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March 18, 1981

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Dear Mr. Wilke:

I want you to know how much I appreciate having the copy of <u>Creating the Caring Congregation</u>. I will be interested to read it and have put it on the nightstand for that purpose. Thank you.

I, too, enjoyed our visit and am grateful for your reflections on it. It's true that I see you as a person. Perhaps some of the reason for that was your seeing me as a person, too, and not just an institution.

With warm personal regard and, again, my thanks. I am proud to know you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN - A

Mr. Harold Wilke Executive Director Healing Community 139 Walworth Avenue White Plains, New York 10606

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Gift of book

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Personal?

President Kenneth A. Preston New York City

**Executive Director** Harold H. Wilke 139 Walworth Avenue White Plains, New York 10606 (914) 761-4986

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February 18, 1981.

President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

When you greeted me in the Oval Office, you placed your hands on my shoulders, noting immediately I had no arms. And with a clerical collar, you could greet me as a minister rather than as a person with a disability. I deeply appreciate that. In a real sense this is what we are all about in the International Year of Disabled Persons, to see all individuals with handicaps and disabilities as persons first!

I promised at that time to send you a copy of my new book, Creating the Caring Congregation, a guide for local churches in working with persons with handicaps. I promised to autograph it for you, which of course means doing it with my toes. is attached.

With it I again pledge that we in the religious community -Catholic, Jewish, Protestant and others will do our best to uphold in the religious sector what you have pledged yourself to do in the secular, in your Proclamation on the United States and the International Year of Disabled Persons. And we will do it on our own, following our commitment in our Healing Community organization to use only our own voluntary efforts.

HHW/jmb Book enclosed

Sincerely yours,

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Harold Wilke

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March 18, 1981

Dear Mr. Lehmann:

This is a very belated note to thank you for the handsome desk telephone pad and card file which you sent to me as a remembrance of my participation in the debate.

I am proud to have this set, and it will get some heavy use. Please know how sorry I am for the delay in writing. Your very thoughtful gift just re-emerged with some other mail which arrived during the transition.

Again, thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

# RONALD REAGAN -A

Mr. Bob Lehmann
Ohio Bell
1255 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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cc: H. von Damm/M.Power/D.Livingston/CF

Sift telephone pad & card file from Pres. Delset

**Bob Lehmann** 

**Account Executive** 



Ohio Bell 1255 Euclid Avenue, 3rd Floor Cleveland, Ohio 44115 Phone (216) 822-7114 THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE FISCHER

FROM:

FRANCIS X. LILLY LM

Attached hereto is a desk telephone pad and card file which was sent to me in November, 1980, by the Ohio Bell Telephone Company as a remembrance of the President's participation in the "Great Debate" in Cleveland on October 28, 1980. Somehow, it got lost in the bowels of the Transition Office and thereafter was returned to me.

As you can see, the President's name is imprinted on the front cover of the book. You can do what you think is appropriate with the book. I would like to have an acknowledgement letter sent, under the President's signature, to Mr. Bob Lehmann of the Ohio Bell Company. His card is attached to the front of the book. He is the man who made the arrangements for sending the book to us.

Thank you for attending to this matter.

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March 17, 1981

To the Members of the John Gorri Junior High School "Washington" Band

Thank you for the handsome plague designating me as an honorary member of the John Gorri Junior High School "Washington" Band.

It was very kind of you to honor me this way, and your thoughtful gift will be included among my most valued remembrances.

With every good wish for the future, Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN -A

Sent to:

The John Gorri Junior High School
"Washington" Band
c/o Ms. Delores Douglas, Band Director
2525 College Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32204

Cc: Legislative Affairs Office (Nancy Risque and David Wright)

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## WHITE HOUSE GIFT REGISTER

Date Received:	3/5/81 Accepted By: Nancy J. Risque and
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Donor:	Other (Name): Ms. Delores Douglas (Band Director)
	Address: 2525 College Street
	Jacksonville, Fla. 32204
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Report Prepare	d By: Beth Singley Tel: 456-7092
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March 17, 1981

Dear Dr. Shilling:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter. It is always a pleasure to hear from citizens, like yourself, who remain so actively involved in community life.

