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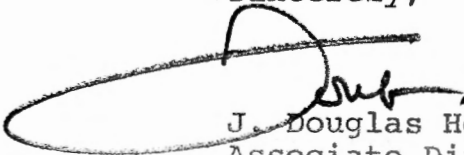
May 29, 1984

Dear Dr. McIntire:

The President appreciated your letter of March 30. Your concerns are well-expressed. The thing that you do well is your direct approach to problems.

Press on.

Sincerely,



J. Douglas Holladay
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

DKL see you on June 18!

Dr. Carl McIntire
President
International Council of
Christian Churches
756 Haddon Avenue
Collingswood, New Jersey 08108

Genial Envoy From Vatican

Pio Laghi

By KENNETH A. BRIGGS

Archbishop Pio Laghi, who was named yesterday by Pope John Paul II to be the Vatican's Ambassador to the United States, has become known as an artful church diplomat in the 32 years he has served as a papal representative abroad.

Man between the United States and the Vatican were restored on Jan. 10 after more than a century of unofficial relations. President Reagan's appointment of William A. Wilson as the United States Ambassador to the Holy See was confirmed and Mr. Wilson was sworn in on March 9.

Archbishop Laghi, a genial man, is known within the church as an exceptionally intelligent prelate with an informal demeanor and a polished approach to diplomacy. One Roman Catholic official said the Archbishop's urbanity "represents what is best about the Vatican diplomatic service."

Since 1980, the 61-year-old Archbishop has been the Apostolic Delegate to the Roman Catholic Church in the United States and the Vatican's permanent observer to the Organization of American States. He was appointed to those posts after serving as Papal Nuncio, or full ambassador, to Argentina. His choice as the first Ambassador to this country in a century was generally expected among church officials.

"He was the natural choice," said Msgr. John Tracy Ellis, a leading Catholic church historian. "If you were to canvas around, nobody would think of anybody else for the job. He has one quality for which there is no substitute. He has brains."

Pope's Liaison to America

As Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Laghi was the Pope's liaison to the Catholic church in America. Like his predecessors stretching back to the 1890's, he conveyed news of the church here to Rome and submitted names of possible candidates for the hierarchy to the Pope.

Archbishop Laghi is a tall, dignified-looking man with silver hair. As the Pope's representative in the United States, he has traveled widely, attending church meetings, ceremonies and conferences.

In the past week, Archbishop Laghi has played a visible part in the installations of two key Archbishops he helped to place — Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York and Archbishop Bernard F. Law of Boston. At both events,

he presided over the formalities, reading the Vatican documents in English heavily accented by his native Italian and embracing the new Archbishops in congratulations.

The manner in which Archbishop Laghi informed Bishop O'Connor of his appointment tells much about his orderly but relaxed approach, church officials say. After engaging Bishop O'Connor in general conversation at some length by telephone from his Washington office, he said, "Oh, by the way, you've been chosen by the Holy Father as next Archbishop of New York."

Hand in Reshaping Hierarchy

Most church leaders say Archbishop Laghi has had a strong hand in helping reshape the hierarchy of the Catholic church in the United States along more conservative lines.

Pope John Paul II has voiced criticism of the extent of dissent from church teaching among American Catholics and many leaders believe the selection of new bishops and archbishops, aided by Archbishop Laghi, has been aimed at restoring church discipline.

According to church officials, Archbishop Laghi works quietly, behind the scenes, and keeps internal church business to himself.

While in Washington, he has refrained from granting interviews and guards his privacy. With regard to his part in filling hierarchical vacancies, it is believed that he chooses candidates who meet the Pope's general standards.

Monsignor Ellis said Archbishop Laghi has been "as open as anyone could be holding that position." When Monsignor Ellis once asked him to explain how bishops are chosen, the Archbishop gladly accommodated him and ran through a pending case. But as the final step was reached, the Archbishop discreetly placed his hand over the nominees.

Career Vatican Diplomat

Pio Laghi was born on May 21, 1922, in Castiglione, Italy, in the diocese of Forlì. He was ordained a priest on April 20, 1946, and entered the Vatican diplomatic service in 1952.

He filled various staff positions in Nicaragua, the United States and India before returning to Rome to serve on the Council of Public Affairs of the church. After being ordained Bishop on June 22, 1969, he was sent as Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine, then, in 1974, to Argentina.

