspondents: _____ Media: L Individual Codes: 1240 _____

Prime Subject Code: PR007 Secondary Subject Codes: GI 002 _____

PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
C	_____	Time: _____	P- _____
DSP	_____	Time: _____	Media: _____

SIGNATURE CODES:

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence
 - n - 0 - Unknown
 - n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
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 - n - 3 - Ron
 - n - 4 - Dutch
 - n - 5 - Ron Reagan
 - n - 6 - Ronald
 - n - 7 - Ronnie
- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
 - n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
 - n - 2 - Nancy
 - n - 3 -
- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence
 - n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
 - n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

May 5, 1981

Dear Congressman Livingston:

Max Friedersdorf has brought to my attention his acknowledgement of your letter on behalf of Mr. Arvil Bethel who wishes to present to the President the portrait he painted of him.

I wanted to let you know that particular notation has been made of your request on behalf of Mr. Bethel and that just as soon as it is possible to arrange an appointment we will contact you again.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Robert L. Livingston
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc & inc: Helen Donaldson
Inf copy: M. Friedersdorf ✓ sent
GJN:mhr:emb-42a

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

6 APRIL 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL

FROM: MICHAEL P. CASTINE 

SUBJ: SCHEDULING REQUEST.

MAX FRIEDERSDORF WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE PART OF THE CONGRESSIONAL TIME FOR THE TWO ATTACHED REQUESTS. NEITHER ONE IS OF HIGH PRIORITY.

REP. BILL GRADISON WOULD LIKE THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND A CHOWDER AND MARCHING SOCIETY MEETING AND REP. ROBERT LIVINGSTON WOULD LIKE HIS CONSTITUENT, ARVIL BETHIL, TO PRESENT A PAINTING TO THE PRESIDENT.

SEE ATTACHED.

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March 23, 1981

Dear Bob:

With regret for the delay, I would like to thank you for writing to the President on February 11 on behalf of Mr. Arvil Bethel.

I can certainly appreciate your interest in arranging for Mr. Bethel to present to the President his portrait of him. You may be assured that I have brought your request to the attention of the President's scheduling office. I am certain it will be carefully considered.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert L. Livingston
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

MLF:CMP:KIR:kir

cc: w/inc to Greg Newell - for further handling
~~cc: w/copy to Nancy Kennedy - FYI~~

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON
1ST DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

ROOM 130

CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-3013

DISTRICT OFFICE:

642 F. EDWARD HEBERT BUILDING
610 SOUTH STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130
(504) 589-2753



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 18, 1981

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND TRANSPORTATION

SUBCOMMITTEES:

WATER RESOURCES
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT
MARINE AND FISHERIES

SUBCOMMITTEES:

COAST GUARD AND NAVIGATION
MERCHANT MARINE
PANAMA CANAL

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE
OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

SELECT COMMITTEE ON
NARCOTICS ABUSE AND CONTROL

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

On February 11 I wrote to you regarding a letter I received from a constituent, Mr. Arvil Bethel, and his request to present you with an oil portrait that he has done of you.

I am enclosing a copy of his most recent letter, along with a photograph of the picture he painted.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON
Member of Congress

RLL:jg
Enclosures

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M.F.

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON
1ST DISTRICT, LOUISIANA

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

ROOM 130

CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-3015

DISTRICT OFFICE:

642 F. EDWARD HERBERT BUILDING
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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130
(504) 589-2753



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 11, 1981

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS
AND TRANSPORTATION

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT
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OFFICIAL CONDUCT

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON
NARCOTICS ABUSE AND CONTROL

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m.f.
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

Mr. Arvil Bethel, a constituent of mine, has painted a portrait of you, a photograph of which is enclosed.

He is rightfully proud of his work, and he would like to present it to you at your earliest convenience. Also enclosed is his business card in case you would like to contact him directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RL", written over the word "Sincerely,".

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON
Member of Congress

RLl:j
Enclosures

March 10, 1981

Robert L. Livingston
Congressman
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Livingston:

Thank you very much for the prior telephone communications and the letter to the president concerning the portrait I have created.

In This letter, I again make a humble, sincere request that you personally communicate with the President in my behalf on making the presentation of the portrait.

If, in any other manner in which the portrait may be presented, such as; through a meeting of possibly high persons of the oil industry here in Louisiana, or whatever other industry and area you may know or possibly suggest. I will accept this also.

Certainly, my main objective is that President Reagan receive this portrait. I feel that it has a unique quality that literally overwhelms and enthusiastically inspires every person who looks upon this portrait of the President. I speak not from conceit nor egotism of myself as having painted it. There is something special here, because it seemed to almost literally paint itself as though it was meant to be, by purpose.

