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Rhett Dawson Ext. 2702

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June 29, 1988

Mr. Fred Ryan Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Fred,

I'm sorry I missed you in Washington during the promotional tour for my book. I did call to have lunch, but you were in L.A. I'm sure we'll get together soon.

If you will recall, a few months ago I spoke to you about the Alzheimer's Association's retiring chairman, Jerry Stone. The contribution he has made to our society over the past eight years in raising the level of awareness of this debilitating and irreversible disease has brought new hope to those victims and the families of victims affected by this illness.

The President's commitment to this cause, as no one knows better than you, has been heartfelt and sincere. I have been asked by Susan Gannon, Director of Public Relations for the Alzheimer's Association, and a friend, to pursue the possibility of a video message by the President for Jerry Stone to be shown on two separate occasions, October 7 and 8, 1988 in Chicago.

I have enclosed Susan's letter to me, along with backup material on the Alzheimer's Association, and most importantly, suggested text for the taped message. It appears to be no longer than two minutes in length, and well within the parameters of a Presidential message.

As you know, I only suggest or request those things to you that I feel are meaningful and important. This is one of those Fred, and I appreciate your attention and consideration of this request. It would go a long way for a lot of people, and most of all, Jerry Stone.

Fred Ryan Page Two

Please give me a call after reviewing this. I'd like to give Susan a response soon.

Thanks. I'll see you soon and please send my regards to all: Sincerely,

Ken Barun

cc: Chuck Rubner Susan Gannon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 12, 1988

Dear Ms. Gannon:

Ken Barun forwarded to me with a strong endorsement the letter he received from you requesting a videotaped message from the President for Jerry Stone, Chairman of the Alzheimer's Association, when he is honored on Saturday, October 8, at the Second Annual Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala.

I am sorry I must advise you that we will not be able to schedule this taping. The President has such a heavy schedule outlined for the remaining months of his Administration it is necessary for him to forego many appealing and worthwhile requests like yours, which now are coming to him. I regret I must send this reply and hope you will understand.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

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Director of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

Director of Private Sector Initiatives

Ms. Susan Gannon
Director of Public Relations
Alzheimer's Disease and Related
Disorders Association, Inc.
Suite 600
70 East Lake Street
Chicago, IL 60601

August 1, 1988

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your recent note regarding the Presidential videotaped message for the upcoming Alpheimer's Association Dinner on October 7.

I am pleased to inform you that the President will be taping a message for the event during his September 30 videotaping session. Elizabeth board, Director of Media Eclations, will make the arrangements.

bust wishes to you and the people at the Alzheimer's Association.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Jerome Zipkin 1175 Park Avenue New York, NY 10028

Dear Jerry,

Rhonie Berlinger asked me to follow-up with you about the video-taped message we are trying to arrange from President Ronald Reagan to Jerry Stone, Chairman of the Alzheimer's Association.

As Rhonie explained, the proposed video-taped message is important to us as a very special tribute to Jerry who is stepping down as founding Chairman of the Association, after eight years. The video will be shown first on Friday, October 7 at the Association's Annual Meeting Dinner, when representatives of the 188 Chapters from across the country will come together. It will be shown again on Saturday, October 8 at the Second Annual Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala. Held in honor of Rita Hayworth, the Chicago Gala will be in tribute to Jerry Stone and will bring together more than 1,000 supporters of the Alzheimer's Association this year.

Attached for your background, is a copy of a letter from Susan Gannon, Director of Public Relations to Ken Barun at McDonald's. Correspondence from Ken to Fred Ryan is also enclosed. Ken and Fred have been extremely supportive and helpful.

Jerry, on behalf of the entire Association, I greatly appreciate any help you can give to this important project. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Best regards,

Edward F. Truschke

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cc: Rhonie Berlinger

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June 23, 1988

Mr. Ken Barun Vice President, Executive Director Ronald McDonald Children's Charities One McDonald's Plaza Oak Brook, IL 60521

Dear Ken,

As follow-up to our previous conversations, I'm sending you the script we've developed for the video-taped message from President Reagan to Jerry Stone, Chairman of the Alzheimer's Association.

As we discussed, we'd like to present this video as a special tribute to Jerry Stone, who is stepping down as founding Chairman of the Association, after eight years. The video will be shown first on Friday, October 7 at the Association's Annual Meeting Dinner and then again on Saturday, October 8 at the Second Annual Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala.

For the past five years Congress and President Reagan have been extremely committed to bringing awareness to the disease. Each year, since 1983, President Reagan has met with Jerry Stone and members of our board at the Oval Office to officially kick-off November as National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. And, in 1986, Jerry Stone received the President's Volunteer Action Award from President Reagan.

By way of background, the Alzheimer's Association was formed in 1980 to bring nationwide awareness to this issue and to provide help and hope to the 2.5 million victims and their families. This group was led by Jerry Stone, Chairman emeritus of Stone Container Corp., whose first wife, Evelyn, at the time had been suffering with Alzheimer's for 11 years. Evelyn Stone died in 1983.

Alzheimer's Disease is an irreversible brain disease that takes the mind and eventually the life of its victim. It is the fourth leading cause of adult death.

Today, the Association has grown to a nationwide network of more than 180 Chapters and 1,200 family support groups. Having started in 1980 with an annual budget of \$80,000, the Alzheimer's Association will raise through voluntary contributions, \$13.4 million to fund our mission.

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The success of this Association, largely built by volunteers from all walks of life, is testimony to the power of commitment and dedication — the kind the Association has benefitted from through Jerry Stone's leadership.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to pursue this special message from President Reagan to Jerry Stone, Ken.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Susan Gannon

Director of Public Relations

cc: Nancy Albert, Vice President of Communications