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March 27, 1985

Dear Mr. Kroch:

Congratulations on celebrating your 50th year in business. I am always delighted to see fine examples of our free enterprise system at work and you have proven by your long and successful career that America is a land of opportunity.

Nancy joins me in commending your many years of hard work and dedication. We send our warm regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carl A. Kroch
Kroch's Brentano's, Inc.
29 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60603

RR:KCS:PAG:AVH:ech(3PMND)

bcc:

Fred Fielding

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March 27, 1985

Dear Miss Krug:

As Miss Shepherd of my staff discussed on the phone with you, we are sending a Presidential message for Mr. Carl A. Kroch, with the understanding that it is a personal message and is not to be used in a commercial manner.

With best wishes,

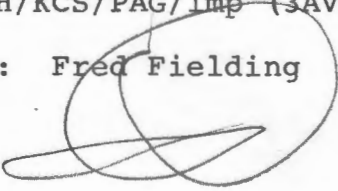
Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Miss Judy A. Krug
Kroch's & Brentano's, Inc.
29 South Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60603

AVH/KCS/PAG/lmp (3AVH)

cc: Fred Fielding



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 27, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT H. TUTTLE
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR, PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

All necessary clearances have been accomplished with regard to the following individual and he is ready for appointment to the John F. Kennedy Center Board of Trustees:

Robert S. Fryer

cc: Nancy Perot
Jane Dannenhauer
Dick Hauser
John Roberts
Susan Borchard

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 

SUBJECT: Request for Acknowledgment from the President
in Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Sears,
Roebuck & Co.

Nancy Clark Reynolds has written to ask you to make an exception to the rule against Presidential messages for commercial entities and approve such a message for the 100th anniversary of Sears. The justification? "Sears is more than a corporation -- it's an integral part of American life." No doubt, but I do not think the status of Sears justifies an exception to the rule. J.C. Penny and other competitors of Sears would have the right to complain or demand equal treatment, and the many companies that have been denied 100th anniversary messages -- such as Norwich Eaton and Pittsburgh and Midway Coal Mining Company this month alone -- could certainly complain. A draft reply is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1985

Dear Nancy:

Thank you for your letter of March 27, requesting a message from the President to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Sears, Roebuck and Company.

I cannot disagree that Sears is "an integral part of American life," but I do not see how I can authorize an exception to the strict policy against Presidential messages for commercial entities. I know you are aware of the reasons underlying that policy. The President receives countless requests for congratulatory messages to commercial entities. Both because it would be impossible to honor some requests without unintentionally offending those whose requests were declined, and because of concerns about the President sending congratulations to any particular company in a given competitive industry, it was decided that the only fair method of dealing with such requests would be to adopt a general rule that the President would not send messages for commercial events. You may be interested to know that in the past two weeks alone this office declined two other requests from companies celebrating 100 years in business.

Obviously, Sears, Roebuck & Company is celebrating an important event, and I can understand your seeking a message for this occasion. At the same time, though, I know you can understand the reasons we must adhere to the policy described above, in fairness to all who have requested such Presidential messages.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF
Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Ms. Nancy Clark Reynolds
Wexler, Reynolds, Harrison
& Schule, Inc.
Suite 600
1317 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

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Subject: 100th Birthday celebration of Sears, Roebuck and Co. -
request acknowledgement from POTUS

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WEXLER, REYNOLDS, HARRISON & SCHULE, INC.

SUITE 600

1317 F STREET NORTHWEST

WASHINGTON D. C. 20004

202-638-2121

NANCY CLARK REYNOLDS

March 27, 1985

Dear Fred:

I am well aware that the President doesn't send messages for commercial or public use. But I would like you to consider the following request.

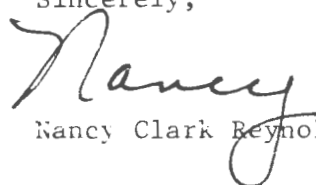
Sears, Roebuck and Co. is celebrating its 100th birthday this fall. I think Sears is more than a corporation - it's an integral part of American life. Of course I'm prejudiced - since I'm a Sears board member.

In October all of the Sears managers from around the world, some 4000 of them, will gather at Chicago's Auditorium Theatre for the beginning of their 100th anniversary celebration. A letter or telegram from the President on this occasion would be for internal use only. The President might even have a whimsical memory of the Sears catalog while growing up in Illinois, where Sears was founded.

Fred, let me know if you think this is doable.

Many thanks.

Sincerely,



Nancy Clark Reynolds

Mr. Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 8, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DUNCAN CLARK
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Opening of Saguaro Factory Outlet Mall,
Tucson, Arizona

You have asked this office if it would be appropriate for the President to send a message to the opening ceremonies for the Saguaro Factory Outlet Mall in Tucson. Based on the information available to me, it appears that the mall is a purely commercial entity and that the opening ceremony is designed to promote that commercial entity. As you know, White House policy generally precludes messages for commercial entities or activities, and accordingly, a Presidential message to be read at the opening ceremonies for this mall would be inappropriate.

Thank you for raising this matter with us.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR CLAUDIA R. KORTE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR. /s/
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Presidential Greeting

The attached correspondence was delivered to Mr. Fielding, requesting a Presidential message for the 95th Annual Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution. Based solely on the information provided in the correspondence, this office has no legal objections to such a message. The request is accordingly submitted for whatever consideration you deem appropriate. We express no view on the merits of the request.

