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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1986

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I can't commend you enough for what you are doing through the L.I.F.E. program to aid the needy in our country. And, I'd like to tell you about a program that we started here three years ago that is similar to yours. We call it Operation Care and Share. This particular program brings national organizations together to increase public awareness by conducting food and fund drives. This year we hope to expand it to a year-round program of activities.

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Again, thanks for your letter and books. My best to Dennis and the others.

Sincerely,

Ron

Ms. Valerie Harper

Culver City, California

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 23, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*
SUBJECT: Response to Valerie Harper's Recent Letter

You recently talked by phone to Valerie Harper and subsequently received a letter and books from her.

In the response you drafted, you referred to the possibility of an Oval Office meeting with a group from the Homeless Shelter. It is likely that Mitch Snyder, Director of the Homeless Shelter, would be among those that would be included in that meeting.

Mitch Snyder has been extremely critical of you and your Administration. He has frequently taken advantage of opportunities such as this to criticize you and promote himself. It is felt that he would attempt to exploit the positive gesture of an Oval Office meeting.

Attached at Tab A is your original letter.

Attached at Tab B is a suggested revised letter that refers to "Operation Care and Share" a food distribution program that the White House has coordinated. It does not suggest the option of an Oval Office meeting.

Action:

Proceed with original draft (Tab A) _____

Approve revised draft (Tab B) *RR*

June 19, 1986

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Sincerely,

Maureen,
Pls. do in
final ASAP.
Thanks.

Phyllis

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Culver City, California

To Valerie Harper

I don't know that we have
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Camp O. last week so we have
her number.

Dear Valerie

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Sincerely RR

VALERIE HARPER

June 10, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
Dear Mr. President,

It was an honor to receive your phone call of June 6th. Aside from being amazed and thrilled, I was deeply touched by what you shared with me. I relayed your message to Dennis Weaver and others who work with us in support of the hungry and homeless. They were as moved and hopeful as I over your call. Thankyou for taking action on Senator Hatfield's suggestion to release funds immediately. Construction on Mitch Snyder.

Washington DC shelter begins next Monday. Hallelueyah! Perhaps, when the time is right, you could visit the shelter to inspect what wonderful results your decisive action produced. Dennis and I and others of your choosing would be more than proud to accompany you there. What you must really understand, Mr. President, is that you have literally saved lives. Also, this building can be a model for the nation in dealing with homelessness and recovery of our unfortunate citizens.

With appreciation,

Valerie Harper

P.S. As promised, here are copies of the Hunger Project book, "Ending Hunger". I think you'll find it to be quite wonderful.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON *PJW*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Background Information on Capital
Punishment and Espionage Issues Raised
During Recent People Magazine Interview

During your June 16, 1986, interview with People Magazine, you were asked why convicted spies do not get the death penalty and why they go to "country club" prisons. A transcript of your interview is attached, with the relevant portions marked.

I thought you might like to have some background information on these matters.

Death Penalty for Espionage

Although the Administration has attempted diligently to obtain enactment of a constitutionally-sanctioned death penalty, capital punishment currently is not available as a sanction against those convicted of espionage -- or of any other federal offense. In 1972, the Supreme Court in Furman v. Georgia, 408 U.S. 238, struck down the death penalty because of deficiencies in the procedural manner in which it was imposed, not because it was per se cruel and unusual or otherwise unconstitutional. The Court's opinion left open the opportunity to enact constitutionally-permissible procedures for the imposition of the death penalty. Since the Furman decision, 38 states have revised their laws to provide for a death penalty consistent with the guidelines set down in that decision. Absent federal capital punishment legislation, the maximum statutory punishment available for a person convicted of espionage or treason is life imprisonment -- all persons serving life terms are eligible for parole after serving ten years.