I am delighted with the postal card on which you penned my Inaugural Address. The patient effort you devoted to creating this special remembrance for me is deeply appreciated, and your gift will serve as a meaningful expression of your friendship.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

# RONALD REAGAN - K

Dr. Louis Shilling 38607 Via Amarilla Murrieta Hot Springs, California 92362

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SMY Dear President! Reagen! Jonuary 29th. lfter hearing your acceptance speach and reading it in news-paper (also hearing it own the T.V.) I could not resist to mention to you a TAlmudic Proverto". Os a Talmudic sekalar I must write it in the Original Hebrew, and then I will interpert in our English. Uskel in a time a person may isst site of sulp ? Aguire the whole world with one expression. on the 20th of January, when you said about the arriver of cross, with markers and stars at Don't raw upon row of cross, with markers and stars at Don't with markers, and stars of David. This was very humane from you to axpress your feelings to all human beings alike. Started to write will any unusual fine spriph your Address on one side of our U.S. Postal card. I have done the same when, Roussell was elected or president of the Cl. S. Hope you will accept my gift to you and accept it and this one should remain the only one Copy. M/4 name is Dr. Louis Shilling, 83 years ald retired, but active in Jewish Religious life and also in the General Community. My Da's degree is on Talmud' and Nebrew Education. I am still teaching Talmud" the Wisdam of it, and Hebrew to Jews land note Jews alike. I am also lecturing, that the wisdom of the Talmud should be applied to all people, Jews Ond none Jews alike.

O Hope to hear a comment from you, soon as you will yours Trully Louis Stilling Ph.D.

DR. LOUIS SHILLING, PH.D.

Hebrew Education

38607 VIA AMARILLA MURRIETA HOT SPRINGS CALIF. 92362

TELEPHONE 1-714-677-6386 of the content of the postal card is as follows:

1) your inaugural address of January
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2) contains 10,531 letters

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March 16, 1981

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cramer:

Nancy and I were delighted to receive the folder of color photographs as a thoughtful remembrance of our enjoyable visit to El Paso.

We were happy to sign the enclosed picture for you.

Nancy joins me in sending warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

HONALD REAGAN\_A

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Cramer 9147 Mt. Etna El Paso, Texas 79924

Enclosure: Color photo of the President and
Mrs. Reagan, inscribed:
 "To Fred & Ruth - With Best Regards, Ronald Reagan".

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Mr. & Mrs. Cramer would like this picture signed and returned if possible.

Mrs. Frederick J. Cramer 9147 Mt. Etna El Paso, Texas 79924

El Paso, Jan. 5, 81

Dear President Elect and Mrs. Reagan:

Please accept these pictures. They were taken at the Ee Paso Airport on April 2nd, 1980

prayers are with you.

Sincerely

Fred and Ruth Cramer

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March 18, 1981

Dear Mr. Lehman:

You were very kind to send us the picture of Cameron. It is a remembrance that Nancy and I look forward to including in our family album.

I further appreciate your generous comments in support of the Administration's economic recovery program. It is our immediate priority and I am glad to be able to count you among the plan's supporters.

Again, thank you for your reminiscences. Nancy joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Lester E. Lehman, Jr. 972 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

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Mr. Lester E. Lehman, Jr. President Lehman Associates 972 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

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February 23, 1981

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

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

November 4th, 1980 was a very special day in our lives and certainly in yours. Not only did our candidate receive an overwhelming mandate from the voters, but we also had a visitor in our suite on the 19th floor of the Century Plaza Hotel in the late afternoon of Election Eve. It was your grandson, Cameron, (when he pronounced it, it sounded like Camwin) After wandering in and tasting the cookies and hors d'oeuvres that were on the serving table, he toddled out with his babysitter. I immediately asked my wife, Elaine to invite him back. When he returned, we sat him on the couch and took the enclosed photograph which I enclose herewith.

I might explain that the Society of Industrial Realtors, of which I was the 1980 National President, held their National Convention at the Century Plaza simultaneously with the National Election. Needless to say, it was an historic occasion for all our members and tremendously exhilarating and exciting, since most of our constituency voted for you by absentee balloting prior to the election. A further dimension of that marvelous evening was our attendance in the Pacific-Palisades Room when the inner-core group of your earliest and most ardent supporters met prior to your appearance on National television. It was quite exciting to us to be with all the movie personalities and other impressive figures. Your intimate remarks to that group were especially warm and impressive. It was altogether a memorable and euphoric occasion.

Your daughter, Maureen, occupied the suite directly across the hall from ours and we had occassion to chat with her briefly. Since the Reagan party occupied the entire 19th floor, we felt quite special in being able to retain our suite during these momentous days.

In any event, our continuing best wishes to you both. You have my support as an individual, and also that of the Society as an organization. We believe very implicitly in the perpetuation of the free enterprise system and we feel that you are the man to continue this program and spark the re-birth of the American economy and restore the confidence of the American people.