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JGRoberts
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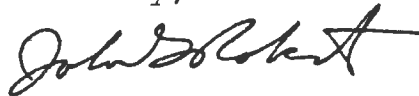
April 10, 1985

Dear Mr. Bessent:

Thank you for your recent letter to Counsel to the President Fred F. Fielding, requesting a Presidential message for the 95th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. I have referred your request to the Office of Special Presidential Messages, the office responsible for processing such requests. You may expect to hear from that office in the near future.

Thank you for your inquiry, and best wishes for a successful Congress.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts, Jr.
Associate Counsel to
the President

Mr. Carl F. Bessent
President General
The National Society of the Sons
of the American Revolution
1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

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WASHINGTON

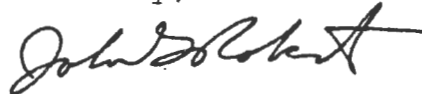
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Associate Counsel to
the President

Mr. Carl F. Bessent
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1000 South Fourth Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203

THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE
SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
INSTITUTED JULY 4, 1876

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PRESIDENT GENERAL
1000 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40203

April 3, 1985

Mr. Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Fielding:

It will be appreciated if a letter of "Greetings" can be sent by the President to the 95th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution meeting at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky, June 1-6, 1985.

We intend to both print the letter in the Congress Program and read the letter at the formal opening of the Congress.

The National Society SAR is indebted to you for all your kind service.

Yours truly,

Carl F. Bessent
Carl F. Bessent
President General



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1000 SOUTH FOURTH STREET
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April 3, 1985

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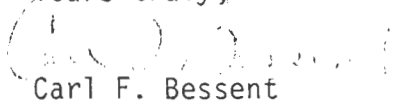
Dear Mr. President:

The 95th Annual Congress of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution will be held at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky, from June 1 to June 6, 1985.

Six hundred members and guests from all sections of the country will attend. These people are vitally interested in governmental affairs and are active as individuals in the political process.

It will be appreciated if you send a "Letter of Greetings" to the 95th Annual Congress of the NSSAR. The NSSAR strongly supports you and your programs.

Yours truly,


Carl F. Bessent
President General

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR SUZANNE CARSON
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Message for the
John Hancock Insurance Company

You have asked for the views of this office on a Presidential message commending the John Hancock Insurance Company for establishing the Hancock Endowment for Academics, Recreation and Teaching to benefit Boston's middle schools. Such a message may be sent, provided that it focuses solely on the charitable activity rather than any commercial activity of John Hancock. In addition, officials at John Hancock must understand that the message may not be used in any promotion for the company.

I would be happy to review a draft message should you decide to go forward. Thank you for raising this matter with us.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DUNCAN CLARK
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Commendations for TV
Stations Airing Special Science Series

You have asked that I review a request for Presidential messages to be provided to General Motors, the National Science Foundation, and television stations, commending these entities for the "How About..." series. It is my understanding that the "How About..." series is provided as a non-profit public service to increase public understanding of scientific issues. Based on this understanding, I have no objection to the idea of sending a Presidential message to the participating television stations and the NSF and GM for sponsoring the program.

Only one message should be prepared for the television stations; the National Association of Broadcasters may not "individualize" the message for each station. I also question the need to send a message to GM, which has already received a letter of commendation from the President for its role in this program. The messages should be in the regular format, not the "Special Commendation" format suggested by NAB. Finally, I have noted some revisions to the drafts submitted by NAB.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 4, 1985

TO: JOHN ROBERTS
Counsel's Office

RE: Presidential Commendations
for TV Stations Airing Special
Science Series

I would appreciate your review of the attached request from the National Association of Broadcasters, which was forwarded to this office by the Private Sector Liaison office at the RNC.

They would like Presidential letters of commendation for the National Science Foundation, General Motors and the 165 TV stations that air a special series of newscasts on science and technology. (We were told by phone that they would be satisfied with just one general message for the TV stations. RNC already told them that they would probably not be able to insert individual station's call letters.)

Thank you.

RDC

DUNCAN CLARK
Presidential Messages
18-OEOB/Ext. 7610



1771 N STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
(202) 429-5301
(800) 424-8806

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

March 13, 1985

Ms. Joan Gibbs
Private Sector Liaison
Working Partner, RNC
310 1st Street, S.E.
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Joan:

Thanks for your follow up telephone call.

I am enclosing two letters that President Reagan signed commending both Don Herbert of Mr. Wizard Studio and Roger Smith, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of General Motors Corporation for their efforts with the "How About...." series.

Joan, I am also forwarding the three special commendation letters to the National Science Foundation, General Motors, and the participating Television stations that air the "How About...." series. These are the letters I am requesting President Reagan's signature.

There are approximately 165 Television stations participating in the "How About..." series. Each letter will be personalized with the stations call letters. However, I am not requesting 165 different letters, just one, and I will insert the call letters of the participating television station.

I hope this information is helpful and I appreciate your time on this project.

Best regards,

Robert A. Carmines

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~~SPECIAL COMMENDATION~~

~~to my fellow broadcasters:~~
~~the management and news staff of~~
(participating Television Station)

I believe it is in the national interest for the public to be aware of the vital role science and technology play in our way of life. I, therefore, congratulate and commend you for airing in your newscasts the ~~Don Herbert~~ reports on scientific and technological advances.

"How
About..."

A special commendation has also been made to the National Science Foundation and General Motors for jointly providing the series, produced by the Mr. Wizard Studio, as a service to commercial television stations and their audiences.

This unique project is an example of how effective government, industry, and broadcasters can be when they work together, in this instance, to further the public's understanding and appreciation of the science and technology that are so important to our nation's continuing progress.

Signed

SPECIAL COMMENDATION

to

General Motors

"How
About..."

