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Dear Mr. Mabry:

Thank you for your recent letter about the Administration's proposed 1985 budget as it concerns the Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD). The Administration's proposal also includes the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School (KDES).

As you are aware, the Model Secondary School and the Kendall Elementary School both currently receive 100 percent of their funds from the Federal Government. Their mission is two-fold: first, to provide exemplary programs of instruction for deaf children; and second, to conduct research and demonstration on methods and practices of instructing deaf children which can then be used by others teaching the deaf.

The Administration's 1985 budget and proposed legislation would continue Gallaudet College's operation of these two schools. It would also continue Federal funding for the research, development and dissemination portions of the schools' activities. The proposed legislation would require, however, that the educational costs of teaching the children at Model and Kendall be paid by the local school districts where the children reside. If these children attended their local schools, the local districts would be required by law to pay for their education. As it is now, the Federal Government is paying the total costs of the education and thereby subsidizing the local school districts who would be responsible for these children's education if they were not attending Model or Kendall. The purpose of the proposed legislation is to correct this situation. Local districts and States should have the primary responsiblity for educating their children.

The proposed 1985 budget reduces \$10 million in Federal funds from the Model and Kendall budgets. These funds are expected to be replaced by local school districts, which are required by law to provide a free, appropriate education for their students and which receive some Federal support through the \$1.2 billion State grant program for handicapped education.

In sum, the 1985 budget still includes \$8 million for Model and Kendall, a decrease of \$10 million from the 1984 level of \$18 million. The 1985 budget for the third part of the Gallaudet program -- the liberal arts college for the deaf -- is \$39 million or \$3 million above the 1984 level.

I appreciate your concern in this matter. Thank you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul Mabry 16547 Holly Trail Houston, TX. 77058 Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter of July 17.

I appreciate your recommendation and endorsement of the Hermitage High School Honor Band for participation in the Inaugural Parade in January 1985. I have forwarded your letter to Fred Biebel at the Republican National Committee. I have asked his office to follow-up directly with you at a later date, should it be appropriate.

Thank you once again for bringing this information to my attention.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Paul Trible U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Rozelle:

Thank you for the Superbowl XVIII windbreaker that you sent me. I had hoped to have an opportunity to attend this year's Superbowl, but unfortunately my schedule precluded a trip to Florida. I appreciate your thinking of me and will enjoy wearing this jacket.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Pete Rozelle Commissioner National Football League 410 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022 Dear Peter:

Thank you for your recent letter and please forgive my delay in responding.

I appreciate your taking the time to pass along the remarks made in your telephone conversation with the "distraught gentleman." I have forwarded copies of your letter to Mike Deaver, Larry Speakes and Frank Fahrenkopf for their information and attention.

It was good to hear from you. Thanks again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Peter F. Secchia Republican National Committee Member for Michigan 2801 East Beltline, N.E. Grand Rapids, MI. 49505

Dear Brothers:

I am delighted to send my greetings as the members of Phi Delta Theta gather for the 65th Biennial Convention.

As a Phi Delt, I understand the importance of this special occasion. You and I both know the wonderful opportunities our fraternity system offers young people for developing their leadership potential, participating in service to their communities and enjoying good fellowship.

I value the lessons that I learned in Texas Beta years ago. While we may differ in our lifestyles and our political views, we stand united, as fraternity brothers, in our commitment to seek the best that is possible for our beloved country.

You have my very best wishes for an enjoyable convention and for continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert J. Miller Executive Vice President Phi Delta Theta Fraternity c/o The Fairmont Hotel University Place New Orleans, LA. 70140 Dear Rabbi Wohl:

Thank you for sending Mr. Baker the recent editorial from Temple Topics about the President's pre-Passover meeting with Jewish leaders in New York City.

Your kind words about the President's remarks are most appreciated. Having had the pleasure of participating in that Plaza Hotel meeting, Mr. Baker knows first-hand how strongly the President affirmed his close feelings toward Israel and his principled opposition to anti-Semitism in any form.

