

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Mr. Mass:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Beach Boys and the July 4th celebration. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Warren P. Mass
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Clinton, MA 01510

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Clinton, Mass. 01510
April 7, 1983

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

I wish to protest Secretary of the Interior James Watt's absurd remarks concerning his reasons for banning the musical act known as "The Beach Boys" from the capital Fourth of July celebration.

Mr. Watt's implications that the Beach Boys and their fans are unwholesome, untraditional, anti-family, unstable, immoral and un-American give me great cause for personal resentment. Please consider the following facts:
(over, please)

- (1) Vice President George Bush sent a personal telegram to the Beach Boys on July 4, 1981 during their "Spirit of America" concert in Long Beach, California, congratulating them for their contribution to American spirit and patriotism.
- (2) The Beach Boys have publically made statements against the use of drugs.
- (3) Because the Beach Boys have been performing for 21 years, they have become an American tradition and their fans span the old "generation gap." Since many of their fans are now over 40 years of age, they often bring their children to the concerts.
- (4) I, myself, am 35 years of age and have been a Beach Boys fan for 20 years.
- (5) I was so impressed by the wholesome, family atmosphere at a Beach Boys concert two years ago, that my wife and I brought our then 4-year old daughter to our next Beach Boys concert.

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- (6) I am a political conservative who in the past supported Secretary Watt's position against environmental extremists.
- (7) I have for the past 11 years been a member of one of the leading conservative, pro-family organizations in America, The John Birch Society. Many of the younger members of the John Birch Society are also Beach Boys fans.
- (8) I am also an active, Catholic layman connected with a traditional (Latin Mass) Catholic church.
- (9) If Secretary Watt's statements do not look damn foolish after reading this letter, then nothing does.

From quotations in the press, Mr. Deaver, I believe you may share my point-of-view. You have my permission to quote from this letter in whole or in part.

Sincerely, Warren P. Mass (Warren P. Mass)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Mrs. Gunderson:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Beach Boys. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mrs. Paula Gunderson
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4-7-83

DEAR MR. DEEVER: —

PLEASE CONVINCE MR. WATT & PRESIDENT REAGEN
THAT THE BEACH BOYS DO NOT EVEN RESEMBLE
WHAT IS CALLED "HARD ROCK". I HAVE LOVED
THE BOYS FOR YEARS & MR. WATT HAS NO
RIGHT TO ASSOCIATE MY LOVE FOR THEIR
MUSIC WITH MY TAKING DRUGS, DRINKING
& LORD KNOWS WHAT ELSE. THE BEACH
BOYS ALONG WITH MYSELF & MY
FAMILY ARE AS WHOLESOME AS—
WELL - APPLE PIE!

SINCERELY,

MS/ Paula Gunderson
15407 95th ST. NE.
ELK RIVER, MN
55330

P.S. AND TO THINK HE REPLACED
THEM WITH WAYNE NEWTON.
GOOD LORD!

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Eldon:

I so appreciated the personal touch you gave my birthday with your nice letter.

I, too, enjoy our friendship.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Honorable Eldon Rudd
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

ELDON RUDD
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
9TH DISTRICT ARIZONA



CONGRESS
of the
United States of America

April 11
1983

Frank

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Dear Mike,

May this, your birthday, be filled with joy
and happiness.

I count your friendship as one of my special
blessings. With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Eldon Rudd
Member of Congress

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Michael K. Deaver
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& Assistant to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Toles:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the letter you sent to Secretary Watt regarding the Beach Boys and the July 4th celebration. Hopefully, we will not always be in disagreement.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Toles
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April 7, 1983

Secretary James Watt
Department of the Interior
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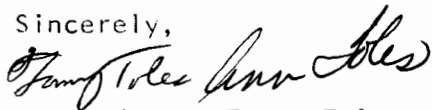
Dear Mr. Secretary:

We wanted to let you know we agree wholeheartedly with your decision about the July 4th celebration in Washington. And we are in absolute opposition to the comments made by Mr. Deaver of the White House.

And no, we aren't 89 years old -- we are in our mid-30s and enjoy all types of music but there's an appropriate time and place for rock and roll -- and it isn't during a patriotic Independence Day celebration.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Toles
P.O. Box 2311
Rome, Ga. 30164

cc: Michael Deaver

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Mr. Tucker:

Thank you for your letter regarding my comments about the Beach Boys. I appreciate your taking the time to write. Hopefully, we will not always be in disagreement.

Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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RALPH W. TUCKER

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April 6, 1983

Michael Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Deaver:

I was absolutely amazed to see you and hear you quoted as being a backer of The Beach Boys. That outfit, like all the others in that type of music have driven 100,000,000 people almost insane in the past 30 years, since Elvis Presley. They are unkempt, rude, vulgar and untalented. They are loud and that's all. The rest of us, like my family, can't go into a nice restaurant anymore without some of that ilk appearing. It has been a nightmare.

It is a pity a person like Jim Watt must use the judgment that the rest of you in Washington should use. He is right. They attract the wrong kind of people and they behave in a wrong manner. Jim Watt is to be, again congratulated, he represents the millions who make the country go and who have been pushed back by these horrible people.

Sincerely,

Ralph W. Tucker
Ralph W. Tucker

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Mr. Vail:

Thank you for your letter regarding my comments about the Beach Boys. I appreciate your taking the time to write me regarding your thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Don Vail
1119 La Rosa Road
Arcadia, CA 91006

April 6, 1983

1119 La Rosa Road
Arcadia, CA 91006

Mr. Michael Deever
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Deever,

When Secretary Watt locks up all of us moral deviates who appreciate the Beach Boys, can I have the cell next to yours. I suppose that it's awfully hard to find someone who can converse intelligently about hard rock and politics in the pen.

By the way, concerning our good friend Mr. Newton. I would advise against it. His performance at the late October fundraiser for Pete Wilson at the Century Plaza left a great deal to be desired. Have you considered Donny and Marie ? Possibly Gary Crosby ?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Vail". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Don" and last name "Vail" clearly distinguishable.

Don Vail

PS: Keep up the good work !

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WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Major Smith:

Mr. Deaver has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your lyrics, newspaper clipping and tape. He thanks you for your thoughtfulness and appreciates your taking the time to send the information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Shirley Moore
Staff Assistant to
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Major Bill Smith
President
La Cam Records, Inc.
Post Office Box 11152
Fort Worth, TX 76110

Le Cam

Michael,
THANKS FOR
STANDING UP FOR
ROCK & ROLL - PLEASE
PLAY THIS FOR NANCY.
mjm

"WATT'S THIS??"

BAN ROCK & ROLL?

Words & Music
by
Maj. Bill Smith
&
Mike Hogan

Watt's This??

(Ban Rock & Roll) Ha-
Since Rock & Rols inception in the early fifties,
It has had it's critics,
Experts, Judges, and Antagonists
But now our illustrious Interior Secretary Watt
Want's to ban us from the 4th of July Celebration
In our own Nation's Capitol -

Well, I say to you, Mr. Watt:
You cannot and you will not ban Rock & Roll - From America
Do you think R & R Lovers haven't bled and died for this
Great Nation?
And to quote a line from a fantastic American Rock Standard
"I'm So Glad I'm living in the Good Old U.S. of A."

Rock & Rollers, Black, White, Brown, Red and Yellow carried the Guns,
Sailed the Ships, Drove the Tanks, and flew the Planes against
all enemies of our Great Land.
Rock & Roll was born in the Cradle of Liberty and is the only true
American Music - Long live Rock & Roll, Mr. Watt,
So bug out Watt, Rock & Roll is America, Baby.

There will be moanings from the graves of Sam, and Otis, and Jimi,
and Janis, and the King, and many others, because an official of
the United States Government thought he could ban Rock & Roll from America.

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Watt finds America's pet rock

The Beach Boys welcome again

From Staff and Wire Reports

WASHINGTON — After a scolding from Nancy Reagan and a light-hearted rebuke from her husband, Interior Secretary James Watt did everything Thursday to confess his rock 'n' roll blunder except sing that old Wayne Newton favorite, *What Kind of Fool Am I?*

Two days after banning rock bands from Fourth of July celebrations on the Mall, a red-faced Watt left the White House holding an unexpected and none-too-subtle gift from President Reagan.

It was a huge, golden, plaster foot with a hole in it.

"Obviously, I didn't know anything to start with," Watt told reporters with a sheepish grin. "This is shooting yourself in the foot."

Watt backed away briskly from his earlier indirect criticism of the Beach Boys, a rock group of wide appeal.