I believe it is in the national interest for the public to be aware of the vital role science and technology play in our way of life. I, therefore, congratulate and commend you for providing the ~~Don Herbert~~ series which reports on scientific and technological advances as a service to commercial television stations and their audiences.

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Signed

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Smith:

Word has come to me about General Motors' leadership in the "How About..." project. This is yet another example of your Corporation's innovative response to meeting essential needs. I am particularly impressed with "How About..." as a successful model of private initiative in an area which was formerly a Federal province.

I believe that high technology will play a vital role in our nation's future. I congratulate and commend General Motors for looking to the needs of our nation.

With appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Roger Smith
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
General Motors Corporation
General Motors Building
Detroit, Michigan 48202

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

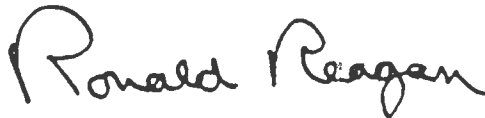
March 9, 1983

Dear Don:

It is good to hear from you. Your involvement with the General Motors "How About..." project is highly commendable. As you know, I believe that high technology will play a vital role in our nation's future and the way in which you and General Motors are bringing these advances to the public is most helpful.

Nancy joins me in sending our best wishes to you and Norma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Mr. Don Herbert
Mr. Wizard Studio
132 Stagecoach Road
Canoga Park, California 91307

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Message for
International Symposium on Human Sexuality

Anne Higgins has asked for our views as soon as possible on a proposed Presidential letter to the International Symposium on Human Sexuality. The Symposium, to be held in Silver Spring April 18-21, is sponsored by Human Life International and Catholics United for the Faith. HLI is headed by a priest and advertises its links to the papacy. The faculty for the symposium consists of both clerics and laymen, including author George Gilder.

I have no objection to the draft message itself. The message discusses family and pro-life values, and reiterates the positions on family planning funding the United States announced at the Mexico City International Conference on Population. My concern is that the symposium agenda is more far-reaching, including discussions of Planned Parenthood, homosexuality, specific methods of birth control, and "How to Close Abortion Mills Nonviolently." In addition, many of the lectures appear sectarian in nature, including the keynote address, "Official and Latest Teachings of the Church on Christian Sexuality and the Family." The problem is that any Presidential message, no matter how circumscribed, could easily be misinterpreted as approval of the entire symposium. The President does approve some of the themes of the symposium (e.g., the pro-life and anti-pornography positions), but probably does not approve -- or at least would not want to stake out a position on -- numerous others (e.g., denunciation of various methods of birth control, criticism of sex education). The danger of misinterpretation of a Presidential letter strikes me as too great; I recommend not approving a message. A draft is attached.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT, NSC

✓ FRED FIELDING

SUBJECT: International Symposium on Human Sexuality
(Silver Spring, Md. - APRIL 18)

Attached for your review/clearance ASAP is a proposed Presidential message for the above event. The meeting is sponsored by Human Life International, which is headed by Father Paul Marx, O.S.B. Also attached FYI is a copy of the conference program.

RDC
Duncan Clark
(for) ANNE HIGGINS
18-OEOB/Ext. 7610

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 16, 1985

I am delighted to welcome to Washington the participants in the International Symposium on Human Sexuality.

Your attendance at this symposium signifies an important truth: the values of family and respect for the sanctity of innocent human life know no boundaries of time or country. Throughout the history of the modern world, these values have undergone countless trials and continual stress. Our era is replete with instances where the pressures of social and legal change have converged to weaken not only the family but our very understanding of its primacy as the source of individual happiness and well-being. By seeking to renew that understanding in an international context, this symposium can and will contribute much to peace and progress among nations.

I am convinced that movement toward these goals is accelerating worldwide. We see in many countries a resurgence of concern for the principles reaffirmed in the preamble to the Charter of the United Nations: "faith in fundamental human rights" and "in the dignity and worth of the human person." Let me take this opportunity to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to these principles as well, and in particular to those safeguards announced last year in Mexico City with respect to U.S. population policy. The United States does not consider abortion an acceptable element of family planning programs, nor will the United States provide family planning funds directly or indirectly to any nation which engages in coercion to achieve population goals.

Once again, I commend the efforts of everyone associated with this vital work. You have my best wishes for a most successful symposium. God bless you.



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Dear Anne,

Could we get a presidential message for our International Symposium on Human Sexuality, to be held this April 18-21 at the Sheraton Inn in Silver Spring, Maryland?

It would mean a great deal to the conferees (especially the foreign ones) to be greeted by the world's only pro-life head of state (other than His Holiness, that is).

Some of these good people were with us in Mexico City last summer, supporting the Administration's cutoff of abortion funding for foreign governments. All admire the President's strong pro-life stance.

As you can see from the enclosed brochure, we'll have an impressive lineup of speakers. I hope you and your staff can come for at least some of the sessions. The Symposium will be one of the most important pro-life events of 1985.

Thank you for considering this request, Anne, and thank you for all you're doing for God's innocent unborn babies.

Your Pro-life Missionary,

Fr. Paul Marx, O.S.B.

P.S. I've also enclosed some general information about HLI and its work. Please call me or John Cavanaugh-O'Keefe if we can help you in any way.

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Sexual sin is the root of abortion!

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Your faculty will include Dr. Wanda Poltawska of Poland, who assisted the Pope in preparing *Familiaris Consortio*; plus George Gilder, famed author of *Sexual Suicide*; pornography-fighter Morton Hill, S.J., of *Morality in Media*; Yugoslavia's Marijo Zivkovic, dynamic member of the Pontifical Council for the Family; and 24 more experts.

