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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 19, 1981

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Dear Tom:

It was good to hear from you, and I appreciate your generous words. Both Cap and I did some real soul-searching before the decisions were reached, and we both felt secure in them.

You are right, though, about the flack. The Monday-morning-quarterbacks started on Friday. But, I'm still sleeping well and reading the comics.

Again, my thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

REN

Mr. Thomas C. Reed  
503 D Street  
San Rafael, California 94901

Casper  
Steinberg  
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✓ CC: ANNE HIGGINS

Mr. Steinberg (response personally dictated  
by the President)  
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Tom Reed

Dear Tom

It was good to hear from you and I appreciate your generous words. Both Cap & I did some real soul searching before the decisions were reached and we both felt secure in them.

You are right though about the place. The Monday morning quarter backs started on Friday. But I'm still sleeping well & reading the comics.

Again thanks &      Bret Byrnes  
Ron

THOMAS C. REED

503 D STREET, SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA 94901

October 3, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

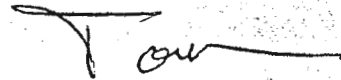
You've reached exactly the right decisions in your strategic programs. What's important is to get on with producing something.

The Air Force is not uniformly in favor of a "mobile" M-X. A lot of the leadership, past and present, agrees that filling the silos with modern weapons is the only thing you can afford.

As an interesting footnote to history, the cost of re-starting the B-1 program and building 100 aircraft after Carter's disruption is about the same as we were planning to spend for 244 aircraft when the B-1 was authorized for production in 1976.

I'm sure you'll take a lot of heat in the next few weeks on this subject. Ignore it. You've called it exactly right.

Very best regards,



The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

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## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: THE PRESIDENT *R*

FROM: Lyn Nofziger *R*

DATE: October 13, 1981

COPIES: Edwin Meese  
James Baker  
Michael Deaver  
Martin Anderson  
David Stockman

*RR*  
*Supposed to any delay*  
*in implementing tax cut*  
*RR*

There is much talk about sliding the already passed tax cut back three months.

I think that would be a major mistake -- both as a matter of politics and as a matter of principle.

First of all, the American people have been promised a tax cut effective the first of October. Secondly, the principle of supply-side economics is based on a reduction in taxes. For you to allow the tax cut to slide would be: 1. To go back on your commitment to the tax payers and; 2. To go back on your commitment to the theory of supply-side economics. You might be able to do the latter, but, to do the former would, I think, be a political disaster. It would open you to all sorts of second guessing -- all sorts of criticisms and would probably cost us seats in both the House and the Senate next year. I think it would also split the Party on the Hill every bit as badly as AWACS has. I don't think we can afford that again.

Please put me on the side of absolute opposition to any change in the already passed tax program.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 10/19/81

NOTE FOR: LYN NOFZIGER

The President has

seen ☐  
acted upon ☐  
commented upon ☒

the attached; and it is forwarded to you for your:

information ☒  
action ☐

Richard G. Darman  
Assistant to the President  
(x-2702)

cc: Meese  
Baker  
Deaver



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Oct. 20. 81

Peter N. Choconas, CLU, *General Agent*  
1360 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, California 92101

 Connecticut Mutual Life INSURANCE COMPANY  
The Blue Chip Company, Since 1846

P. O. Box X-1016, Zip Code 92112  
Tel. 233-8931, Area Code 714

October 20, 1981

*Cuff Links*

Mr. J. Neil Reagan  
Box 413  
Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067

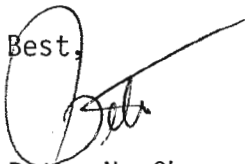
Dear Neil:

It was indeed delightful to visit with you again during a recent flight from St. Louis to San Diego. As I told you on the plane, I had written your brother a letter asking him for a pair of the President's Seal cuff links in return for the Golden Bear cuff links I had given him back when he was running for Governor at a fund raising dinner here in San Diego. The letter never reached Ron and some secretary replied that they were out of cuff links.

It is not a great big thing but I would cherish the chance to wear the President's Seal as I already have another pair of Golden Bear cuff links for California. Either way, it was great to see you and I'm glad we had such a nice flight from St. Louis to God's country, San Diego.

Now my very best to you and your wife.

Best,



Peter N. Choconas, CLU

PNC/eg



*K.O. sent nice cuff links 3-22-82*


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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING   
SUBJECT: Nomination of Ralph K. Winter, Jr.  
to be United States Circuit Judge  
for the Second Circuit

The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James Baker, Max Friedersdorf, E. Pendleton James, Lyn Nofziger and I recommend that you nominate Ralph K. Winter, Jr. to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. Since 1961, with the exception of two leaves of absence, Mr. Winter has been a professor of law at Yale Law School. In addition, he has served as an Adjunct Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, since 1972 and was a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute from 1958 to 1970. He served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1961 to 1962 and as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Caleb Wright, United States District Court for the District of Delaware, 1960 to 1961. Mr. Winter attended Yale University from 1953 to 1957 when he received his B.A. degree. He attended Yale Law School from 1957 to 1960 when he received his J.D. degree. He is 46 years old, married and has one child. His biography is attached at Tab A.