Mr. Baker thanks you for underscoring those remarks in your editorial and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Rabbi Amiel Wohl Temple Israel of New Rochelle 1000 Pinebrook Boulevard New Rochelle, N.Y. 10804 Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Mr. Baker has asked me to return your signed first day covers, the two cards and his photograph which you have requested.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Randall S. McDaniel 1001 North Monroe Albion, MI. 49224 Dear Ray:

Thank you for your letter of July 2.

I was pleased to read that I have been selected as a special guest for the 2nd Annual Grand National Waterfowl Hunt in Cambridge, MD., this November. I appreciate your taking the time to nominate me and am honored by this invitation.

As I am sure you can understand, it is too early for me to know my schedule that far in advance. With the election, October and early November will be busy times for me and I cannot commit, at this time, to that week of November 11. I trust that you, or the Grand National Waterfowl Hunt Club, will be in touch with my office at a later date regarding a more specific response.

Thank you once again for your kind invitation. It was good to hear from you.

With best regards,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

The Honorable G. Ray Arnett Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks U.S. Department of the Interior Washington, D.C. 20240 Dear Raymond:

Thank you for your letter of March 16 and please forgive my delay in responding. Needless to say, it has been a busy month.

I appreciate your taking the time to send your views to my attention. The individual who oversees many of the issues and concerns which you raise is Jack Syahn, Assistant to the President for Policy Development.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write. It was good to hear from you.

Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Raymond M. Hill Chairman of the Board & President Mainland Savings 3401 Allen Parkway Houston, TX. 77019 Dear Mrs. Shah:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Mr. Baker appreciates your kind invitation to visit with you and your husband in either Nairobi or India. Mr. Baker will be travelling with the President on his upcoming trips to China and to the Economic Summit in London. With these added demands on his schedule, Mr. Baker will not be able to take on any additional overseas travel nor will he have an opportunity to meet with you when you are in the U.S.

Mr. Baker thanks you for your invitation and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mrs. Relcha J. Shah P. O. Box 58455 3rd Floor, Hughes Building Kenyatta Avenue Nairobi East Africa

Dear Renee:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your time and attention during my family's visit to Walt Disney World this past weekend. You made our short vacation a very special one.

I have attached, for your information, a copy of a letter that I sent to your supervisor. You are a true asset to Walt Disney World and I hope that this letter will find its way into your permanent personnel files.

As a follow-up to the invitation for the People's Republic of China's special art exhibition on March 31, I have passed this along to Frank Hodsoll, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. His office will be following up directly with Walt Disney World in the near future.

Thank you once again for being so kind to us. The Baker family will long remember our visit to Walt Disney World. Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you ever visit Washington, D.C. We'd be happy to reciprocate with a White House tour.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Ms. Renee Jones Walt Disney World Guest Relations P.O. Box 40 Lake Buena Vista, FL. 32830 Dear Renee:

Thank you for your letter of April 30.

Susan and I were glad to hear that you will be coming to Washington this summer. In looking ahead to my summer schedule, I will be in London with the President from June 1 - 10. Late June and early July appear "relatively" clear. Once the Democratic National Convention concludes July 20, I am sure that my schedule will be hectic. We will be attending the opening ceremonies of the Los Angeles Olympics the end of July and then our Republican National Convention begins August 20.

When you finalize your plans, why don't you contact Kathy Camalier in my office. Providing you give her enough notice (3 weeks or so), Kathy could also work on setting up a tour of the Capitol and some other Washington sites. Then we'll try to coordinate our schedules so that I can give you a tour of the West Wing and White House.

Susan, "E", and Mary Bonner join me in sending our best wishes. We'll look forward to seeing you this summer.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Ms. Renee Jones 360 Lakeview Street Orlando, FL. 32804 Dear Mr. Scouten:

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation in making my staff's January 20 afternoon with the students from Congress Heights Elementary School a most pleasant one. I know that your office faces numerous demands and we appreciate your graciousness in allowing these thirty students to tour the residence "after hours."