All of the talks and workshops will be based on the timeless Christian truths about sex, life, and the family reaffirmed so beautifully in the five most important recent Vatican documents, starting with *Humanae Vitae*.

You'll learn how to explain and advance these truths better here in North America, and elsewhere, wherever they're ignored so scandalously but needed so desperately. The emphasis will be on practical, how-to information, not mere theory.

We're holding this unique Symposium at the Sheraton Inn in Silver Spring, Maryland, just outside Washington. After four unforgettable days you'll go home with great new contacts, valuable new ideas, deeper insights, and a renewed spirit.

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Faculty and Topics

Thursday, April 18

RATNER: "The Gift of Children"
POLTAWSKA: "A Psychiatrist Discusses *Familiaris Consortio*"
KIPPLEY: "Critical Issues in NFP"
HILL: "The Nature and Danger of Pornography"

CALEGARI: "Sexual Maturity Before and After Marriage"
MARSHALL: "The Sordid Background of Planned Parenthood"
DRISCOLL: "Promoting Chastity and True Christian Femininity"
RATNER: "The Crucial Mother-Infant Relationship"

POLTAWSKA: "A Psychiatrist Discusses *Familiaris Consortio*"
WINTER: "Neo-Malthusianism Revisited"
HILL: "The Nature and Danger of Pornography"
KIPPLEY: "Birth Control and Christian Discipleship"

GAGNON: "Keynote: Official and Latest Teachings of the Church on Christian Sexuality and the Family"

An updating, NFP teacher-training seminar will be conducted simultaneously from Thursday noon, April 18, to Sunday noon, April 21. Same fee structure. Write for particulars.

Friday, April 19

CALEGARI: "Teen Sex Education and Fertility Awareness"
 BROWN, J.: "How to Oppose Planned Parenthood"
 MARX: "The International Anti-Life Movement"
 LAVANAUGH: "Nonviolent Direct Action"
 O'KEEFE: "Nature and Treatment of Homosexuality"
 HARVEY:

MARSHALL: "The Sordid Background of Planned Parenthood"
 MITH: "The Nature, Function, and Formation of Conscience"
 IVKOVIC: "Sex and Chastity behind the Iron Curtain"
 ILL: "The Nature and Danger of Pornography"
 IAY: "The Moral Difference between Contraception and NFP"

LITTLE: "Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, and the Pro-Family Movement"
 ALEGARI: "Sexual Maturity Before and After Marriage"
 RISCOLL: "Promoting Chastity and True Christian Femininity"
 IVKOVIC: "Sex and Chastity behind the Iron Curtain"
 ARVEY: "NFP: Right and Wrong during the Infertile Time"

MITH: "The Role of Conscience Facing Moral Norms"
 BROWN, S.: "The Evil Work of the International Planned Parenthood Federation"
 HILLABRAND: "The Workings and Harm of the Pill and IUD"
 BAER: "Values Clarification and Sex Education: Gross Violation of Privacy"
 SCHEIDLER: "How to Close Abortion Mills Non-violently"

ANEL: "Exposing Sex Education in Two Archdioceses"



Saturday, April 20

SMITH: "A Seminar on Conscience and Sexual Morality"
 SHERIDAN: "Psycho-sexual Development of Children and Adolescents"
 WEYRICH: "Organizing Coalitions For Success"
 HARVEY: "Nature and Treatment of Homosexuality"
 ESPINOSA: "Birth Control: Why Are They Lying to Women?"

MARX: "The International Anti-Life Movement"
 ZIVKOVIC: "Sex and Chastity behind the Iron Curtain"
 LITTLE: "Apostolic Media Funding"
 KLAUS: "Cross-cultural Experience with the Billings Ovulation Method"
 MAY: "Modern Attacks on Marriage and Family: IVF, etc."

SHERIDAN: "Psycho-sexual Development of Children and Adolescents"
 HILLABRAND: "Gynecology, Female-Liberation, and Contraception"
 MUÑIZ: "Sex Education in Latin America"
 BAER: "Values Clarification and Sex Education: Gross Violation of Privacy"
 KLAUS: "Valuing the Procreative Capacity: A New Approach to Teens"

RUEDA: "The Politics of Homosexuality"
 WEYRICH: "Organizing Coalitions For Success"
 SCHEIDLER: "Opposing Abortionists Non-violently"
 ESPINOSA: "Birth Control: Why Are They Lying to Women?"
 WINTER: "Sex and Sterilization International"

O'CONNOR: "Stopping the War on the Unborn"

Sunday, April 21

CALEGARI: "Teen Sex Education and Fertility Awareness"
 HILLABRAND: "The Workings and Harm of the Pill and IUD"
 LITTLE: "Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, and the Pro-Family Movement"
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U.S. Commitment to International Population Planning

August 8, 1984



United States Department of State
Bureau of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Following is the plenary statement by Ambassador James Buckley, head of the U.S. delegation, to the International Conference on Population, Mexico City, August 8, 1984.

We thank the Government of Mexico, under its distinguished President, Miguel de la Madrid, for its hospitality in hosting this important gathering of the international community.

This conference has been called to review the World Population Plan of Action adopted in Bucharest 10 years ago. As we do so, it is important to keep in mind that the subject of population is part of a larger objective. In its own words, the Plan of Action is "an instrument of the international community for the promotion of economic development, quality of life, human rights and fundamental freedom."

In short, population goals and policies must be considered not as ends in themselves but in the context of social and economic strategies designed to enhance the human condition in a manner consistent with basic values.

