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# WITHDRAWAL SHEET

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE  
Wednesday, January 13, 1982

9:00 am (30 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Baker, Meese, Deaver)	Oval Office
9:30 am (15 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (William P. Clark)	Oval Office
9:45 am (15 min)	<u>Senior Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
10:00 am (60 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
11:00 am (15 min)	<u>Meeting with the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board</u> (Edwin Meese)	Cabinet Room (Tab A) (draft remarks attached)
11:15 am (10 min)	<u>Presentation by Representatives of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists</u> (Larry Speakes)	Oval Office (Tab B)
11:30 am (25 min)	<u>Presentation of Diplomatic Credentials by the Ambassadors-designate of Sierra Leone, Austria and Cameroon</u> (William P. Clark)	Oval Office (Tab C)
12:00 m	<u>To the Residence for remainder of the day</u>	Residence

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+ Robert Rossana Asst. Prof. EC's.  
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will find people paying higher tax in  
real \$ than they did in 1980.

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January 12, 1982

Dear Mr. Barrus:

Your Congressman, the Honorable Silvio Conte, informed me of your very generous and patriotic contribution. I assure you, it will go into a fund for repayment of the national debt.

I can't tell you how much I appreciate what you've done and how much it brightened my day. You have provided another example of what makes this country of ours so great.

God bless you and, again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Thomas Barrus  
Barrus Road  
Goshen, Massachusetts 01032

RR:AVH:pps

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

7. Mr. Thomas Barrows - Barrows Rd.  
Leicester Mass. 01032

Dear Mr. Barrows - Your Congressman, ~~the~~ Hon. Silvio Conte, informed me of your very generous & patriotic contribution. I assume you it will go into a fund for repayment of the Nat. debt.

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Thanks.

Sincerely  
RR

(Send copy of this one to Congressman  
Silvio Conte.)

January 7, 1982

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you well know, I am your friend and supporter. I am writing to you today because of my deep concern about prospects for the Nation's economy in the year ahead.

By my assessment, there is little hope for a satisfactory economic recovery this year if interest rates for home mortgages and on corporate bonds do not come down significantly from present levels. In the absence of a recovery that brings significant gains in employment, I fear that public support of your highly promising efforts to revitalize our economy may erode. Indeed, the rare opportunity we now have to usher in a new era of economic progress may be lost.

I am convinced, Mr. President, that the basic cause of today's extraordinarily high long-term interest rates is the extreme anxiety that has developed in financial markets over federal budget deficits. That anxiety is largely traceable to the fact that Congress did not cut projected spending by as much as you had recommended, while it enacted tax reductions -- particularly for later years -- that went beyond your proposals. Financial markets have become demoralized as investors have contemplated the implications of annual budget deficits of \$100 billion or more for the next several years, if not indefinitely.

Whatever this or that economist may say, the average businessman and investor perceives that when the government runs a deficit it pours more money into people's pocketbooks than it withdraws from their pocketbooks, and that inflationary forces are thereby released. Centuries of experience illuminated by conservative rhetoric have driven that connection home.

History also teaches that a close linkage exists between inflation and interest rates; that is to say, when markets anticipate a high rate of inflation, investors will insist on being compensated through higher nominal interest rates. And, in fact, it is widespread prevailing fears that federal deficits

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are out of control that account for the forbidding interest rates we are now witnessing. With government borrowing preempting an inordinate share of private savings, long-term interest rates may well remain close to present levels. Under such circumstances, we cannot have homebuilding and business capital investment on a sufficient scale to enable our economy to prosper.

It has become essential, therefore, to quiet prevailing fears of huge federal deficits. I am convinced that you must act quickly to reestablish confidence that the federal budget will move steadily toward balance within the next few years.

In view of the imperative need to rebuild our defense capabilities, and in view also of Congressional reluctance to make further sizable cutbacks in civilian spending, I see no escape from the conclusion that additional revenues are needed to reestablish confidence in your financial policies.

Those who are urging you to postpone the scheduled income-tax reductions are on the wrong track. If you did that, you would be abandoning the key essential for revitalizing our economy. On the other hand, substantial revenue can be raised through some special taxes on consumption (in contrast to taxes on income or production) without injury to economic incentives to innovate and invest. As far as I can see, such revenue-raising action is not even remotely inconsistent with the basic economic philosophy you have enunciated across the years and particularly during the 1980 election campaign.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,



Arthur F. Burns



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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1982

*Mr. B. H.  
RR*

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for the handsome 1982 leather calendar-secretary. It is a fitting and thoughtful reminder of all that needs to be accomplished during the year that has just begun. 1981 was a very eventful and important year for the country, but needless to say we still have plenty of work cut out for us. And now I'll be able, with the benefit of this beautiful book, to keep all my dates straight!

