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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1986

Dear Ezra:

It was good to see you even though our visit was brief -- too brief. I appreciate your report on the Church's activities, and thank you all on behalf of our nation for all that you do on behalf of mankind. Surely there can be no greater way to serve the Lord than to do for those among us who so desperately need our help.

Again, I thank you for taking the time to come by and God bless you.

Sincerely, Regam

The Honorable Ezra Taft Benson The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 47 East South Temple Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS 47 EAST SOUTH TEMPLE STREET SALT LAKE GITY, UTAH 84150

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 6, 1986

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

The members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the United States have contributed more than \$3.8 million for world hunger relief in response to the National Day of Fasting held November 24, 1985.

Proceeds from this fast raise the total contributions by Church members for relief of hunger throughout the world to more than \$10 million this past year. Earlier in the year our Church sponsored a special fast among its members in the United States in behalf of the starving people in Ethiopia and other areas of the world which raised some \$6.6 million. Nearly all of this amount has now been expended.

A considerable portion of the newly donated funds will go for irrigation and other development projects in addition to emergency assistance. One hundred percent of all funds we have received go to those in need. We withhold nothing for overhead or any other administrative expenses.

Not only have the monetary contributions been helpful, but the faith and prayers which acompanied these special fasts have, without doubt, been instrumental in the natural relief of drought conditions which initially contributed to the African crisis. It has also been a blessing to our Church members to have joined with those of other faiths in this special fast.

I trust and hope this report will be of interest to you and will be evidence of our willingness to participate in bringing succor to our brothers and sisters in all parts of the world, and to support our governmental leaders in their righteous endeavors.

Faithfully yours,

Ezra Taft Benson, President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 9, 1986

Dear Billy:

Thank you for your letter of December 30 which caught up with us in California. And thank you for the enclosures. I'm more than happy to have them.

Nancy and I hope you and Ruth had a happy holiday season and we send our love to you both and our best wishes for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Reverend Billy Graham Montreat, North Carolina 28757

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COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

January 10, 1986

NOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT

Attached for your information is a copy of the letter to the Editor of the Washington Post I sent today.

Beryl W. Sprinkel Chairman

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS WASHINGTON January 10, 1986

Dear Sir:

On January 9, the Post contended that President Reagan erred in stating that "we're getting the same percentage of gross national product in tax revenues, at the lower rates, that we've been getting before."

A careful look at the facts reveals just how tellingly correct the President was. With the exception of 1969-70, Federal receipts were less than 19 percent of GNP until 1980 (see chart). However, high inflation during 1978-81 acted as an unlegislated tax increase, pushing receipts to just over 20 percent of GNP by 1981. Tax legislation passed in 1981 and 1982 restored taxes to pre-1980 levels. As a result, we are now getting essentially the same percentage of GNP in tax revenues, after these rate reductions, as during much of the 1960s and 1970s.

More importantly, the chart makes clear that current budget deficits stem from a failure to control spending. While receipts exhibited little upward trend from 1960 to 1985, Federal outlays grew steadily from roughly 18 percent of GNP in 1960 to 24 percent today. The solution cannot be to raise taxes continually to fund ever-expanding Federal outlays; this would undermine our economic vitality and impede growth. Instead, we must control the government's urge to spend.

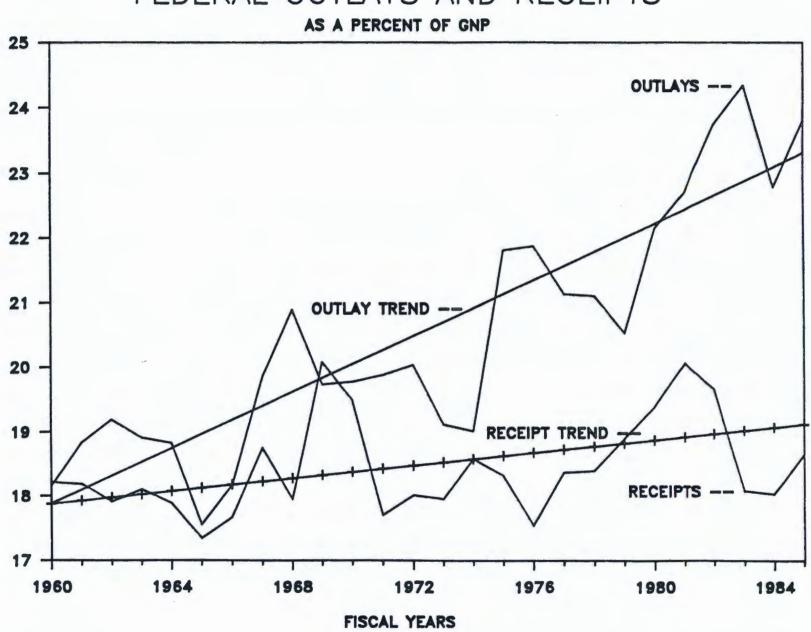
Sincerely yours,

Beryl W. Sprinkel

Chairman

Editor The Washington Post 1150 15th Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20071