Over the past 20 years, the United States has played a leading role in focusing attention on population issues, in urging international cooperation, and in the design and implementation of population strategies based on voluntary family planning. In the current year, we will be contributing \$240,000,000 for these purposes, or 44% of the total population assistance provided by developed nations; and the Reagan Administration has requested an increase

for 1985. U.S. support for these programs has increased by more than 30% since 1980.

The Need for a Sharper Focus

At the same time, the experience of the last two decades not only makes possible but requires a sharper focus for our population policy.

Given the dramatic success achieved by developing nations over the past 30 years in reducing mortality rates, there is no question that many of them find it difficult to cope with the resulting surge in their populations. Moreover, major increases are destined to continue well into the next century even with significant reductions in birth rates.

Small wonder that so many have reacted to this dramatic phenomenon by concentrating more on how to control the surge in human numbers than on how expanding populations might be accommodated.

We believe, however, that in the superb address welcoming us to Mexico on Monday, President de la Madrid placed the problem in context when he said:

Our planet, inhabited today by 4.8 billion human beings, has the natural resources, production capacity and different administrative and political skills it needs to fully meet the basic needs of its future population. To that end, let us make reason our guide in our efforts to prepare for the future.

Let us follow the advice of President de la Madrid and place the population problem in proper perspective.

First, and foremost, population growth is, of itself, neither good nor bad. It becomes an asset or a problem in conjunction with other factors, such as economic policy, social constraints, and the ability to put additional men and women to useful work. People, after all, are producers as well as consumers.

Hong Kong and South Korea are cases in point. They have few natural resources. Over the past 20 years, they have experienced major increases in population, yet few nations have experienced such rapid economic growth. We believe it no coincidence that each of these societies placed its reliance on the creativity of private individuals working within a free economy.

Some developing nations chose a different path, that of a controlled, centrally planned economy. In such cases, the concentration of economic decisionmaking in the hands of planners and public officials tended to inhibit individual initiative and sometimes crippled the ability of average men and women to work toward a better future. In many cases, agriculture was devastated by government price controls that wiped out the rewards for labor. Job creation in infant industries was hampered by confiscatory taxes. Personal industry and thrift were penalized. Under such circumstances, population growth became a threat.

effective strategies for the years ahead. Our thinking, however, must not be limited to a consideration of economic and population factors alone. Any policy adopted must be consistent with a respect for human dignity and fundamental freedom.

U.S. Policy

As President Ronald Reagan stated in his message to this conference:

We believe population programs can and must be truly voluntary, cognizant of the rights and responsibilities of individuals and families, and respectful of religious and cultural values. When they are, such programs can make an important contribution to economic and social development, to the health of mothers and children, and to the stability of the family and of society.

In preparing for this conference, the United States has issued a carefully developed statement of policy, a copy of which has been distributed to each delegation. It does not represent a radical shift in its past position. Rather, it reflects a sharpening of focus to make its foreign assistance programs more responsive to true needs and more reflective of fundamental values.

The United States will continue its longstanding commitment to development and family planning assistance to

First, where U.S. funds are contributed to nations which support abortion with other funds, the United States will contribute to such nations through segregated accounts which cannot be used for abortion.

Second, the United States will no longer contribute to separate nongovernmental organizations which perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in other nations.

Third, before the United States will contribute funds to the UN Fund for Population Activities, (UNFPA), it will insist that no part of its contribution be used for abortion and will also first require concrete assurances that the UNFPA is not engaged in, and does not provide funding for, abortion or coercive family planning programs. Should such assurances not be possible, and in order to maintain the level of its overall contribution to the international effort, the United States will redirect the amount of its intended contribution to other, non-UNFPA family planning programs.

When efforts to lower population growth are deemed advisable, U.S. policy considers it imperative that such efforts respect the right of couples to determine the size of their own families. Accordingly, the United States will not provide family planning funds to any nation which engages in forcible coercion to achieve population goals.

Our support of family planning programs serves two basic purposes, both of which require ready access to the knowledge and services that will enable couples to exercise their right to determine when they will conceive a child.

The first concerns health. The availability of effective family planning services will enable couples to better protect the health of mother and child by enabling them to control the spacing of children and avoid pregnancies among women who are too young or too old to bear one with safety.

The second end of family planning is to facilitate parental control over the size of families. An effective voluntary family planning program will result in substantial decreases in family size only to the degree that couples desire fewer children and that safe, acceptable, effective, and affordable methods are available.

Here again we can benefit from recent as well as historical experience. So long as the great majority of couples sees an economic advantage in having a large number of children, they will tend to have them. This desire is prevalent in the least developed countries where children begin to contribute to family income at an early age and are the main

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One of the consequences of "economic statism," and the lagging development such an approach implies, was the disruption of the natural mechanism for slowing population growth. The world's developed nations have reached a population equilibrium without compulsion. The controlling factor has been the adjustment, by individual families, of reproductive behavior to economic opportunity and aspiration. Historically, as opportunity and the standard of living rise, the birth rate falls. Fortunately, a broad international consensus has emerged since Bucharest that economic development and population policies are mutually reinforcing.

This conference offers a unique opportunity for all of us to reflect on the interaction between economic development and population in the light of experience so that we may develop more

other countries. By exercising greater care in determining how those contributions are used, the United States expects to increase the effectiveness of its economic assistance while ensuring that its family planning funds are used in ways consistent with human dignity and family values.

The UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959) recognizes the right of children to protection before birth as well as after. In keeping with this affirmation, the United States does not consider abortion an acceptable element of family planning programs.

