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THE HONORABLE SLADE GORTON

TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: UNITED STATES SENATE

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON

STATE: DC ZIP: 20510

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF MR. AND MRS. R. C.
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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 11, 1983

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President for
Legislative Affairs
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ken:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Nitteberg. As you will note, these constituents are concerned with pre-clearance provision prior to publication.

Your comments on this matter may be forwarded to my Washington, D.C. office, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I look forward to your prompt response. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE TO THE ATTENTION OF: Kendra Dahlen.

Thank you for your attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Slade Gorton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

SLADE GORTON
United States Senator

SG:kdK
Enclosure

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The United States Senate
Washington D C
Senator Slade Gorton of Washington

The Reagan administration has offered many threats to our peace of mind, and now this secrecy oath. This rule could discourage people in government from reporting wrong doing even if they knew about it. In my opinion this extensive power should not be granted to the president. Not in a democracy.

It is up to congress to take authorative action against such powerful censorship.

Sincerely 9721 6th NW

Mr. & Mrs. RC Nitterberg
Seattle Washington

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 8, 1983

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War Powers and Chad

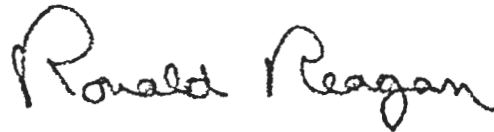
Letter also to Sen Strom Thurmond
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Memo to the President from Sec DOD & DOS

Delivered by Congressional Delegation: 8/8/83 (3:51p) Enc 6
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The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 8, 1983

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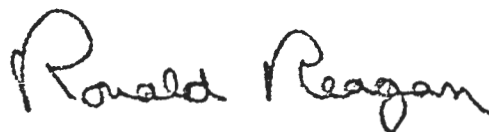
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Delivered by Congressional Relations 8/8/83 (4pm)

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The Honorable Strom Thurmond
President pro tempore
of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510



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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

August 6, 1983

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: GEORGE P. SHULTZ
CASPAR W. WEINBERGER

SUBJECT: War Powers and Chad

Attached for your signature is a report to Congress, consistent with the War Powers Resolution, on the deployment of United States aircraft in support of the operations of friendly governments against the armed aggression of Libyan forces in Chad.

This report is required under Section 4(a)(2) of the Resolution because these deployments include the introduction into foreign territory of combat-equipped F-15 aircraft. Under that section, the report is to be submitted within 48 hours after the forces are introduced (that is, by Tuesday, August 9, 1983). Further consultation with and/or reporting to Congress may be appropriate in the future, depending upon how the circumstances develop. The report undertakes to keep Congress informed in this regard.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the proposed report and transmit it to Congress.

George P. Shultz

Attachment

Casper W. Weinberger

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SECRET (to be UNCLASSIFIED when provided)
IDENTICAL LETTERS TO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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August 8, 1983

FOR THE RECORD:

These are the second set of "green" letters which were evidently submitted to the White House after the President had signed the first set. Jan McMinn advised that there were changes in this text. We incorporated those changes in the final "white" business letters.


Dan Marks

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. President:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 8, 1983

FOR THE RECORD:

The two attached letters to the Speaker and the President pro tempore of the Senate were signed this morning by the President. Per Jan McMinin of Mr. Darman's office, State Department recommended that they be redone because the typed name of the President appears below his signature. There were also minor changes made in the second set of incoming "green" letters. Those changes were incorporated by this office in the final "white" business letters which, at Mr. Darman's direction, were executed and returned to his office at noon today.



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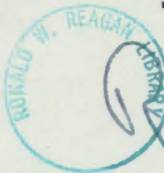
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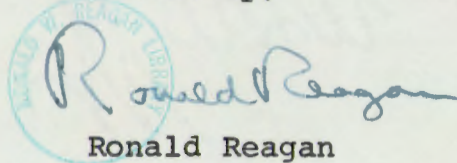
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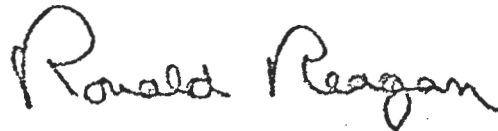
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Copy of final letter

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8/8/83 (11:35e)

Copy of Presidential pron rec'd. from Jan Mc Minn at this time. Evidently prepared by State after President had signed the other Presidential pron (Attachment #2). Having been advised by Jan that there were changes from our earlier ltrs. (attach. #1), we read them against this and made changes which are reflected in pencil on attach. #1.

