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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 11, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TIMOTHY L. WALBERG

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO  
IRAN ISSUE AND ENCOURAGES IMPLEMENTATION OF  
THE REPORT BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE FAMILY  
CHAIRMAN BY DR. GARY BAUER

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1986

Dear Representative Walberg:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support concerning the Iran situation. I know how much the President appreciates your patriotism and words of encouragement.

Please be assured that your comments will be shared with the President, and I know he will appreciate your support during this time.

Again, thank you for taking the time to send your important message. If I can be of any assistance in the future on other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Timothy L. Walberg  
Member of the House of Representatives  
of the State of Michigan  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
LANSING, MICHIGAN

**TIMOTHY L. WALBERG**

FORTIETH DISTRICT  
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December 5, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear President Reagan:

Hang in there and go for it! Let the politicians and media keep on with their games playing. But you keep on doing what is best for this country...what you have been doing. I'm behind you and so are the vast majority in this land...and you know it!

May I encourage you to implement as much as you can of the Report by the Working Group on the Family, chaired by Dr. Gary Bauer. The proposals in that report will have a greater impact on the future of this great country than any other program or initiative. I applaud you for having the courage to allow Dr. Bauer's group to publish their report.

Sincerely,

TIMOTHY L. WALBERG  
State Representative

CO 071

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 11, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE SAMUEL L. DEVINE

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN ARMS SHIPMENTS  
ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Sam:

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It is heartening to receive a word of support when so many seem to offer only criticism. Thank you very much.

Nancy joins me in wishing you and your family all the best at this very special time of year.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Samuel L. Devine  
170 Burning Tree Drive  
Naples, Florida 33942

RETURNED TO D. Chew ON 861224  
NOT REVIEWED BY ORM.

Dec 24, 1986

Dear Sam:

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SAMUEL L. DEVINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
(1959 - 1981)

TWELFTH DISTRICT  
OHIO

8 December 1986

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

Dear Mr. President,

BRAVO ! Congratulations and best wishes on your initiatives relating to Iran. As I write this, I am listening to George Schultz before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, so whatever develops thereafter is of no particular concern at the moment.

As you know, I served in Congress for 22 years, under six Presidents; was Chairman of the Republican Conference in the House; was ranking Republican on the Select Committee to Investigate the Assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King; formerly an FBI Agent. I cite the above simply to qualify the following :

You have been criticized and maligned by the media for not initially informing Congress about Iran policy and arms sales. How naïve! Anyone with an ounce of judgment knows the Congress is like a sieve. Many Members can't wait to issue press releases and leak sensitive information, for political or other reasons.

Many of us deeply resent the posture of the media, particularly Network commentators that insist on creating rather than reporting news, designed to influence the public, often contrary to the true facts.

I'm confident you are receiving many letters of support, and I simply wanted to add my views, and assure you your credibility remains intact with most of us.

Warmest wishes,

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ELDON RUDD

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES COPY OF LETTER TO THE EDITOR HE HAS  
WRITTEN TO THE WASHINGTON POST IN SUPPORT OF  
THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO IRAN ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Dear Eldon:

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Eldon, thank you for your continued support, particularly now during these difficult times. It is heartening to hear a word of encouragement when so many seem to offer only criticism.

Nancy joins me in wishing you and your family all the best at this very special time of year.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Eldon Rudd  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Eldon Rudd  
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ELDON RUDD  
4TH DISTRICT, ARIZONA

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

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December 11, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the  
United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have written a letter to the editor, copy of which is enclosed and will probably never see the light of day or be published.

I simply wanted you to know that there are those of us who are grateful for your presence in the White House.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

  
Eldon Rudd  
Member of Congress

ER/cq

cc: John Herrington  
Donald Regan  
Pat Buchanan

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 11, 1986

Ms. Meg Greenfield  
Editorial Page Editor  
The Washington Post  
1150 - 15th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20071

Dear Meg,

Shakespeare's Mark Anthony tells us "the evil men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones."

The recent furor over the Iranian situation and its Nicaraguan connection has been generated to white heat by a pious few. But we should not lose sight of the goals of our Country, which are continued existence as a "free people with respect for the rights of the individual."

