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Dear Governor:

Congratulations on stopping
the CEO Legal Aid Funds
for California. I hope you
will be not over ridden by
Washington D.C.

Respectfully
2521 Buena Vista Ave
Berkeley, CA 94704

WJ

Dec. 27, 1970

Hon. Gov. Reagan -

Please know that
you have the backing
and support of myself (and
many friends) in your
decision to revoke funds
for the Calif Rural Assistance
League. Thank You.

Sincerely, Olivia Herder

Ronald Reagan

24571 Margaret Dr.
New York, N.Y.

Honorable Sir:

We appreciate your stand
against the F. U. P. and C. R. L. A.

The cost of both would be
disastrous to us - financially.
We are retired and on a limited
income ourselves.

Sincerely, Mr. and Mrs. Mary Hobbs

Rt. 2 Bx 3026
Carmel, Calif.

Dear Gov. Reagan -

I wish to commend
you for vetoing more funds
for the so called "Califf Rural
Assistance League". Many
many good citizens share
my feelings - believe me!
Thank you for representing us
so courageously. Sincerely,
Wanda Johnson

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 Lord M...
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 DEC 28 AM 1970
 HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255
 FIGHT TB
 SUPPORT YOUR
 TB ASSOCIATION
 Civil Rights defense atty's - No
 wonder they were whispering so
 hard to keep the Party members
 they had a reason! A backhead
 justice system -
 The Court just told us that we
 have agreed with
 the government to shut down
 the streets. Let's get the word off the
 streets.

The letter message received
 before your letter - is made



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HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO CALIF

PLACER COUNTY KFARM BUREAU WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR STAND

ON THE VETO OF THE CRLA BUDGET WE STAND BEHIND YOU 100 PERCENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLACER COUNTY FARM BUREAU

(1220)



Telegram

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THE HONORABLE RONALD REAGAN

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SACRAMENTO CALIF

DUPLICATE OF TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT NIXON

WE SINCERELY URGE THAT YOU GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN'S VETO OF FUNDS FOR THE CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE OTHER WAYS OF GIVING LEGAL AID TO THE POOR IN RURAL AREAS CAN BE FOUND WITHOUT SQUANDERING FEDERAL MONEY AND HARASSING CITIZENS. WE HAVE OBSERVED THIS PROGRAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS. MOUNTING EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT THEY HAVE OVERSTEPPED THEIR BOUNDS IN INITIATING CLASS ACTION SUITS AND CAUSING PRIVATE CITIZENS TO SPEND CONSIDERABLE MONEY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST ILL-FOUNDED CHARGES. THE MANNER IN WHICH CRLA HAS CONDUCTED ITS PROGRAM IN CALIFORNIA IS CERTAINLY DIRECTLY CONTRARY TO THE AIMS AND GOALS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION. IN MY OPTION, THE



Telegram

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GOVERNOR REAGAN

SACRAMENTO CALIF

PLEASE CONSIDER IF OVERRIDING GOVERNOR REAGAN'S VETO OF CRLA
IS THE BEST FOR CALIFORNIA

BAKERSFIELD REPUBLICAN WOMEN FED BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



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GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

STATE CAPITOL SACRAMENTO CALIF

THANK GOD FOR THE VETO OF THE R.L.A. BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HELP
POOR PEOPLE BUT ROB THEM OF THEIR HOMES THROUGH MISHANDLING
OF CASES AND I WANT TO SUE THE STATE FOR ALLOWING IT TO OPERATE.
LET ME HEAR FROM YOU

RUTH JOHNSON 3956 2 AVE

R.L.A. 3956 2

(612).



Telegram

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GOVERNOR REAGAN

SACRAMENTO CALIF

WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR RECENT VETO OF CRLA FUNDS.

YOU CAN BE SURE OF MY CONTINUED SUPPORT

ROY D MILLER CHAIRMAN SUTTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
(402).



