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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Joyce -
Here's the copy you
requested. Sorry for the
delay.

Chuck

File 01-1

September 7, 1983

Dear Dick:

I am writing to express my personal thanks for your assistance in securing adoption of the trade and tax provisions of our Caribbean Basin Initiative. Throughout the lengthy process involved in achieving passage of this vital legislation, you provided the benefit of your knowledge and experience and helped keep the issue focused on the broad principles of our national security and that of the nations of Central America.

The security, independence and well-being of the people of Central America have been enhanced by this action. Our nation is providing a timely demonstration of its commitment and friendship, a signal that the beleaguered nations of the region enthusiastically welcome. We can be more confident now that the energy and creativity of the private sector will be used to full capacity in overcoming the formidable economic challenges that face our friends and neighbors in the Caribbean.

With your help, this step will serve as a continuing catalyst for progress and will offer expanded opportunities to the people of the region. For this, you have my heartfelt thanks and, I'm sure, the gratitude of the suffering people whose cause we strive to serve.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Dr. Richard L. Leshner
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