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Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

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April 27, 1984

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America
White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Within the last twenty years it seems our candidates for the presidency have been to submissive with other countries. As an individual I follow political figures as they try diplomatically to ease tension within our globe. Since the John Kennedy era the United States of America has tried passively to hold back the Soviet Union and their tremendous militant impact they have on the world today.

Within the last three years our economy is no longer sporadic. It seems to be working rather well. Unemployment has dropped to a percentage which I am sure you and your administration see as a great accomplishment. Also, your influence on the Federal Reserve is an obstacle which helped the growth of America tremendously in your term.

Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei A. Gromyko and Secretary of State, George P. Schultz met recently to increase talks between the United States and the Soviet Union. This intrigued me to write to you, Mr. President. When the Pershing II and Cruise Missiles arrived in western Europe this fall, the Soviets closed the door on Arms Reduction talks. Nuclear arms reduction is essential for the Super Powers to help reduce the stockpiles of nuclear weaponry which lurk over the world today. The arms race is no longer a competitive achievement for the Number One position, but rather a bitter battle to contain an aggressive nation that continually instigates matters such as Afghanistan and the tragic flight of KAL 007 when 269 persons aboard perished after being shot down by Soviet fighters on September 1, 1983.

Mr. President, there is one statement which Andrei Gromyko said which seems perplexing; however a possibility. The Soviet Minister claims the Soviet government will cease all relations if the deployment of American missiles continues in Western Europe. You stated in the early winter that the Soviets would return...and they did. But will they if more installation occurs? I strongly believe the "Reagan Team" and your persuasive appeal could begin the disarmament of the arsenals between the Super Powers in 1984.

Mr. Ronald Reagan

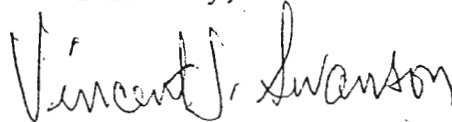
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April 19, 1984

As a freshman in college, my major study is Political Science. I am highly concerned about what my generation may inherit if today's American government is not prudent. Here is my presentation. The Soviet Socialist Republican party and their oligarchy of government is a confounded party to understand for us as a democracy. The United States of America cannot afford being biased. Objectivity is extremely precious to the American government and society. The Soviets accuse you of being an aggressive man. Mr. President, you obviously are a middle ground and I admire this. Also, your optimism is something the Soviet Nation cannot overlook. Due to the deployment of the western missiles, the Soviet Government realizes the United States can be a militant nation as well. I believe the Pershing II and Cruise missiles introduced into Western Europe are an excellent political tool to deter the Soviet Union. The United States should be the "adult" of the matter and stop the deployment of these missiles for the time being in the western sections of Europe to observe the reaction in the Kremlin.

I thank you, President Reagan, for listening. I understand you have limited time; however, I would appreciate very much a response from you at your Washington office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Vincent J. Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "V" at the beginning.

Vincent J. Swanson

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Well, you see your letter did get to me, and I don't take daily zzzz's. That's another distortion by the press. I'm enclosing your letter just in case you'd prefer to have it.

Sincerely,

[Faint, illegible handwritten text]

Miss Joan Roberts
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4-27-84

R W Reagan
Pres., USA
Wash, DC 20500

Re: China
Speech
TV News 4-27

Mr. President:

I think you fully deserve to have
your speech censored by the the
Chinese. You've got your nerve! You
do not speak for me as an American.

* Imagine the Chinese head of country
invited here as official guest and telling
us that our people's and gov't's most
cherished beliefs and faith in our
system were fundamentally wrong!
Just a plain insult, is what you handed
them! I think you're plain stupid!

And as I heard you describe the country
that was "the greatest threat to the
whole world today" the thought immediately
came to my mind that most of the world
today - even our allies - now fear the U.S.
and Reagan more, quite a bit more, than
they do the Russians, and that, irony of
ironies, you were standing there talking,
unwittingly, dumbly, about my own country
in your description of Russia!

But I don't suppose any letters of this
sort are ever permitted to reach you.
Just friendly letters from kids in
school - or you might not get your daily
zzzz's

Joan Roberts
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Original sent back per RR

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Anne Higgins

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 5-31-84

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RR's signature. Thanks.

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WASHINGTON

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May 31, 1984

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There were no misrepresentations or halftruths in my speech. I can, however, understand why you might think so, since your letter reveals your acceptance of the worldwide propaganda put forth by the Cuban and Soviet disinformation network.