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GOVERNOR RONALD REAGON

STATE CAPITOL SACRAMENTO CALIF

COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT NIXON WASHDC,
GOVERNOR RONALD REAGON SACRAMENTO AND DENNIS E CARPENTER JR
REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE SACRAMENTO:

THE STANISLAUS COUNTY CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
AT ITS MEETING JANUARY 5TH UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION: WHEREAS THE CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE HAS
FAILED ITS MISSION OF PROVIDING CIVIL, LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO
RURAL POOR, AND WHEREAS IT HAS FAILED TO MAINTAIN PROFESSIONAL
CONDUCT, AND WHEREAS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IS DEVELOPING PLANS FOR PRIVATELY FINANCED LEGAL ASSISTANCE
TO RURAL POOR TO SUPPLANT CRLA, AND WHEREAS THE STANISLAUS
COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE STRONGLY APPROVES OF GOVERNOR



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GOVERNOR REAGAN

SACRAMENTO CALIF

WE HAVE TODAY ADVISED PRESIDENT NIXON THAT WE UPHOLD YOUR VETO
OF CRLA

LAKE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE NELLIE I PHILLIPS
CHAIRMAN

(415).



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GOVERNOR REAGAN CARE RICHARD THEIS

SACRAMENTO CALIF

COPY SENT PRESIDENT NIXON SANTA CRUZ COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY URGE VETO OF CLRA BUDGET

CARL CONELLY CHAIRMAN ALICE EARL WILDER SECRETARY
(856).



Telegram

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GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

GOVERNORS OFFICE SACRAMENTO CALIF

FOLLOWING IS COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT NIXON

THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE ENDORSES GOV
REAGANS VETO OF OEO CALIFORNIA RURAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE. WE URGE
THE PRESIDENT TO SUSTAIN THE GOVERNORS VETO AND STOP THE PROGRAM

JEREMIAH R SCOTT JR CHAIRMAN HUMBOLDT COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL
COMMITTEE

(932).



Telegram

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GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

STATE CAPITOL BLDG SACRAMENTO CALIF

NOW THAT YOU HAVE VETOED ORLA FUNDS WE WISH TO CONFIRM OUR
TELEGRAM OF DECEMBER 17 1970 IN WHICH WE URGED YOU TO TAKE
THIS ACTION

FRED G THIEMANN EXECUTIVE SECTY STANISLAUS COUNTY FARM BUREAU

17 1970

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GOVERNOR RONALD REAGAN

SACRAMENTO CALIF

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE UNAMIOUSLY
ENDORSES GOVERNOR REAGAN'S VETO OF FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA RURAL

LEGAL ASSISTANCES INC. AND RESPECTFULLY URGES THAT YOU SUSTAIN
THE VETO

WILLIAM P MOSES CHAIRMAN 998 HOUGH ST LAFAYETTE CALIF.

PETROLANE-MORRISON'S



Petroleum Service

765 SUTTER STREET
P.O. BOX 111 YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA
Phone SHerwood 3-6561

December 23, 1970

Governor Reagan
C-o Office of Economic Opportunity
800 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, California 95800

Dear Governor:

I am 58 years old, a registered Republican and a substantial taxpayer in California where I have lived since 1919.

I understand you are trying to "trim" the budget of all unnecessary expenditures and I feel that the CRLA is a luxury the taxpayer cannot afford and that this is one area where the budget can be trimmed.

Yours very truly,

F. E. Andrews
503 Brown Ave.
Yuba City, California

FEA/r

California Department of Agriculture
Jerry W. Fielder, Director
1220 N Street, Sacramento 95814
Contact: Si Nathenson (916) 445-8614

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 7, 1971

Don Weinland: Assistant to the Director, also, Secretary to the State Board of Agriculture

The State Board of Agriculture voted today at its meeting in Sacramento to send a wire to President Nixon expressing the Board's support of Governor Reagan's recent veto of a \$1.8 million grant by the Office of Economic Opportunity to California Rural Legal Assistance.

Board member Alfred Tisch of Hamilton City moved the Board's action, citing CRLA's "constant harassment of agriculture." The motion was seconded by Paul Ames of Indio. Dr. Francisco Bravo cast the lone dissenting vote, saying that, in his opinion, the Board was venturing into matters outside its proper sphere of activity.