Over the past decade, the United States has not allowed its population assistance contribution to be used to finance or promote abortion. The present policy tightens this existing restraint in three ways.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S MESSAGE, MAY 30, 1984

I am grateful to Mexico, under the leadership of President Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, for its gracious hospitality in hosting the International Conference on Population.

World leaders have come to recognize that the historically unprecedented growth of population now occurring in many countries affects economic and social development and presents a unique set of challenges and opportunities. It is for these reasons that the United States provides bilateral and multilateral assistance in population programs.

Recognizing the seriousness of environmental and economic problems and their relationship to social realities, the United States places a priority upon technological advancement and economic expansion which hold out the hope of prosperity and stability for a rapidly changing world. That hope can be realized to the extent nations respond to problems, whether economic or ecological, in ways that respect and enhance the freedom and dignity of the individual.

We believe population programs can and must be truly voluntary, cognizant of the rights and responsibilities of individuals and families, and respectful of religious and cultural values. When they are, such programs can make an important contribution to economic and social development, to the health of mothers and children, and to the stability of the family and of society.

Our concern over the dimensions of demographic change is inseparable from a concern for the welfare of children—who are the ultimate resource of any society. Together we must strive for a world in which children are happy and healthy. They must have the opportunity to develop to their full mental and physical potential and, as young adults, be able to find productive work and to enjoy a decent and dignified existence.

I wish the participants in this Conference good counsel and inspiration in addressing these issues. I am confident they will fulfill their responsibility to produce recommendations for action by the international community which will improve the well-being of generations to come.

RONALD REAGAN

source of support for parents too old to work. Once a society achieves a certain level of real economic development, however, the incentives to childbearing will change—especially where women have achieved higher education and broader economic opportunities and are able to attain their rightful place in society.

South Korea and the ASEAN [Association of South East Asian Nations] countries are cases in point. Between 1970 and 1982, they experienced an average annual rate of economic growth of over 7%, well above that of any other part of the world. At the same time, through a combination of significant family planning efforts and the decline in the desire for children historically associated with economic growth, they reduced their average crude birth rate by more than 30%. While some of these nations are richly endowed with natural resources, others have none. What they do share in common are marketplace economies and policies which encourage private investment and initiatives.

Unfortunately, the current situation in many developing countries is such that relief from population pressures cannot be achieved overnight even under optimal economic policies. In the mean-

time, rapid population growth compounds already serious problems and increases the costs and difficulties of economic development. Slowing population growth, however, is not a panacea. Without sound and comprehensive development policies, it cannot in itself solve problems of hunger, unemployment, crowding, or potential social disorder.

By helping developing countries through support for effective voluntary family planning programs in conjunction with sound economic policies, U.S. population assistance contributes to stronger saving and investment rates, speeds the development of effective markets and related employment opportunities, reduces the potential resource requirements of programs to improve the health and education of the people, and hastens the achievement of each country's graduation from the need for external assistance.

These are our goals and expectations as we take advantage of the experience of the last two decades to provide our population assistance policy with a sharper focus.

We urge this conference to do the same as it reviews the World Population Plan of Action. We hope in examining alternative models, it will seek out those that have proven the most successful.

Much remains to be done, but we can take heart from the extraordinary progress already achieved. Over the past 30 years, for example, fertility rates and birth rates in the developing world have fallen more than halfway toward a goal of population stability; human life expectancy has increased dramatically, caloric intake per capita has improved, literacy rates have increased significantly, disease is on the decline, and per capita income in most countries has risen substantially.

This record of accomplishment should be encouragement enough as we proceed with the work of this conference. At the same time, we should be neither surprised nor disturbed by the inevitable differences we will encounter.

We here today represent a rich diversity of cultures and historical experience. Our ethical and moral perspectives have been shaped by a variety of religious and secular traditions. We govern ourselves in different ways in accordance with fundamentally different assumptions about the nature of man and the purpose of nations.

When all this diversity is brought to bear on two of the most profoundly sensitive of all human subjects—namely, human reproduction and the rights of the family—it should surprise no one that there will be differences among us on a number of important issues.

We can all benefit from the sharing of experience, insights, and perspectives on family planning, population policy, and economic development. But we cannot expect agreement on every item that has a necessary place on our agenda.

This said, we do look forward to working with all other nations represented here in identifying areas in which the international community can work in concert and in determining how common goals can best be achieved. ■

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 4/17/85 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 A.M. TOMORROW 4/18SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO JESSE A. ZEEMAN RE VISIT TO CONCENTRATION
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REMARKS:

The attached was dictated personally by the President. Please provide any edits/comments by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

1985 APR 17 PM 5:55

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
Ext. 2702

DRAFT

April 17, 1985

Dear Mr. Zeeman:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of March 30th. I've been away, as you know, so it wasn't brought to my attention until a few days ago.

Believe me, I can understand your feeling of outrage and, yes, that of Mr. Rosensaft, but let me say in my own defense that the media presentation of this whole episode is a gross distortion of fact. I'll try to put the matter in proper perspective.

I will be in West Germany as a guest of the government at the time of the 40th anniversary of V.E. Day. Chancellor Kohl approached me some time ago as to what might be a proper observance of that day. I expressed the opinion that it was time for the world to view the day as one of gratitude that we have achieved friendship and forty years of peace between erstwhile enemies. Of the seven nations represented at the economic summit, three were enemies of the other four in WW II. Now we meet annually as allies.

Some time later Chancellor Kohl asked me to be a guest of his government for a state visit following the summit. He outlined a schedule which included our joint visit to the Bitberg cemetery on our way to a church service with our American troops. At about this same time I was told a West German political figure had asked me to pay a visit to Dachau. I felt that for me to do this on my own while a guest of the government would be taken as an affront to the people of Germany and at odds with the spirit of reconciliation the Chancellor was trying to achieve. Frankly I suspected the invitation had a political motive. I'm afraid I didn't explain this very well when the question was asked in the press conference.