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Why is it that every murder is purported to be the work of the so-called death squads? The guerrillas a couple of years ago boasted openly they had killed more than 10,000 of their countrymen.

In Nicaragua, I'm sure, some of the Contras are former members of the National Guard. They would be executed if they tried to live as citizens under the Sandinistas. Most of the leadership of the Contras is made up of men who were part of the revolution against Somoza.

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We do support the Contadora process and its 21 points. There have been criticisms from time to time by some in that process, but still we have a good relationship. We continue to seek a negotiated peace and the government of El Salvador and the Contras support us in this. Only the guerrillas and the Sandinistas refuse. We were providing financial aid to the Sandinista government for some time after I took office as my predecessor had. Then it became clear the Sandinistas were supplying arms to help overthrow the government of El Salvador. In fact, the guerrillas' headquarters is in Nicaragua about 20 miles from the capital.

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May 9, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

I am writing to you because of the misrepresentations contained in your speech about Central American policy. Among those I noted are these:

You said that the extreme Salvadorean right wing was not part of the Salvadorean government, but you overlooked the reported links between the death squads and Roberto D'Aubisson and his party. You also neglected to mention that most human rights groups believe that the death squads are responsible for most of the human rights abuses in Salvador. For example, Amnesty International has said (in a statement to the House Western Hemisphere Affairs subcommittee, 26 July 1983) that "analysis of all available data suggests that the majority of the reported violations, including torture, 'disappearance,' and deliberate, cold-blooded killings, have been carried out by the security forces, and have been directed against individuals not involved in guerilla activity".

You referred to the land-reform program, but did not mention that the most important part of that program (that dealing with medium-sized farms) has not been carried out. You talked about those who could not farm because they would be killed by the left, but did not mention those who have been threatened and killed by the right wing death squads.

You praised the Salvadorean offer of amnesty, but neglected to mention those who have been killed by the death squads after release from prison, including Manuel de Jesus Orellana Moran, Pedro Antonio Chamal, Pablo Roberto Torres, and Nelson William Solano.

You claimed that the contras are fighting for democracy, but didn't discuss the large number of them who were part of the brutal, totalitarian Somoza regime. You mentioned those who were formerly part of the Sandinista government, but didn't note that one of them, Eden Pastora, has refused to join the U.S.-backed guerillas because of their links with the former Somoza regime.

You mentioned the increase in the Nicaraguan armed forces, but did not mention their fears of a U.S. invasion, fears which your administration has deliberately and callously encouraged.

You said that you support the objectives of the Contadora process, but did not mention that leaders of Contadora nations have deplored your Central American policy.

These by no means exhaust the half-truths in your speech, but they adequately illustrate its propagandistic nature.

I have no illusions that the Sandanista government is perfect--their mistreatment of the Miskito Indians (which, however, has reportedly ceased) is sufficient to demonstrate their shortcomings--but their misdeeds do not justify your administration's backing guerillas who are attempting to overthrow that government.

Nor do I think that the Salvadorean guerillas will solve the problems of Salvador. But a policy which ignores the limitations the Salvadorean army has already indicated will be placed on any president's ability to reform the armed forces, and which ignores the continuing human rights violations by the right wing death squads can only exacerbate the problems.

The problems of Central American will not be solves by simplistic rhetoric. What I have heard tonight gives me little reason to hope that your administration will contribute significantly to the solution of those problems. And your resorting to half-truths which distort the real situation suggests that you yourself do not believe that this policy is in the best interests of the Americas.

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May 31, 1984

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

Thank you for including your return address in your letter of May 10. I appreciate the opportunity to reply to your statements which, while well intentioned, do not present a factual account of the situation today either in El Salvador or Nicaragua.

It is true that El Salvador was supportive of repressive and violent forces even after the coup which overthrew a military dictatorship. But there were those in that coup who wanted true democracy. One such was for a time chosen to be President, but he was never allowed to serve. Jose Napoleon Duarte was imprisoned, tortured and exiled. He is now the President-elect of El Salvador.

There have been three elections in 26 months. Bipartisan teams of observers from our country have been in El Salvador for each of those elections, and they have been unanimous in their praise of the people who voted in spite of death threats by the guerrillas -- guerrillas, I might add, who are trained and supplied by Cuba, the Communist Bloc countries and the Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

Of course, the duly elected government of El Salvador, beset by powerful guerrilla forces, has not entirely gotten a handle on the right-wing radicals assailing that government from within. But they have made tremendous strides and will make more under the newly elected President.