A copy of the Board's motion will also be sent to Frank Carlucci, acting director of the OEO, in Washington, D.C.

Prior to the action, Board president Allan Grant of Berkeley read aloud a copy of a letter sent to Governor Reagan by Charles A. Rummel, a retired attorney for the California Farm Bureau Federation.

In recommending that the Governor veto the OEO grant, Rummel charged that CRLA ignores its limitations as a charitable organization exempt from state franchise tax, which would bar it from taking political action. He claimed that CRLA lobbies bills in the California state legislature.

Rummel also wrote that CRLA's 37-member Board of Trustees meets seldom and gives little attention to setting up policies of the operation.

"They are simply overwhelmed and overridden by a staff of 40 attorneys, their Washington legal director, and a budget of \$1,800,000 per year," the letter said.

Rummel also cited CRLA's "militancy", its "harassment" of farmers through class action lawsuits, and its "direct ties" with Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee.

C O P Y

December 30, 1970

Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin
541 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sir:

Last night on Channel 10 news report, you made the statement in objecting to Governor Reagan's veto of the federal grant to finance California Rural Legal Assistance, that it would cost California taxpayers nothing as this was all federal money.

Mr. Van Deerlin, may I ask where does federal money come from? Whose money is it? Have California taxpayers paid nothing into the federal coffers?

Is it the feeling in Washington that federal money does not come from the people and therefore you may vote yourselves tremendous raises and pensions----which was the beginning of real inflation?

IF there were a few representatives in Washington like our own Governor Reagan, the taxpayers might see an attempt to live within a budget rather than the "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" type of financing.

As a single person I am being discriminated against by the unfair tax burden and I am extremely resentful of anyone riding the federal gravy train stating that federal money doesn't cost a California taxpayer.

Very truly yours,

Kathleen Canale

Kathleen Canale

P. O. Box 3711
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Governor Reagan:

In addition, you have my complete support for all your programs, particularly in the areas of tax reform, welfare and education.

You have done a fine job for this state in spite of some of the 'kooks' who oppose you. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Canale

220 Mapache
Portola Valley, California

December 31, 1970

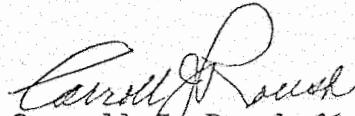
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, California 95814

My dear Governor:

My congratulations to you for the forthright and courageous
stand you are taking on the C.R.L.A. issue!

I am taking this opportunity to express my contempt for those
who oppose your stand for reasons of political expediency in
the hope of picking up a few extra votes - a position which
places a burden upon the average working tax payer. However,
I assume it is all one can expect from one who, according to
radio reports I have heard, is condoning the acts of would-
be plane hijacker.

Sincerely yours,


Carroll J. Roush

CJR/ws

cc: The Honorable Alan Cranston
10697 Sonoma Way
Los Angeles, California 90024

January 1, 1971

Governor Ronald Reagan
1341 - 45th Street,
Sacramento, Ca. 95819

Dear Sir:

I would like to state that I heartily back you on your action in regards to your veto of \$1.8 million dollar anti-poverty Grant for the California Rural Legal Assistance Program.

I do not approve of using the taxpayers money for this type of work, let the minority Lawyers such as Nat Colley and the rest of these clowns donate their services to their cause, this includes Councilman Manuel Ferrales.

Sincerely,

Bob Haenggi

Bob Haenggi
3117 El Rey Way,
Sacramento, Ca. 95815

Inazo Valley Calif.
Jan 4 1971.

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Bldg.
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Governor Reagan,

We are, wholeheartedly, with you on your
stand against the federal grant for C.R.D.A.

We watched your inauguration this
morning on TV and admired your patience
with the hecklers. You'll need this patience during
the next four years. God bless you.