A full field background investigation has been completed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All questions relating to potential conflicts of interest have been resolved and all financial reporting requirements have been satisfied.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Mr. Winter (telephone memorandum attached at Tab B).
2. That you sign the attached nomination at Tab C.

Announced: 11/12/81  
To Senate: 11/18/81

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 2, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of Ralph K. Winter, Jr., of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit vice William H. Mulligan, retired.

Mr. Winter was born July 30, 1935 in Waterbury, Connecticut, is married and has one child.

He attended Yale University from 1953 to 1957 when he received his B.A. degree. He attended Yale Law School from 1957 to 1960 when he received his J.D. degree. He was admitted to the Connecticut State Bar in 1973.

Since 1961 with the exception of two leaves of absence (1961 - 1962 & Summer 1966), Mr. Winter has been a Professor Law, Yale Law School. In addition, he has served as an Adjunct Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, 1972 - present; Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute, 1968 - 1970; and an Adjunct Professor, University of Chicago Law School, Summer 1966. He also served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1961 - 1962 and as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Caleb Wright, U. S. District Court for the District of Delaware, 1960 - 1961.

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted a formal report which states the Committee's opinion that Mr. Winter is qualified for appointment to this position. He bears an excellent reputation as to character and integrity, has judicial temperament, and is, I believe, worthy of appointment as a United States Circuit Judge.

I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

The President

The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

November 18, 1981

The President today announced his intention to nominate Ralph K. Winter, Jr., to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit. He would succeed Walter R. Mansfield.

Since 1961, with the exception of two leaves of absence (1961-62 and Summer 1966), Mr. Winter has been a Professor of Law, Yale Law School. In addition, he has served as an Adjunct Scholar, American Enterprise Institute, since 1972. He was Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute, in 1968-70 and an Adjunct Professor, University of Chicago Law School, Summer 1966. He also served as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Thurgood Marshall, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, 1961-62 and as a Law Clerk to the Honorable Caleb Wright, U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, 1960-61.

He graduated from Yale University (B.A., 1957; J.D., 1960). He was admitted to the Connecticut State Bar in 1973. Mr. Winter is married, has one child, and resides in Woodbridge, Connecticut. He was born July 30, 1935, in Waterbury, Connecticut.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 27, 1981

Dear Mark:

I have only just learned of the death of your father. Please know how deeply sorry Nancy and I are. I know there are no words that can lighten the burden of grief you bear — I wish there were.

I spoke to your mother last night and can only repeat what I said to her; it isn't given to us to understand the why of such things, we can only trust in God's infinite wisdom and mercy.

You have our deepest sympathy and will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

RON A

Mr. Mark Sandstrom  
6930 Via Estrada  
La Jolla, California 92037

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ELSA SANDSTROM

FYI

October 27, 1981

no return  
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Hon. Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President -


Thank you for taking those precious minutes  
in your crowded, tiring day to call. It proves once more that  
we do have a president who cares for people. It gave a big  
lift in what had been a long day.

You, Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan are beautiful examples  
in the White House of true happiness in marriage; and, not  
meaning it in a presumptuous way, Warren and I had a similar  
marriage . . . a complete sharing, loving and working together.  
I was truly blessed.

It ~~won't~~ be easy . . . but with Warren's spirit . . .  
and the Lord's help . . . I will find a way . . .

Thank you again, Mr. President.

Sincerely,

  
Elsa Sandstrom (Mrs.)

For address  
only

ADVOCATE, Escondido, Ca., Monday, Oct. 12, 1981 C3

## **Warren L. Sandstrom**

**OCEANSIDE** — Warren L. Sandstrom, a former cattle rancher, died last week in a local hospital. He was 73.

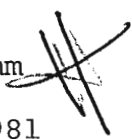
A businessman, he graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in electrical engineering. He moved to California in the mid-1940s from a farm in Illinois. He trained and raced thoroughbred horses. He was an active volunteer in many political campaigns, including President Ronald Reagan's 1976 campaign.

He is survived by his wife, Elsa; a son, Marc Sandstrom of San Diego; a sister, Carol Cortez of Colorado Springs; and a brother, Ray Sandstrom of Chicago.

A private interment is planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Alumni Association, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill., 60612.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: The President  
FROM: Helene von Damm   
DATE: October 26, 1981  
SUBJECT: Recommended Telephone Call

I have just heard that Elsa Sandstrom's husband died of a heart attack about 10 days ago. I thought it would be very nice if you could call her, or at least send her a condolence letter.

Elsa Sandstrom  
3580 Winslow Road  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
714/726-3203

*Called*

A condolence letter to her son, Mark Sandstrom, would also be appropriate.

Mark Sandstrom  
6930 Via Estrada  
La Jolla, CA 92037

*mt*

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October 27, 1981

Dear Marc:

*message!*  
I have only just learned of the death of your father. Please know how deeply sorry Nancy and I are. I know there are no words that can lighten the burden of grief you bear — I wish there were.