Only a short time ago when the media blitz reached Germany did I learn there had been some mix-up or confusion and that the Dachau visit was part of the official itinerary. I, of course, immediately accepted.

Mr. Zeeman, my feelings about the Holocaust can be summed up in the words I've used a hundred times; "we must never forget and it must never happen again." Since I've been President we have regularly hosted gatherings in the East Room of survivors of the Holocaust. I'm more pleased than I can say that the visit to a concentration camp will be a part of the official program.

In a few days from now and prior to my trip I'll be attending a ceremony here honoring survivors of the Holocaust.

Thank you for giving me a chance to explain and to respond to Mr. Rosensaft's article.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Sample

JESSE A. ZEEMAN

*Can we get
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March 30th 1935

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I cannot conceive of any Jewish person in the United States disagreeing with the enclosed article, written by M. Z. Rosensaft, concerning your decision not to visit Dachau during your planned visit to Germany. I feel sure multitudes of people of other persuasions hold this view, as well.

In addition to the point stressed by Mr. Rosensaft that there are many Germans alive who participated in that infamous pogrom, the abuse and slaughter of six million Jews is a part of Germany's heritage and should not be allowed to be forgotten lest it happen again.

Please Mr. President, reconsider your plan and place Dachau on your itinerary.

Respectfully,

MIC. JESSE A. ZEEMAN
2500 VIRGINIA AVENUE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20037

[Signature]

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1985

Reagan Errs on the Holocaust

By Menachem Z. Rosensaft

President Reagan apparently believes that all Germans alive today are under 60 years old. According to him, "very few" Germans today even remember, let alone took part in, the Second World War, and none of them "were adults and participating in any way" in the events of 40 years ago.

This is his rationale for not going to Dachau next month and not paying homage to the victims of Nazism. He is afraid that the German people's "unnecessary" guilt feelings would be aggravated if the President of the United States were to visit the site of a Nazi concentration camp. It would seem that a brief history lesson is in order.

In 1943, when my parents arrived at Auschwitz, they were in their early 30's. Most of the German guards and doctors who tortured them and sent their families to the gas chambers were their age or younger. Similarly, many of the killers of Treblinka, Bergen-Belsen, Dachau and all the other death camps were in their 20's and 30's when they participated in the annihilation of six million European Jews. Nazi Germany was, after all, youth-oriented. Relatively few of these mass murderers died in battle, and only a handful of them were executed for their crimes after the war. Thus, many of them are today in their 60's and 70's, still alive and well and living in Germany.

Josef Mengele, the notorious chief doctor of Auschwitz, for example, was two months younger than my father and a year and a half younger than my mother. Mengele is now 74 years old — exactly the same age as President Reagan. Somehow, I think Mengele remembers the Third Reich. So do his high school and university classmates.

Klaus Barbie, a Gestapo chief in Nazi-occupied France, who is now awaiting trial in a French jail, was born in 1915. Seven of the 22 defendants in the 1963 trial in Frankfurt of onetime Auschwitz SS men were also born after Mr. Reagan.

One frequently reads about the reunions that old SS gangs hold throughout Germany. When they meet, they reminisce about the good

old days — when men were men and Jews were subhuman — and proclaim anew their loyalty to the Führer. Today, they must be in great spirits. After 40 years, the President of the United States has finally said that it is all right to forget all about them and their barbarous exploits.

But Nazi war criminals are not the only Germans who were adults between 1940 and 1945. West Germany's President, Richard von Weizsäcker, is 65 years old; the Bavarian Prime Minister, Franz Josef Strauss, is only 70. They, together with all the surviving veterans of Hitler's armed forces and storm troopers, bear at least a share of responsibility — if not personal guilt — for the Holocaust.

I do not mean to imply that all Germans were Nazis, or that any German born after 1945 should be held responsible for the Holocaust. The fact is, however, that Hitler's Final Solution of the "Jewish Question" was planned and implemented by the German Government in the name of the German people. Whatever President Reagan thinks, a nation's identity is the totality of its past, the bad as well as the good. Thus, the Holocaust is and must remain forever a part of the German national heritage.

None of this should really surprise President Reagan. He, too, remembers the war. Two years ago, he told a gathering of more than 15,000 Holocaust survivors: "Our most sacred task now is insuring that the memory of this greatest of human tragedies, the Holocaust, never fades — that its lessons are not forgotten."

Why, then, his disingenuous excuse for not going to Dachau? The disturbing answer is that while it is politically advantageous for him to speak about the Holocaust to Jewish audiences in the United States, he does not want to risk offending anyone — even Nazis — in Germany.

President Reagan's refusal to observe the 40th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust is morally offensive. He has made it clear that for him, the dead of Dachau, symbolic of the dead of all the Nazi concentration camps, are less worthy of respect than the fallen soldiers of Normandy or the G.I.'s who lie buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In essence, he is telling the world that he cares more about contemporary German sensibilities than about the memory of Hitler's victims. As a son of Holocaust survivors, I am angry. As an American, I am ashamed. □

Menachem Z. Rosensaft, a lawyer, is founding chairman of the International Network of Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

April 25, 1985

I am delighted to extend warm greetings and congratulations to all those gathered for the opening day and 30th anniversary ceremonies for the Hawthorne National-Wisburn Little League in beautiful Hawthorne, California.