We should not forget that the grand experiment in liberty conceived and carried out by our forefathers is the first such long-term successful government of this nature which has ever existed on our planet.

We should not forget that it is absolutely vital to our future that the war between Iran and Iraq be settled.

I know there are those who say let the rascals kill each other off. If Iran and Iraq continue to weaken each other by the war in the Middle East, without an end in sight, then the Soviet Union will establish a power base in that area and hegemony over the region will exist.

Without energy, an industrial nation would suffer total unemployment overnight. Consider: Our ally, Japan, depends almost totally on the Middle East for its energy (oil); our Western European allies also depend on the Middle East for a high percentage of their energy, perhaps as much as 75% or 80%. We, in the United States, depend on the Middle East for perhaps as much as 40% of our energy.

If the Soviet empire extends its power base over the Middle East, our allies, Japan and Western Europe, will be forced to make accommodations

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with the Soviets, leaving the United States alone in the world to defend itself against the communist empire.

There can be no mistake if you listen to the words of every Soviet leader, from Lenin to Gorbachev, their intention is clear: they must destroy the United States of America because, they say, the ugly force of communism, which imposes a slave state on its people, must destroy freedom and liberty as a concept in order for communism to survive. There isn't room in this world for the two antithetical philosophies.

Sober analysis of White House policy would therefore conclude it was not only correct, but absolutely imperative for this Administration to make some attempts to deal with this situation. Not to do so would be both negligent and disastrous.

If in the course of events we can free the hostages, that too is a goal which should be achieved.

My biggest fear is that American foreign policy will remain paralyzed if Congress continues to devote all of its time and resources to fixing blame or declaring stupidity on the part of some White House aide.

President Ronald Reagan was elected by the people of the United States to lead our republic successfully into a better life, economically, culturally and educationally.

Any leader who acts may err. The only ones among us who do not err are those who do nothing. Since the Soviets openly avow destruction of our Country, our ideals and the last vestige of remaining liberty and freedom on Earth, how is it that we will not believe these are their goals? Why must we continue to negotiate our way into slavery? How is it we cannot unite against the onslaught of a destructive force? How is it we do not understand that we are involved in total war against our enemies and how is it that we refuse to defend ourselves? How is it that we are so blind as to not recognize the Soviet Union's determined and war-like presence in Cuba and Nicaragua on our doorstep?

President Reagan has admitted mistakes were made. He has courageously acted to disclose the arms sales, and the diversion of funds to the Contras. He is committed to ascertain whether or not laws have been broken.

Even so, this would not alter the fact that our enemy, communism, exists in our hemisphere and is fast approaching our borders for the sole purpose of destroying us.

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The law may have been broken to achieve the noble objective of aiding freedom fighters, which is America's policy. This should not divert our attention from the fact that freedom fighters must be aided in every way legally possible. The President has approved appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate. I suggest we Americans not turn our backs on America and not turn our backs on our President, who has with great courage and success exercised his responsibility to provide leadership for our great Country.

Sincerely,

Eldon Rudd  
Member of Congress

ER/cq

cc: President Ronald Reagan  
John Herrington  
Donald Regan  
Pat Buchanan

Representative Eldon Rudd (R-Az.) is a five-term Congressman from Arizona's Fourth Congressional District.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. NASSER MEYMAND

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING U.S. - IRANIAN RELATIONS  
AND OPPOSES EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE ISLAMIC  
REPUBLIC AND ITS BRUTAL REPRESSION OF THE  
IRANIAN PEOPLE BY LEGITIMIZING ITS EXISTANCE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8638718

DATE January 28, 1987

FOR: MR. FRANK C. CARLUCCI  
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
THE WHITE HOUSE

REFERENCE:

TO: President Reagan FROM: Mr. Nasser Meymand

DATE: 1/9/87 SUBJECT: Writes Regarding U.S.-  
and opposes extending the life of the Islamic Republic and its  
brutal repression of the Iranian people by legitimizing its  
existence.

REFERRAL DATED: December 19, 1987 ID# 446969  
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Nasser Meymand  
President, Iran Society  
P.O. Box 791272  
Dallas, TX 75379-1272

Dear Mr. Meymand:

I am replying to your message to President Reagan concerning recent contacts with Iranian officials.