During the past five years, the Administration has sought Congressional enactment of a constitutionally-sanctioned death penalty procedure with respect to a limited number of federal offenses, including treason, espionage, aircraft piracy or destruction of aircraft resulting in death, assassination or

attempted assassination of the President, certain aggravated first-degree murder cases, and hostage-taking resulting in a death. In 1984 the Administration's capital punishment legislation was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and passed the United States Senate by a vote of 63-22. However, the House of Representatives has taken virtually no action on this issue except to hold one hearing. The Department of Justice has made passage of a capital punishment statute a priority of its legislative program, but to date, resistance in the House of Representatives has been a decisive obstacle. The recent increase in espionage prosecutions, as well as serious terrorist incidents, has provided persuasive arguments for passage of a federal death penalty procedure.

"Country Club" Prisons

Upon conviction, a defendant is entrusted to the custody of the Attorney General who has authority to assign a prisoner to any federal facility in the nation. As a practical matter, the Bureau of Prisons makes these assignments based upon security, logistical, and other considerations. It would be possible, however, consistent with these considerations, for the Attorney General to direct that individuals convicted of espionage should serve their sentences only in certain facilities which might be viewed as more secure and austere.

the failure for us to move forward in real negotiations on arms reductions when both of us have made the statement -- he has, and I accept his word -- that he wants and would like an eventual elimination of nuclear weapons. Well, this has been my goal from long before I got here, and I really believe in that very much.

But then the proposals are made and we put them in the hands of our negotiators in Geneva and nothing happens to really enter into the kind of negotiations that I experienced once as a negotiator for a number of years in labor relations -- that they've made a proposal. You accept some but have some difference on others. You come back with yours, they come back and you finally reach a meeting point.

Q Do you think he bears the U.S. -- Mr. Gorbachev bears the U.S. or you personally any ill will?

THE PRESIDENT: No, I think that, like so many there, he subscribes to some of the beliefs and the propaganda that have been prevalent in their media about us and doesn't understand our system and he has never seen our country. And this was one of the reasons why I hastened to invite him on the first day we met in Geneva to have the next meeting here, and he accepted. And I think that he -- I think he still does want such a meeting.

I also have to believe that maybe we were a little too optimistic about how quickly he could come in after these last several years of what they have been through and establish a new administration.

Q I wanted to ask you a question about spies, Mr. Reagan. In this year of 1986 we are prosecuting more than any time in the history of the republic, and they have taken our lives, our secrets, technology worth billions of dollars. Do you think your administration should stop trusting -- treating these people as white collar criminals and start treating them as traitors, as we did during the era of the Rosenbergs?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, if we're talking about those who have been arrested as spies here, I think that is it -- they are being prosecuted as spies with tremendously heavy penalties if they are found guilty.

Q Oh, Mr. Reagan, I've visited some of those prisons and they -- you know, they're not bad. I'm talking about during the time of the Rosenberg administration we treated them as traitors. We had death penalties. How do you feel about this -- our secrets, are they --

THE PRESIDENT: Well, I'm not a lawyer, and so I don't know where the proviso comes for asking for the death penalty, but obviously they are traitors and maybe it's a difference between spying in wartime in which you have caused the death of people. As I say, not being a lawyer, I don't know how that comes about as to what the penalties are. But I know that they are very severe that are being talked about if one were found guilty.

Q Well, would you favor something like a death penalty

Eno

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1986

Dear Ardie:

Thank you for sending me Paul Manheim's letter to the New York Times. I get so d--n frustrated when the monthly unemployment figures come out and are reported as unemployment increases, when there is a higher percentage of the potential work force employed than ever in our history. What was it Disraeli said; "there are lies, d--m'd lies and statistics." Paul has a little of Disraeli in him.

I'm with you on Zschau. Of course I had to be neutral in the primary, but now we all have to get behind him and make him a Senator.

Love to Harriet.

All my best,

Ron

Mr. Armand S. Deutsch
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1901 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, California 90067

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Suite 1243 L.A. Calif. 90067

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June 16, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you would like to see Paul Manheim's latest effort (something like tilting at windmills) to get the New York Times straightened out on the matter of reporting.

Belatedly, I want to tell you that your most recent press conference was marvelous. Only after your successor (whoever he may be) is in office will the nation realize the strength of leadership it is currently enjoying.

I also wanted to tell you that early on I became very active in Ed Zschau's campaign, figuring that he was the only Republican candidate who has a shot at beating Alan Cranston. Ed was thrilled to receive your phone call the Monday after the Primaries and I hope you are pleased with my role in this matter. Cranston is tough, but I think Zschau can beat him.

