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YA-33 (8th Rev.)  
RE: Gun Control

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1988 (XXXY33)

Dear Mr. Ortega:

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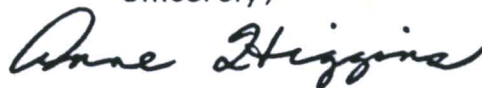
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(11/25/88)

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November 22, 1988 (XXX-Y33)

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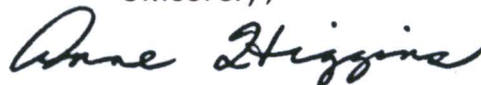
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Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

November 10, 1988

The President today signed the following legislation:

H.J.Res. 649, which designates November 12, 1988, as "National Firefighters Day."

H.R. 441, which directs the payment of \$5,670.77 to each of seven named heirs of Master Sergeant Nathaniel Scott in full settlement of their claims against the United States for payment of the unpaid balance of the retired pay due their father at the time of his death.

H.R. 712, which requires the Secretary of the Treasury to pay \$307,092.50 to Lawrence K. Lunt as full compensation related to his imprisonment in Cuba between 1965 and 1979.

H.R. 1418, which provides reimbursement for attorneys' fees and compensation for personal time spent and other expenses incurred by Messrs. Hangartner, Stewart, and Walden, three "whistleblowers" who assisted in a congressional and Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of a Paradyne Corporation contract with the Social Security Administration.

H.R. 2802, which requires payment of \$5,500 to Fleurette Seidman, an employee of the U.S. Customs Service in New York, for losses and expenses arising from her erroneous retirement from Government service and subsequent return to her former position of employment.

H.R. 4362, which allows the Secretary of the Interior to convey public land to local jurisdictions for solid waste disposal purposes under terms that will protect the United States from liability for contamination of such land by hazardous substances.

H.R. 4445, which prohibits the manufacture, importation, or sale of certain firearms that may not be detectable by metal detectors or other security devices.

S.J.Res. 395, which designates January 4, 1989, as "National Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service Centennial Day."

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1988 (XXXY33)

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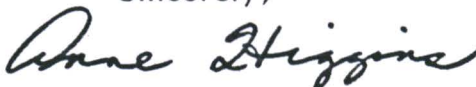
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Union. And that has to be taken into account, too. But I haven't seen any—we can't judge yet whether there's something specific in all of these things that might have in some way lessened the recovery of our defensive strength.

I'm looking for somebody from the local press, and then I'll come back down front.

#### *Savings and Loan Industry*

**Q.** Mr. President, I'd like to ask about the savings and loan industry. This year there were record losses in the industry. Close to \$4 billion has been spent bailing out savings and loans. It's estimated that it will take \$75 billion to get it on its feet. Is there a crisis in the savings and loan industry, and will the American taxpayer have to bail it out?

**The President.** Well, I certainly hope not, and I don't think so. And I don't believe there's a crisis. The market today went up 25 points, and our growth is still continuing, and there's no sign of inflation and things of that kind—or panic. But, yes, there is a problem there, and we're trying to deal with the problem.

Sam [Sam Donaldson, ABC News]?

#### *Gun Control*

**Q.** Mr. President, recently, Washington columnist Carl Rowan believed he was threatened by people in his backyard. He took a gun which was unregistered, and he shot—he said as a warning shot. A young man was nicked in the wrist. Do you think it's a good idea for citizens to have guns in their home and to go out and to use them if they feel threatened?

**The President.** Well, Sam, as I understand it, what Carl was saying was that his son, who was entitled to have a gun, left that gun there and it was a registered gun with regard to his son. On the other hand, I try to keep thinking this was 2 o'clock in the morning. Someone is coming toward him. He had that—but you asked the question in general, not just about him. You asked whether people should have—Sam, I'm going to answer by way of a letter, a very interesting letter that I received when I was Governor of California.

It came from a burglar who was serving time in San Quentin prison. And there was a big movement on in California at that time, as there continually is everywhere, to

eliminate the citizens having weapons. And this burglar, prisoner, wrote to me and said, "I just want to tell you that if that goes through, that law, there will be hundreds of very happy people here in San Quentin." He said, "We case a place that we've planned for robbery or burglary. We get to know the habits of the people and their comings and goings and so forth." But he said, "The one thing we never can know in advance is in that household, in a drawer by the bed, does the householder have a gun." And he says, "If you can ever tell us that none of them do, that they don't have them, that I can assure you that all us burglars are going to be very happy."

I think we ought to pay heed to that.

**Q.** Well, sir, is it worth it? Statistics show that when homeowners or citizens use handguns, normally they shoot themselves, their loved ones, or strangers who are not engaged in a criminal act by mistake. Is it worth all these lives in order to attempt to try to shoot one burglar?