As the Vatican's representative in the United States, Archbishop Laghi continues to live in the church's official diplomatic residence, a three story mansion, along embassy row in Washington.

Those who know him expect his life to change relatively little with his new assignment. He will continue his diligent monitoring of the church, associates say, and, when time permits, help keep trim with a game of tennis.

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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

C. Sandseth

March 30, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing today THE NEW YORK TIMES report on the Vatican's appointment of the Ambassador to the United States and also the letter I have written to the Pope.

You have really penetrated to the deepest level of religious faith and liberty that all our religions have enjoyed. For the Pope to put his long-standing Apostolic Delegate, who has handled his appointments and helped him determine the structure and well-being of his church in this country, and make him his political representative, as he is supposed to be according to the State Department, puts everything in one man, and an Archbishop at that.

It is not right and we shall all work to have it changed.

Very truly yours,

Carl McIntire

Enclosure: Clipping from the NEW YORK TIMES



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INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

March 30, 1984

His Holiness, Pope John Paul II
The Vatican
Vatican City, Italy

Dear Pope John Paul:

I write concerning your Ambassador to the United States.

The announcement of the appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as your Ambassador raises the whole question of the relationship of your church to the state in the United States, the churches here to your church, and the propriety of even having an ambassador.

Kenneth R. Briggs, reporting in the NEW YORK TIMES, March 27, 1984, informed all that Archbishop Laghi has been your Apostolic Delegate and is now also your Ambassador — “the Pope’s liaison to the Catholic Church in America. Like his predecessors stretching back to the 1890’s, he conveyed news of the church here to Rome and submitted names of possible candidates for the hierarchy to the Pope.”

Thus you have placed in his hands all these political relationships. These matters of church and state you have combined in one person. The NEW YORK TIMES story proceeds to explain your Apostolic Delegate’s activities and how comprehensive they have been in your behalf.

The TIMES says: “In the past week, Archbishop Laghi has played a visible part in the installations of two key Archbishops he helped to place — Archbishop John J. O’Connor of New York and Archbishop Bernard F. Law of Boston. At both events, he presided over the formalities, reading the Vatican documents in English heavily accented by his native Italian and embracing new Archbishops in congratulations.”

Nothing you could have done could have so offended our sensibilities on this issue of union of church and state.

This leads me to point out to you that in response to objections made by Protestants of this country and some of your own people, the State Department said that they were recognizing only the civil state aspect of your headquarters in Rome. You did not choose to send a layman or a non-cleric, but instead have appointed Laghi. The United States, on the other hand, has sent a layman who, of course, is a Roman Catholic. You have given the ambassadorial post to your choice cleric-spokesman with long experience in helping you to determine your church leadership in the United States.

The United States is especially sensitive on this issue just now, since the First Amendment, which requires separation of church and state, is being interpreted to remove silent prayer or even a moment of silence from the public schools. You also have been understood to be opposed to your own priests’ becoming involved in seeking political office. The country understands because of this, that one of your priests who was serving in the U.S. Congress declined to continue to do so.

My appeal to you on behalf of our churches affiliated with the International Council of Christian Churches in this country is that you withdraw this appointment and inform our government that you do not intend to have an ambassador to this nation. As it is now you are placing your papal Apostolic Delegate in a preferred position with the State Department; and he is still, according to Mr. Briggs, continuing “to live in the church’s official diplomatic residence, a three-story mansion, along embassy row in Washington.”

Please respect the status of all religions in the United States, which does indeed give equality before the law for all

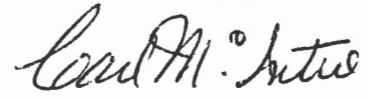
Roman Catholic churches together with all other religious bodies. Please do not be a party to having diplomatic relations in the United States in deference to all religious communities and contrary to the provision of the Constitution of this land, which requires the separation of church and state.

In making this appeal, I do so also on the basis of the common interest and civil good will of all, just plain fairness and justice.

It is essential to the good order and peace of this nation that the Roman Catholic Church accept the same status among us as all other churches. Appointing Archbishop Laghi as Ambassador would be like making the General Secretary of the National Council of Churches an ambassador, or the National Secretary of this council an ambassador. Both of these councils have churches spread across this country and have geographical locations, all of which are free from government taxation or interference.