Thank you once again for your kindness and your support.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Rex Scouten Chief Usher The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

February 9, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO: JOHN HERRINGTON

FROM: JIM BAKER

SUBJECT: Mayor Richard E. Carver

I am still very much interested in helping Mayor Richard Carver find a position in this Administration. He is extremely qualified and has been through a number of frustrating and disappointing experiences in his on-going job search here.

I have attached copies of Dick's most recent correspondence with me. I would appreciate it if you, personally, would review his credentials and focus on some appropriate positions for Dick.

Would you please get back to Margaret Tutwiler or me as soon as possible regarding your thoughts on Dick Carver?

Thank you.

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Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter of March 23 and please forgive my delay in responding.

I appreciate your sending your views, on behalf of the Business Roundtable's Task Force on International Trade and Investment. I have shared your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. H. Richard Kahler Governmental Affairs Manager Caterpillar Tractor Company Peoria, IL. 61629 Dear Mr. Melson:

Thank you for your letter of July 16.

As requested, I have enclosed a copy of Jim Baker's biography. He has not written any essays or opinion papers in this Administration, and his speeches are not available for public distribution. Mr. Baker often delivers speeches from his own note cards and hence there are not "published copies" to send out.

You should contact Richard Darman for information regarding the Legislative Strategy Group; Jack Svahn for information on the President's domestic policies; and Bud McFarlane for information on national security affairs.

Mr. Baker thanks you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Richard Edgar Melson Cambridge Forecast Group, Inc. 770 Massachusetts Avenue Box 270 Cambridge, MA. 02139 Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of March 16.

I appreciate your recomendation and endorsement of "Happy Chandler" for receipt of a Presidential Medal of Freedom. The list for this year's recipients of this award had already been determined when your letter arrived as the Medal of Freedom luncheon was held yesterday.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Michael Deaver who chairs the selection committee for the President's Medal of Freedom. Please be assured that serious consideration will be given to your comments in their review of next year's candidates for this award.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write on behalf of "Happy" Chandler.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Richard M. Nixon 26 Federal Plaza Federal Building New York, N.Y. 10278

To Whom It May Concern:

I would appreciate it if you would ask President Nixon to sign the attached two photographs for two of my staff members at his convenience. President Ford personalized his inscription to Kathy Camalier, and I know that she would be thrilled if President Nixon would do this too. The other photograph need not be personalized - a signature or autopen would be fine.

Many thanks for taking care of this. I would appreciate it if you would mail these back to me at the White House when completed.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Office of the Honorable Richard M. Nixon 26 Federal Plaza Federal Building New York, N.Y. 10278

February 22, 1984

Dear Dick:

A belated note of thanks for sending me the two belt buckles. I was pleased that you remembered to send them to me and will look forward to wearing them. You were thoughtful to take the time to do this.

Thank you once again for your kind gift. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Richard T. Schulze U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rita:

Thank you for your letter of July 12.

I read your thoughts regarding women with interest and have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with some of my colleagues. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief cf Staff and Assistant to the President

Rita Ricardo--Campbell, Ph.D. Senior Fellow Hoover Institution Stanford, CA. 94305 Dear Mr. Hobgood:

Thank you for your recent letter and please forgive our delay in responding.

Mr. Baker read with interest your thoughts and recommendations regarding the budget deficit, interest rates and inflation. He appreciates your taking the time to share your views on these issues.

The President receives approximately 20,000 letters and 5,000 phone calls a day. Because of the numerous and often critical demands on his schedule, President Reagan obviously does not have the time to personally acknowledge each writer and caller. Consequently, the President relies on his staff to review those letters and to advise him of those recommendations which merit his attention.

Should you wish an evaluation of your views regarding the economy, I would suggest that you write to Secretary Donald Regan at the Department of Treasury or to Jack Svahn, Assistant to the President for Policy Development, here at the White House. Should their staff find merit in your proposal, I am sure that they will pass it along to the Office of the President.