As President Reagan has explained, the Persian Gulf region is important to the United States, and to many of our allies as well, for a variety of strategic, economic and political reasons. A quarter of the free world's oil flows through the Persian Gulf, and it is vital that Western access to that oil continues. The region is also a strategic focal point for the Soviet Union. The Soviets have long sought to expand their presence and control in the area, and the United States has an important stake in denying the Soviets the opportunity for such an expansion. The long, destructive war between Iran and Iraq also threatens the stability of the area.

In view of these conditions, the United States engaged in an effort to establish contacts with certain groups within the Iranian leadership to explore the possibility of forging a new and better relationship. This was done in order to encourage negotiations to end the war in the Gulf, prevent Soviet expansionism, end Iranian support for international terrorism, and effect the safe return of all hostages from Lebanon.

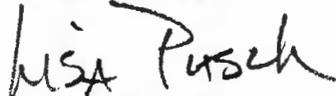
The initiative did not have the outcome that was hoped for, in spite of the soundness of our goals. Current American policy toward Iran has been clearly stated by Secretary Shultz. In testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on December 8, 1986, he said:

Iran cannot expect a better relationship with the U.S. until it acts to end the war, ceases its support for terrorism, and uses its influence with those who hold our hostages to achieve their freedom."

The United States accepts the Iranian revolution as an historical fact, and we regard the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran as the legitimate governing institution in

that country. As you know, it is not U.S. policy to interfere in the internal affairs of any country, much less the form of government a people choose for themselves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Piasek". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lisa Piasek  
Country Officer for Iran

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REFERRAL

DECEMBER 19, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 446969

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED NOVEMBER 20, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. NASSER MEYMAND  
PRESIDENT  
IRAN SOCIETY  
POST OFFICE BOX 791272  
DALLAS TX 75379

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING U.S. - IRANIAN RELATIONS  
AND OPPOSES EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE ISLAMIC  
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DALLAS, TEXAS 75379-1272



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منگلای کوی  
November 20, 1986  
President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

We believe that in most of the recent statements and explanations regarding Iran and U.S. - Iranian relations, the views of the majority of Iranian people have been disregarded completely.

As a group of Iranians who are deeply worried about the future of our people, we would like to bring to your attention the essential reality regarding the internal situation in our country.

The majority of Iranians have recognized that the resolution of the country's serious economic, political, and social problems are clearly beyond the competence of the present theocratic government. Most people are fully aware that the war with Iraq continues, because without it, the regime of the Ayatollah Komenini would become even more dangerously vulnerable to severe public resistance. Is there anything more vile than sending hundreds of thousands of teenagers and even children to the front lines and handing each one a "key to paradise," knowing well in advance that a large percentage would be blown to pieces? The only function of this holocaust is to perpetuate the Ayatollah's tyranny.

Mr. President, there are no moderates among the clerics who rule our country. There is no moderation in the application of the "Law of Vengeance". There is no moderation in the separation of men and women nor in the gross domination of men over women. There is no moderation in denying Iranians their national heritage of art, music, poetry and literature. There is no moderation in teaching children that one is born in order to look for "martyrdom".

Fanatical men who decide to speak with the representatives of the United States are not perceived as moderates by the Iranian people. There are no moderates among the clerics who rule our country.

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The truth is that Iran's rulers do not belong to this age and can not deal with the realities of the modern world. Moreover, they realize that after eight years of mismanagement and brutality the only way they can extend their rule is by terrorizing their own critics.

If there is one thing that truly distinguishes the United States as a great country, it is the profound respect it has for human rights and decency. Can America condemn the atrocities of Nazi Germany or the "Killing Fields" of Paul Potts or the terrorism of Khadafy's rule and yet establish communications with a government which routinely persecutes religious minorities, tortures and executes thousands of political prisoners, teaches school children to spy on their parents, and promotes international terrorism? Would America's conscience accept a relationship with such a monstrous and barbaric regime.

Mr. President upon verification of the U.N Commission of Human Rights responsible for the refugees as well as the number of political asylum applications received by the U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization Services, you will be well informed about the approximate three million well - educated Iranians who fled their country due to Komeini's tyranny. These people are the real cornerstone of a democratic and progressive Iran and they have the heartfelt support of the majority of the people inside Iran. These people, now living in political exile, are waiting for conditions to change so they may return to Iran and begin rebuilding their homeland.