Sincerely

Mr & Mrs Herman Danneberg
Rt 3 Box 2143
Inazo Valley Calif 95945

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REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY

440 SAN DIEGO TRUST & SAVINGS BLDG. - 530 BROADWAY - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101 - PHONE 232-6701

Resolution #1 - 1971 (Copy)

- WHEREAS The Honorable Ronald Reagan acting within the scope of his authority and responsibility as Governor of California has vetoed the California Rural Legal Assistance program; and
- WHEREAS The Governor's action was soundly based on the recommendations of the Director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity; and
- WHEREAS The Director has reported to the Governor that the CRIA has misdirected and improperly used its legal resources and has in many ways otherwise been improperly active in areas outside its proper sphere: Now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED By the Republican Central Committee of San Diego County, California that the President of the United States is most respectfully petitioned not to permit the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity to override the veto by the Governor of California of the California Rural Legal Assistance program; and be it further
- RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of California and to the Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee of California.

Adopted this 4th day of January, 1971 by unanimous vote of the members present.

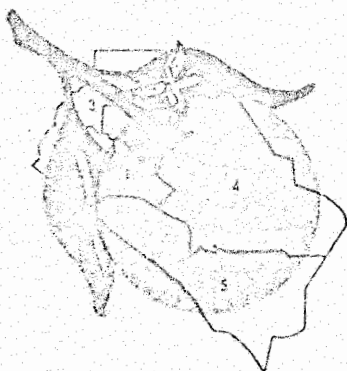
Leslie Gehres
Chairman

Attest:

Ruth A. Green
Secretary

Copy: Governor Reagan

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January 5, 1971

President Richard M. Nixon
Summer White House
San Clemente, California

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The Orange County Republican Central Committee at its January 4, 1971 meeting unanimously adopted the enclosed resolution supporting Governor Reagan's veto on CRLA re-funding.

The Central Committee respectfully requests that your Administration direct the Office of Economic Opportunity to uphold Governor Reagan's decision.

Sincerely,

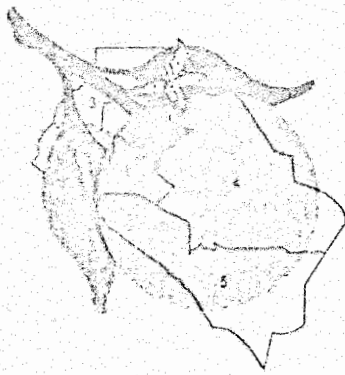
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Carlos E. Galindo
Executive Secretary

cc: Governor Ronald Reagan
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Assemblyman Robert Badham
Assemblyman Robert Burke

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Enclosure

Republican Central Committee of Orange County



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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ORANGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE

SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA -- JANUARY 4, 1971

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71st Assembly District
Dr. William Feague
Bruce Nestlund

WHEREAS California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., (CRLA) has been found guilty of gross and deliberate violations of OEO regulations after exhaustive investigations by the California State Office of Economic Opportunity; and

WHEREAS CRLA has failed to represent the true legal needs of the poor; and

WHEREAS a program which has created such furor and turmoil and has lost creditability not only in the eyes of responsible leadership but many of the poor themselves, cannot possibly be a viable means for meeting these legal needs; and

WHEREAS Governor Reagan's Administration plans an alternative legal service program to serve the true needs of the poor from the private sector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Orange County Republican Central Committee unanimously supports the Governor on his veto of CRLA re-funding; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that President Nixon be asked to direct the Office of Economic Opportunity to uphold Governor Reagan's decision.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Affiliated with
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

January 5, 1971

1326 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California 90017
483-9550

His Excellency the Governor of California
Executive Office
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Reagan:

In our opinion, your veto of CRLA Funds was an effective and required action. This agency had not only exceeded the bounds of its authority but never started in the direction for which it was created. Instead of providing legal services for the poor, they worked to help make the poor dependent not on themselves, but on the Government and on the CRLA as Big Brother who gets the money for them.

"The constitution says we must promote the general welfare. Nowhere does it say we must provide it." This quote of yours, Governor, expresses not only our feelings, but expresses the principle of individual self reliance.

The extortionist and blind haste tactics of our senior U.S. Senator in reaction to your veto, only prove that the CRLA has been a cornerstone and source of funds for left wing attorneys who have siphoned CRLA funds from the poor.

Again we wish to express our appreciation to our Governor who has acted in a principled statesmanlike fashion in vetoing the CRLA funds.