Mr. Baker thanks you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. J. Robert Hobgood 6739 Deer Ridge Lane Houston, TX. 77086 Dear Mr. Hostage:

Thank you for sending Mr. Baker a copy of The Wit and Wisdom of Anon - Politics. Mr. Baker will look forward to reading your "collection of anonymous comments" as soon as his schedule settles down a bit.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Robert F. Hostage Betterway Publications, Inc. White Hall, VA. 22987

Dear Robert:

Thank you for the special touches that you added to our weekend at Walt Disney World. My family and I truly enjoyed our visits to the Magic Kingdom and EPCOT Center. We only wish that we had more time to spend at each park.

Thank you once again for all that you did for us. I hope that you will contact me should you come to Washington, D.C. so that my office can reciprocate with a White House tour.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President:

Mr. Robert Kinney Walt Disney World Special Activities P. O. Box 40 Lake Buena Vista, FL. 32830 Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of February 29.

I appreciate your invitation to visit with you at the National Capital Interfraternity Congressional reception on March 22. I am sorry that my schedule will not permit me to attend this fun evening.

I checked with the White House Social Office to see why you were not included at the March 23 White House luncheon. I have been advised that this luncheon is only for members of the President's fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon. The guest list was provided to the White House by the Offices of the Grand Chapter in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert J. Miller Executive Vice President Phi Delta Theta Fraternity 2 South Campus Avenue Oxford, OH. 45056 Dear Mr. Townsend:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your book entitled Further Up the Organization: How to Stop Management from Stifling People and Strangling Productivity. I appreciate your personal inscription and will look forward to reading your book as soon as my schedule settles down a bit.

Thank you once again for your sending me your book.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert Townsend Box 12878 Reno, NV. 89510 Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter of July 31.

I am sorry that you were disappointed by the "canned" response that you received to your July 20 letter. As you may know, the White House receives thousands of letters a day. Mr. Baker receives personally at least two hundred letters a day. He arrives at the White House at 7:15 a.m. and rarely leaves before 8:30 p.m. While Mr. Baker is here, he follows the President's busy schedule and then has to "work in" his own necessary appointments with Members of Congress, White House senior staff members, special interest groups, the press, etc. As one of Mr. Baker's five staff members, I can vouch that Mr. Baker has very little, if any, "free time."

Mr. Baker did see your original letter. As the President's Chief of Staff, he did not feel that it would be appropriate to comment on an appointment that the President personally stood behind. As you now know, Anne Burford has since resigned from her recent appointment as Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere.

I hope that this letter will answer your concerns. I know that the Reagan-Bush '84 committee is well-aware of the hard work that will be necessary in the months ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me (or to send a letter to Mr. Baker to my attention) should you wish in the future.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Robert B. Wood 779 John Anderson Drive Ormond Beach, FL. 32074

February 22, 1984

Dear Roger:

It was good to see you aboard Air Force I and in Iowa this past Monday. The two rallies were certainly a big success!

I wanted to thank you for the "bag of goodies" that you sent me upon your recent return from Iowa. My family has enjoyed many of your special treats. You were thoughtful to think of me.

Thank you once again for your kind gift. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Roger W. Jepsen U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

June 19, 1984

Dear Mr. DeWald:

Jim Baker has asked that I forward the enclosed signed photograph from the President to you.

We understand that you will be graduating from high school on June 22 and send our every best wish for your academic success and happiness.

Good luck to you!

With best wishes,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Ron DeWald Erie County Medical Center Room 803-B 462 Grider Street Buffalo, N.Y. 14215

Dear Ron:

Thank you for sending me your photograph from my January 15 visit to the soup kitchen. I have added it to my scrapbook and will enjoy looking back on this memory. You were thoughtful to take the time to send this.

Thank you once again. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Ron Edmonds The Associated Press 2021 K Street, N.W. Room 606 Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your kindness and cooperation in making my staff's afternoon with the students from Congress Heights Elementary School a most pleasant one. I know that their delicious "hot dog luncheon" was the start of a fun and an educational afternoon. As always, you and your staff went out of your way to make this meal a special one.

Thank you once again for your kindness and your support.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Ron Jackson Presidential Food Service Coordinator The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 July 3, 1984

NOTE FOR:

BETTY AYERS

FROM:

KATHY CAMALIER

SUBJECT:

Svahn-Mottl Meeting Request

Jim Baker returned a call to former Congressman Ron Mottl (23rd district, Ohio) this afternoon.