*(Elsa Sandstrom)*  
I spoke to your mother last night and can only repeat what I said to her; it isn't given to us to understand the why of such things, we can only trust in God's infinite wisdom and mercy.

You have our deepest sympathy and will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

*Ron A*

*X*  
Mr. Marc Sandstrom  
6930 Via Estrada  
La Jolla, California 92037

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*Varian L. Sandstrom*

To Mr. Mark Sandstrom

Dear Mark

I have only just learned of the death of your father. Please know how deeply sorry Nancy & I are. I know there are no words that can lighten the burden of grief you bear - I wish there were.

I spoke to your mother last night and can only repeat what I said to her; "it isn't given to us to understand the why of such things, we can only trust in God's infinite wisdom & mercy."

You have our deepest sympathy & will be in our thoughts & prayers.

Sincerely

RR



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JAQUELIN H. HUME  
4600 BANK OF AMERICA CENTER  
SAN FRANCISCO 94104

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October 28, 1981

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

Dear Ron:

How nice of you to send me the excellent picture of the two of us together when I was in Washington recently. The picture will always be on my desk.

I do not know how you could be doing a more able and effective job for our country. Incidentally, I was most impressed how well The White House was functioning on that day of Sadat's assassination. To have played a small part in putting your administration into office makes me very proud.

→ I saw Holmes Tuttle briefly last Saturday at his home in Santa Barbara. He does not look at all well, and I worry about whether he will recover from this series of problems. If, at some time, you can telephone him, I am sure he would very much appreciate your call.

Again, many thanks for the great picture.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Jack  
J. H. Hume

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DOUGLAS MORROW

November 20, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

Once again, I want to express my profound appreciation for making possible the extraordinary circumstances of our recent visit to China. It was an experience we will never forget.

The Chinese officials could not have received us with more consideration or kindness. I realize, of course, that their treatment of us was in acknowledgement of your request. But it immediately became evident that there was more to it than merely an understandable courtesy to the President of the United States.

From start to finish, we were overwhelmed by the depth of their personal friendship and warmth. It was above and beyond routine courtesy. I cannot overstate the concern and care of Secretary-General Xie Li, Deputy Secretary-General Wang Chuliang, Mrs. Gu Yiren and Mrs. Zhao Yujiang in Beijing.

And I must particularly mention Mr. Xu Xinxì, Chief of the North American Division, who was with us throughout our entire stay in China, and whose kindness and efforts on our behalf were monumental.

Not only in Beijing, but wherever we went in China it was obvious that they were not just going through the motions. It was clear that great thought and careful preparation had been exercised to make certain that we would learn as much as possible, that we would be given much to think about and that, incidentally, we would be warmly entertained.

They are very candid in acknowledging that, in terms of standard of living, as we know it, they still have a great deal to do. But I was greatly impressed by what they have already accomplished, particularly in satisfying the basic needs of their people. Wherever we went, we were struck by how hard-working and determined the people are to continue to improve their conditions. Despite the convulsive interruption of the Cultural Revolution, they have made great strides in the areas of basic shelter, food, clothing, medical care, education, etc. Despite having started from a lower base, it appears that the Chinese are perhaps on the way to doing a better job of it, in terms of their people, than, for example, Moscow or Warsaw. Time will tell.

Perhaps more than anything, we were impressed by the spontaneous expressions of friendship and warmth by the Chinese people, aside from government officials. There seems to be a sincere desire to know America and its people and to expand upon a new and embryonic friendship. This seemed evident wherever we went.

11/20/81

There are, of course, several broad areas of unresolved problems. I know that it is your fervent desire to see these problems resolved with justice and fairness to all concerned. Despite their historic travails, the Chinese are a wise and patient people. This encourages me to hope and believe that they, too, will seek an equitable and peaceful solution to existent problems.

Such an approach would only be in their own self-interest. And it is difficult for me to believe that, in these early stages of their emergence, they would jeopardize what promises to be significant progress by approaching their problems other than equitably and peacefully.

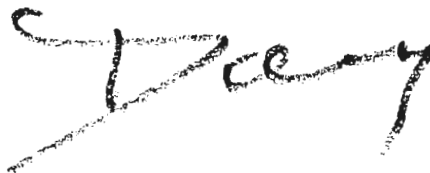
They do not strike me as people who would be inclined to burn the house down to get the mouse out.

Again, time will tell.

I am grateful to you for making possible this memorable experience. As your time permits, I am prepared to go into more detail about what we learned and saw.

As always, Margot joins me in affectionate regards to you and Nancy.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Carter". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first name "Jimmy" is written with a large, sweeping "J" and "C". The last name "Carter" is written in a more straightforward cursive. The signature is positioned in the center of the page, below the typed text.

R.R.:

11/20/81

Mrs. Noyes was greatly moved by your very kind letter. David Jr. tells me that, coming out of the blue as it did, it was perhaps the single most effective factor in helping get her through a tough period.

As I expected, George got an enormous lift from your note to him. He is having a very rough time of it, but is putting up a hell of a fight. If it can be licked, he'll do it.