The Hon. President & Mrs. Ronald W. Reagan Feb. 23, 1981 Page #2

The Society of Industrial Realtors stand ready, willing and able to continue assisting the Government, as we have done previously, with programs involving the GSA and EDA.

God Speed and Good Luck

Most Sincerely

ASSOCIATES, INC. LEHMAN

Lesfer E. Lehman, Jr. S.I.R. Président

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March 18, 1981

Dear Mr. Green:

Nancy joins me in sending our deep thanks for your kind remembrance.

The poster provides a framework of history that I look forward to including among my collection of artistic treasures. This generous gesture tells me of your friendship and support for which I am sincerely grateful.

Again, with appreciation and all best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Lyle Green Global Enterprises 2520 South State Suite 157 Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

RR/AVH/PAG/pps

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Dift - framed historical poster

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# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

### **MEMORANDUM**

16 MARCH 1981

TO:

ANNE HIGGINS

GREGORY J NEWELL

SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL THANK YOU LETTER.

Will you please send a thank you letter with the President's signature to Mr. Lyle Green for a framed historical poster of the presidents of the United States and their history, with President Reagan's picture and history at the top and center.

Mr. Green's address is:

Mr. Lyle Green Global Enterprises 2520 South State, Suite 157 Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

Thank you for your assistance.

cc: Senator Jake Garn

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March 17, 1981

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Dear Mary:

You were so kind to remember us with the lovely Bird of Paradise floral arrangement. We sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and kind message of support. Thank you for thinking of us in such a special way.

Nancy joins me in sending you our warm regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A

Mrs. Mary G. Roebling
777 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618

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Gift of Ceramie Heral arrangement

## February 5, 1981

Dear Mary,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your lovely Inaugural remembrance. The figurines are most exquisite and hold special meaning as sculpted symbols of good fortune. We look forward to adding the unicorn colts to our collection of treasures.

We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and encouraging words of support.

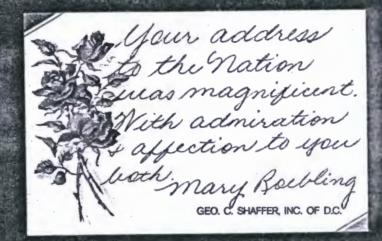
Sincerely,

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Mrs. Mary G. Roebling 28 West State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08605

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## WHITE HOUSE MAIL RECEPTION & SECURITY OFFICE

MEMO TO: Flower RoomThe Flower Room

DATE:

2/23/91

THE ACCOMPANYING: Yellow gladiolus, yellow mums, orange roses, &

birds of paradise in a white ceramic bowl

ADDRESSED TO:

President & Mrs. Reagan

FROM:

Mary Roebling - Delivered by Geo. C. Shaffer Florists

THE CORRESPONDENCE / / CARD XX/ PARCEL WRAPPER / / HAS BEEN SENT TO THE GIFT UNIT FOR APPROPRIATE HANDLING and/or ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

(2 Copies - Original to Flowers) - Copy to File

ROOM 45, E.O.B. EXT. 6230

S. T. Gaines, Supv. By: fjc

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 18, 1981

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS
ON A PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

The U.S. Capitol

9:00 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Thank you all very much. Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, distinguished Members of Congress, honored guests, and fellow citizens: Only a month ago I was your guest in this historic building and I pledged to you my cooperation in doing what is right for this nation that we all love so much.

I am here tonight to reaffirm that pledge and to ask that we share in restoring the promise that is offered to every citizen by this, the last, best hope of man on earth.

All of us are aware of the punishing inflation which has for the first time in 60 years held to double digit figures for two years in a row. Interest rates have reached absurd levels of more than 20 percent and over 15 percent for those who would borrow to buy a home. All across this land one can see newly-built homes standing vacant, unsold because of mortgage interest rates.

Almost eight million Americans are out of work. These are people who want to be productive. But as the months go by despair dominates their lives. The threats of layoff and unemployment hang over other millions and all who work are frustrated by their inability to keep up with inflation.

One worker in a Midwest city put it to me this way: He said, "I'm bringing home more dollars than I ever believed I could possibly earn but I seem to be getting worse off." And he is. Not only have hourly earnings of the American worker, after adjusting for inflation, declined five percent over the past five years, but in these five years federal personal taxes for the average family have increased 67 percent.

We can no longer procrastinate and hope that things will get better. They will not. Unless we act forcefully and now the economy will get worse.