At the beginning of the New Year, we all have a chance to reflect on the accomplishments of the past and the challenges of the future, and I want you to know personally how honored and privileged I am to be a part of this great Administration that you have put together. Damn the torpedoes and full steam ahead!

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William French Smith

*[Handwritten flourish]*

The President

The White House

## MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1982

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *wp*SUBJECT: Letter from the Human Rights Committee of the  
Independent Students' Association of Poland

The attached letter (Tab A) addressed to you by the Chairman of the Human Rights Committee of the now dissolved Independent Students' Association in Poland was surreptitiously delivered to our Consulate in Krakow. It is a moving document which shows that your words and deeds are having a profound effect on the morale of the Polish people. (c)

A response is, of course, impracticable. (U)

## Attachments:

Tab A Letter from Human Rights Committee of the  
Independent Students' Association of Poland  
dated December 28, 1981.

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NLS F98-011 #1

BY *clb* NARA, DATE *6/28/02*

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*The President has seen 1/19/82  
Bill is it OK - I felt  
the attached letter assuming  
you had a copy,  
Ron*

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LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM MR. MAREK PLASZEWSKI (PROTECT),  
JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
COMMITTEE OF THE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF POLAND

QUOTE:

Independent Students Association Students' Committee  
on Human Rights in Poland

Krakow  
December 28, 1981

Dear Mr. President,

We have received with deep gratitude your words addressed to the American nation.

We have been deeply moved by your concern with the problems of Poland and by your words of support for the Polish nation fighting for man's basic right to freedom and dignity. For the right to decide ourselves our country's future.

Our country is buried in the darkness of barbarism and brute force imposed upon it by enemies whose desire it is to suppress and destroy the dignity of their own nation. The Communist military junta fights without success, using force and terror against the Polish nation defending with determination its self-won democratic achievements of August 1980. We are convinced of the rightness of our struggle and we trust in the final victory of justice in our country.

Mr. President! The American nation is particularly fond of liberty and democracy and of the right of nations to self-determination of their future of which you, Mr. President, are a derwent adherent. This is why, in these days so difficult for us, we feel so moved by the great sincerity shown by the behavior of yourself and of the entire American nation.

We thank you, Mr. President, for solidarity with us, for your condemnation of the disgraceful action of the regime in Poland.

We thank you for all you and the entire American nation are doing for our tortured country.

Trusting that your attitude will to a great degree contribute to the victory of justice, we wish you, Mr. President, with all our heart best wishes in realizing all your intentions.

UNQUOTE.

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SUBJ: LETTER FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF THE INDEPENDENT  
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF POLAND TO THE PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

1. ~~10~~ - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. MR. MAREK PLASZEWSKI (PROTECT), JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF POLAND, SLIPPED INTO  
THE KRAKOW CONSULATE ON TUESDAY, JAN 5, AND ASKED CONSUL  
TO PASS THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE INDEPENDENT STUDENTS ASSOCIATION STUDENTS' COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN POLAND

KRAKOW DECEMBER 28, 1981

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

WE HAVE RECEIVED WITH DEEP GRATITUDE YOUR WORDS ADDRESSED

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NLS 98-011 #3

BY clb NARA, DATE 6/28/00

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TO THE AMERICAN NATION.

WE HAVE BEEN DEEPLY MOVED BY YOUR CONCERN WITH THE PROBLEMS OF POLAND AND BY YOUR WORDS OF SUPPORT FOR THE POLISH NATION FIGHTING FOR MAN'S BASIC RIGHT TO FREEDOM AND DIGNITY, FOR THE RIGHT TO DECIDE OURSELVES OUR COUNTRY'S FUTURE.

OUR COUNTRY IS BURIED IN THE DARKNESS OF BARBARISM AND BRUTE FORCE IMPOSED UPON IT BY ENEMIES WHOSE DESIRE IT IS TO SUPPRESS AND DESTROY THE DIGNITY OF THEIR OWN NATION. THE COMMUNIST MILITARY JUNTA FIGHTS WITHOUT SUCCESS, USING FORCE AND TERROR, AGAINST THE POLISH NATION DEFENDING WITH DETERMINATION ITS SELF-WON DEMOCRATIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF AUGUST 1980. WE ARE CONVINCED OF THE RIGHTNESS OF OUR STRUGGLE AND WE TRUST IN THE FINAL VICTORY OF JUSTICE IN OUR COUNTRY.