Mr. Lawrence, our democracy is 200 plus years old, but I remember a time in this century when citizens could be lynched without any arrests being made. Don't you think it's understandable that a new democracy can't do everything in less than a decade? They are trying.

As for Nicaragua, the Sandinista government is purely totalitarian and has committed genocide against the Miskito Indians. The Contras assailing that government are led in large part by people who were part of the revolution that overthrew Somoza, and all they want is the democracy they fought to have. The Sandinista group denied them a place in government and to this day has never kept a single one of the promises made to the Organization of American States which they asked for help during the revolution.

The archbishop of San Salvador has been quoted as calling for removal of our forces. He has denied this and states that he want us to stay. The bishops of Nicaragua, at risk to their lives, have called on the Sandinista government to keep its promises and stop persecuting the Nicaraguan people.

Yes, you are right that Central America needs economic help and social reforms. Our legislation before Congress asks for an \$8 billion five-year program to do just that. Only about 20% is to provide military support. You can't institute economic reforms while you are defending yourself against a powerful, well armed hostile force.

We support the 21 points of the Contadora Group. We continue to appeal to the guerrillas in El Salvador and the Sandinistas to negotiate a peaceful settlement in both countries. So far the guerrillas have refused and so have the Sandinistas. The government of El Salvador and the Contras in Nicaragua have joined us in seeking a peaceful solution. We are not militarizing Central America.

And, in addition to the doctors and teachers you identify as Cubans in Nicaragua, there are also several thousand Cuban military there as well as some P.L.O., Bulgarians and others. We have 55 military instructors in El Salvador.

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May 10, 1984

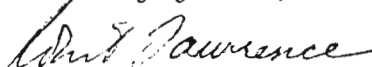
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I was saddened and angered by your speech on Central America. Having worked for two years in El Salvador as a member of the U.S. Public Health Service and having returned three times over the past eight years for periods of one to three weeks, I find the distortions and manipulation of the facts contained in your speech to be reprehensible, especially coming from someone holding the highest elective position in our country. We have supported, and your policies continue to support, the most repressive and violent forces in El Salvador. As a member of a medical mission of inquiry into the abuse of Protocol 2 of the Geneva Convention (the protocol guaranteeing the concept of medical neutrality under conditions of armed conflict) which visited El Salvador last year, I and my colleagues documented the continuing violation of human rights, the use of torture and executions, and the wholesale disregard for judicial review by the security forces of the Government of El Salvador, a group you describe as struggling for freedom and the protection of democracy.

Similarly, your description of the situation in Nicaragua was filled with half-truths, distortions of fact, and glaring omissions. You are either poorly informed or engaging in the worst form of political demagoguery. Yes, the Cubans do have thousands of personnel in Nicaragua, but why don't you say that 1600 of them are doctors and 2000 are teachers? Why aren't we sending similar groups to educate and heal the people of Central America rather than supplying guns and bombs to a corrupt and incompetent military? Why are we afraid to have our policies examined before the World Court and unwilling to support the efforts of the Contadora Group to bring about a negotiated settlement of the conflict in Central America? Your policies bring dishonor to the American people and mock the very principles which have made our system of democratic government survive for two centuries. I urge you to stop your dangerous policy of confrontation and militarization of the Central American isthmus; to end your support for the security forces and death squads which have killed over 30,000 civilians in El Salvador; to accept the offer of our neighbor, Mexico, and Panama, Venezuela and Colombia to mediate a negotiated settlement to the fighting; and to end the covert support of the Samos thugs you call "freedom fighters."

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9 Mr. Robert S. Lawrence 67 Silver Hill Road
Weston Mass. 02193

Dear Mr. Lawrence

Thank you for including your return address in your letter of May 10. I appreciate the opportunity to reply to your statements which while well intentioned do not present a factual account of either ~~present~~ the situation today in El Salvador or Nicaragua.

It is true that El Salvador was supportive of repressive & violent forces even after the coup which overthrew a military dictatorship. But there were those in that coup who wanted true democracy. One such was for a time chosen to be President but was never allowed to serve. Jose Napoleon Duarte was imprisoned, tortured & exiled. He is now the Pres. elect of El Salvador.

There have been 3 elections in 26 months. Bipartisan teams of observers from our country have been in El Salvador for each of those elections and they have been unanimous in their praise of the people who voted in spite of death threats by the Guerrillas. Guerrillas I might add who are training supplied by Cuba, the Communist Bloc countries & the Sandinista govt of Nicaragua.