Respectfully yours,

Margaret P. Scott

Mrs. Wayne Scott, President
Los Angeles County Federation
of Republican Women

J. WILMAR JENSEN
PHILIP P. PENDERGRASS
RALPH E. GAARDE

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1931 FRESNO STREET
TELEPHONE 862-3873

January 4, 1971

Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814


Dear Governor Reagan:

Your veto of C.R.L.A. has met with a great deal of favorable comment here in Stanislaus County. There is absolutely no question in my mind that this type of Federal program does not result in advantage to the poor.

If we weren't so busy practicing law ourselves, I am sure that we could examine our activities for the year in such fashion as to put C.R.L.A.'s five attorneys in Modesto to shame. Their stated figures as to the amount of work they do obviously illustrates the lack of a dollar's value for a dollar spent.

Thank you for having the courage to do what was absolutely necessary.

Very truly yours,


J. Wilmar Jensen

JWJ:sb

11/3/71

Dear Governor Reagan:

I support your veto of the CRLA funds. I have written the President, Mr. Carlucci, and both California Senators urging their support also.

Sincerely yours,
James A. Crask
JAMES A. CRASK

18812 Aspen Dr.
Saratoga, Cal.

95070

P. O. Box 3213
City of Industry, Ca. 91744
January 1, 1971

Hon. Ronald Regan
Governor of California
Sacramento, California

Re: Legal Services for the Poor

Sir:

This letter is written in connection with the program for legal assistance to the poor. Also it is to commend you for the steps you have taken in connection with discontinuing it. I write because I am concerned about what seems to me discrimination against those of us who are in the middle income group.

In one of California Teachers Association's publications, that appeared perhaps a year ago, this subject was discussed. Unfortunately I do not have the magazine, but because it was the report of an interview I think it was in "The Valuator". I do not remember the name of the person who had been interviewed but she was a woman who had just prior to that been named head of the law department in one of our California universities. She stated that it is the middle income group which is not getting adequate legal service.


From my own experience, from what I hear, from what I observe, and from just reasoning, I am sure that this is true.

As I see it, to continue the program to aid the poor at the expense of the middle income group would be discrimination of great magnitude. Apparently you feel as I do. I cannot see that it is better to take my tax money and have it given to others for legal fees while I do without legal service that I need for myself.

I feel that those who want to continue the program should be required to explain why they feel that it is better for those who receive the legal assistance and thus better for society than it would be to allow me to pay for legal services that I have to sacrifice.

I hope you remain steadfast in seeking to avoid unfairness.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Neeta Webb", with a stylized, cursive script.

(Miss) Neeta Webb

RALPH A. GREENWELL

LIFE INSURANCE & SECURITIES

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January 1 1971

President Richard M. Nixon
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Nixon:

I am taking this opportunity in writing you asking that you do not over ride Governor Reagan's veto of the O E O funds and the C R L A for California.

It seems to me President Nixon that the welfare, the doing for people or the individual what the people or the individual should do for their or his or her self must come to an end or be limited.

I am sure that enough misuses of monies for this program have been uncovered to warrant the elimination of said program.

I know that it seems to be the right thing to do in being charitable to all but I would like to ask the question. Is it ever possible to make people equal? The answer must be a large "NO".

Our Spirits were not equal before being born. Man was not born equal. Man will not be equal in the hereafter.

I would like to give an example. The government or some agency sets a figure of income as being the minimum that is needed for living for a family. Let us say the figure is \$5000.00. Any one with an income of \$5000.00 or less gets by without paying taxes or is subsidized in one way or another. The neighbor next door has an income of \$5001. and this man pays taxes and has no subsidizing. This man ends up with a lower income then the first.

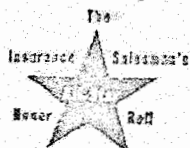
Is it morally right to take from one to give to another without the one working for that which he or she is given?

It would seem to me that the time to cut back is here. The taxpayer is close to revolt.

I urge you again not to over ride the veto.

Very truly yours,

Ralph Greenwell



Copy : Gov. Reagan



Dear Gov. Reagan

I was very glad to see that you are against free legal services for farm workers. Its about time someone put their foot down before this country goes broke. Welfare is bad enough, lets not create more problems. All of these give-away programs tend to make bums of our fellow Americans. I believe you are on the right track.