Ron Mottl requested assistance in securing a one hour meeting with Jack Svahn at Mr. Svahn's earliest convenience. He has a client, Dr. Henry Damm of Medical Analysis Management, Inc., who has a proposal that he thinks will save \$5-6 billion for the Medicare program.

Cong. Mottl said that he met Jack when he came to his district, as Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, for a speaking engagement.

Jim Baker would appreciate it if Jack would meet with Ron Mottl and Dr. Henry Damm for 30 minutes (you or Jan can explain that an hour would not be possible). Ron Mottl would like to have this meeting early next week, but Mr. Baker said that this meeting should be at Jack's convenience and should only take place if Mr. Svahn feels that it would be appropriate.

As a follow-up to Ron Mottl's telephone conversation with Jim Baker, he will be sending some background information regarding Dr. Damm's proposal and his company to your attention. We told Cong. Mottl that someone from Jack's office would contact him this Thursday or Friday regarding the scheduling of this meeting.

Would you please ensure that Ron Mottl receives a call by the end of this week? His phone numbers are:

216/781-8000 (0) - mornings 216/884-8050 (0) - afternoons 216/842-1111 (H) - evenings

Please let me know the final resolution of this request so that I can close the loop with Jim Baker.

Thanks.

March 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO: RON WALKER

FROM:

JAMES A. BAKER, III

SUBJECT:

Convention Tickets Request

Two of my "Texas relatives," Alice and John Baker, have contacted me regarding their interest in attending the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas. I would appreciate it if your office would please arrange two tickets or passes for them. As you can see from the attached note, they are active in Republican politics in their state.

Would you please send a direct follow-up response to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Baker 5000 Longmont #15 Houston, TX. 77056

with a copy to our office for my records?

Thank you for taking care of this. Please contact Kathy Camalier in my office if there is any problem with this request or if additional information is necessary.

Dear Roy:

Thank you for sending me the newspaper clipping. As always, I appreciate your taking the time to do this. Your continued support and friendship mean a great deal to me as I face the daily challenges of my job.

It was good to hear from you. Susan joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Roy G. Gonzalez
Gonzalez International Services
P.O. Box 828
1314 Texas Avenue
Houston, TX. 77001

March 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO:

FRED RYAN

ED ROLLINS

FROM:

JAMES A. BAKER, III

SUBJECT:

7/6/84 Texas State Bar Convention

Invitation to the President

Attached is an invitation for the President to deliver the main address to the General Assembly of the 1984 State Bar of Texas Convention on Friday, July 6, 1984, in San Antonio.

I would appreciate it if you would give serious consideration to this invitation. It would present a prime opportunity for the President to deliver a "crime" speech and would also be an "official" stop.

Please follow-up directly with Blake Tartt, but keep me advised of your final determination regarding this request.

Thank you.

Dear Mr. Schreiner:

Thank you for your letter of March 3.

As a follow-up to my telephone conversation with your wife this morning, I have attached Jim Baker's "revised" copy of your draft chapter entitled "Princeton in the Nation's Service." The only change that Mr. Baker made is in the second-to-last line of page 24. He changed the word "guest" to "guests."

Mr. Baker appreciates your sending this draft to his attention and wishes you much success. He sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Samuel A. Schreiner, Jr. Reader's Digest 111 Old Kings Highway South Darien, CT. 06820

Dear Mr. Stokes:

Thank you for your recent letter to Jim Baker expressing your concern about America's transportation system and Amtrak service in particular.

The combined efforts of government and the private sector appear to be producing a fair and balanced transportation network. This Administration believes that market forces can help produce more efficient transportation systems, and that policy is being implemented through economic deregulation and user fees in virtually all types of transportation. The financial recovery of the nation's railroads in recent years demonstrates just how effective market forces can be in revitalizing important sectors of the economy.