Of course the duly elected govt of El Salvador beset by powerful Guerrilla forces has not entirely gotten a handle on the Rightwing radicals assailing that govt. from within. But they have made tremendous strides & will make more under the newly elected Pres.

Mr. Lawrence our democracy is 200 plus years old but I remember a time in this century when citizens could be lynched without any arrests being made. Don't you think it's understandable that a ~~new~~ new democracy can't do everything in less than a decade? They are trying.

As for Nicaragua the Sandinista govt. is far from totalitarian and has committed genocide against the Miskito Indians. The Contras assailing that govt. are led in large part by people who were part of the revolution that overthrew Somoza & all they want is the democracy they forgot to have. The Sandinista group denied them a place in govt. & to this day has never kept ^{a single} one of the promises made to the Organization ~~State~~.
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of American states ~~when~~ ^{when} they asked for help during the ~~revolution~~ revolution.

The Arch Bishop of San Salvador has been quoted as calling for removal of our forces. He has denied this and states that ^{he} wants us to stay. The Bishops of Nicaragua at mid~~le~~ ^{to} their lives have called on the Sandinista govt. to keep its promises & stop persecuting the Nicaraguan people.

Yes you are right that Central America needs economic help & social reforms. Our legislation before Congress asks for an 8 bil. 5 yr program to do just that. Only about 20% is to provide mil. support. You cant institute ec. reforms while you are defending yourself against a powerful, well ~~to~~ armed hostile force.

We support the efforts of the Contadora group. We continue to appeal to the Guerrillas in El Salvador & the Sandinistas to negotiate a peaceful settlement in both countries. So far the Guerrillas have refused & so have the Sandinistas. The govt. of El Salvador & the Contras in Nicaragua have joined us in seeking a peaceful solution. We are not militarizing Central America.

And in addition ~~similar~~ ^{similar} to the Drs. & Doctors ~~from Cuba~~ you identify as Cubans in Nicaragua there are also several thousand Cuban military there in addition to some P.L.O., Bulgarians & others. We have 55 military ~~institutions~~ ^{institutions} in El Salvador.

Sincerely RQ

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to respond.

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May 31, 1984

Dear Mr. Dorn:

I'm sorry to be so late in replying to your good letter of April 18. Thank you for your kind and generous words and a belated congratulations on your marriage. Give Mrs. Dorn my regards.

I share your feelings about the doom criers in our land. I too believe that ignorance and superstition are keeping us from having clean, economical electric energy by way of nuclear power.

Thank you for your expression of support in the coming election. I'll be proud to have it.

Sincerely,

DONALD REAGAN

Mr. Steven Jon Dorn
127 West North College
Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

RR/AVH/CAD/lme

RR/DICTATION

April 18, 1984

Dear Mr. President

I am what is known a common working man. I am not one to write to people in high places, I feel that you have enough to worry about. I do want to say thank-you because since you have been in office I am more aware of what is going on around me, and most important my way of life has gotten better, because of your way of dealing with runaway inflation. And dealing with high taxes people say that you don't care about the "common man" and only worry about big business. Well Mr. President last year I made about \$9,000.00 dollars. Last year I was given one of the best tax breaks I've ever had, thanks to you. I get tired of hearing from Hart, Mondal and Jackson about how bad your years as President have been on our Nation. Again I will say that I feel you have done one hell of a job. I have never voted in a Presidential election but I am this year and I am voting for you! I got married this year and am looking forward to 4 more years with you as President. I hope that you are up to it. It would prove so much to the people around me. You see, Mr. President, I live in Yellow Springs, Ohio, which has demonstrated against everything from nuclear weaponry to South American politics. Sometimes I just don't understand people. When it comes to nuclear power, everybody fights against it.

I for one do not want to be in the dark in 20 years because of a group of people who don't want to listen to the truth. I am not an extremist or anything but it just doesn't make sense. Well I know that I have been rambling on and

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I'm sorry to take up your most valuable time, but these days' everybody need's to have someone tell them that they are doing a good job and I know that you are! And thank you.

A Staunch Supporter

Steven Jon Dorn

P.S. To Whom It May Concern

I doubt that this reaches the President so whoever reads this please let him know that someone believes in him in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Also could someone let me know that this reached the White House?