Can we who man the ship of state deny it is somewhat out of control? Our national debt is approaching one trillion dollars. A few weeks ago I called such a figure, a trillion dollars, incomprehensible. And I've been trying ever since to think of a way to illustrate how big a trillion really is. And the best I could come up with is that if you had a stack of thousand-dollar bills in your hand only four inches high, you'd be a millionaire. A trillion dollars would be a stack of thousand-dollar bills 67 miles high.

The interest on the public debt this year we know will be over \$90 billion, and unless we change the proposed spending for the fiscal year beginning October 1st, we'll add another almost \$80 billion to the debt.

Adding to our troubles is a mass of regulations imposed on the shopkeeper, the farmer, the craftsman, professionals and major industry that is estimated to add \$100 billion to the price of the things we buy and it reduces our ability to produce.

The rate of increase in American productivity, once one of the highest in the world, is among the lowest of all major industrial nations. Indeed, it has actually declined in the last three years. Now, I've painted a pretty grim picture, but I think I've painted it accurately. It is within our power to change this picture and we can act with hope. There's nothing wrong with our internal strengths. There has been no breakdown of the human, technological and natural resources upon which the economy is built.

Based on this confidence in a system which has never failed us, but which we have failed through a lack of confidence and sometimes through a belief that we could fine tune the economy and get it tuned to our liking, I am proposing a comprehensive four point program. Now, let me outline in detail some of the principle parts of this program. You'll each be provided with completely detailed copy of the entire program. This plan is aimed at reducing the growth in government spending and taxing, reforming and eliminating regulations which are unnecessary and unproductive or counter-productive, and encouraging a consistent monetary policy aimed at maintaining the value of the currency.

If enacted in full, this program can help America create 13 million new jobs, nearly three million more than we would have without these measures. It will also help us to gain control of inflation. It's important to note that we're only reducing the risk of increase in taxing and spending. We're not attempting to cut either spending or taxing levels below that which we presently have.

This plan will get our economy moving again, (create) productivity growth, and thus create the jobs that our people must have. And I'm asking that you join me in reducing direct federal spending by 41.4 billion dollars in Fiscal Year 1982 along with another 7. -- (applause) -- and this goes along with another 7.7 billion in user fees and off budget savings for a total of \$49.1 billion. And this will still allow an increase of \$40.8 billion over 1981 spending.

Now, I know that exaggerated and inaccurate stories about these cuts have disturbed many people, particularly those dependent on grant and benefit programs for their basic needs. Some of you have heard from constituents, I know, afraid that Social Security checks, for example, were going to be taken away from them. Well, I regret the fear that these unfounded stories have caused and I welcome this opportunity to set things straight.

We will continue to fulfill the obligations that spring from our national conscience. Those, who through no fault of their own, must depend on the rest of us, the poverty stricken, the disabled, the elderly, all those with true need, can rest assured that the social safety of programs they depend on are exempt from any cuts.

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The full retirement benefits of the more than 31 million Social Security recipients will be continued along with an annual cost of living increase. Medicare will not be cut, nor will supplemental income for the blind, the aged and the disabled. And funding will continue for veterans' pensions.

School breakfasts and lunches for the children of low income families will continue as will nutrition and other special services for the aging. There will be no cut in Project Head Start or summer youth jobs.

All in all, nearly \$216 billion providing help for tens of millions of Americans -- will be fully funded. But government will not continue to subsidize individuals or particular business interests where real need cannot be demonstrated. (Applause.) And while we will reduce some subsidies to regional and local governments, we will at the same time convert a number of categorical grant programs into block grants to reduce wasteful administrative overhead and to give local governments and states more flexibility and control. We call for an end to duplication to federal programs and reform of those which are not cost effective.

Now, already, some have protested that there must be no reduction in aid to schools. Well, let me point out that Federal aid to education amounts to only eight percent of the total educational funding. And for this eight percent, the Federal Government has insisted on tremendously disproportionate share of control over our schools. Whatever reductions we've proposed in that eight percent will amount to very little in the total cost of education. They will, however, restore more authority to states and local school districts. (Applause.)

Historically, the American people have supported by voluntary contributions more artistic and cultural activities than all the other countries in the world put together. I wholeheartedly support this approach and believe that Americans will continue their generosity. Therefore, I'm proposing a savings of \$85 million in the Federal subsidies now going to the arts and humanities.

There are a number of subsidies to business and industry that I believe are unnecessary. Not because the activities being subsidized aren't of value but because the marketplace contains incentives enough to warrant continuing these activities without a government subsidy. One such subsidy is the pepartment of Energy's synthetic fuels program. We will continue support of research leading to development of new technologies and more independence from foreign oil, but we can save at least \$3.2 billion by leaving to private industry the building of plants to make liquid or gas fuels from coal.