This Administration also recognizes the Federal Government's crucial role in assuring safe and efficient transportation systems. Aviation and highway user fees have been increased to fund necessary improvements in those two systems without requiring general tax subsidies. And, while America's transportation systems are the safest in the world, Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole has undertaken a major effort in her Department to improve those results even further.

The Reagan Administration is well aware of the important role Amtrak plays in providing a national network of intercity rail passenger service, and that function has been supported with general tax revenues. We have also helped Amtrak improve its operational efficiency and reduce its reliance on Federal funding. The results have been impressive. Amtrak is prepared to expand sevice where justified on a cost-effective basis, as illustrated by the new Auto-Ferry and St. Louis-Centralia service. Conversely, it will not expand operations that would only produce heavy losses and further strain limited financial resources.

Amtrak has gained considerable support in recent years by demonstrating that it can provide improved service on a cost-effective, businesslike basis. We appreciate the support that you and other Amtrak riders have provided for our intercity rail passenger network.

Mr. Baker thanks you for sharing your views on this important subject.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Mr. Samuel E. Stokes, Jr. Kelley Road Alstead, N.H. 03602

Dear Sandy:

Thank you for your recent letter and please forgive my delay in responding. The Economic Summit in early June has left me behind with my correspondence.

I appreciate your letting me know of NAM's support for Donald Dotson as chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. I did pass your remarks along to the appropriate members of the White House staff.

It was good to hear from you. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Alexander B. Trowbridge President National Association of Manufacturers 1776 F Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear	:
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Thank you for your recent message to Jim Baker concerning the rights of religious expression in our Nation's public schools. President Reagan is pleased to have your support on this vital issue.

As you may know, the President has proposed a constitutional amendment that would allow individual or group prayer back into public schools and other public institutions. The amendment would provide that no person be required by the United States or any State to participate in prayer.

The President has also made clear that he supports efforts to prohibit discrimination against religious student groups. Some lower Federal courts and school districts have prevented religious student groups from enjoying privileges accorded to other student groups to hold meetings during the students' own time. In his address to the National Association of Evangelicals on March 8, 1983, the President urged the Congress to enact "equal access" legislation along the lines of bills already introduced by Senators Denton and Hatfield.

The President will continue to fight hard for this legislation. As the President said in his State of the Union Address delivered from the Speaker's podium in the House of Representatives, "I must ask: If you can begin your day with a member of the clergy standing right here to lead you in prayer, then why can't freedom to acknowledge God be enjoyed again by children in every schoolroom across the land?"

Mr. Baker thanks you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

NAME ADDRESS Dear Mr. Secretary:

As promised, I am sending you a copy of the Charles Osgood tape that you listened to in Jim Baker's office recently. I hope that this will be an amusing reminder of the lighter side of government and politics.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

The Honorable Donald T. Regan Secretary of the Treasury Washington, D.C. 20220 March 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO: MARY ASHMUN

FROM:

KATHY CAMALIER

SUBJECT:

Sharon M. Reuss

My brother forwarded the attached resume of Sharon Reuss to my attention. Sharon has a keen interest in "the arts" and appears to have solid, entry-level administrative skills. I have met Sharon several times and can speak for her outgoing personality and her dedication to whatever tasks she is given.

Would you be able to "put this into the mill" for whatever consideration you deem appropriate? If it would be possible for Sharon to come in for some sort of an interview, I'd really appreciate it. If nothing specific is available now, I know that Sharon would at least appreciate any advice that someone could give her regarding getting into this field.

Thanks for taking the time to look this over.

Dear Mr. Valis:

Attached is the 3/2/84 statement for \$1,196.54 from the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel & Towers that you sent to Jim Baker.

In checking our records, Mr. Baker was in Washington, D.C. during the January 10-15, 1984 period for which you billed him. As the bill reads "White House Chief," but then follows with the address of the Republican National Committee (310 First Street, S.E.), we forwarded your bill to a Jim Baker who works for the Republican National Committee (convention office).

As you can see from "the other Jim Baker's" attached letter, he was not at your hotel during that time period either.