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Dear Mr. President (Ron):

Thanks for autographing the photo from eons ago. Yes, we were that young -- Yesterday. A lot has certainly passed under your bridge with much more to come -- Kadafi, sanctions, allies that aren't, and a hold on a tiger that's insane.

The sixth fleet could be a sitting duck for the new Russian missiles which they'd love an excuse to test via Libya, as in the Falklands. Decisions! Decisions: I'm glad you're wearing the boots.

About two weeks ago Mr. Wick called Dinah for my phone #. Since I hadn't heard from him, I called Ms. Osborne and she graciously contacted Mr. Wick's office. That P.M. Mr. Schneider did call. We spoke for some time. I expressed my ideas and desires --One, touring cities that have important heroic and monumental statues; Next, studying with one of Russia's foremost heroic sculpting instructors while I work on the heroic sculpture of you, on horseback, which hopefully would be placed at the President Reagan Foundation site in Stanford. It's a big order but I'm sure to fill it. Also, if possible, to arrange for an exhibit of my Western art and film memorabilia in Leningrad or Moscow -- possibly both. I feel the exhibit would be unique with stature and prestige in representing the U.S. with my exchange. I sent Mr. Schneider my book for him and the Committee to review.

Certainly thank you for all you've done.

Best always to you and Nancy

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January 7, 1986 (()

The Honorable & Mrs. Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear President & Mrs. Reagan:

The children and I are deeply grateful for your kind rememberance of Muffet.

Our loss is softened only by the expression of support and friendship you have shown.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Christopher Hicks

SUBJECT:

Bob Levey Column -- "Long Faces at the White

House Gate"

You will recall that in Bob Levey's December 27th column in the Washington Post he stated that a group of school children were rudely turned away from the White House when we had to cancel tours because of the Gramm-Rudman signing ceremony. (The article is attached at Tab A.)

As it turned out, the school group did not have a reservation, had not reconfirmed that public tours would be held on that date, and the group was not treated rudely. Nevertheless, Carol McCain, Director of the White House Visitors Office, wrote to Bob Levey to apologize for any inconvenience. (Her letter is at Tab B).

I thought you would be interested in Bob Levey's response to Carol which is attached at Tab C.

We have also contacted the school group directly and we are working with them on a date for their return visit.

Attachment(s)

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BOB LEVEY'S WASHINGTON

Long Faces at the White House Gate

he Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced budget measure is now the law of the land, but some people remain unhappy about it. Among the unhappiest are 200 students, teachers and parents from Ashburton Elementary School in Bethesda.

For weeks, the Ashburtonites had been planning to take the White House public tour on Dec. 16. The whole school had been bubbling about it. "I mean, the kids were more excited than if they'd been on their way to see Santa Claus," reported one

chaperone.

Because their group was so large, the Ashburtonites had made a reservation with the White House Visitors Office. They even showed up 10 minutes early in case there was some mistake. "We did everything by the book," the chaperone

But as they stood outside the gates of the White House, the group was informed that the building had been closed to public tours for the rest of the day so the president could conduct the Gramn:-Rudman bill-signing ceremony. There was to advance notice, no apology and—on the part of the police officer stationed at the gate—not a whole bunch of sympathy.

The Ashburtonites said they have nothing agains' bill-signing ceremonies. But couldn't some body from the White House have called the school ahead of time and told them that public tours

had been canceled for the day?

"At the last minute, we had to limit the number of tours going through," said Dale Petroskey, the assistant White House press secretary."We regret that it happened, but when the president has something like this!

"Occasionally, the president needs to use his house," added Dottie Dellinger of the White House

Visitors Office.

But no White House bill-signing ceremony is ever organized at the drop of a hat, and the Gramni-Rudman ceremony wasn't, either. It usually takes most of a morning to set up a ceremony for the same afternoon. A lot of times, the setting-up takes longer.

So there was plenty of time for the White House to have checked the public tours reservations log and to have made one timely phone call to Bethesda—before the buses full of excited kids

pulled away.