MR. PRESIDENT! THE AMERICAN NATION IS PARTICULARLY FOND OF LIBERTY AND DEMOCRACY AND OF THE RIGHT OF NATIONS TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THEIR FUTURE - OF WHICH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, ARE A DERVENT ADHERENT. THIS IS WHY, IN THESE DAYS SO DIFFICULT FOR US, WE FEEL SO MOVED BY THE GREAT SINCERITY SHOWN BY THE BEHAVIOR OF YOURSELF AND OF THE ENTIRE AMERICAN NATION.

WE THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR SOLIDARITY WITH US, FOR YOUR CONDEMNATION OF THE DISGRACEFUL ACTION OF THE REGIME IN POLAND.

WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU AND THE ENTIRE AMERICAN NATION ARE DOING FOR OUR TORTURED COUNTRY.

TRUSTING THAT YOUR ATTITUDE WILL TO A GREAT DEGREE CONTRIBUTE TO THE VICTORY OF JUSTICE, WE WISH YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, WITH ALL OUR HEART BEST WISHES IN REALIZING ALL YOUR INTENTIONS. UNQUOTE

3. ABOVE IS CONSULATE'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION ORIGINAL AND COVERING LETTER TO CONSUL BEING POUCHED

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4. JAN 6 REGIME NEWSPAPER CARRIES TEXT OF  
DECISION" OF HIGHER EDUCATION MINSITRY" DISSOLVING  
INDEPENDENT STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NZS) FOR FAILURE TO OBSERVE  
PROVISIONS OF MARTIAL LAW. NATIONAL TV NEWS HAS ON  
AT LEAST TWO PRECEDING EVENINGS CARREID LONG COM-  
MENTARIEST INDICTING NZS ACTIVITY.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: RICHARD PIPES *RP*

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from the Human Rights  
Committee of the Independent Students' Association  
of Poland

The President will be interested to see the letter attached at  
Tab A, which is self-explanatory. (C)

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the memorandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

Attachments:

Tab I	Memorandum to the President
Tab A	Letter from the Human Rights Committee of the Independent Students' Association of Poland

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FROM PIPES

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KEYWORDS: POLAND

HUMAN RIGHTS

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM HUMAN RIGHTS COM OF INDEPENDENT STUDENTS ASSOC OF  
POLAND

ACTION: FWD TO PRES FOR INFO

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To Sen ~~Dennis~~ Daniel P. Moynihan  
Dear Pat

I thank very much for sending me the Wechsler column. But I thank even more for giving him all those kind words that made up his column.

I'm most grateful to you.

Swiss  
RR

T. Thomas M. O'Brien

Dear Tom

Just a line to let you know we're still here and hard at it. When I was doing N.E. Theatre I had to repeat the slogan each week - "Progress is our most important product." Now I've got one - "Problems are our most important product." But I'm happy in my work.

I appreciate your suggestions but have to disagree on the Iranian students. I'm afraid many of them ~~would~~ would be failed or executed if they returned to Iran. Their parents were on the wrong side.

all the best to you.

Run

To Mr. Doug Morrow

Dear Dory,

Just a quick line between problems  
to tell you how terribly sorry I was to get the  
word of George's passing.

I've had Kathy get in touch with his  
(over)

nephew to see if they are going to ~~cancel~~  
have the banquet & have him posthumously.  
If so I will of course do a tape - round or  
video whatever they'd like.

I know how bereaved you are and what a  
friend he was to you. Please know you have  
my deepest sympathy.

Bret Reynolds

Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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January 18, 1982

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your letter and for NATIONAL REVIEW. It has been hit or miss and, since we are both dedicated readers of NATIONAL REVIEW, you've added greatly to our pleasure and intellectual growth.

It was good to see you, but we must do it more often. Nancy sends her best and, again, a heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mr. William A. Rusher  
Publisher, NATIONAL REVIEW  
150 East 35th Street  
New York, New York 10016

Bill \* Buckley

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

To Wm. A. Rusher

Dear Bill

Thank you very much for your letter  
& for "Nat. Review." It has been hit or miss &  
since we are both dedicated readers of "N.R.", you've  
added greatly to our pleasure and intellectual  
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It was good to see you, but we must  
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Ron

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January 11, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

Bill Buckley tells me you are not getting National Review regularly. To make sure that you do, a copy of each issue will be mailed directly from this office, first class, addressed to you and with the numerical code written over your name.