Mrs. Noyes wrote to you in reply. But knowing how your routine mail sometimes gets "side-tracked", I am enclosing a copy of her note. My copy machine is temporarily on the blink, so I have had her note re-typed verbatim.

Am also enclosing George's reply.

What you did meant a lot to these people. You are a good man.

D.S.M.

X Did you ever receive the jade elephant I sent you from Beijing? Ambassador Hummell kindly offered to take care of it and I gave the box to him for transmittal to you. Hope it didn't get side-tracked.

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No Reply

October 29, 1981

Mr. President:

On behalf of the 14,000 members of the National Catholic Educational Association, representing the 150,000 Catholic teachers and 3 million students and their parents, I wish to thank you for the encouraging telegram that you sent to our Department of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education. We appreciate your continued support of tuition tax credits and we look forward to your introduction of specific legislation in this Congress.

Members of your staff, such as Ann Fairbanks and Jack Burgess, have already done considerable work on this issue. I would simply repeat our offer to help in the development of a bill to provide tuition tax credits for parents of children in non-governmental schools. Likewise, we are eager to do whatever we can to help win passage of the legislation in this 97th Congress.

Sincerely yours,

*John F. Meyers*

Rev. John F. Meyers  
President

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

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SUBJECT INVITES THE PRESIDENT TO ATTEND THE XXIV  
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*And then we could  
go to the ranch!!  
RR*

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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20560  
U. S. A.

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19 November 1981

Dear Mrs. President;

On the eve of our departure (Mary and myself) for a biological field survey trip on the Indian frontier, I wanted to write this brief note to say how splendid I thought your speech of yesterday was. We leave November 29<sup>th</sup> and I plan to take along a copy to give to the Indian Prime Minister, who is an old bird friend of mine of over 30 years, as I know she will appreciate having it. As we used to say in the theater - the speech has "heart"!

I am hoping to interest Mrs. Gandhi also in our plans for the

Smithsonian Quadrangle, which I have also told you about, and which you appointees to the Department of State tell me, they feel will be a great asset in the future to our relations with the world of the less developed nations, as I am sure you know.

In departing to the field I want you also to know what a brilliant Francis dress already is at the History Museum. Perhaps when Mary and I come back, we can lure you over to see it? (on the Q.T.) Please tell her how thrilled we are with its presence.

And so we wish you both a very merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years. Our hearts are with you - Faithfully Yours,  
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November 2, 1981

Dear Mrs. Gulley:

Thank you very much for your kind letter, and please accept my sympathy for the loss of your father and grandfather. I know something of how you feel having said good-bye to my parents some years ago.

I can empathize with you also on your real estate problem. We are trying to sell our house in California.

But again, thanks for your generous words and your kindness.

Sincerely,

/S/ RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. George L. Gulley  
7473 Fountain Head Drive  
Annandale, Virginia 22003

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RR Hand Written (signature)

811104

November 2, 1981

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 25th. Sometimes it takes a while for a letter to reach my desk, hence the tardiness of my reply.

I appreciate the opportunity to thank you for your support in the campaign and now for brightening my day. Please give my regards to your wife.

Thank you again for your encouragement and for making me feel good about America.

Sincerely,

/S/ RONALD REAGAN

Mr. John S. Meyer  
4500 19th Street #447  
Boulder, Colorado 80302

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RR Tapes

November 2, 1981

Dear Miss Ford:

Thank you very much for your letter and for sending me the story about Ray and Burky. I had talked to Burky just before he went in for the operation. He was quite a man and so was Ray. He played left tackle at Eureka, Burky was center, and I was right guard. The news story you sent has brought back many warm memories.

Again, my thanks to you for your kind thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

/S/ RONALD REAGAN

Miss Jeannette Ford  
Greenfield, Illinois 62044

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RR Hand Written (signature) [unclear]

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811104

November 2, 1981

Dear Mr. Michel David-Weill:

Thank you very much for your kindness in writing me and for your words of support. I am most grateful.

I'm sorry to be so late in replying to your letter, but I've found it takes quite a while for a letter to reach my desk.

Your offer of help is greatly appreciated and I'll very definitely keep it in mind.

Again, my thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

/S/ RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Michel David-Weill  
Lazard Freres and Company  
One Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10020

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RR Hand Written (signature)

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To Mr. ~~Marvin~~ MARVIN BUSH

56 MOSELEY, HALLGARTEN, ESTABROOK & WEDDON INC.

60 STATE ST.

BOSTON MASS. 02109

Dear Marvin

I thank you very much for your note & congratulations re - the announcement card.

I appreciate your generous words and what you had to say about your parents.

Believe me the feeling is mutual Nancy & I feel as you say they do. We couldn't be happier.

Best Regards  
RR

To - Jeannette Ford  
Greenfield Ill.

Dear Miss Ford

I thank you very much for your letter and for sending me the story about Ray & Burky. I had talked to Burky just before he went in for the operation. He was quite a man & so was Ray. He played left tackle at Omaha, Burky was center & I was right guard. The news story you sent has brought back many warm memories.