Sincerely
Rod L. Carlton
5232 49th S.W.
Seattle, Wash.

Dec. 21, 1970

Dear Gov. Reagan:

Perhaps the enclosed clipping will
help you in your fight against
LSP.

This is deplorable, and Sen's
Cranston, Kennedy, Muskie et al
should know these facts; if they
care.

It must be a discouraging job
to be a Governor or any high official
these days. If the Legislature doesn't
over rule you the Courts will.

This LSP activity should be
publicized - maybe even then the
apathetic public won't care.

You, Sir, are to be congratulated
for having the courage of your con-
victions.

Sincerely,

A Concerned citizen,

Mrs Wm Pearson

Santa Maria, Calif.
Jan. 5, 1971

Governor Ronald Reagan
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

We have written to the
Office of Economic Opportunity
applauding your decision
in regard to CRLA.

Sincerely,
Ruby Christiancon
(Mrs. K.C. Christiancon)
1421 No Broadway
Santa Maria, Calif.

93454

4736- 11th Ave
Los Angeles
90043

Dear Governor Reagan:
Please include me in
a Citizen Committee to talk
about these programs like
Legal Aid and C.R.L.A.
the one you vetoed.
I am happy that you
at last see what we
tax payers have been
screaming about for so
very long,
what I truly hope you
will give me and others
a chance to really give
you some of the actions
we have seen. First hand
and may I again say
thank you for doing this

Sincerely
Mrs J.C. Hoque

Kelseyville, California
January, 3, 1971

Honorable Ronald Reagan, Governor of California
Sacramento, California

Dear Sir:

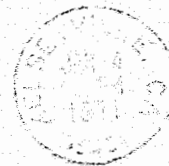
We want you to know that we are backing your stand on the CRLA
program, and hope we are not too late to advise you of that.

We have also sent our opinion to President Nixon on this matter.

Very truly Yours,

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McIntire
Rancher and Cattleman *L.H.M.*

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McIntire
Rt. 1, Box 301
Kelseyville, Calif. 95451



Governor Ronald Reagan
Capitol Building
Sacramento, California

We agree with you, we are
going to see some Senators
and get out those Radicals
and Jewish Lawyers.

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n Must Decide Legal Aid Veto



RONALD REAGAN

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rageous" by Cruz Reynoso of
San Francisco, director of
CRLA, founded in 1966 with fed-
eral funds to provide civil legal
help for poor and illiterate rural
Californians - mostly farmwork-
ers.

The Republican governor, who
has fought with CRLA since he
took office four years ago, said
the nonprofit agency of 40 attor-
neys had "failed in its mandated
purpose of serving the true civil
needs of the poor."

He said it spent too much time

"the true needs of the poor can
be served."

Reagan's veto was based on a
four-page memo to him from
Lewis K. Uhler, director of the
California state Office of Eco-
nomic Opportunity, who cited a
dozen "alarming examples" of
what he considered improper
conduct by the CRLA and its
attorneys.

Uhler said his investigation of
several months indicated CRLA
attorneys violated federal rules
by trying to charge fees for their

services and defending poor peo-
ple in criminal cases.

Reynoso said he would investi-
gate all the alleged cases.

"I would be outraged if these
cases were true," he said. "We
ought to be allowed to look at
the charges, but we never had
a chance."

Suits Stopped Cuts

CRLA has won cases that pre-
vented the Reagan administra-
tion from cutting services in the
state's \$1 billion welfare pro-
gram, including the Medical
plan of free health care for the
poor.

It also won the right of Span-
ish-speaking persons to vote if
they could read and write Span-
ish instead of just English and
restored the minimum wage to
thousands of farm workers.

This type of "class action"
constituted a "perversion" of
the original congressional intent
of such OEO legal programs,
Reagan contended.

NASA Radio Tower Being Built in Spain

MADRID—NASA has begun
building a 210-foot radio antenna
40 miles west of Madrid as the
third and final link in a new
space tracking system.