On another subject, let me take this opportunity to tell you (as I have already told Nancy) how much I enjoyed dinner for the President of Venezuela. It was a tremendous honor to be at your own table, and a particular pleasure to see you again after such a long interval.

Hoping that 1982 will bring all the things that you wish for our country, I remain

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".

William A. Rusher

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

Per your request, attached  
is a response (prepared by  
Rich Williamson) to  
Governor Snelling's letter.

*Dick*

Richard G. Darman

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1982

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you provide the additional comments I requested during our meeting on December 16. Your remarks on our shared goals of reduced federal taxes and spending are much appreciated.

The points you discuss regarding revenue enhancements, capacity goals for the Defense Department, entitlements, and federal grants to state and local governments are thoughtful, and I have directed my staff to study your proposal with care.

The Nation's Governors are key partners in our attempt to revitalize Federalism. Your comments on their behalf are followed very closely by me and others in the White House. You can be sure that issues you and other Governors raise will command our serious attention.

Sincerely,

*Ron*

The Honorable Richard A. Snelling  
Governor of Vermont  
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

*CC: R. Williamson*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

For your information, Governor Snelling forwarded to my office a revised version of a letter previously forwarded to you -- asking that if the earlier letter had not already been forwarded to you, the revised letter be substituted for the earlier version. However, the earlier letter was forwarded to you directly. The substitute differs from the earlier one only in tone -- the substance is the same, but it is presented in a somewhat more respectful manner.

A copy of the revised Snelling letter is attached; but you need not read it. I simply want you to be aware of Snelling's apparent change of heart on the tone.



Richard G. Darman

*Dick - I think he should be  
answered & told we are  
cc: Rich Williamson  
studying his proposals & appreciate  
his help very much etc.  
RK*



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF VERMONT  
MONTPELIER, VERMONT 05602

December 16, 1981

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

Dear Mr. President:

It was very kind of you to see me yesterday. I know how hectic your schedule is and so I particularly appreciate your willingness to let me present an "alternative conservative's view" of how you can achieve your very important objectives of rebuilding the economy of this country.

You indicated that you would like to have the written summary of the "moderate approach" to assuring a long term trend of reduced taxes and of federal spending restraint which will slowly build increasing public support and legislative majorities, and I am happy to present it herewith.

There are five essential features to the plan:

1. I think it is fair to start by considering the possibility that the most recent deficit projection from your advisers is unnecessarily high, especially for the out years of 1983 and 1984. I sincerely believe that this historical event in which the Administration is more pessimistic than the Congressional Budget Office is driven in part by the necessity to dramatize the "need" for budget cuts. Hence, I have chosen for this economic analysis a slightly higher revenue figure than that used by your economic advisers (it is, however, lower than that offered by the CBO).

The President  
December 16, 1981

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2. You did make it quite clear that you are not presently willing to discuss any revenue enhancements. The point I wished I had known how to make to you is that the investment bankers to whom you spoke could be absolutely right with respect to their conclusions, based on their experience, about the motivational power of tax cuts and still not be in a position to give you sound political advice. I don't know what Wall Street's track record is for predicting the political viability of financially sound ideas. In any event, although I propose that the presently enacted 10% tax cuts in July 1982 and July 1983 be reduced to 5%, THAT IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO THE VIABILITY OF THE PLAN! In the first place there are other ways of enhancing revenues and both Senators Domenici and Durenberger have spoken of these. I believe Senators Baker and Hatfield are right as to their conclusions in this area. In any event, even without changing the rate of tax cuts from that already enacted, if you accepted the other three ingredients of my proposal, the budget would balance by 1986. If you accepted all four elements, you would have a surplus of more than 23 billion dollars in 1985.

3. Clearly the defense budget should be what it needs to be to assure the security of this country. I urge you, however, to seek Congressional support for capacity goals, rather than narrow spending goals for defense. Defense procurement is particularly susceptible to rapidly changing prices. It is very difficult to be certain at what rate necessary equipment can be made available in the field. Defense spending should be rising as fast as it efficiently can to assure the desired state of preparedness. I am not at all sure that we can efficiently spend money in this area as fast as the present budget calls for. I, therefore, propose a "magic asterisk" for the defense budget. Authorized spending should be at a modest amount above inflation -- let's say 3%. Additionally, all "waste and abuse" found in defense budgets should be automatically re-allocated to defense spending. And you should ask the Congress for authority to spend up to 20% of the following year's defense authorizations in any year (i.e., to borrow from the next year's authorization) if procurement could wisely spend at such a level. You would then ask the Congress to replenish that sum in the following year.