The Ashburtonites say they'll return and try to do better sometime in January. Let's hope the White House does the same.

Ah, kids!

Walter Nissen of Takoma Park pointed to his youngest daughter's face and said, "This is your upper lip."

She pointed to the lip just below it and said, "And this is my downer lip."

Fairfax Hospital, and it tried very hard to get lost. But two kind and alert fellow motorists picked up the hubcap, chased after Betty, waved at her to stop and handed the 'cap over. Thanks, gentlemen. You, too, Betty.

The woman asks that I not publish either her name or the number of pounds. But I can publish

this:

She sent a sizable check to the campaign, which "represents a dollar a pound for the weight I've just lost" in a diet group. I'm sure you look better, generous lady. So does our campaign balance.

From Williamsburg comes \$15 that used to belong to Kristin Kemper. She happily transfers it to Children's to commemorate the courage of her

mother.

"Last January, my mother, Mary Joyce Kemper, fell while skiing for the National Ski Patrol," Kristin writes. "She sprained her knee and severely damaged one of the ligaments" But a couple of weeks ago, after 10 months of physical therapy, Mom skied again—without incident.

"I'm in college at William and Mary and don't always get the chance to tell her how much I admire her courage and love her," Kristin writes. "So I'd love it if she could see this in print as a sign that I recognize all that she's been through and love

her all the more for it.'

Feast your eyes, Mary Joyce. And thanks for both your words and your generosity, Kristin.

Finally, we must rewrite the old business about charity beginning at home. Charity actually begins at the McLean flat belonging to Ed Zieses.

He contributed \$100 to the campaign, with a note that read, in part: "The amount represents the savings in my heating bills for the past 12 months, after moving from a four-bedroom house to an apartment.

Most people would have put those savings in their own pockets. Thanks, Ed, for recognizing that other pockets have needs, too.

Here's an excellent way to add to the family videotape library and to help the Children's campaign at the same time.

The television station at George Washington University has offered to make a videotape of any child 10 years old or younger. Maximum tape length is 10 minutes per child. Cost is \$1 per minute. You provide the videotape cassette. And all proceeds go to our campaign.

GWTV calls it Project Video Scrapbook. It sounds to these cars like an excellent way to give a Grandma in a faraway city a look at her newest grandchild, or for an uncle in the overseas military to get a slightly-delayed Christmas hello from his favorite niece.

GWTV will be open for kid-eotaping Dec. 27, Dec. 30, Jan. 2 and Jan. 3 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The studio is located at 801 22nd St. NW, room T-306. Call 676-8233 for

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THE WHITE HOUSE

January 2, 1986

Dear Mr. Levey:

I would like to respond to your December 27th column, "Long Faces at the White House Gate." First, I am truly sorry for any unpleasantness incurred by the Ashburton Elementary students of Bethesda. We never like to turn people away, and I hope the school will be able to return to visit us sometime in January.

I would, however, like to clarify a few points you made in your column. You said the date of the Gramm-Rudman signing ceremony was December 16th. In fact, the day was December 18th. The 16th was a Monday and we are never open for tours on Monday or Sunday. More importantly, the school did not have a reservation. School officials had apparently planned to attend the public tour for which reservations are not accepted. Since we do not know who is coming on a public tour there is no way to know who to telephone on a short notice closing. We did, however, put the fact that we would be closed on the 18th on our telephone recording during the afternoon of the 17th -- as soon as we learned of the closing.

You said that "no White House ceremony is ever organized at the drop of a hat." Unfortunately, sometimes they are. You may recall, on December 16th, the President and Mrs. Reagan made an unscheduled trip to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. This necessitated that both of their schedules be rearranged on Tuesday and Wednesday. The bill signing could not be held on the afternoon of the 18th due to a large previously scheduled event. Therefore, it was decided late afternoon on the 17th to close public tours on the 18th. As I stated, we did put that on our information tape (456-7041), and we always recommend people check this tape prior to coming to prevent exactly this type of problem.

I would be happy to aid Ashburton Elementary in scheduling a tour. However, I need your help with another group. Thirty-five Air Force wives, I believe from Bolling Air Force Base, also were turned away that day. I do not know how to contact them in order to invite them back. Maybe you could put out the word so that they will contact me.

Please remember the White House is the only State House in the world regularly open to visitors. On occasion it does have to be closed on short notice. I hope you will advise your readers to always call the morning that they plan to visit.