Much love to Nancy.

Respectfully, *Armand S. Deutsch*

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VICTOR H. KRULAK

25 June 1986

Robert

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

Dear Mr. President:

I share your views on what is going on in South Africa. Botha and company are certainly not doing everything right, but efforts to coerce them with sanctions can very well hurt the people we want to help.

Here is a column on the subject that you may find interesting.

Sincerely,

Bruce

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN 
SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Answers for the Romance of Radio

Arnold Michaelis, who interviewed you in 1958 at your Pacific Palisades home, is writing a book with George Berger on the romance of radio. Mr. Michaelis submitted questions which you and Kathy Osborne have delivered answers to. This represents the final package for your consideration.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 8, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached material has been reviewed and approved by senior staff.


David L. Chew

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BILLY GRAHAM
MONTREAT, NORTH CAROLINA 28757
June 30, 1986

W. Rogers

Dear Nancy,

Just a brief note to say that Ruth and I have been thinking of you all in the many events that have happened since we last saw you.

I held hands with Dick Gregory and Martin Luther King III during the HANDS ACROSS AMERICA on the Mall. Since we had just finished a Crusade in which practically every black church had participated I felt I wanted to do that. I was thrilled that you all decided to participate because you stole the show from others that might have had ulterior motives.

I have a request to make, and I apologize for making it!

Ruth and I are just finishing a working vacation here in southern France. We have been here nearly a month, and later this week go to Amsterdam where we have 10,000 evangelists (who do the same kind of work that I do) meeting for a ten day conference. We have been informed that more countries and territories will be represented than any event in world history. We have been working on it for about two years. It is sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association -- thus I have a major responsibility.

In September we hold a major Crusade in Paris in the new Bercy Sports Stadium. Ambassador and Mrs. Rodgers are giving all-out support and help.

While I was quite well known in France during the fifties and early sixties, I am virtually unknown now. This coming Friday I meet with the head of all the Protestant churches in France, and on Saturday I meet with the Cardinal of Paris. Not only will the meetings be held in Paris, but through the satellite in thirty-one other cities simultaneously. For the French Christians, where church attendance is almost zero, it is a tremendous undertaking.

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It has been strongly suggested that I be received by either President Mitterrand or Prime Minister Chirac. The Ambassador and I both feel it would be a great help if your husband could mention to Mr. Mitterrand that our Ambassador will be approaching him about an appointment -- that I am a longtime friend -- and that he hopes Mr. Mitterrand will receive me.

I know you all are going to be under severe pressure and if it does not work out, I will certainly understand. But there is an unbelievable moral and spiritual vacuum in France at the moment and there are many Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders that believe we could see the beginning of a breakthrough.

Ruth and I probably will not be back in America till nearly the first of October. It has been far too long since we have seen you. But we remember you in prayer daily, and you all are doing terrific! Who would have ever dreamed the polls would be what they are. Congratulations!

With warmest personal affection to you both.

(Personally dictated by telephone
and mailed without signature)

Mrs. Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
U.S.A.

June 26, 1986

DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM ARNOLD MICHAELIS
FOR HIS BOOK ON THE ROMANCE OF RADIO

1. What are the most memorable moments of your experiences as a sportscaster -- including your coverage of the Chicago Cubs during spring training at Catalina Island?

It was all memorable. Few jobs are more enjoyable or bring more pleasure to others than sportscasting. You get the best seat in the house -- and you are paid to be there. A sportscaster's job is to capture the drama and the color of the game with just the right words. It has to sound like a conversation -- not reading and not just reporting. During my career, I did play-by-play for 45 football games and 600 baseball games. Those were wonderful days. I was a member of a profession just becoming popular -- the visualizer for the armchair quarterback.

There was one baseball game in particular I will always remember. One summer's day the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cards were in a scoreless tie. Dizzy Dean was on the mound, Augie Galan was at bat for the Cubs in the ninth, and

I was in a radio station calling the game from a telegraph report. My telegraph man would read the wire, type out the report and hand it to me. That was standard practice in the early days of radio sports announcing, when live broadcasts were generally limited to one station reporting from the home team's field. I saw my telegraph man start to type, so I gave old Diz his windup and had him fire the ball to the plate. Then the telegraph operator handed me what he had been typing: "The wire has gone dead."