Again my thanks to you for your kind thoughtfulness.

Sincerely

RR

To Mr. John S. Meyer 4500 19<sup>th</sup> St. #447

Boulder Colorado 80302

Dear Mr. Meyer

I thank you very much for your letter of Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. Sometimes it takes a while for a letter to reach my desk, hence the tardiness of my reply.

I appreciate the opportunity to thank you for your support in the campaign and now for brightening my day. Please give my  
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regards to your wife.

Thank you again for your encouragement  
and for making me feel good about America.

Sincerely RR

To Mr. Michel David-Weill

Lazard Frères & Co. One Rockefeller Plaza  
N.Y. N.Y. 10020

Dear Mr. Michel David-Weill

I thank you very much for your  
kindness in writing me and for your words  
of support. I am most grateful.

I'm sorry to be so late in replying  
to your letter but I've found it takes  
quite a while for a letter to reach my  
desk.

Your offer of help is greatly  
appreciated & I'll very definitely keep it in  
mind.

Again my thanks & Best Regards  
RR

Mrs. Gayle L. Hulley 7473 Fountain Head Dr.  
Annandale Va. 22003

Dear Mrs. Hulley

I thank you very much for your kind  
letter and please accept my sympathy for the  
loss of your father & grandfather. I know something  
of how you feel having said goodbye to my  
parents some years ago.

I can empathize with you also on  
your real estate problem. We are trying to  
sell our home in Calif.

But again thanks for your generous words  
and your kindness.

Sincerely

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 3, 1981

*Kathy*  
*Mr. R. R. R.*

Mr. Armand S. Deutsch  
1901 Avenue of the Stars  
Suite 1243  
Los Angeles, CA 90067

Dear Ardie:

Thanks for sharing Paul Manheim's letter with us. You're right - the President will enjoy it too.

Sincerely,

*Helene*

Helene von Damm  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

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ARMAND S. DEUTSCH  
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October 22, 1981

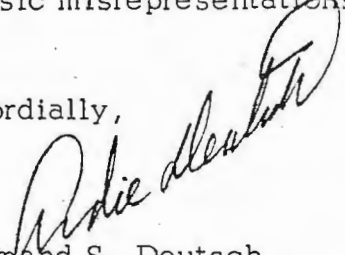
Ms. Helene A. von Damm  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Helene:

The writer of the attached letter, Paul Manheim, has been a close friend of mine for many decades. He is retired after a brilliant career at Lehman Bros. Witty, sophisticated and articulate, one of his great pleasures has been needling Abe Rosenthal, Executive Editor of the New York Times, whom he just met recently.

The attached letter is the result. It bears reading and re-reading. You will enjoy it. You may even think that, because of its style, etc., you might want to show it to the President, who could conceivably pick up one kernel for one of his talks on this subject. Certainly the letter deals with one of the great basic misrepresentations of the press.

Cordially,

  
Armand S. Deutsch

ASD/b  
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PAUL E. MANHEIM  
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NEW YORK, N. Y. 10021

September 30, 1981

Mr. A. M. Rosenthal  
Executive Editor  
The New York Times  
New York, N.Y. 10036

Dear Mr. Rosenthal:

It was nice meeting you recently, and I repeat my appreciation for the answers to my many letters.

I believe the Times is the principal source of the public's knowledge of current events. Its influence extends beyond its own readership -- to other papers, columnists, radio, and particularly to TV which mainly encapsulates the news stories carried by the Times. For this reason, it is of utmost importance that Times' stories be factually accurate. This goal is being undermined by current reporting on the Budget which becomes effective tomorrow.

The awesome task that confronts you in getting reporters to present a true picture of current events impels me to write.

In recent months, the Times has been running almost daily stories about the budget -- stories which emphasize, to quote the Times, "the reduction of government spending", "lowered spending for social services", and "less taxes". The flood of these stories naturally leads readers to believe that government spending will be reduced, that spending for social services spending will be lowered, and that less taxes will be collected. The stories are so convincingly written that it is apparent even the reporters believe this.

Yet if only the reporters would read the budget they would find that

1. Government spending is increased \$45 billion -- from \$660 billion to \$705 billion, the highest level in American history.

2. Spending for social services is increased \$15 billion -- from \$349 billion to \$364 billion, the highest level in history.

3. Tax collections are increased \$56 billion -- from \$606 billion to \$662 billion, the highest level in history.

What makes a reporter call each of these increases a "reduction"? I know why John Chancellor says so -- he and the NBC news staff read the Times; ditto CBS Radio, Tom Wicker, and the Times' editorial department. But what explains your reporters saying so in the first place, especially when it is so demonstrably false?

I notice that your reporters don't call the increase in defense expenditures a "reduction"; nor call the 3¢ increase in postage stamps and the increase of the Times from 20¢ to 25¢ a "cut". What accounts for this difference in terminology?

