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RE: POW-MIAs and Amerasian Children

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1986 (XXXY78)

6/16/86

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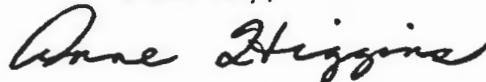
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Sincerely,



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Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

(3/20/86)

Mr. Michael Ortega
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Room 60
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RE: POW-MIAs - CONCERN FOR

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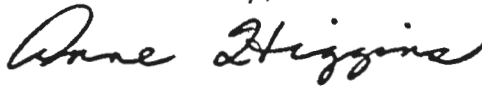
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WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

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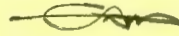
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Connie -

You want this as a robo?
Both Amerasian children & POW-MIA
issues included? If so, install
in Roberson. Tx.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/10/86

TO: CAD

I assume this draft
can be turned into
a Y*

FROM: CONNIE MACKEY
Presidential Correspondence -
Children's Unit
Room 435, Extension 7734 or 7735

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Connie

Sorry for the delay, but I've been
to Asia twice doing the negotiating
to which I refer in the letter.

Dick

Dear Johanna:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the issues of our men missing in action from the ~~Vietnam War~~ and Amerasian children.

*conflict in
Southeast Asia*

The President is deeply concerned about both issues and directed his ~~government~~ ^{Administration} to attempt to resolve them. ~~They~~ ^{These} are problems left from the Vietnam ~~War~~ ^{era} which we are making progress in solving.

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Sincerely,

WTPBW,



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 12/19/85

TO: Dick Childress

Can your office
answer this or
provide me with
language. If you
choose to answer, may
I have a carbon --

FROM: CONNIE MACKEY
Presidential Correspondence -
Children's Unit
Room 435, Extension 7734 or 7735

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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