The ball was on its way and something had to happen. So I said that Augie fouled a pitch down the left field line. And I kept Augie fouling one pitch after another. I even had him foul one back into the box seats and described in detail the redheaded kid who scrambled to get the souvenir ball. Augie kept on fouling for six minutes and 45 seconds before I lost count. I began to worry that I might be establishing a new record for fouls, and this would betray me to my listeners. Yet I didn't dare reveal the real problem -- that the wire had gone dead. Then, finally, the telegraph operator started typing again and I snatched the slip of paper he handed me. It said: "Galan popped out on the first ball pitched." Not in my game he didn't -- he popped out after nearly making a career of foul balls.

One memorable moment during the Cubs' spring training came in 1937, when I visited Al Clauser and his Oklahoma Cowboys in Hollywood. They had been the stars of the weekly "Barn Dance Frolic" on WHO, but now they were working for Gene Autry and playing in a picture being filmed at Republic Studios. What a thrill that visit was for me. After all, how many people from the Midwest had such an "in" to see the inside of a studio and a picture being made? I had always dreamed of being an actor and thought that maybe sports announcing could lead to that. There in the studio the dream re-awakened. I left for Catalina with an invitation to read for the casting director. Other doors opened for me and later I was given a screen test and a contract at Warner Brothers.

By the way, my first movie was "Love Is on the Air" in which I played Andy McLeod, a radio announcer.

2. What are your recollections of the heroes created by radio, and the effect they had upon the American people during the difficult years of the late 1920s and early 1930s?

In those days, radio personalities ranked with or above movie stars. Theaters used to advertise that you could come to the movies without missing "Amos and Andy." In fact, the

movie theater would even stop the picture, bring up the lights, and play the radio program. And then it would resume the movie.

In sports, the broadcasters were as famous as the athletes. People remember names like Ted Husing, Bill Stern, Pat Flannigan, Quinn Ryan and Graham McNamee.

It is impossible to list all the stars of comedy. There were Fred Allen, Baron Munchausen, Bert Lahr, George Burns and Gracie Allen, JACK & MARY BENNY musical stars from soloists to orchestras, and many, many more.

I still believe that radio had an effect on everyone, just like the first motion pictures awed the people by the miracle of photos that moved. Radio had one additional effect: The "stars" came into your living room and were family friends. I am talking about people like Fibber McGee and Molly, Kate Smith, the Mills Brothers, and others. Radio, unlike television, requires the active imagination of the listener. Jack Benny's vault was always funnier on radio than on television for this reason.

3. Other than the Warner Brothers Academy Theater, on which dramatic programs did the President appear as a guest star?

I appeared on the Lux Radio Theater, the Great Northern Trust Drama Program in Chicago, the Jack Benny Show, and others.

4. In 1958, you spoke with me about your nostalgia for the golden years of radio. How much has your nostalgia deepened during the intervening 28 years?

I still miss those golden days and golden voices. When we talked back in 1958, I said radio gave up too soon on some of the things it was doing, and I still believe that. We had drama and comedy back in the early days, as well as sports and information.

Let me add, however, that there are many very good programs on radio today. I enjoy listening to jazz on the radio. And radio talk shows play a very important role in the democratic process.

Nostalgia has its place, but we live in the present and we have to plan for the future. I have found that radio is an excellent way to communicate with the American people. Every Saturday at 12:06 p.m. I broadcast -- live -- a five minute address to the Nation. This format gives me the freedom to talk to the people about a variety of subjects so I can help clarify the confusion that sometimes comes out of Washington. On some broadcasts I share my convictions about major issues like the importance of reforming our out-of-control tax code, and giving aid to freedom fighters in Nicaragua. Sometimes I speak of the strength of the American people and the freedom that made this country great.

Radio is an efficient and effective means of communicating and it has an exciting future. That is one reason I do that broadcast every week. I still enjoy being a part of radio.

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