Can it be that reporters feel that people know about the price of stamps and of the Times and therefore cannot be misled, whereas most people don't know the figures for the government's health program, income security, student loans, and other social services? But I cannot believe that reporters are venal -- those I have met seem to be honorable, decent individuals and of at least average intelligence. I doubt such misleading reporting is intentional. Then what explains reporters repeatedly saying that increases to the highest levels in American history are "reductions" and "cuts"?

I am forced to conclude that reporters either haven't read the budget or if they have, they don't understand it. This prompts me to make the following suggestions which I believe will greatly improve reporting on this important issue:

1. Urge your reporters to read the budget. They don't have to read the whole document -- even if they just look at the summary at the beginning, it would help them to know what they are writing about.

2. I have been told by some of your colleagues that reporters have read the budget before writing their stories. If so, why not arrange a short course in remedial reading. Leonard Silk could give it.

Although I know you are not responsible for the editorials, it would be kind to invite Max Frankel to such a course. His daily editorials saying that a \$56 billion increase in tax collections is a "reduction of taxes", eloquently indicates he could be helped by knowing the difference between tax rates and tax receipts. (Too bad he wasn't conscious when Kennedy was President).

These suggestions would take little time, would greatly improve the factual accuracy of Times' stories, and would give readers a truthful picture of the current situation. It would give your staff a sense of satisfaction knowing that by truthful reporting they are creating an informed public, which is the prerequisite for a sound democracy. It would have the added advantage to you personally of reducing the number of letters I write you.

Who can resist these benefits?

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Paul E. Mannheim*  
Paul E. Mannheim

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October 28, 1981

Dear Bill:

In all our meetings since Yorktown I've neglected to thank you for your "historical background" you sent me. I appreciated it very much and was more than able to hold my own with the History Buffs who were there in great numbers. In fact, -it provided much of my conversational material at the luncheon aboard the DeGrasse.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and all the time and effort.

Sincerely,

Ron

The Honorable William Casey  
4100 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.  
Washington D.C. 20016

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October 28, 1981

Dear Ella:

Forgive me for being so late in telling you how grateful Nancy and I are for the wonderful evening you gave to all of us at the White House. We know the demands that are made on your time and talent. You were more than kind.

✓ The King and Queen are both fans of American music and they were still talking about you when we put them in their car to return to Spain.

And why not -- Nancy and I are still talking about you. Nancy sends her love and again from both of us a heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

/S/ RON

Miss Ella Fitzgerald  
c/o Miss Mary Jane Outwater  
451 North Canon Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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October 28, 1981

Dear Fred and Sue:

Bill~~X~~Clark delivered your letter and gift  
and I'm grateful for both.

Thank you for your generous words and thank  
you for my handsome pocket knife. I assure  
you I'll make use of it. I've never seen  
one quite like it.

Nancy sends her best and so do I.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

/S/ RON

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hummel<sup>X</sup>  
4652 Whitney Avenue  
Sacramento, California 95821

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October 28, 1981

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Dear George and Lolie:

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Well -- again I hope and yes, pray, that you are once again enjoying good health.

Best regards,

/S/ RON

✓  
Mr. and Mrs. George Eccles  
First Security Corporation  
1525 Penrose Drive  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84103

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Memor to Bill Casey

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of. Dr. C. I. A. Ron  
Wash DC 20605 Res. 4100 Cathedral Ave. NW.  
Wash DC 20016

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C/o Miss Mary Jane Ostrover  
451 No. Canon Dr. Beverly Hills Calif. 90210

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95821

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(I'm sure we have their address - Salt Lake City - if not we can get it he's a prominent banker there.)

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GEORGE S. ECCLES  
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84125

November 24, 1981

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Dear Mr. President:

I was certainly proud and elated to receive your personal note. When I think of your busy schedule, I am especially appreciative of the fact that you took the time to give a thought to my predicament. I well remember the afternoon we spent together at my place at Eldorado -- and the session we had at your lovely home.

Doug has told me of the wonderful trip he had and the memorable experience I missed. I am still somewhat incapacitated but do hope to regain my strength and health and have another opportunity to make the trip to China. My work with the World Bank, the Marshal Plan and the International Monetary Conferences has given me an opportunity to see all the world except China. It was a source of deep regret to me that I had to forego the extraordinary program in China that you were so kind in setting up.

Lolie and I listened to Jim Baker on "Meet the Press" the other day, and he did a superb job. Lolie is a Houstonian and they lived across the street from Jim.

Certainly, I think "Reaganomics" is the only program that has any chance of succeeding under present conditions. I hope that you will not be dissuaded from persevering with your approach by those who are less resolute and, perhaps, less wise. If you persevere, and the Country patiently gives you the support you need, we will overcome our difficulties and be on the road to a dynamic recovery.

I am grateful to you for your prayers, on my behalf. I am doing some praying myself these days, both for myself and for your success. I am not too worried about busy signals. Because, as you know, from Salt Lake City it is just a local call!

Again, my heartfelt thanks for your very kind note. Lolie and I send you our warm regards.