**The President.** Well, Sam, I'll tell you, there's some certain things I would go for. For example, in California, for a citizen to buy a gun, that citizen has to come in and lay down the money, of course, name, address, and so forth, and then doesn't get the gun. And this goes to an agency in the State Government that looks into that person's entire background as to who and what they are, and then they come back after that investigation and, if they don't have a record of any crimes or mental problems or anything of that kind, they are allowed to take their gun home. Now, I would like to see that generally, and I think that all States ought to take a look at that system. But in addition, I think that maybe we could tie to that making sure that they aren't just totally absent of any knowledge of weapons. I taught my entire family out at the Ranch how to shoot a gun in case they ever had to. And I think maybe there could be some restrictions, that there had to be a certain amount of training taken.

Now let me—here, and then back to you. No, no, Lou [Lou Cannon, Washington Post]. Now, don't you sit. You get up, yes. [Laughter] No, and then I'll take him.

**Q.** My name is Jerry O'Leary [Washington Times], and I'm—



OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE - COMMENTS

TO:

Bob Sweet / Office of Policy Development

DATE DUE:

October 8, 1988

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

☐ Multiple Mailing

☒ Form Reply

☐ One-Time Reply

SUBJECT:

Gun Control

REQUESTED BY/ADDRESSED TO:

General Public

BACKGROUND:

The attached draft reiterates the President's support for strengthening mandatory jail sentences on criminals who are convicted of committing a crime while in the possession of a firearm.

SIGNATURE:

*Robert Luebke*

Robert Luebke

DATE:

October 6, 1988

**Presidential Messages**  
Old Executive Office Building  
Room 94  
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Your Recommendation/Comments:

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RE: Gun Control

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1987 (XXXY33)

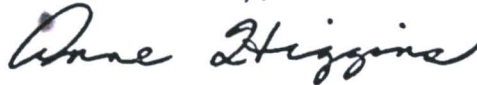
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(1/12/87)

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RE: Gun Control

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May 2, 1986 (XXXY33)

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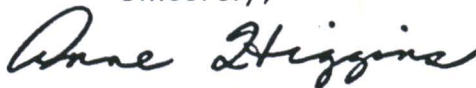
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(5/2/86)

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Enclosure: America's Agenda for the Future

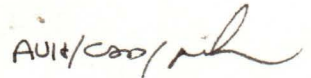
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To: Betty Dunn

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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April 29, 1986

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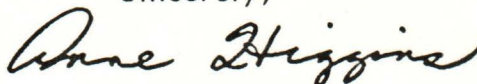
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AVHY-33 (4th Rev.)  
RE: Gun Control

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April 30, 1985

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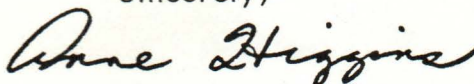
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM

1-31-85

TO: JUDY JOHNSTON/OPD

FROM: CHUCK DONOVAN *CD*  
Office of Correspondence

The attached draft form reply is submitted for review by the appropriate staff member. This issue is running in current mail and the volume justifies use of a form response. I can be reached at x7610 if any information on the incoming mail regarding this issue is required by your office.

Thank you very much.

*N.B. This letter is intended for youth.*

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AVHY-33 (3rd Rev.)

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January 18, 1984 (XXXY33)

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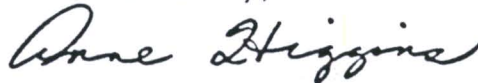
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June 2, 1983

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RE: Gun Control

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With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Special Assistant to the President  
and Director of Correspondence

(5/27/83)

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DRAFT/Date May 18, 1983

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YA-33 (2nd rev.) Re: Gun control

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# PARAGRAPH SELECTION

## SPECIAL LETTER RESPONSE

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Enclosure:

Drafter: DE; 5-18-83

Approval: cro / rde / [signature]

Entered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

¶ You may be interested to know that the President has signed into law two amendments to the Gun Control Act of 1968. These amendments remove the burdensome recordkeeping requirements on sales of the most popular sporting ammunition. A tremendous amount of time and paperwork was imposed on dealers to record these sales, yet there was little evidence that these requirements helped to reduce crime. The President's action has eliminated the paperwork on over a billion rounds of ammunition annually. I can assure you that the Administration will continue to seek the removal of restrictions which operate only to burden law-abiding Americans. It will instead concentrate law enforcement resources on apprehending and imprisoning criminals.

PLEASE ROUTE TO: CAD

FROM: DE

REMARKS:

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RE: Gun Control

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1983

Dear VnameV:

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your message.

The President does not believe that taking firearms from honest citizens will prevent criminals from obtaining and using them. He does believe, however, that increasing the penalty for carrying firearms during crimes will help stop criminals. This Administration continues to support legislation intended to protect honest citizens' ownership and use of firearms, to reduce the burden of firearms regulations, and to impose minimum mandatory criminal sentencing on anyone convicted of carrying a firearm during the commission of a Federal felony.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Special Assistant to the President  
and Director of Correspondence

(2/28/83)

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AVH

YA-33

RE: Gun Control

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WASHINGTON

February 8, 1982

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(2/3/82)

YA-33

GUN CONTROL (3rd Rev)

~~Mag Card~~

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WASHINGTON

January 20, 1982

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GUN CONTROL

~~(1/20/82)~~



2/3/82

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FROM: *per*

REMARKS:

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are to be converted to VA's  
- thanks*

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