We're asking that another major industry, business subsidy I should say, the Export-Import Bank loan authority, be reduced by one-third in 1982. We're doing this because the primary beneficiaries of taxpayer funds in this case are the exporting companies themselves --- most of them profitable corporations.

This brings me to a number of other lending programs in which government makes low-interest loans, some of them at an interest rate as low as two percent. What has not been very well understood is that the Treasury Department has no money of its own to lend. It has to go into the deep, the private capital market and borrow the money. So, in this time of excessive interest rates the government finds itself borrowing at an interest rate several times as high as the interest it gets back from those it lends the money to. And this difference, of course, is paid by your constituents — the taxpayers. They get it again if they try to borrow because government borrowing contributes to raising all interest rates.

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We can save hundreds of millions of dollars in 1982 and billions more over the next few years. There's a lack of consistent and convincing evidence that EDA and its Regional Commissions have been effective in creating new jobs. They have been effective in creating an array of planners, grantsmen and professional middlemen. We believe we can do better just by the expansion of the economy and the job creation which willcome from our economic program. (Applause)

The Food Stamp program will be restored to its original purpose, to assist those without resources to purchase sufficient nutritional food. We will, however, save \$1.8 billion in FY 1982 by removing from eligibility those who are not in real need or who are abusing the program. (Applause) Even with this reduction, the program will be budgeted for more than \$10 billion.

We will tighten welfare and give more attention to outside sources of income when determining the amount of welfare that an individual is allowed. This plus strong and effective work requirements will save \$520 million in the next year.

I stated a moment ago our intention to keep the school breakfast and lunch programs for those in true need. But by cutting back on meals for children of families who can afford to pay, the savings will be \$1.6 billion in FY 1982.

Now, let me just touch on a few other areas which are typical of the kind of reductions we've included in this economic package. The Trade Adjustment Assistance program provides benefits for workers who are unemployed when foreign imports reduce the market for various American products causing shutdown of plants and layoff of workers. The purpose is to help these workers find jobs in growing sectors of our economy. There's nothing wrong with that, but because these benefits are paid out on top of normal unemployment benefits, we wind up paying greater benefits to those who lose their jobs because of foreign competition than we do to their friends and neighbors who are laid off due to domestic competition. Anyone must agree that this is unfair. Putting these two programs on the same footing will save \$15 billion in just one year.

Earlier I made mention of changing categorical grants to States and local governments into block grants. Now, we know of course that the categorical grant programs burden local and state governments with a mass of rederal regulations and federal paperwork.

Ineffective targeting, wasteful administrative overhead -all can be eliminated by shifting the resources and decision-making
authority to local and state government. This will also consolidate
programs which are scattered throughout the federal bureaucracy,
bringing government closer to the people and saving \$23.9 billion
over the next five years.

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Our program for economic renewal deals with a number of programs which at present are not cost effective. An example is Medicaid. Right now Washington provides the states with unlimited matching payments for their expenditures. At the same time we here in Washington pretty much dictate how the states are going to manage those programs. We want to put a cap on how much the federal government will contribute, but at the same time allow the states much more flexibility in managing and structuring the programs.

I know from our experience in California that such flexibility could have led to far more cost effective reforms.

Now, this will bring a savings of \$1 billion next year.

The space program has been and is important to America and we plan to continue it. We believe, howevever, that a reordering of priorities to focus on the most important and cost effective NASA programs can result in a savings of a quarter of a million dollars.

Coming down from space to the mailbox, the Postal Service has been consistently unable to live within its operating budget. It is still dependent on large federal subsidies. We propose reducing those subsidies by \$632 million in 1982 to press the Postal Service into becoming more effective, and in subsequent years the savings will continue to add up.

The Economic Regulatory Administration in the Department of Energy has programs to force companies to convert to specific fuels. It has the authority to administer a gas rationing plan and prior to decontrol it ran the oil price control program. With these and other regulations gone we can save several hundreds of millions of dollars over the next few years.

I'm sure there's one department you've been waiting for me to mention, the Department of Defense. It's the only department in our entire program that will actually be increased over the present budgeted figure. (Applause.) But even here there was no exemption. The Department of Defense came up with a number of cuts which reduced the budget increase needed to restore our military balance. These measures will save \$2.9 billion in 1982 outlays and by 1986 a total of \$28.2 billion will have been saved. Or perhaps I should say will have been made available for the necessary things that we must do. The aim will be to provide the most effective defense for the lowest possible cost.