Little League instills in our youth the traditional American values of good sportsmanship, love of baseball, and respect for community and flag. These principles stay with an individual all of his or her life and help in the development of future careers, and in the performance of the duties required of good citizenship. I applaud the officials, sponsors and parents who have helped to make Hawthorne National-Wisburn Little League such a wonderful success. I am sure that it will continue to be one far into the future.

Nancy joins me in sending best wishes to all, and especially the young team members of the league.

RONALD REAGAN

SENT EXPRESS MAIL TO:

Mr. Carl L. Serra

c/o Curtis Mack

Citizens for the Republic

1253 Seventh St., S. 200

Santa Monica, CA 90401

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cc: K.Osborne/C.Korte/J.Roberts/S.Herring/CF

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April 25, 1985

I believe it is in the national interest for the public to be aware of the vital role science and technology play in our way of life. I am happy, therefore, to congratulate and commend the television stations that are airing in their newscasts the "How About..." reports on scientific and technological advances.

This unique project is an example of how effectively government, industry and broadcasters can work together to further the public's understanding and appreciation of the science and technology that are so important to our nation's continuing progress.

**To J. Webber, Media Relations, for dispatch
to National Association of Broadcasters.**

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cc: K. Osborne/J. Roberts/J. Webber/C. Korte/CF

DUE: ASAP

04/25 how about series

April 26, 1985

Dear Mr. Sestak:

I am pleased to send warm greetings and congratulations as you and your associates at ALPO Petfoods are honored for your company's receipt of the first Five Star International Safety Rating from International Loss Control Institute, Inc.

This award is a testament not only to your common sense in business and production matters, but to your concern for the welfare of your employees as well. You are a part of a great tradition of cooperation between management and labor that has helped America to become the greatest example of the free enterprise system.

Nancy joins me in sending best wishes and, again, congratulations to you and all who have made your company such a shining tribute to ingenuity and industry in this country.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Sestak
President and
Chief Executive Officer
ALPO Petfoods, Inc.
Lincoln, Nebraska

SENT TO:
The Honorable Doug Bereuter
Member, United States
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 82887
Lincoln, Nebraska 68501

ATTN: Ms. Pat Wergin

cc: K.Osborne/M.Blesse J.Robert S.Herring/C.Korte/CF
EVENT: April 27

NOTE: Text of letter read to Ms. Wergin with signed letter to follow.
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Sestak

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 26, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR CLAUDIA KORTE
PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Requested Message for Ted Howard

You have asked for this office's views on a proposed Presidential message for Ted Howard, President of Automated Business Systems and Services, on the occasion of that company's "graduation" from the SBA's 8(a) program. I think it would be extremely inadvisable for the President to participate in a ceremony celebrating an instance of "success" in the SBA grant and loan program at a time when he is proposing to abolish those programs -- and the SBA itself -- as inappropriate activities for the Federal Government. No message should be sent.

STRAIGHTWIRE - APRIL 27, 1985

Dr. John Keiser
President
Boise State University
910 University Drive
Boise, Idaho 83725

I am pleased to send cordial greetings to all the participants at the conference on Alternative Dispute Resolutions, "Peaceful Settlements," in Boise.

Conflicts have been a constant of history, and the failure to solve problems has been the stuff of tragedy. You are dealing with one of the most basic issues of social and political life. There are no easy solutions, as history testifies, but history also gives sad testimony to the need to find solutions, however difficult that process is. You are examining the principles of concord, and I commend and encourage you.

To everyone at the conference I extend best wishes for a memorable meeting and every happiness.

RONALD REAGAN

WHcc:
The Honorable Jim McClure
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: K.Osborne/J.Roberts(FYI)/P. Riley/C.Korte/CF
EVENT: APRIL 29
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Alternative Dispute

April 30, 1985

Dear Vincent:

Congratulations on your selection as one of the finalists to receive an InterFirst Bank Mt. Pleasant Scholarship. I understand that this comes in recognition of your good citizenship and community spirit. These qualities along with your additional activities are exemplary, and I am pleased to commend you.

You have brought honor to your school and your community and I wish you every success in your future studies. God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Vincent F. Malone
Post Office Box 583
Daingerfield, Texas 75638

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WHcc: The Honorable Sam B. Hall, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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DUE: ASAP
5/7 Vincent Malone

April 30, 1985

Dear Matt:

Congratulations on your selection as one of the finalists to receive an InterFirst Bank Mt. Pleasant Scholarship. I understand that this comes in recognition of your good citizenship and community spirit. These qualities along with your additional activities are exemplary, and I am pleased to commend you.

You have brought honor to your school and your community and I wish you every success in your future studies. God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

**Mr. Matt Emery
Box 137
Pittsburg, Texas 75686**

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5/7 Matt Emery

April 30, 1985

Dear Stefanie:

Congratulations on your selection as one of the finalists to receive an InterFirst Bank Mt. Pleasant Scholarship. I understand that this comes in recognition of your good citizenship and community spirit. These qualities along with your additional activities are exemplary, and I am pleased to commend you.

You have brought honor to your school and your community and I wish you every success in your future studies. God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Stefanie Renee Roy
608 Magnolia
Mount Pleasant, Texas 75545

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April 30, 1985

Dear Latisha:

Congratulations on your selection as one of the finalists to receive an InterFirst Bank Mt. Pleasant Scholarship. I understand that this comes in recognition of your good citizenship and community spirit. These qualities along with your additional activities are exemplary, and I am pleased to commend you.

You have brought honor to your school and your community and I wish you every success in your future studies. God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

**Miss Latisha Campbell
Route 2, Box 273
Mount Vernon, Texas 75457**

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