An ambassador from the Vatican does not belong in this country or fit into the separation of state and church which provides for all the churches and people.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carl McIntire".

Carl McIntire

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Copy to President Reagan

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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January 13, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as
Papal Pro-Nuncio of the Holy See (C)

The President has reviewed and concurs in the recommendation of the Department of State that the appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as the Papal Pro-Nuncio of the Holy See to the United States would be agreeable to the Government of the United States. You are requested to so inform the Holy See. (C)

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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January 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TC*

SIGNED

SUBJECT: Appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as
Papal Pro-Nuncio of the Holy See

Attached at Tab A is a Kimmitt to Hill memo informing State that the White House has no objection to the appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as Papal Pro-Nuncio to the United States.

RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to sign the agreement at Tab A.

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Disapprove _____

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| Tab B | Laghi Bio |
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Archbishop Pio Laghi

Papal Pro-Nuncio of the Holy See

Archbishop Laghi, 61, a native of Castiglione, Italy, entered the Vatican diplomatic service in 1952. He has served in Nicaragua, in India, and in the United States, as Secretary of the Apostolic Delegation from 1954 to 1961. He was Apostolic Delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine from 1969 to 1974 and Nuncio to Argentina from 1974 to 1980. He has also served in Rome with the Council for the Public Affairs of the Church. Since 1980 he has been Apostolic Delegate in Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSESubject: Appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as
Papal Pro-Nuncio of the Holy See.

The Holy See has inquired whether our Government agrees to the appointment of Archbishop Pio Laghi as Papal Pro-Nuncio to the United States (Tab 2). A biography of Archbishop Laghi is attached (Tab 1).

The Holy See has had a representative to the Catholic Church in the United States - known as an Apostolic Delegate - in Washington since 1893. There have been nine Apostolic Delegates before Archbishop Laghi, who has held the position since December 10, 1980. The Holy See's representative to the United States Government will have the title of Pro-Nuncio.

The Department believes from the information available that Archbishop Laghi will make an excellent representative of the Holy See and recommends that the President agree to the proposed appointment. If he concurs, the Department will inform the Holy See.

Boone McLay
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biography.
2. Telegram No. 00473 from Rome.

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FROM VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 12356 DECL: OADR
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SUBJECT: VATICAN'S REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 1496

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2. THE VATICAN'S DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE ARCHBISHOP MARTINEZ SOMALO CALLED SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 TO SAY THAT THE HOLY SEE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST AGREEMENT FOR ARCHBISHOP PIO LAGHI, APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN WASHINGTON, AS PAPAL PRO-NUNCIO TO THE US GOVERNMENT. MARTINEZ SOMALO SAID THAT THE VATICAN WAS REQUESTING, AS WE HAD, URGENT AND ORAL AGREEMENT FOR LAGHI SINCE, LIKE ENVOY WILSON, HE WAS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE USG. MARTINEZ SOMALO SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT QUICK AGREEMENT COULD BE GRANTED SO THAT ARCHBISHOP LAGHI COULD HAVE THE SAME STATUS AS AMBASSADOR WILSON. I TOLD MARTINEZ THAT I WOULD PASS HIS REQUEST TO WASHINGTON.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Pope John Paul's Stop in Alaska

The President has asked that Judge Clark be the official host during the Pope's stay in Alaska on May 2, 1984 and the Judge has agreed to lead our delegation. Please coordinate with Judge Clark's office regarding the composition of the delegation and itinerary. State should provide the NSC with a detailed plan for the visit by March 15.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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February 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Pope John Paul's Stop in Alaska

Attached at Tab I is a memo from you to Charles Hill that was drafted at Martin's request. It closes the loop on the oral tasking we have given State on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the Kimmitt to Hill memo at Tab I.

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Tab I - Memo to Hill

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *me*

SUBJECT: Papal Communication to President Reagan

Late this afternoon, I received a call from Monsignor Whalen in the Vatican Embassy to the United States, indicating that the Pope was attempting to reach the President by telephone to discuss the current situation in Lebanon. Unable to reach President Reagan, the Pope is sending a telegram tonight via the Vatican Embassy here. The message will be hand-carried to the NSC Situation Room.