I believe that my duty as President requires that I recommend increases in defense spending over the coming years. (Applause.)

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I know that you're all aware, but I think it bears saying again: That since 1970 the Soviet Union has invested \$300 billion more in its military forces than we have. As a result of its massive military buildup, the Soviets have made a significant numerical advantagé in strategic nuclear delivery systems, tactical aircraft, submarines, artillery and anti-aircraft defense. To allow this imbalance to continue is a threat to our national security. Notwithstanding our economic straits, making the financial changes beginning now is far less costly than waiting and having to attempt a crash program several years from now. We remain committed to the goal of arms limitation through negotiation. I hope we can persuade our adversaries to come to realistic balanced and verifiable agreements. (Applause) But, as we negotiate, our security must be fully protected by a balanced and realistic defense program. Now, let me say a word here about the general problem of waste and fraud in the federal government. One government estimate indicated that fraud alone may account for anywhere from one to ten percent -- as much as \$25 billion of federal expenditures for social programs. If the tax dollars that are wasted or mismanaged are added to this fraud total, the staggering dimensions of this problem begin to emerge. The Office of Management and Budget is now putting together an interagency task force to attack waste and fraud. We're also planning to appoint as Inspectors General highly-trained professionals who will spare no effort to do this job. No administration can promise to immediately stop a trend that has grown in recent years as quickly as government expenditures themselves. But let me say this: Waste and fraud in the federal government is exactly what I called it before -- an unrelenting national scandal -- a scandal we're bound and determined to do something about. (Applause) Marching in lockstep with the whole program of reductions in spending is the equally important program of reduced tax rates. Both are essential if we're to have economic recovery. It's time to create new jobs, to build and rebuild industry, and give the American people room to do what they do best. And that can only be done with a tax program which provides incentive to increase productivity for both workers and industry. Our proposal is for a 10-percent across-the-board cut every year for three years in the tax rates for all individual income taxpayers making a total cut in tax cut rates of 30 percent. This three-year reduction will also apply to the tax on unearned income leading toward an eventual elimination of the present differential between the tax on earned and unearned income. Now, I would have hoped that we could be retroactive with this. But as it stands, the effective starting date for these 10 percent personal income tax rate reductions will call for as of July 1st of this year. Again, let me remind you that while this 30 percent reduction will leave the taxpayers with \$500 billion more in their pockets over the next five years, it's actually only a reduction in the tax increase already built into the system. Unlike some past tax "reforms," this is not merely a shift of wealth between different sets of taxpayers. This proposal for an equal reduction in everyone's tax rates will expand our national prosperity, MORE

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enlarge national incomes, and increase opportunities for all Americans.

Some will argue, I know, that reducing tax rates now will be inflationary. A solid body of economic experts does not agree. And tax cuts adopted over the past 3/4 of a century indicate these economic experts are right. They will not be inflationary.

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I've had advice that in 1985 our real production in goods and services will grow by 20 percent and be \$300 billion higher than it is today. The average worker's wage will rise in real purchasing power 8 percent, and this is in after tax dollars. And this, of course, is predicated on a complete of tax cuts and spending reductions being implemented. The other part of the tax package is aimed directly at providing hisiness and industry with the capital to modernize and engage in more research and development.

This will involve an increase in depreciation allowances and this part of our tax proposal will be retroactive to January 1st. The present depreciation system is obsolete, needlessly complex, and economically counterproductive. Very simply, it bases the depreciation of plant machinery and vehicles and tools on their original cost, with no recognition of how inflation has increased their replacement cost.

We're proposing a much shorter write-off time than is presently allowed -- a five-year write-off for machinery, 3 years for vehicles and trucks, and 10-year write-off for plant. In Fiscal Year 1982 under this plan, business would acquire nearly \$10 billion for investment. By 1985, the figure would be nearly 45 billion.

These changes are essential to provide the new investment which is needed to create millions of new jobs and 1985, and to make America competitive once again in the world market. (Applause.) These won't be make-work jobs. They are productive jobs, jobs with a future. I'm well aware that there are many other desirable and needed tax changes, such as indexing the income tax brackets to protect taxpayers against inflation, the unjust discrimination against married couples if both are working and earning, tuition tax credits, the unfairness of the inheritance tax, especially to the family-owned farm and the family-owned business, and a number of others.

But our program for economic recovery is so urgently needed to begin to bring down inflation that I'm asking you to act on this plan first and with great urgency. And then, I pledge that I will join with you in seeking these additional tax changes at the earliest date possible. (Applause.)