Watt said Tuesday that rock bands attracted "the wrong element." His criticism was aimed at such rock bands as the Beach Boys and the Grass Roots, the headliners at the most recent Fourth of July events. And he said the main act at this year's celebration would be Newton, a pop singer who has become a mainstay in Las Vegas.

But on Thursday, after undergoing a barrage of ridicule from his friends at the White House, Watt explained, in effect, that he now had good vibrations about the Beach Boys.

The slapstick incident prompted Fort Worth record producer Major Bill Smith and local musician Mike Hogan to record a response Thursday.

Titled *Watt's This? (Ban Rock 'n' Roll?)*, the record features Hogan's rock background and a spoken vocal by Smith, who defends rock 'n' roll while reprimanding Watt. Smith, who produced three No. 1 hits in the '60s (*Hey Paula*, *Last Kiss* and *Hey Baby*), already has sold the disc to Laurie Records for national distribution.

And the issue was the first question to be raised at an Austin news conference of Vice President George Bush.

"Record this," Bush said. "I am a fan of the Beach Boys." However, he pointed out that "Jim Watt has made peace on this issue."

Watt said Nancy Reagan called to inform him that she was a fan of the Beach Boys and "that her children had grown up with them, and they're fine upstanding people and that there should be no intent to indicate they cause problems, which I agree with."

With that phone call still ringing in his ears, Watt was summoned to the Oval Office, where the president presented him with the punctured foot.

Watt said Newton would still



Associated Press

SHOT DOWN ... James Watt displays gift from Reagan

head this year's show although the Beach Boys would be welcome to perform at the Mall sometime.

He said he remained determined to put on a patriotic show "because we're proud of America and its accomplishments. We won't back down from that."

He conceded, though, that the Beach Boys, too, "will help bring us patriotism, I'm sure."

A short time later, Reagan met a group of Roman Catholic educators, saying it was "a pleasure for me to break away from crisis negotiations. I've just called in (special Mideast envoy) Phil Habib to settle the Jim Watt-Beach Boys controversy."

For more than two years, Watt's flair for inflammatory rhetoric has polarized Americans, and his conservative policies have provoked environmental groups such as the Sierra Club to call for his ouster.

John Hooper, public land specialist in the Sierra Club's national office in San Francisco, said he saw renewed hope Thursday.

"Two years ago, we tried to get Watt replaced. Now we expect disk jockeys around the country will take the lead in that effort," he said.

And in Fort Worth, Smith was angry. "Man, I was so furious when I heard what Watt had done," he said. "It wasn't just a slap at the Beach Boys. It was a slap in the face of everybody in rock 'n' roll and everybody who cares about rock 'n' roll. I just said what needed to be said."

"It doesn't matter if he reversed his decision or not," Smith said. "He's already let the gates down. I don't particularly like being called an 'unwholesome element' by an official of the United States government. And there still won't be any rock 'n' roll at this year's celebra-

tion. So it's still banned as far as I'm concerned."

Smith turns his defense of rock 'n' roll into a patriotic song with these closing lyrics:

Rock 'n' rollers black, white brown and yellow carried the guns sailed the ships, drove the tanks and flew the planes against all enemies of our great land. Rock 'n' roll was born in the cradle of liberty and is the only true American music. Long live rock 'n' roll, Mr. Watt. S. bug out, Watt. Rock 'n' roll is America, baby.

There will be moanings from the graves of Sam and Otis and Jim and Janis and the King and many others because an official of the United States government thought he could ban rock 'n' roll from America.

"It's the first time I've sold a son to a national company simply by playing it over the phone in 2 years," Smith said. "Rock 'n' roll means a lot to an awful lot of people. And I just had to do something about it. So I told it like it is."

After a reporter suggested that the episode would reflect badly on the entire administration, Bush quickly defended Watt's overall performance, saying he has an "excellent record."

Bush's acting press secretary Shirley Green, said his office received more calls on the matter Wednesday than had ever been received on a single issue in the same amount of time.

Many of the calls, Green said, were to compliment Bush after he was quoted as saying the Beach Boys were "my friends and I like their music." The rock group played at a fund-raising concert for Bush during the 1980 presidential race.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Bill:

Just a brief note to tell you how much I enjoyed lunch yesterday. As always, your input is particularly important to me because I know it is coming from a veteran ally who has been with us from the start. I know I am speaking for the President when I tell you that as always we sincerely appreciate your efforts.