Mr. Baker would appreciate it if you would please check your records to ensure that this is an appropriate billing. If you find that this bill belongs to the Jim Baker here, then please provide the appropriate credit card receipts, etc. so that we can track this charge down.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202/456-6797 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Sheraton-Dallas Hotel & Towers Attn: Mickey M. Valis Sheraton Hotels, Inns & Resorts Worldwide at Southland Center Dallas, TX. 75201 Dear Sil:

Thank you very much for your January 5 letter enclosing a copy of H.R. 3795, The Wine Equity Act of 1983.

We appreciate having your comments on this legislation, which you and 344 of your House colleagues introduced to assist the American wine industry. You may be assured that your concerns have been noted and transmitted to the appropriate Administration officials for closer review and consideration.

Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Silvio O. Conte U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Stacy and classmates:

Thank you for your recent letter. Mr. Baker appreciates your interest in learning about our use of computers, televisions, telephones, etc.

Our office is equipped with an IBM Displaywriter System and with the IBM Selectric II typewriters. The displaywriter is especially helpful because we can, for example, edit memos and letters, track correspondence, and keep Mr. Baker's schedule and telephone logs in order. I am using my displaywriter now to respond to your letter.

As it is important for Mr. Baker and his staff to keep informed, we receive and read a number of key newspapers and magazines. If Mr. Baker's schedule allows, he will watch the evening news on the television in his office.

The telephones create the busiest part of our day. We receive hundreds of calls from every part of the world and from many different walks of life. The President and his staff, Members of Congress, corporate leaders, special interest groups, the press and "general citizens" are our most frequent callers. Satellites are used in transmitting these calls. Special arrangements are made by our White House Communications Agency when the President travels so that quick and secure communications are always available to President Reagan and his staff.

Mr. Baker thanks you for your interest and sends his best wishes. He has asked me to pass along this enclosed information in the hope that it will assist you with your studies.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

Miss Stacy Owens Woodville Middle School Woodville, TX. 75979 Dear Mr. Konow:

Thank you for your invitation to join Lorimar Productions and NBC for "College Bowl - The Varsity Sport of the Mind."

While I appreciate your kind invitation, I am afraid that my schedule precludes a trip to Ohio State University on May 23. You were thoughtful to include me.

Please extend my best wishes to all who have worked to make this event a successful one.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Steven F. Konow Vice President Lorimar Productions 3970 Overland Avenue Culver City, CA. 90230 Dear Senator Thurmond:

Thank you for your recent letter and please forgive our delay in responding. We were holding your correspondence for review with Mr. Baker's long-range schedule.

In light of Mr. Baker's upcoming trip to China with the President, and the subsequent trip to the Economic Summit in London this June, Mr. Baker will not be able to attend the seminar sponsored by the law firm of Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak and Stewart on May 16. He appreciates their kind invitation and extends his best wishes to Lewis Smoak.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write in support of this invitation. Mr. Baker sends his apologies that his schedule will not allow him to participate in this fine seminar.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier Staff Assistant to James A. Baker, III

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

Thank you, once again, for sending me the delicious peaches. I have taken them home so that my family can enjoy this special treat. You were kind to think of me.

Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

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

Thank you for the ceramic eagle decanter that you sent me, via Ray Arnett. You were kind to think of me and I will certainly enjoy your gift.

Thank you once again for your thoughtfulness. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

Mr. Sy Leikind President General Wine and Spirits Company 375 Park Avenue New York, N.Y. 10152 March 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO:

T.A.D. THARP

FROM:

KATHY CAMALIER

SUBJECT:

Walter A. Schroeder

At the request of Mr. Baker, I contacted David Bates for a recommendation of Walter Schroeder. David said that Walter is "bright, mature, self-confident and has good political credentials."

Based on the above, Mr. Baker asked that Presidential Personnel please contact Walter Schroeder for an interview. He apparently met briefly with Chris Hicks, but nothing came of that meeting as Chris left the White House shortly thereafter. Mr. Schroeder expresses an interest in banking, finance and commerce.

Walter Schroeder is not a "must hire," but Mr. Baker thought that he did appear qualified and at least worth talking too. Please let me know of your final determination.

Thank you.