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May 11, 1984

Dear Andy:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter but, as you know, I've been in China and found your letter here upon my return.

Your application for disaster relief has been duly noted but I must point out one technical problem: the authority declaring the disaster is supposed to make the request. In this case, your mother.

However, setting that aside, I'll have to point out the larger problem of available funds. This has been a year of disasters: 539 hurricanes as of May 4th and several more since, numerous floods, forest fires, drought in Texas and a number of earthquakes. What I'm getting at is that funds are dangerously low.

May I make a suggestion? This Administration, believing that government has done many things that could better be done by volunteers at the local level, has sponsored a Private Sector Initiatives Program, calling upon people to practice voluntarism in the solving of a number of local problems.

Your situation appears to be a natural. I'm sure your mother was fully justified in proclaiming your room a disaster. Therefore, you are in an excellent position to launch another volunteer program to go along with the more than 3000 already underway in our nation. Congratulations.

Give my best regards to your mother.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Andy Smith
400 London Pride Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Anne

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 5-10-84

Please edit and return.
Thanks.

Re: SS
1984 MAY -9 AM 10: 36

Andy Smith
400 London Pride Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063

April 18, 1984

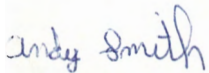
Dear Mr. President,

My name is Andy Smith. I am a seventh grade student at Irmo Middle School, in Irmo, South Carolina.

Today my mother declared my bedroom a disaster area. I would like to request federal funds to hire a crew to clean up my room. I am prepared to provide the initial funds if you will provide matching funds for this project.

I know you will be fair when you consider my request. I will be awaiting your reply.

Sincerely yours,


Andy Smith

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Copy 1 Outgoing to G. Melle Rm 188 SA 6-26-74

To Emily Smith 400 London Price Rd.
Durham N.C. 29063

Dear Emily

I'm ~~sorry~~ to be so late in answering your letter but as you know I've been in China and found your letter here upon my return.

Your application for disaster relief has been duly noted but I must point out one technical problem; the authority declaring the disaster is supposed to make the request. In this case your mother.

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Give my best regards to your Mother

Emily OZ