Mr. President, the majority of the Iranians accept the fact that only a Constitutional monarchy under a democratic government can begin to heal the country's wounds, restore peace and reconstruct the shattered economy.

Mr. President, please do not extend the life of the Islamic Republic and its brutal repression of the Iranian people by legitimizing its existence.

Respectfully.  
Nasser Meymand

*N. Meymand*  
President  
Iran Society

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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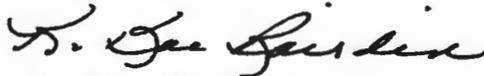
Dear Mr. Esposito:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support for him concerning the Iran situation. I know how much the President appreciates your patriotism and words of encouragement.

Please be assured that your comments will be shared with the President, and I know he will appreciate your support during this time.

Again, thank you for taking the time to send your important message. If I can be of any assistance in the future on other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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November 10, 1986

Mr. Pat Buchanon  
The White House,  
Washington, D.C. 20000

*Mr President!  
We wanted you  
to know how we  
feel - your great!*

Dear Mr. Buchanon:

I want to congratulate you for bringing your message to the rank and file Republicans.

It is obvious that the liberal press and some Democrats are trying desperately to make this another Watergate, but it's pretty plain that our President - the best this century - was only trying to stop Russia in Iran and also bring home our hostages.

I and many others of us here also agree both North and Poindexter deserve the highest praise and honor - not treated like common criminals.

When is congress going to wake up and let our President run the country - all they have done is to mess it up.

Merry Xmas and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Albert C. Esposito, M.D.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 4, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DENNIS THOMAS

FROM: HALEY BARBOUR

*Subject*  
There are a number of efforts underway to try to use our political assets to get the President's message out on the Iranian problem, and, ultimately, moving beyond the subject. There are other ways in which our political allies can be helpful.

The Republican National Committee, Citizens for America and Project '88 have already disseminated material to their leadership in all 50 states making our points and urging support of the President. All three organizations have been encouraging their leaders to speak out on behalf of the President.

A number of Republican party leaders in the various states have issued statements or made comments to the media in support of the President and, particularly, of the actions taken concerning the independent counsel, etc. Results are somewhat mixed, both in terms of effort by the state and local party leaders and in acceptance and use by local media.

*Note*  
We are monitoring the party effort daily and are staying in close touch not only with the RNC but with the state leaders directly. We're keeping similar close contact with groups like CFA and Project '88.

It has been suggested that Republican groups could have in-state rallies after the 1st of the year in support of the President. There is question as to whether this would be helpful or not.

*Note*  
It is reported that NCPAC is trying to raise \$500,000 for an advertising campaign in support of the President. Advertising seems to me an inefficient and probably ineffective method of addressing the problem.

The following are additional ways our assets can be put to use:

1. The President and Vice President should be made available in Washington for interviews by regional press, friendly reporters and columnists, friendly business and trade publications and any other friendly general or special news organizations or publications identified by the press or communication offices.
2. Cabinet officials and other administration spokesman need to travel to make news on a regional and local basis, both individually and in conjunction with local Reagan supporters. The focus should be on support of the President and his agenda. Our surrogate speaker schedule must be accelerated both now and in the first 60 days of next year, with the goal that the Administration be seen as visible and aggressive.
3. Cabinet officials and other spokesman, including possibly the President and Vice President, should be made available for satellite feeds into various regional and local markets.
4. There should be a large number of White House and Room 450 briefings, especially in the first two months of next year (with maximum emphasis on the week before and the week of the State of the Union) with Presidential participation. Many and varied groups of the President's supporters from across the country and in Washington should be brought into the White House to be briefed on the 1987 agenda and exposed to the President.
5. An effort, organized as Will Ball thinks is appropriate, should be made to get members of the House and Senate to speak out in support of what the President has done.
6. The President needs to be seen outside of Washington as well as in town, engaged in activities unrelated to this Iranian thing, and appropriate travel opportunities as well as Washington news opportunities should be developed.

The President and Administration needs ultimately to begin making news on something other than this Iranian deal, and every one should be thinking of opportunities to make that happen.