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Dear Frank:

Enclosed you will find presidential quotes
regarding drug abuse control. We are
working with Ambassador Bill Wilson to get
the Pope to make PSA in Spanish. I will
keep you informed.

We appreciate your efforts in Argentina and
please give my regards to your wife.

Best regards,

Sincerely,



Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy

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The Honorable Frank V. Ortiz
United States Ambassador
to Argentina
American Embassy
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520



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Buenos Aires, Argentina

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February 27, 1984

Carlton E. Turner, Ph.D.
Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20223

Dear Carlton:

Thank you very much for the compilation of news items concerning the Pope's views on the drug abuse issue. I passed it on to the USIS officer. He notes that the material is copyrighted by the wire service and USIS is forbidden by U.S. law from distributing it. Nevertheless, we are making known in our contacts the Pope's views. He carries a great deal of weight here.

We are concerned about drug trafficking through Argentina. We may be on the verge of a big breakthrough ~~to stop it~~. I hope so.

Sincerely,

Frank V. Ortiz
Ambassador

Dear Frank
Enclosed you will find Presidential Quotes
regarding drug abuse control. we are working with
Hank Rhodes Bill Wilson to get the Pope to
make PSA in SPanish. Will keep you
informed.
we are appreciating your effort in
Argentina.
write,
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Dear Mr. President:

At the direction of the Substitute Secretary of State of the Holy See, I am pleased to forward to you the enclosed copy of the 1984 Annuario Pontificio.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Pio Laghi

Archbishop Pio Laghi
Apostolic Delegate

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



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March 15, 1984

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Mr. Frederick J. Ryan
Director of Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Please find enclosed a letter which I have addressed to President Reagan accompanying a copy of the 1984 Annuario Pontificio. I would appreciate your seeing that they reach their destination.

I am indeed grateful for your assistance and personal attention to this request.

With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Archbishop Pio Laghi
Apostolic Delegate

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April 19, 1984

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Dear Mr. Roots:

Thank you for writing to President Reagan. The President appreciates your suggestions about his upcoming visit to China and he is also grateful for your support of his establishing full diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

With the President's appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

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Mr. John McCook Roots
Cedar Point Cottage
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JOHN MCCOOK ROOTS
CEDAR POINT COTTAGE
MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN 49757

January 14,
1984

Dear Mr. President,

This letter is to wish
you every success on your forthcoming
visit to China, where I was born —
eldest son of the Episcopal Bishop of
Hankow.

While in Peking, I hope
you and Mrs. Reagan will be able to
meet with Teng Ying-chao, widow of
the late Chou En-lai, and an old
family friend.

You may have seen the
biography of Premier Chou I wrote
for Doubleday. If not, let me send
you a copy.

I also wish to congratulate
you on establishing full U.S. diplomatic
relations with The Vatican.

The Pope is, after all,
titular head of the largest and most
influential body of organized Christians
in the world. And John Paul II is
perhaps the most versatile head of
the Holy See in modern times.

As you must know, he

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CEDAR POINT COTTAGE
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was much attracted to the theatre
as a young man, and early es-
tablished his reputation as a
playwright and linguist.

Having already, in
1980, called on President and Mrs.
Carter at the White House, the chances
are, were you to invite him, he would
accept. This would surely prove
to be an added plus for your Presidency.

With best wishes, and
an advance bon voyage on the
China trip, believe me,

Very sincerely,
John McCook Roots.

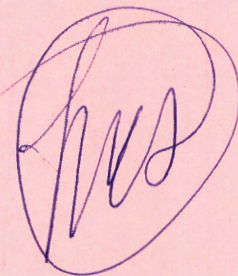
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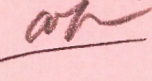
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June 12, 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: ^X Pope John Paul II

Date: 4/26/84 Subject: Pope John Paul II ltr
re credential ltrs of Amb. Wilson

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The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

- ☐ A draft reply is attached.
- ☐ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- ☐ A translation is attached.
- ☐ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- ☒ We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.
- ☐ The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.
- ☐ Other.

Remarks: The Pope's letter was nonsubstantive and was merely a courtesy
reply to Ambassador Wilson's presentation of credentials.

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Mr. Frederick J. Ryan
Director of Presidential Appointments
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The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Please find enclosed a letter I have addressed to President Reagan transmitting a message from Pope John Paul II, in reply to the Credential Letters of Ambassador Wilson.