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Copy of Attachment 2

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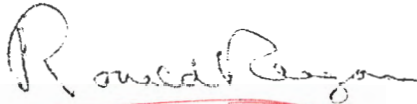
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As actually signed by President. Jan says He returned it to WH because "Ronald Reagan" appeared under sig. A new letter came back with it (then) (Attach. 3) from which final white stationery letters were done (Attach. 4).

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Prepared before 10am. Changes made from Attach. 3
just before noon.
by Executive Clerk

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TITLE:

Mr. Powers - Chad

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MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS/SENATE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

MEMORANDUM

SIGNING STATEMENT

LETTER (S)

OTHER:

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9:20 a.m./p.m.

SENT TO CORRESPONDENCE FOR TYPING IN FINAL:

Date:

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TO RICHARD DARMAN'S OFFICE:

Date:

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TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO THE SPEAKER OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE

August 8, 1983

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Mr. President:)

In recent weeks, the Government of Chad has requested the Governments of France and the United States to assist in its self defense against armed aggression by Libyan forces and Libyan-supported insurgents in Chad. As you have been informed, in response to these requests I have directed that various forms of material assistance be provided to the Government of Chad and other friendly governments assisting it in dealing with this Libyan aggression. In further response to the urgent requirements of these governments to counter this aggression, I have now directed the deployment of certain United States aircraft to the region to be available for the purpose of collecting and providing essential information, including surveillance data and early warning. In accordance with my desire that the Congress be kept informed on this matter, and consistent with Section 4 of the War Powers Resolution, I am hereby providing a report on the deployment and mission of these United States Armed Forces.

On August 7, 1983, two Airborne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) E3A and eight F-15 (Eagle) all-weather fighter aircraft with air and ground logistical support forces began to arrive in Sudan. These forces will be available to operate in close coordination with the Government of Chad and other friendly governments assisting it. The mission of the F-15 aircraft, which are equipped for combat, is to be prepared to provide protection to the other United States aircraft, if necessary.

It is not possible at this time to predict the precise duration of this deployment of United States Armed Forces in the region. They will remain for only a limited period to meet the urgent requirements posed by the present situation. I will keep the Congress informed as to further developments with respect to this situation.

This deployment of the United States Armed Forces is being undertaken pursuant to my constitutional authority with respect to the conduct of foreign relations and as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces. I believe that this action will support the objective of helping to preserve the territorial integrity, sovereignty, and political independence of Chad.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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September 20, 1983

Dear Senator Kasten:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter concerning the price support program for milk. We appreciate knowing of your concerns and your efforts in this regard.

In his message to the Senate returning S. J. Res. 149 without his approval, the President stated that to delay implementation of the second 50-cent deduction program and the refund provisions would lead to even greater confusion on the part of milk producers, and would reduce by \$60 million the amount of funds available to be used to defray the cost of the milk price support program.

As you know, the Administration's position last year, which the Congress failed to accept, called for increased flexibility to set support levels that would facilitate a more favorable supply and demand balance and reduce Federal outlays. We remain committed to an economically sound dairy industry with adequate supplies of milk and dairy products for consumers, and we will continue to work with the Congress to achieve that end. However, until Congress can act on a mutually acceptable dairy program that accomplishes these objectives, we must continue to exercise without further delay, what authority we have to deal with our dairy problem.

Again, we appreciate being apprised of your efforts to help address this situation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Kenneth M. Duberstein
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert W. Kasten, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

September 1, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I respectfully question your reasoning for vetoing Senate Joint Resolution 149. As a result of that veto, a second 50¢ assessment per hundredweight became effective today on fluid milk produced by dairy farmers across the country.

The Administration's track record with dairy farmers has been a poor one. Congress is making a good faith effort to reform the dairy program, yet prior to the August recess, was thwarted by the Administration's insistence that a freeze on target prices be tied together with dairy legislation. As a result, Congress was forced to vote a one-month delay of the second assessment in order to allow enough time to work through a long-term solution to the dairy problem.

Instituting the second assessment now, without any real reform of the present dairy program, makes no sense. The assessment will not achieve the objective of balanced supply and demand. In fact, the assessment is nothing more than a "bandaid approach" to the entire situation.

The economic recovery is bypassing the dairy farmer. In 1982, 44,000 Wisconsin dairy farmers achieved a net income of \$13,622.00. This second assessment will cost them \$5,166.00. Wisconsin farmers net income for this year will be \$8,456.00. Mr. President, that figure is below the defined poverty level of \$9,900.00 for a family of four.

When Congress reconvenes on September 12, I will work with my colleagues to approve reform dairy legislation as expeditiously as possible. Dairy farmers have been lead on a "song and dance" for far too long. With your assistance, the Congress can resolve this matter in an equitable manner.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. W. Kasten", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert W. Kasten, Jr.