It is comforting to know that we can once again count on key activists such as yourself who were with us in both 1976 and 1980. Once again, I thank you for your comments and I'll be looking forward to seeing you in the future.

Cordially,



Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President

Mr. Bill Hecht
Bill Hecht and Associates
499 South Capitol Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Chip:

Just a brief note to tell you how much I enjoyed lunch yesterday. As always, your input is particularly important to me because I know it is coming from a veteran ally who has been with us from the start. I know I am speaking for the President when I tell you that as always we sincerely appreciate your efforts.

It is comforting to know that we can once again count on key activists such as yourself. Once again, thank you for your comments and I'll be looking forward to seeing you on May 4th.

Cordially,



Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Charles Pashayan, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Trent:

Just a brief note to tell you how much I enjoyed lunch yesterday. As always, your input is particularly important to me because I know it is coming from a veteran ally who has been with us from the start. I know I am speaking for the President when I tell you that as always we sincerely appreciate your efforts.

Your candid remarks were especially appreciated. As you know, the President will meet with the Core Group on May 4th, and I urge you to be just as forthright with him.

Again Trent, thank you for joining us for lunch, and I'll be looking forward to seeing you on the 4th.

Cordially,



Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Trent Lott
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Carroll:

Just a brief note to tell you how much I enjoyed lunch yesterday. As always, your input is particularly important to me because I know it is coming from a veteran ally and state chairman who has been with us from the start. I was very glad to hear that you have been elected as the new chairman of the Core Group, and I know I am speaking for the President when I tell you that we sincerely appreciate your efforts.

It is comforting to know that we can once again count on key activists such as yourself who were with us in both 1976 and 1980. Again, thank you for your comments and I'll be looking forward to seeing you in the future.

Cordially,



Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President

The Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr.
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

CBS readies drug report

What's CBS News cooking up about the Reagan administration's anti-drug program? Contrary to reports in New York, it's not Dan Rather's story, and though it's not finished, producer Howard Stringer says it's not going to criticize Nancy Reagan's efforts.

The story will air "probably next week, certainly in the next two weeks," focusing on where Reagan is spending the money.

CBS' Ed Rabel talked this week to Monsignor William O'Brien, president of Daytop Village, a big New York City-based rehab program. He helped Mrs. Reagan become aware of the national drug problem and still thinks she's "a lovely, sincere lady." But today, Daytop plans to release an O'Brien statement criticizing the Reagan administration for "Hollywood imagery" and budget cuts in the drug battle.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Reverend Monsignor Lawrence J. Kenney
Secretary to the Cardinal
Cardinal Residence
452 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Maureen

Thank you sincerely for
all the good books. All I
need is a good long week-end.

I'm very grateful for your
generosity. Sincerely, Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Nancy Reynolds
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Alexandria, VA 22314

4/13



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Mum

many thanks for your
thoughtful remembrance on
my Birthday. Obviously you
had given a good deal of
thought to it. Thank you sincerely.
Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Suite 1200
Washington, D.C. 20005

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

Dear Norman:

Thanks very much for your kind note. I am glad you are doing so well with the granola and all the other things we discussed about the diet.

When I finish my first draft of the book, I would like to send it to you to see if you would, indeed, be willing to write a forward or give me any other endorsement you feel appropriate. You mentioned this on board the Britannia and I would certainly be honored.

Sir Oliver and Lady Wright gave a wonderful dinner at the British Embassy for the staff that put the Queen's trip together, and it was great fun to renew all the good times we had together.

I hope sometime we can reminisce with all the Queen's party, too. Thank you again for your kindness and friendship to me.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
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21st March 1983

Dear Michael,

Now that I have got back to my 'regular place of work' here in Manchester I look back wistfully on the happy event that was the Queen's Visit to American's West Coast and particularly for the happy chance of bringing two like minds together!

I cannot think in all of my memories of State visits that there has been one when two teams have got on so well together and in addition had such a great deal of fun throughout. I can only hope that some happy chance could bring us all together again on another occasion.

I would particularly like to thank you for a marvellous bottle of Californian wine which I have already consumed in company with a number of my friends just last night since I could not bear to hold back from it longer than then! I must try to find out from local vintners whether sometime they may be able to get me a crate of a similar vintage.

As you know I am also delighted with the framed picture of our progression northwards charicatured in such a delightfully artistic way and also for the banknote