Sincerely,

*George*

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

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November 4, 1981

Dear Spanky:

Thanks very much for your letter and for your support. I'm very grateful. Thanks, too, for your invitation for next May although I have to say I don't even know what country I'll be in by then. I've discovered I really don't have much to say about my schedule.

I enjoyed your response to the Senator. We hadn't known about that letter but when we did see it, we put a stop to that darn quick.

Let me explain about him and the Congressman. They are chairmen of the Senate Campaign Committee and the House Campaign Committee to get more Senators and Congressmen elected to help us in 1982. It's a job that has to be done but not the way the Senator was doing it. I was embarrassed.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

/S/ RON

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Mr. George McFarland  
8500 Buckner Lane  
Fort Worth, Texas 76180

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Dear Mrs. Porter:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to address myself to your concerns. Your letter of October 1st has just reached my desk. You specified that you wanted to hear from me personally, so here I am.

You asked how we could balance the budget by robbing the poor and giving to the rich. Well, that isn't what we're doing. We are trying to reduce the cost of government and have already obtained consent of Congress to reduce the budget by more than 35 billion dollars.

We are reducing tax rates across the board. This will give 74 percent of the relief to those who are presently paying 72 percent of the total tax, the average middle-class Americans.

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The dishes were a donation by a trust and the company making them did so at cost. This is the way the White House has always been furnished. Beautiful antiques, etc., have been gifts to the government. The last new china was in Harry Truman's time. There is a certain amount of breakage over the years. We're talking about china for state dinners when heads of government visit the United States and more than 100 people must be served. That is not the china we use for family meals.

Now, for your other concerns; we are not going to increase the risk to miners and, yes, I've been down in a mine. As for Black Lung, we are only trying to eliminate those cases where people who don't have Black Lung are getting benefits.

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We don't take Air Force One to Camp David. The Camp is only twenty minutes from the White House by helicopter. The helicopters have to fly a required number of hours every week to keep crew and machine in shape.

I hope this answers your concerns and I assure you this Captain isn't in his tent when the fight is going on.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bonnie M. Porter  
712 Center Street  
Central City, Kentucky 42330

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RR Handwritten

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712 Center St.  
Central City, KY 42330  
October 1, 1981

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

Dear President:

I am writing in regards to the manner in which you are trying to run our (my) nation. I wish to receive a response to this letter immediately, from President Reagan personally, not someone on his staff. I demand to be heard. I am only one voice, but it takes only one loose stone to start an avalanche.

You say you are going to balance the budget. Sure! How do you propose to do this with your present plan of robbing from the poor and giving to the rich. You ask for welfare and food stamp cuts. This is a good proposal. I do not believe in supporting lazy moochers with my hard earned money, but some people are trying 100% and still need help. Watch just how much you cut. Those who absolutely need help could work as janitors or do other menial jobs at government agencies receiving welfare aide in exchange for their services. Government aide should be earned, not received as a gift. Also, if you cut Social Security benefits to any lower level than they already are they won't be worth receiving. Instead of cutting Social Security, investigate those now drawing the money. You will find that many so called "disabled" people are really capable of performing job tasks that would enable them to make an average living.

Another thing is school lunch reductions. Cutting back quantities of food in school lunches is outrageous. For some children this is the only decent meal they receive each day. If waste is a problem, such as cole slaw that is thrown away frequently, substitute it with a more favorable vegetable. At the beginning of each school year schools could send a survey home to parents requesting a list of the fruits, vegetables, and meats, etc. most liked by their children. The results could be compiled and when economically possible the most requested food provided. This would eliminate waste and present a balanced, nutritious meal.

On the other hand, why should there be any cutbacks in any department when you proceed to spend money, that could be saved, on unnecessary, frivolous expenses. For example, new china for the White House is absurd. I am sure the present china is more than adequate. You want to deprive children of food and yet you want to eat your own lunch on plates costing us (tax payers) thousands of dollars. Some cutback wouldn't you say? My dishes, glassware, and pots & pans were purchased weekly for bargain rates at our local I.G.A. grocery store. I can show you what CUTBACKS and budgetting are really all about. Cutbacks are baking cupcakes instead of buying cookies, because it is more economical. Cutbacks are eating chicken instead of filet mignon, because it is more economical. Get the idea? Don't try to tell the citizens of the United States to cutback unless you are going to set the example!



Also, you want to create remodeling expenses costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, yet little or no help for those who can hardly pay the rent on a delapidated shack. You think remodeling is needed in Washington, come to my house. My remodeling plans must be postponed because I don't have the cash on hand and I sure can't afford these scandalous interest rates.

I would like to mention your proposed cuts to the Mine Safety and Inspection regulations. Do you have any idea of the danger and risk involved in mining? Visit an underground coal mines. These men risk their lives and health to provide this country with its much needed energy supply. If you eliminate half of the present yearly inspections, safety standards will become more slack and the danger of this job would be increased immensely. Miners must work against nature which is very unpredictable and always has the advantage. If they do live until retirement age, most suffer with Black Lung disease. Do you know the misery and suffering that go along with Black Lung? It's a KILLER! I realize many draw the benefit unrightfully, not unlike all other benefits. This should be checked into and current regulations should be enforced. Many miners do agonize greatly from the disease. One of my grandfathers died at age 54 with Black Lung and my other grandfather is presently a victim of the disease. My husband is currently employed at an underground coal mines. Why should he or any other person risk life and health to help fulfill their country's great energy needs if there is no hope for help when they are dieing from this dreaded sickness?

