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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1986 (XXXY81)

12/19/10

Dear Mr. Ortega:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your message about the centennial celebration of the Statue of Liberty. He appreciates the kindness of all who have shared their thoughts and feelings about this great Lady and the ideals she symbolizes.

The President is encouraged by your faith in America and your pride in our principles of liberty, opportunity and brotherhood. As the President said at the unveiling ceremony for the Statue on July 3, "I have always believed there was some Divine Providence that placed this great land here between the two great oceans, to be found by a special kind of people from every corner of the world who had a special love for freedom and a special courage that enabled them to leave their own land, leave their friends and their countrymen and come to this new and strange land -- to build a new world of peace and freedom and hope."

Hearing from young people like you has reaffirmed the President's faith in the promise of America for which the Statue of Liberty's flame of freedom will always blaze.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins

Special Assistant to the President and Director of Correspondence

(7/31/86)

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 29, 1986

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