Mr. Bob Levey January 2, 1986 Page two

Again, on behalf of the President and especially the Visitors Office, I sincerely apologize for any unpleasantness incurred by Ashburton Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Carol McCain Director

White House Visitors Office

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Mr. Bob Levey
The Washington Post
1150 15th Street, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20071

BOB LEVEY

Columnist
334-7276

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 15, 1986

Dear Vada and Barney:

Well, first of all, congratulations and a belated happy 50th anniversary. Of course my arithmatic doesn't explain how two 39-year-olds can be married fifty years but, if you say so, I'll go along.

Incidentally, you topped me with your Christmas gift to the General Secretary. From me he got a card, from you a microwave oven. I hope it doesn't give our friends any ideas as to a new way for giving a hot foot to some inmates of their labor camps. By the way, if in your ruble bet with Arbatov on whether we'd smile, you were pro-smile, you won. Actually, I told him a Russian joke and he laughed out loud.

Nancy sends her best as do I.

Sincerely,

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COL Barney Oldfield, USAF, Ret. 360 North Crescent Drive Beverly Hills, California 90210

Dear Nancy & President Ron:

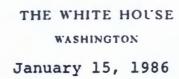
We thought you should get your greetings from us from the most formidable Christmas weather there is, as we think you two were the finest gift the US ever had. I took my cue from your fire-side chatting in Geneva, and took the General Secretary and Mrs. Gorbachev a Litton microwave oven! When you make your 1986 or 1987 visit maybe they'll do your borscht in it. I had bet Yuri Arbatov when I was here in October that you two heads of state would enjoy each other, and a rouble was riding on whether you smiled in each other's presence. I haven't collected yet, but presume I will. Best wishes always,

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Dear Brute:

You can be sure this latest column will be circulated. I know I shouldn't be so immodest, but I'm more than proud of your generous words. Thank you.

I was saddened to learn about Pearly. Somehow the "Nest" won't seem quite the same. He will be sorely missed by all of us.

All the best to you and, again, thanks.

Sincerely,

LtGen V. H. Krulak, USMC, Ret. 3665 Carleton Street San Diego, California 92106

VICTOR H. KRULAK

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8 January, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you so much for your kind note at Christmas. I am proud that my columns have some meaning at the White House. Enclosed is another, reflecting my view and, I am sure, the view of a legion of others, that Time Magazine selected the wrong Man of the Year.

Pearly Browne died last week -- kidney failure, pancreas cancer. Bohemia lost a giant; Owl's Nest a wonderful companion. Aloha is doing very well.

Terrorism. Anwar Sadat described Khadafy accurately: "a lunatic and a liar".

I wish you and Mrs. Reagan a bountiful 1986, replete with health and peace.

Sincerely,

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JAMES SCOTT ROSEBUSH

January 15, 1986



My dear Mr. President:

I had no idea when I came back to Washington in 1981 to work in your Administration that you would have such a profound impact on me personally. As a life-long Conservative Republican I supported your platform in 1980 and voted for you but my experience over the past five years has meant more to me than mere politics. Mine has been the humble and rare opportunity to observe a great leader close at hand. I shall long cherish our private conversations as well as the more formal briefings and meetings.

Pages and pages are being written about your popularity with the American people. I have it all figured out. It's what means so much to me, too. It's your conviction, your unswerving commitment to principle and your unfailing humility. From what I've seen in you, however, it goes further. You have a deep spiritual sense which must stem from a genuine understanding of your relationship to God. You've the right perspective. You're serving, and the one who serves best, leads best. That's you.

In the last three years of your presidency you can even let those qualities shine brighter. The world so needs them. The world needs compassion and strength, by example. You have the capacity to give this. You have shown it.

I would like to think that your greatest legacy would be the development and implementation of a Strategic Defense Initiative. The very level of criticism it engenders shows it must be right. It's the ultimate and only answer short of the day when men lay down all arms peacefully. I ran across a quote from an American religious leader written in 1899 and, although it is rather metaphysical, it supports your concept of SDI (way back then): "Unlike Russia's armament, ours is not costly as men count cost, but it is rich beyond price, staunch and indestructible on land or sea; it is not curtailed in peace, surrendered in conquest, nor laid down at the feet of progress through the hands of omnipotence. And why? Because it is 'on peace, good will toward men,' -- a cover and a defence adapted to all men, all nations, all times, climes, and races."

Even though I won't be in the White House, I'll be tracking and supporting every initiative you take. You know I'll stand ready to help you in any way I can.

Mr. President, you were sent to lead America now, at this time, at this juncture in our history. You will always be safe because of this. One little passage I always keep with me is "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path."

With profound respect and gratitude,

Sincerely Bretash

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.