127 West North Collage

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James R. House, Sr.
Rural Route 2, Box 134
Rockwood, Illinois 62280

RR/AVH/CAD/lme

RR/DICTATION

March 27, 1984

TO: Comm. in Chief
FR: James R. House, Sr., U.S.N. (Ret)
SUBJ: Another Rough and Long Ride

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Dear Sir,

The Primary elections have been completed here in our beautiful and wonderful State of Ill. Mr. Hart and Mr. Mondale, both made a good showing.

Reason I am writing to you, and I hope you get to read this.

Well I was sitting in our local pub, enjoying a cool one, Mr. Mondale was on T.V. Well sir, after Mr. Mondale completed his speech, a very old and respected farmer from our area, got up off his bar-stool and said in a very loud voice.

"Well - it shore looks to me folks," "that, the old cow poke, who is now riden herd on Washington, D.C., better go out and buy his self a brand new saddle, and a strong Morgan horse," "cause He's got 4 more years of rough riden."

Sir: that is the local opinion here. I believe same as the old farmer (no names).

However Sir, I'd, suggest that you buy a new set of spurs also, and make damn sure that the saddle is double rigged, and chined up tight.

Wish I were there to help you. I will do so - from my humble home here in Southern, Ill.

God Bless you Sir.

Learn to un-lax and enjoy God's good gifts. You don't have to work all the damn time.

Respectively,

James R. House Sr.

U.S.N. (Ret.)

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RR/AVH/CAD/lme

RR/DICTATION

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After careful consideration and long hours of thinking I came to the conclusion that I was wrong. The draft registration is not an infringement upon the rights of its citizens, but a way of strengthening America's defenses.

I am happy to report to you that I have signed up for the draft registration, and have received my registration acknowledgment from the Selective Service System.

I salute you, President Reagan, for you are strengthening America's defenses and bringing back our country to the greatness it had.

I hope you will accept my apology. You can count on my vote in 1984.

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Sincerely,

ARMED REAR

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sung
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C. B. Sung
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May 11, 1984

Mr. William Henkel
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Henkel:

As Chairman of E-S Pacific Development and Construction Company, Ltd., which has been specifically established as the American investor in the Great Wall Hotel joint venture project, I thank you for honoring the Great Wall Hotel with the presence of the Presidential party and congratulate you on the outstanding success of the whole China mission.

Mrs. Sung and I would like to express our special thanks to you for giving us the opportunity to greet President Reagan and First Lady Nancy on April 28 at the Great Wall Hotel. It would be greatly appreciated if you could forward the enclosed letter to President Reagan for me.

If we can be of any assistance to you regarding your future China trips, please do not hesitate to call on us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Unison International

1200 Bayhill Drive, Suite 220
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The White House
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I am sure by now you have received all kinds of official observations. For your information and amusement, I am listing the following observations:

- * When your motorcade from the Beijing Airport approached the center of the city, all our staff, mostly Americans, of Unison International, were watching from a corner office from the 17th floor of the Beijing Hotel. The Manager of our China office, Frank Hawke, who has been a long term resident in Beijing since 1978, exclaimed that this is the first time he had ever seen the Chinese people spontaneously lining up on both sides of the street to greet (or watch) a visiting state-leader, especially on such a cold day. A picture is enclosed.
- * Your timely and appropriate quotations of Chinese poems and proverbs were greatly appreciated by the Chinese. Your staff members have done an excellent job in this, as in all other aspects.

