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(Corrected copy of the President's letter of March 1, 1982)

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I am also glad that you have given me the opportunity to reaffirm my gratitude for your support and to let you know how much I value your prayers as I continue my efforts toward peace.

With my best wishes, ~~in your active and fulfilling career~~

Sincerely,

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ROSELLA H. WERLIN (MRS. JOSEPH S.)

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August 21, 1982

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

Dear Mr. Reagan:

In the midst of your most rewarding legislation which I was confident would pass, as have your other measures, I feel somewhat hesitant to ask you to do a small favor for me.

In your March 1st letter (copy of which I am enclosing) you expressed appreciation for the engraved plaque I had made up especially for you in which I named you "Honorary Number One Citizen of the 1981 White House Conference on Aging". However, you mentioned that this was forwarded to you during my attendance at the Texas State White House Conference on Aging. This plaque, however, was presented on my behalf through Mrs. Kyker in Washington during my attendance at the national level where I served as congressional delegate, appointed by Rep. Ron Paul. As a treasured memento, could your letter be altered?

Because I am nearing the Big 80 this coming September, I fully believe that you have conclusively proven to the world that those of us who have passed three score and ten do not need to be "put on the shelf" when we have the capacity to continue serving mankind.

May I express my appreciation also for your valliant efforts in promoting peace, not just for Israel, but for all the world.

My prayers for peace go out in this forthcoming Jewish New Year of 5,743.

May you continue to carry on in health for many many more years to come,

Respectfully,

Rosella H. Werlin

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Suburbia-Reporter

Southwest Edition

Wednesday, November 18, 1981

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st Houston-Galveston area woman appointed delegate to White House Conference on Aging

/The Houston Post/Sun., Nov. 29, 1981

Rosella Werlin, who lives at 2340 Wood, will soon become the only person over 65 to have represented the Houston-Galveston area at the White House Conference on Aging.

At the President's conference, the third since Dwight Eisenhower established the White House Conference on Aging in 1961, will be held in Washington D.C. Nov. 30 - Dec. 3.

Of the 76 delegates appointed from Texas and one of 2,000 nationwide.

The appointment was made by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul (each congressman was allowed one appointee), who wrote to Werlin:

"Our interest in, and contributions toward, expanding the opportunities for fulfilling life for elderly people is commendable. I am sure your journalistic talents will allow you to share with many others who could not be present the objectives and accomplishments of the White House Conference."

Werlin is a free-lance writer and member of the Houston Press Club).

In accepting the appointment, Werlin said: "Indeed, this is not only a challenge but a privilege. Because those of us over 65 comprise the fastest growing segment of population, numerically, the delegates have many important resolutions to present to this conference."

Before the turn of the century, Werlin notes, persons were considered "old" by the age of 40. The following statistics are attributable to Werlin: In 1900 the life expectancy of men was 46.3 years; for women, 48.3 years; presently, those over 65 represent about 11.3 percent of the national population (about 225 million).

By the year 2,000, the over 65 population in the U.S. could reach 30 million, Werlin forecasts.

"The impact of this population explosion of people over 65 and its affect on every facet of society is of great significance," Werlin says. "The elderly must be given full recognition as to what could be done for them, and by the same token, what society can do for us."

"In other words, the aging must have the full support of society to live and let live."

Some of the resolutions the delegates from Texas will present to the White House Conference include:

- No mandatory retirement; those qualified should be given full opportunity to receive equal pay of equal work regardless of age, sex and color;

- Better qualified housing centers at reasonable rates within the financial scope of the applicants;

- Broader educational programs concerning nutrition;

- More extensive medical benefits, including dental and pharmaceutical allowances; and opening doors for medical benefits from world-wide research wherever obtainable;

- Greater educational opportunities for continuing a meaningful and productive life and encouraging independence and initiative;

- Increase efforts to reduce crime, for all ages.

- Inaugurate effective measures to stem drug traffic.