American society experienced a virtual explosion in government regulation during the past decade. Between 1970 and 1979, expenditures for the major regulatory agencies quadrupled. The number of pages published annually in the Federal Register nearly tripled, and the number of pages in the Code of Federal Regulations increased by nearly two-thirds.

The result has been higher prices, higher unemployment, and lower productivity growth. Overregulation causes small and independent businessmen and women, as well as large businesses, to defer or terminate plans for expansion. And since they're responsible for most of the new jobs, those new jobs just aren't created.

a comment of the - 8 -We have no intention of dismantling the regulatory agencies, especially those necessary to protect the environment and insure the public health and safety. However, we must come to grips with inefficient and burdensome regulations, eliminate those we can and reform the others. I have asked Vice President Bush to head a Cabinet-level task force on regulatory relief. Second, I asked each member of my Cabinet to postpone the effective dates of the hundreds of new regulations which have not yet been implemented. Third, in coordination with the task force, many of the agency heads have already taken prompt action to review and rescind existing burdensome regulations. And finally, just yesterday I signed an Executive

Order that for the first time provides for effective and coordinated management of the regulatory process.

Much has been accomplished but it's only a beginning. We will eliminate those regulations that are unproductive and unnecessary by Executive Order where possible and cooperate fully with you on those that require legislation.

The final aspect of our plan requires a national monetary policy which does not allow money growth to increase consistently faster than the growth of goods and services. In order to curb inflation we need to slow the growth in our money supply. Now, we fully recognize the independence of the Federal Reserve System and will do nothing to interfere with or undermine that independence. We will consult regularly with the Federal Reserve Board on all aspects of our economic program and will vigorously pursue budget policies that will make their job easier in reducing monetary growth.

A successful program to achieve stable and moderate growth patterns in the money supply will keep both inflation and interest rates down and restore vigor to our financial institutions and markets. This, then, is our proposal, America's new beginning, a program for economic recovery.

I don't want it to be simply the plan of my administration. I'm here tonight to ask you to join me in making it our plan. Together we can embark on this road. (Applause.)

I should have arranged to quit right there. (Laughter. Well, together we can embark on this road not to make Applause.) things easy but to make things better.

Our social, political and cultural, as well as our economic institutions, can no longer absorb the repeated shocks that have been dealt them over the past decades. Can we do the job? The answer is yes. But we must begin now.

We're in control here. There's nothing wrong with America that together we can't fix. I'm sure there'll be some who raise the familiar old cry, "Don't touch my program; cut somewhere else." I hope I've made it plain that our approach has been evenhanded, that only the programs for the truly deserving needy remain untouched. The question is are we simply going to go down the same path we've gone down before, carving out one special program here, another special program there. I don't think that's what the American people expect of us. More important, I don't think that's what they want. They're ready to return to the source of our strength.

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The substance and prosperity of our nation is built by wages brought home from the factories and the mills, the farms, and the shops. They are the services provided in 10,000 corners of America; the interest on the thrift of our people and the returns for their risk-taking. The production of America is the possession of those who build, serve, create and produce.

For too long now, we've removed from our people the decisions on how to dispose of what they created. We've strayed from first principles. We must alter our course.

The taxing power of government must be used to provide revenues for legitimate government purposes. It must not be used to regulate the economy or bring about social change. (Applause.) We've tried that and surely we must be able to see it doesn't work.

Spending by government must be limited to those functions which are the proper province of government. We can no longer afford things simply because we think of them.

Next year we can reduce the budget by \$41.4 billion, without harm to government's legitimate purposes or to our responsibility to all who need our benevolence. This, plus the reduction in tax rates will help bring an end to inflation.

In the health and social services area alone the plan we're proposing will substantially reduce the need for 465 pages of law, 1400 pages of regulations, 5000 federal employees who presently administer 7,600 separate grants in about 25,000 separate locations. (Applause.) Over seven million men and women hours of work by state and local officials are required to fill out government forms.

I would direct a question to those who have indicated already an unwillingness to accept such a plan: have they an alternative which offers a greater chance of balancing the budget, reducing and eliminating inflation, stimulating the creation of jobs, and reducing the tax burden? And, if they haven't, are they suggesting we can continue on the present course without coming to a day of reckoning? (Applause.)

If we don't do this, inflation and the growing tax burden will put an end to everything we belive in and our dreams for the future. We don't have an option of living with inflation and its attendant tragedy, millions of productive people willing and able to work but unable to find a buyer for their work in the job market.

