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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FI 010-02☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☒ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD)8/11/01Name of Correspondent: L. M. Harris☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: PROPOSES LEVEL INCOME TAX ON
GROSS INCOME

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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ACTION CODES:

A - Appropriate Action
C - Comment/Recommendation
D - Draft Response
F - Furnish Fact Sheet
to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
R - Direct Reply w/Copy
S - For Signature
X - Interim Reply

DISPOSITION CODES:

A - Answered
B - Non-Special Referral
C - Completed
S - Suspended

FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

Type of Response = Initials of Signer
Code = "A"
Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: _____

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FI 001-02
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C		Time: _____	R- _____
DSP		Time: _____	Media: _____

SIGNATURE CODES:

CPn - Presidential Correspondence

- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

CLn - First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan

CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- B - Box/package
- C - Copy
- D - Official document
- G - Message
- H - Handcarried
- L - Letter
- M - Mailgram
- O - Memo
- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

DEC 21 1981

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan suggesting a flat-rate tax on gross income. As this involves a matter of tax policy, your correspondence was referred to the Treasury Department for reply.

A flat-rate tax would conflict with the longstanding principle that the amount of a person's Federal income tax should be based on the person's ability to pay. This principle requires that some minimal level of income be exempt from taxation and that the exempt level of income should be related to family size and composition. The ability to pay principle would also call for taxes to be adjusted for other contingencies which might affect taxpaying capacity, such as extraordinarily large and unavoidable medical expenses.

The substitution of a flat-rate tax for the present progressive rate system would result in a major redistribution of the tax burden among taxpayers. It would reduce the tax of high-income taxpayers and increase the burden of many low-income people who now pay little or no income tax. We believe a progressive rate structure results in a fairer distribution of the tax load.

We also believe that the preferred method of reducing income taxes is through across-the-board reduction such as those contained in the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981.

Sincerely,

(Signed) John G. Wilkins

John Wilkins
Director
Office of Tax AnalysisMr. Larry Harris
1617 Southeast Macklyn Lane
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003bcc: Agency Liaison
Room 62
The White House

DATE: 11-9
TO: Sally

Please send to LRS
& let them answer
him.
Charles

FROM: Charley Shepherd
Office of Correspondence
Room 94
Ext. 7610

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
REFERRAL

NOVEMBER 13, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 047099

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 19, 1981

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. LARRY HARRIS
1617 SOUTHEAST MACKLYN LANE
BARTLESVILLE OK 74003

SUBJECT: PROPOSES LEVEL INCOME TAX ON GROSS INCOME

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 62, THE WHITE HOUSE

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:
SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

KS
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74003
1617 S. E. Macklyn Lane
October 19, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

047099

Dear President Reagan:

The attached autographed program, "LOSING FREEDOM BY INSTALLMENTS", presented by you here in Bartlesville, Oklahoma in February 1962 is proof of our meeting. I am keeping the original program, for it is probably the only signature of your's I will ever get. We joined you in your cause then, under the leadership of our Dr. Paul Tucker of Phillips Petroleum Company, and now we stand beside you today in your effort to change "BIG GOVERNMENT". To help, I offer the following suggestion.

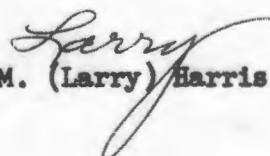
I would like to see our entire INCOME TAX SYSTEM (IRS) revamped. The income tax each taxpayer would pay, would be based on a percentage of their GROSS INCOME. Every income receiving person would be taxed his fair share, regardless of the source of their income. For example, 1/4th of one percent of his gross would be withheld each pay period, in cases of salary people, in the same fashion as we are now doing with the Social Security Tax. We would NOT take into consideration dependents, donations, medical or any other such deduction as we do today. Once the withholding was made would end all other type action relative to his income tax.

According to a rough estimate, we now have approximately 80,000 IRS employees. If each employee was averaging \$30,000.00 a year salary, this would create a savings in wages per year of \$2,401,000,000.00, not to mention other savings in connection therewith. To relocate these employees into industrial employment should be relatively easy, due to their high technical training. It would still

require several in each state to police taxpayers at large, especially those in business for themselves!

I would also like to see you form a "JOB ANALYSIS SECTION", to police job duplication within and between the various departments of Government. This paid off good dividends for Phillips, for you would be surprised how many jobs overlap, and how many reports that are made that are not necessary, and seldom read. Mr. President, we pray for you, your staff, and others that have been involved in tragedy, and trust each will have a speedy recovery. We also pray for your wife Nancy, and that she be given the necessary strength to assist you. Please take care of yourself and let your staff carry the load for you. We need your leadership now, more than ever. Gods speed in the days ahead.

Sincerely,


L. M. (Larry) Harris

LMH:s

cc: Files

Encl.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM

**Losing Freedom
by Installments**

by

RONALD REAGAN

DATE: February 28, 1962

TIME: 8:00 P. M.

PLACE: Phillips Gymnasium

FREE ADMISSION

SPONSORED BY:

Bartlesville Junior Chamber of Commerce

CAPSULE BIOGRAPHY



Ronald Reagan
A dedicated fighter of communism and other harmful influences, Mr. Reagan worked his way through Eureka, Illinois, College which later honored him with a Doctorate of Humane Letters . . . Former sports writer and broadcaster . . . Leading man for Warner Brothers in more than 50 motion pictures . . . Selected "Screen Father of the Year" for 1957 by National Father's Day Committee . . . Drafted for sixth term as president of Screen Actors Guild in 1959 . . . Host, program supervisor and star of television's G. E. Theatre . . . Air Force Captain in World War II . . . Currently touring the nation on special engagements as lecturer on issues of vital interest to Americans.

SCHEDULE OF SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN OKLAHOMA

DATE:	TIME:	LOCATION:
March 1, 1962	12:00 Noon	Chamber of Commerce Tulsa, Okla.
March 1, 1962	7:00 P. M.	Skirvin Tower Hotel Persian Room Oklahoma City, Okla.

PROGRAM

Organ Prelude *Mrs. Harold Malone*
Welcome *Lewis Ambler, President
Junior Chamber of Commerce*
Flag Presentation *Boy Scouts, Explorer
Patrol, Post No. 10*
Pledge of Allegiance *Audience
Led by Gerald Alexander*
America (My Country 'Tis of Thee) *Audience*
Introduction *D. R. (Randy) Bridges*
LOSING FREEDOM BY INSTALLMENTS *Ronald Reagan*
Announcements *Lewis Ambler*
Oklahoma *Audience*
THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER *Audience*

MUSIC

Jane Phillips Sorority — J. D. Shuman, Director

Frank Phillips Mens' Club Chorus

W. D. McKeehan, Director

Mrs. Harold Malone, Organist

AMERICA

(My Country 'Tis of Thee)

My Country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of Liberty, Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrim's pride, From ev'ry
mountain-side, Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by
Thy might, Great God, our King!

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma where the wind comes sweep-in' down the plain,
And the wav-in' wheat can sure smell sweet, when the wind
comes right behind the rain.

Oklahoma, ev'-ry night my honey lamb and I — Sit alone
and talk, and watch a hawk mak-in' lazy circles in the sky.

We know we belong to the land
And the land we belong to is grand.

And when we say: _____
Yeow! A-YIP-I-O-EE-AY!

We're only say-in',
"You're do-in' fine, Oklahoma!

OKLAHOMA! O. K." _____