Ward, from left, Werlin and Vawter

Post photo by Dan Hardy

Houstonians head for forum on aging

SUPER PEOPLE — Three Houstonians are headed to D.C. to participate in the annual White House Conference on Aging. They're journalist Rosella Werlin, insurance exec Bill Vawter and retired bank exec Stanford Ward. The conference begins Monday and continues through Thursday. Rosella plans to take a special plaque for President Reagan. It will read: "Your valor and youthful spirit have served as an inspiration for all ages." Rosella, Bill and Stanford are our Sunday photo stars.

THE JEWISH HERALD-VOICE August 20, 1981

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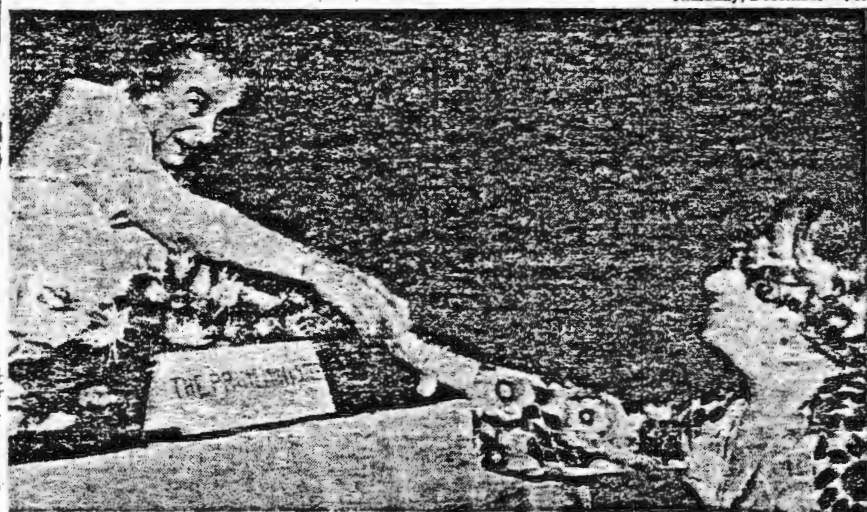
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CHRIS KYKER, Executive Director

December 7, 1981

ED PALM, Chairman

Gift Unit
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Washington, D.C. 20005

The enclosed plaque is presented as a gift from Rosella Werlin, a Texas Congressional WHCOA Delegate.

Ms. Werlin was deeply concerned by the attempt on the President's life on March 30, 1981. She was attending the Texas State WHCOA Conference when the assassination attempt occurred.

Following the Texas Conference she had the plaque made as an expression of her respect. She took the plaque to Washington hoping to make the presentation. I would appreciate your acknowledgement to her. The address is:

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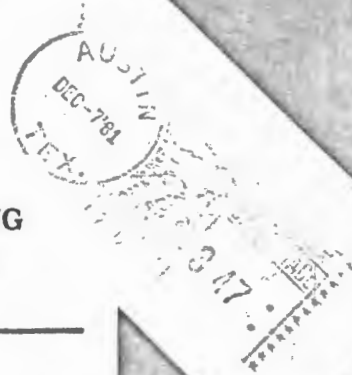
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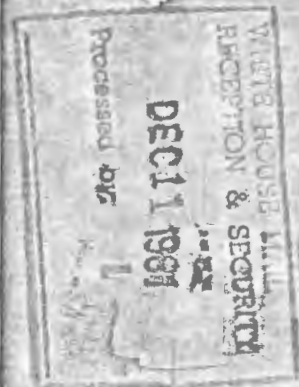
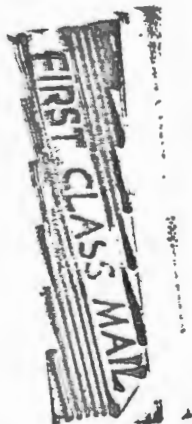
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From the desk of.....

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Honorable
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Ronald W.
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Dec. 2, 1981

What an inspiring
talk you gave to us all
this past Tuesday noon!

You have served as
a beacon light in more
ways than I can ~~enumerate~~

Please do carry on
and help to maintain
Peace not only for us
in our wonderful
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We know you are truly
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striving for that goal
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We love you,
Shalom,

Most sincerely

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May you continue to carry
on from Strength to Strength
Amen

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