We have an alternative and that is the program for economic recovery. True, it'll take time for the favorable effects of our proposal to be felt. So we must begin now.

The people are watching and waiting. They don't demand miracles. They do expect us to act. Let us act together.

Thank you and good night.

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Dear Mr. Habakkuk:

Nancy and I want to thank you for sending us the lovely earrings that belonged to your wife. This has been a busy time for us, but we wanted you to know how much we appreciate your very special gift and your kind support.

I hope this letter finds you in good health. Nancy joins me in sending our warm regards.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Andrew Habakkuk
Veteran Service
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How will I ever thank you for the wanderful gift which you brought to me from Salt Lake City. I know there is a scripture which has a special place in your Mormon doctrine as a reference for your work in genealogy — "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet...and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers..." Now it will be possible for my brother, Neil, and me to turn our hearts to our father, to our grandfather, and to our great grandfather.

I will always be very grateful for this precious book enabling me to journey into my past, a past which was closed to Neil and me with the untimely death of our paternal grandfather many years ago. I feel very honored that you would do this for me. Please share my thanks with all the workers in your genealogy library.

Thank you, also, for your prayers and those of your Mormon brethren. I think you understand how much they mean to me. The thought of you praying for Nancy and me as you meet weekly in your great temple is one that will be a source of strength to both of us in all that we do.

Soon you will receive the picture of your magnificient Tabernacle Chair performing in the inaugural Parade. They brought us all such joy with their singing, especially my favorite, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." I have signed the picture, and it is being prepared for shipping.

With my warm personal regard and, again, my thanks,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Spencer W. Kimball President

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Nancy and I want to thank you for your thoughtful note and photographs. We were pleased to hear that you enjoyed the Inaugural.

With our best wishes and gratitude for your expression of friendship,

Sincerely,

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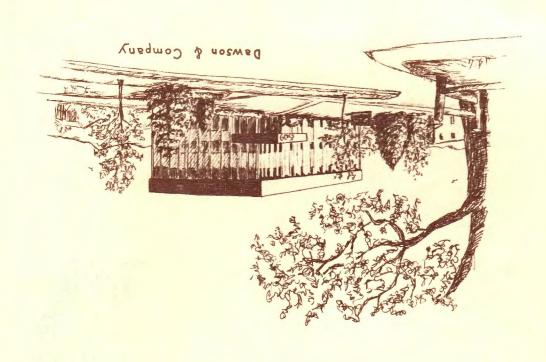
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Dear President and Mrs. Reagan: Maz Thank you for sharing your of fairy tale inauguration with us to Colorado. With without doubt the 5 days we and spent in washington were some of the most emotional days in our lives. We wish you Health, Happiness and much Success. Happiness and much Success. May the most you wish for-Be the least you receive."



I hope you will enjoy these photos taken at the Pension.

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From the marks family,

Mort, Edie, Lori and Elise

Much Love.

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Dear Mary Rose:

You were kind to remember us with the Saint Patrick's Day gifts at the luncheon for Congressional women. The green cap is so festive and will serve as a reminder of the great warmth and hospitality we've always known on visits to Cleveland. Nancy liked the pretty Shamrock stickpin and asked me to express her thanks to you. We both appreciate your thoughtfulness and wanted you to know how pleased we were.

Nancy joins me in sending our warm regards,

Sincerely,

# RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Mary Rose Oakar House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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I want to congratulate Christopher and all of you who participated in the contest. I understand that each of the entries was excellent and I appreciate the time and creativity that you put into your individual pictures. Keep up the good work!

I send you my thanks and best wishes in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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Pupils of Miss Arlene Lennitt Broadmoor Elementary School 3401 Northwest 83rd Street Miami, Plorida 33147

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February 27, 1980

Dear Mr. Deaner,
We, at Broodmoor Elementary School,
have a gift and a note for the President.
We would appreciate it if you
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Thank you,

Sencerely, allene Tennett art teacher

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February 25, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

We, at Broadmoor Elementary School in Miami, Florida, would like to congratulate you on your election to the Presidency of our country.

We want you to know that all of our 850 children in kindergarten through third grade spent a lot of time discussing the election during your candidacy.

We realize that you will soon be asking an artist to paint your official portrait. Since March is National Youth Art Month we are presenting you with this fine portrait by Christopher Wooten, a third grade artist in our school. We had a "Portrait of the President" contest and although they were all excellent Chris' portrait of you was exceptional.

Please accept this portrait with our best wishes and much love.

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Arlene Lennitt Art Teacher

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