It is a duplicate of the world's
largest at Goldstone, Calif. An-
other is being built at Canberra,
Australia. The Spanish station is
to go into operation in 1973.

390 Kaer Avenue
Red Bluff, California

December 30, 1970

Governor Ronald Reagan
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

Appreciate your stand to veto CRLA.

Thank you. Just hope we can get rid
of that corruption and not replace
it with something that might be
even worse, if anything could be
worse.

Wanted to send a telegram, but
really must conserve money.

For God, America, Children,
Joy Nichols
Wallad W. Nichols

Galatians 5:1 -- "Stand fast therefore in
the liberty wherewith Christ
hath made us free, and be not
entangled again with the yoke

HOWARD E. KERN
RICHARD H. BARTKE

KERN AND BARTKE
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3919 MACDONALD AVENUE
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December 31, 1970

President of the United States
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It has come to my attention that the matter of the California Rural Legal Assistance Program is coming before you for consideration.

As Chairman of the local Bar Association's Committee which is in charge of this area, for the past two years, I have become extremely concerned with the philosophy and the operation of this type of legal endeavor in California.

In this regard, the local Bar Association voted by an overwhelming majority approximately two years ago to withdraw all support from this type of program in our County, and to work toward a program that would give a greater measure of service to the indigent, along with a higher professional standing than has been evident under the current administration.

It has been the feeling of our Bar Association that the philosophy is wrong, in that the indigent person is not allowed the privilege of choosing his own attorney, but is forced to subscribe to the services of only a single law firm in town, being the firm which is supported by Federal funds.

Further, the operation of federally financed programs in this area has been considerably lower than the normally accepted professional standards, both in the level of service given to indigents, as well as inviolations of the usual professional ethics regarding solicitation of cases, use of publicity, and representing ineligible clients.

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Forestville Union School District

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January 4, 1971

Governor Ronald Reagan
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, Calif. 95814

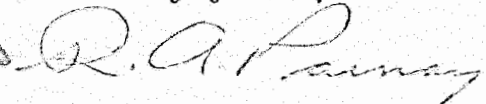
Dear Governor Reagan:

I want to commend you for your wisdom in cutting funds for the California Rural Legal Assistance Program. My personal experience with this organization as a school administrator has lead me to the conclusion that its activities have in too many cases gone far beyond the original intent of protecting the legal rights of the poor.

While no one can argue that all citizens must have equal protection under the law, I find it difficult to resolve that goal with the vicious and sometimes personal attack which I and the school district I serve underwent at the hands of the C.R.L.A. office here in Santa Rosa when C.R.L.A. attacked the constitutionality of the school's dress code. It appeared to me and to others involved that the C.R.L.A. attorneys with whom we had come into contact were political radicals bent upon using their positions, financed by our tax money, to carry out their own personal social crusades.

I sincerely hope that President Nixon will support you in this courageous move. I continue to feel that you are doing an exceptional job as Governor of our state.

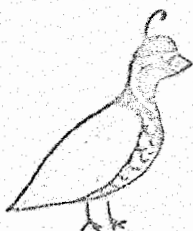
Sincerely yours,



Raymon A. Parnay
Superintendent-Principal
Forestville Union School

RP:jp

cc: Pres. Nixon
T. Hitchcock
J. Carnation





STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Court of Appeal

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1103 STATE BUILDING
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

ROY L. HERNDON
JUSTICE

December 31, 1970

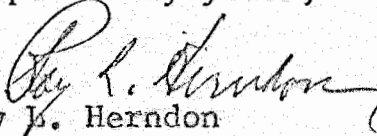
Honorable Ronald Reagan
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Governor Reagan:

As is indicated by the enclosed copies of my letters addressed to President Nixon and Attorney General Mitchell, I am in hearty accord with your action in vetoing the \$1,800,000.00 grant to the California Rural Legal Assistance project. These letters probably will have little or no effect but I felt that I had nothing to lose but my share of the tax dollars which are worse than wasted on such counter-productive agencies as CRLA.

With every good wish to you and yours for the New Year and for success in your continuing battle for integrity and economy in government.

Respectfully yours,


Roy L. Herndon

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Enclosures