Let's talk about defense. I am all for our country having the advanced technology and equipment necessary to defend our nation, but then you turn around and suggest that we sell some of our most highly advanced airplanes to a country of lesser technological knowledge. Why spend money on developing better equipment if you are going to give all our secrets away. To be more prepared than another nation, we must know more.

You also ask us (The Citizens Of The United States) to conserve fuel yet any time you see fit to hop into Air Force 1 and jet to Camp David for the weekend, you do it. Why don't you stay at home on the weekends, I do. I'm sure you could relax in Washington, D.C.

These United States are a great nation. I want to make it a better nation in any way that I can. America has her faults, but She is still the best country in the world. Everyone must pull together to strenghten Her, but our leaders must set the right examples. You can't expect the army to fight on the front lines if the captain is always in his tent.

A Concerned American,

*Bonnie M. Porter*

Bonnie M. Porter

cc: Senator Wendell Ford  
Congressman Carroll Hubbard  
Governor John Y. Brown

121 East 82nd Street  
New York, N.Y. 10028  
September 2, 1981

A.H.  
Hon. Ronald Reagan  
President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Your supply-side economics has worried me no-end. I do not believe anyone really understands it and I doubt that it will work. By the time we find out, the poor and elderly will have died. Perhaps that is its purpose. At any rate, as the wealthy become wealthier and the poor become poorer, I become more and more concerned.

As my concern about economics increases, other situations arise which begin to concern me even more. I can understand an employer working out a schedule and delegating work, but can a country with its millions of people really be run by a strictly 9 to 5 or 9 to 3 man? A further concern in that vein came up during the Air Controllers strike. Is it possible that such a very serious strike can occur and the President of this country, after instigating a mass purge of airline employees who have the very serious job of the safety of the public on their heads, take, without giving it another thought, a month's holiday?

While I was in much turmoil about the above, something else occurred. Our President was not allowed to be awakened during the shooting of planes, not once but twice, which could have caused international incidents and possibly war, and still may.

I have read where some of those in Congress refer to you as another FDR. I remember FDR well and believe me, you are no FDR. He was no figurehead. Our last figurehead was Eisenhower. If we learned anything from that era, it was that charm does not a leader make. I would feel better if you concentrated more on leading the country--the poor as well as the wealthy--and less on your personal needs, such as long vacations, shorter hours, fashion, parties and being the head of a royal family (which we do not have, incidentally, in the U.S.). The American people, as you so often have stated, do not want your job handed to someone we did not vote for.

Sincerely,

*Dorothy Walton*

Dorothy Walton



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Dear Miss Walton:

I'm glad you provided me with a return address so I can respond to your letter of September 2nd. Incidentally, forgive me for being so late in answering. With the hundreds of thousands of letters that come in each month, it takes a while for one to reach my desk.

You expressed worry about "supply side" economics. I don't know who gave it that title but we're really talking about common sense. Runaway inflation, high interest rates and unemployment didn't start with this Administration. They are the result of almost forty years of deficit spending and excessive taxation. Our national debt has now reached a trillion dollars.

I know we can't cure all that at once, but we have to start and that means reducing taxes that are stifling the economy and cutting back on government spending. Our program just went into effect October 1st so it can hardly be blamed for our troubles. The truth is inflation is falling and so are interest rates. I believe our program will work.

Now with regard to my working habits, I can understand why you would have some wrong ideas in view of some of the ridiculous falsehoods that pop up in the news.

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Thanks again for letting me respond.

Sincerely,

DONALD REAGAN A

Miss Dorothy Walton  
121 East 82nd Street  
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Dorothy Walton

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Dear Miss Walton

I'm glad you provided me with a return address so I can respond to your letter of Sept 2nd. Incidentally forgive me for being so late in answering. With the hundreds of thousands of letters that come in each month it takes a while for one to reach my desk.

You expressed worry about "supply side" economics. I don't know who gave it that title but we're really talking about common sense. Run away inflation, high interest rates & unemployment didn't start with this administration. They are the result of almost 40 years of deficit spending & excessive taxation. Our Nat. debt has now reached a trillion dollars.

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I'm sure you will agree from your years of service that there are those -- most often in positions of some authority -- whose top priority is maintaining the status quo. These are the ones I refer to in the tone that has caused your resentment. I can cite cases of deliberate sabotage of policy changes, new furniture at year's end to use up the budget, etc.

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September 30, 1981

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To this day I still look forward to the next day's challenges and enjoy getting up in the morning so that I can start finding resolutions to them. There are days in which things do not go well and all your efforts seem to no avail, but in the long run when the task is completed you know that you have given your all, your best and you are proud of the results. You also know that a part of you is in the finished product and the public has been

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