President Ronald Reagan

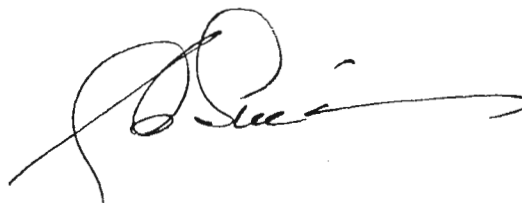
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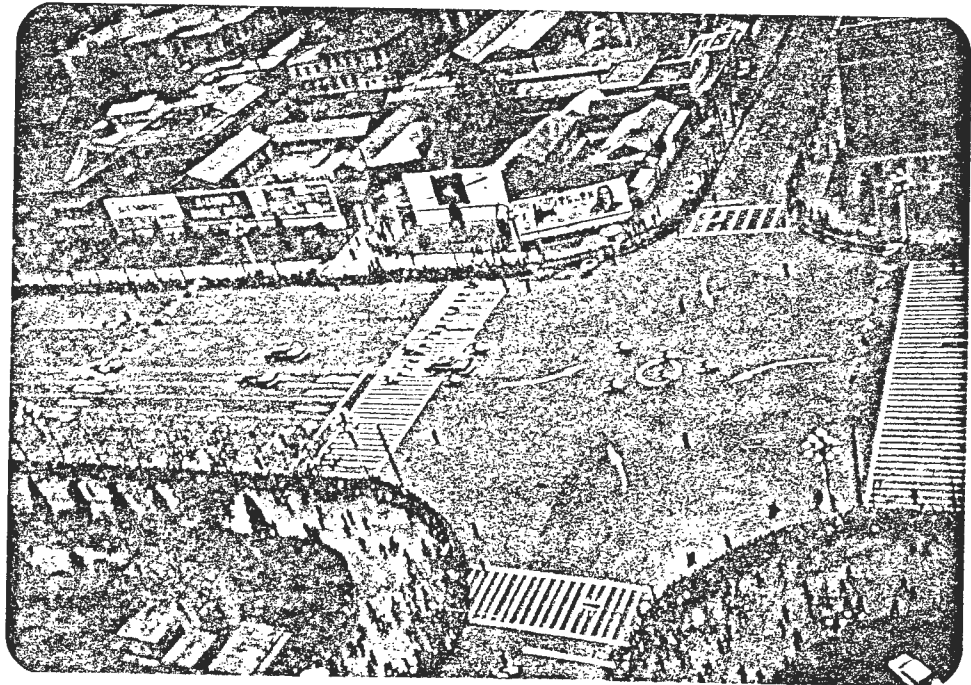
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- * Shortly after your April 27 speech at the Great Hall, I happened to be with four of the Chinese leaders who sat on the stage with you. They independently commented on your youthfulness, your vitality exhibited by the way you delivered the speech, the substance of the speech, and, most impressive of all, your superb memory -- you only glanced at your paper once or twice. The next day, I happened to meet several of my Chinese friends from the audience. They made practically the same comments. Since they all are so convinced of your superb memory, I did not have the heart to tell them that you had some technical help. (They thought the plastic plate was a protective shield.)
- * In January of this year, while back in the States, Beulah received a telex from the North Rose Corporation in Beijing, which had been founded with her inspiration and assistance. (As you probably know, during the Cultural Revolution, one could get imprisoned if one grew roses or other plants.) She was requested to bring bare roots of a certain award-winning rose known as "First Lady Nancy" in anticipation of the visit. Beulah followed the request and the "First Lady Nancy" roses grew in the Chinese soil for the first time and blossomed just a few days prior to the visit. A picture, showing us ready to present the three roses, is enclosed for the First Lady.

All in all, the American community in China is very proud of your visit and performance. You have certainly impressed the Chinese with your vigor, friendship and strength.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Ronald Reagan", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.



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Mon. June 4, 1984.

President Ronald Reagan
Winfield House
London, Eng.

No Reply
Please

Dear President Reagan,

There are four American couples
who are on vacation in London -
and we just want you to know
we support you all the way.
If you need help, let us know.

They are all southerners, North
Carolinians, Mr & Mrs. Randal Proctor
Sr. Exec. Vice Pres. Equitable Life Ass. Soc -
Georgians, Mr & Mrs. George Nicholson
(Atlanta) and Mr & Mrs. Thom. Byrd Lee
(Macon) - and, Louisianians, Mr. & Mrs.
J. M. Mc Lure, (Shreveport).

They can all give darn good
Rebel yells & will be happy to
demonstrate in your behalf.

We are proud of you
and Nancy

Most Sincerely,

Mary Mc Lure - for
the folks listed above
"us."

P.S. I'll be doing all I
can to re-elect
you - M. V. M.

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Larry Speakes

The President has seen 217086
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OFFICE OF THE BUREAU CHIEF

June 7, 1984

*No Reply
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RR*

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

Dear Mr. President:

It was most kind and thoughtful of you to write in regard to the injury I sustained at the Great Wall of China on the day that you and Mrs. Reagan visited. I have totally recovered from that incident but I always will be grateful to the Marine helicopter crew which flew me from the Great Wall of China to the Beijing Airport and to those doctors and nurses at Beijing's Capital Hospital who was so kind and helpful in treating me.

Since returning, I have cited the incident in a column, and in a speech before the Cosmos Club and have paid tribute to the kindness you extended. I am enclosing the column because I thought you might enjoy reading about a different aspect of your visit to the Great Wall.

Again my thanks to you.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Thompson
Robert E. Thompson

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Enclosure

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Albany Times-Union
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Baltimore News American

Los Angeles Herald-Examiner
San Antonio Light
Midland (Tex.) Reporter Telegram

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