The accompanying translation is an unofficial one, prepared by the Apostolic Nunciature for the convenience of the White House.

Your assistance in seeing that the communication reaches the President is greatly appreciated.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Thomas J. Woods
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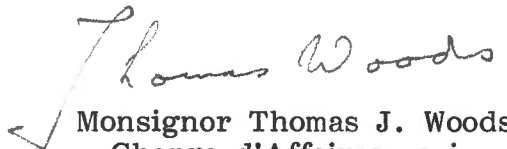
Washington, D. C. 20008

May 25, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

In the absence of the Apostolic Pro-Nuncio and at the request of the Papal Secretary of State (Prot. N. 131.112; May 19, 1984), I am honored to transmit to you the enclosed message from Pope John Paul II.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.


Monsignor Thomas J. Woods
Charge d'Affaires, a.i.

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

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HIS HOLINESS POPE JOHN PAUL II
EXTENDS GREETINGS AND EXPRESSES SINCERE REGARDS TO
THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

With great pleasure and appropriate honors, we recently recieved his Excellency William A. Wilson, whom you had duly chosen and appointed as the Ambassador of the United States of America to Us and to the Holy See. He, as the first representative of that rank since relations of public friendship between us were begun, accordingly presented to Us the Letters by which you communicated that he was appointed to be your Nation's first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Us. As you desired, we willingly gave to him Our pledge that whenever he speaks to Us on your behalf in the future, We will afford him that same trust and confidence, which you, Mr. President, granted to him. Finally, since we already know Ambassador Williams qualities, which include gifts and abilities of mind and spirit, for the accomplishment of his mission, we do not doubt that he will perform his duties worthily and efficiently, thus consolidating these new ties of friendship, and advancing our mutual interests. Meanwhile, in accepting your good wishes for the well-being of the Apostolic See, We likewise ask Almighty God to preserve and strengthen you, Mr. President, and all the American people with the gifts of peace and prosperity in all things.

Given at Rome, from St. Peter's, on the twenty-fourth day of the month of April, in the year nineteen-hundred and eighty-four, the sixth of Our Pontificate.

John Paul PP. II

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Reipublicae Civitatum Foederatarum
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Praesidi*

Joannes Paulus PP. II

*Illustris et Honorabilis Vir,
salutem et prosperitatem*

Quem suo tempore legitime quidem Tu ipse elegeras atque constitueras Legatum Reipublicae Civitatum Foederatarum Americae Septentrionalis apud Nos hancque ipsam Apostolicam Sedem, praecclarissimum virum Vilhelmum A. Wilson, primum videlicet gradus illius Ministrum ex quo fauste scilicet publicae amicitiae vincula inter utramque erant inita Civitatem, nuper Nos maxima cum laetitia honorisque significatione coram admisimus qui Tuas ipsius Litteras interea rite tradidit quibus plane nuntiavisti destinatum eundem esse excellentem virum Nationis Vestrae primum Oratorem Extraordinarium liberis cum mandatis hic pro Nobis. Quem ad modum vero fore speraveras, eidem huic Legato libenter spopondimus tantum in posterum tributuros Nos esse fidei ac fiduciae, quantum Tibi profecto ipsi, Illustris et

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Honorabilis Vir, si Nobiscum praesens aliquando tractares. Quod superest, cognitis iam pridem eiusdem Oratoris virtutibus ingenii animique dotibus et facultatibus huius modi negotiorum expediendorum, nihil prorsus dubitamus Nos quin laudabiliter suis perfuncturus sit munibus efficaciterque, eo agendo, consulturus novis hisce amicitiae rationibus, ut vere prospiciatur communibus ambarum partium utilitatibus. Interea suscipientes vota Tua pro Apostolicae Sedis prosperitate ipsi Nos Deum Omnipotentem vicissim precamur ut Te, Illustris et Honorabilis Vir, necnon universum Americae populum augeat cumuletque pacis potissimum ac rerum omnium felicitatis dono.

Datum Romae, apud Sanctum Petrum,
die XXVI mensis Aprilis, anno MCMXXXIV, Pontificatus Nostri sexto.

Joannes Paulus PP II

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 5/30/84

TO: *Bob Kinnitt*

FROM: **FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.**
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