I have such strong feelings about how, positively, this portrait will affect this country when it is accepted.

I must admit, that this is the greatest thing I have done and because of what I believe, of the greatest man and President our country has had in many years.

Mr. Livingston, I respectfully and sincerely request that you do all that is in your power to put this through.

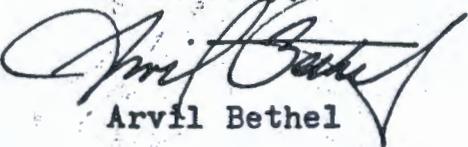
I have enclosed photographs of the portrait, two of which I would like to be presented again to the President. The other four are for you and whomever you would like to show or give them to.

Again, thank you very much for your consideration, co-operation and understanding in this matter. I am waiting each day with great anticipation and have been reluctant to show this portrait as requests of several establishments, because of being sort of, on stand-by, in case I hear from you or the President.

If need be, I can come to Washington with the portrait at any time or notice if you think this necessary in expediting getting it into the WhiteHouse. Or, if you would like to recieve the portrait personally yourself and take it to the President. I will immediately bring it to you in Washington. Please don't hesitate as an imposition, to contact me by phone to do this. I am waiting and ready to respond in any way to get this portrait into the hands of President Reagan, and I will not give up until he recieves it.

With great enthusiasm, I am looking forward to hearing from you, and with appreciation, I close this letter.

Sincerely,



Arvil Bethel

P.S. I have also enclosed a brief resume of myself, for your information. Also I have indicated on the backs of the two photo's as which ones I want you to present the President.

I think I failed to tell you before, but this portrait was originally intended to be an inauguration gift.

One more note of information: PM Magazine will air my Pilot/Artist story, with the Reagan portrait also, on Tuesday, March 17, 1981. Please watch it if you get the oppurtunity.

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Mary -
Livingston wrote to us
again the day we answered
his last ltr -
Am enclosing copy of
our response FYI

Melanie
Cong. Correspondence

PLEASE

GIVE THESE TWO -

TO THE

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THANK YOU

A.B.



24"x30" "PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN" (oil/canvas)
Artist - Arvil Bethel
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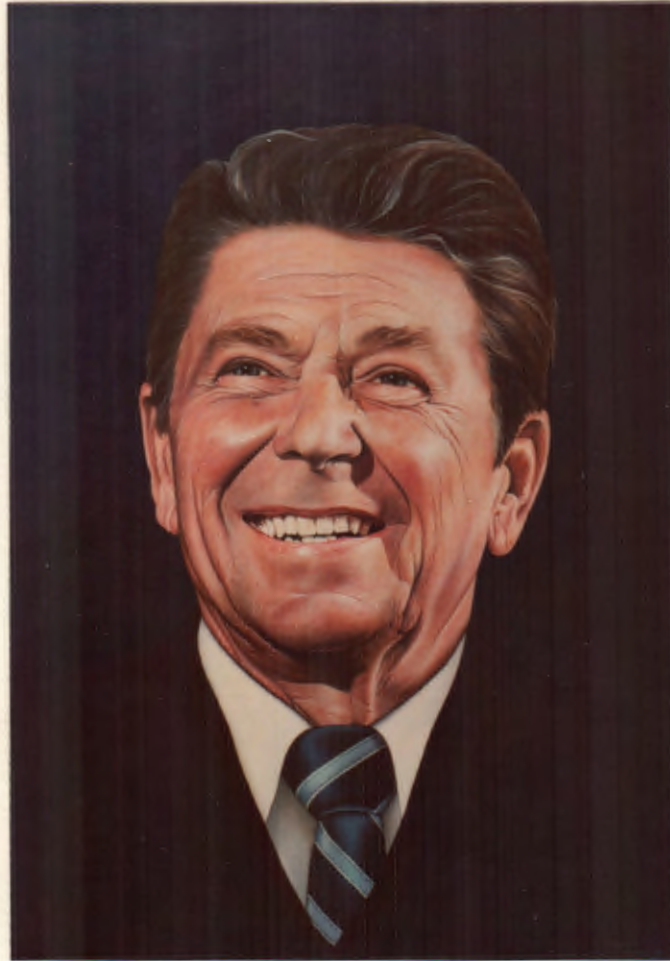
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1981

Dear Chuck and Missy:

Thank you very much for my gift. It's on the desk - a beautiful crystal reminder about where the "Bucharoo" does stop. If I ever do forget - hit me over the head with it.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

^x
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyson
650 So. Columbus St.
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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