This would assure the fastest possible track to defense preparation without unnecessarily burdening budget planning.



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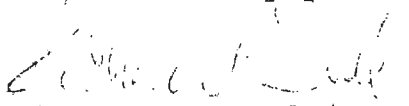
4. Entitlements now keyed to cost of living increases and based upon historic assumptions of demographic and behavioral trends are on a budget busting track.

5. The rest of the federal government, including the programs shared with state and local government, block grants and the medicaid and welfare portions of the "safety net" cannot bear so heavy a proportion of the Administration's budget cutting. The portion of the federal budget allocated to programs and services delivered at the state and local level has indeed become overblown and misdirected in recent years. However, I do not believe we can succeed by continuing to target cuts in these areas at levels so much out of proportion to other measures we are taking. Instead, we can establish the minimum, or "base line," of federal participation in those programs that truly meet a national need or obligation.

Economic planning based on forecasts of inflation and GNP is always open to second guessing because the future can never be foretold in such areas with complete confidence. I hope you will accept the spirit in which this piece of second-guessing is contributed; the stakes are so high for the success of your economic recovery program that sincere differences of opinion regarding the means to an agreed upon end should be aired and considered before irreversable policy decisions are made.

I thank you for the opportunity you have given me to present my alternative view.

Most sincerely yours,

  
Richard A. Snelling  
Governor

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Daniel P. Moynihan  
New York



United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

January 15, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

Here is the James Wechsler column  
from the New York Post that I mentioned  
to you in New York on Thursday.

Again, may I thank you for your great  
courtesy in attending the New York City  
Partnership, Inc. luncheon.

Best,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "D. Moynihan", written over a horizontal line.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1982

Dear Pat:

*James*

Thanks very much for sending me the Wechsler column. But, thanks even more for giving him all those kind words that made up his column.

I'm most grateful to you.

Sincerely,

*Ron*

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The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan  
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DOUGLAS MORROW

January 11, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed is self-explanatory.

As you know, George has devoted almost 60 years of his life to dedicated and self-effacing service to the business and financial community, to his city, state and country, and to the world. All have benefited from his wise counsel and help.

Although he is waging a gallant fight in his present struggle, I regret to tell you (in confidence between us) that this honor in February might be his "last hurrah". That is why all of us who know and love him want it to be an appropriate climax to such a constructive life. Naturally, a few words from you would ensure that. It would only take a few moments, and I hope you can fit it in.

Your recent Taiwan move was well-conceived as a beneficial delaying tactic. Despite all their harsh rhetoric, I believe, as I indicated in my China report, that Peking dreads the prospect of having to make a choice, somewhere down the line, between an expanded relationship with the U.S. and an unequivocal adherence to their "reunion" policy. The longer this whole thing can be stalled, the better for all concerned. Along the way, we should concentrate on two things, - (1) generous cooperation in non-strategic areas, and (2) a clear quid pro quo for any strategic concessions, which should be doled out piecemeal over a well spaced-out period.

I foresee, as time passes, a subtle, imperceptible shift in their priorities. We should very carefully encourage that as we, at the same time, protect our own interests in the event the shift does not occur.

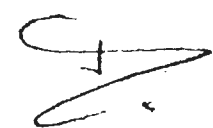
Although the renewed relationship can be beneficial to both sides, at the present time, on balance, they need us more than we need them. And they need us a hell of a lot more than they need Taiwan. The longer this situation can be made to simmer, the more likely a solution.

As always, with affectionate regards to you and Nancy.

Sincerely,



P.S. Re: chopsticks. Had an overwhelming urge to use my fingers. But didn't want to embarrass you. So I lost five pounds.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 25, 1982

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Dear Doug:

Just a quick line between problems to tell  
you how terribly sorry I was to get the  
word of George's passing.

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I've had Kathy get in touch with his nephew  
to see if they are going to have the banquet  
and honor him posthumously. If so, I will,  
of course, do a tape-sound or video -- what-  
ever they'd like.

I know how bereaved you are and what a friend  
he was to you. Please know you have my deepest  
sympathy.

Best regards,

*Ron*

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1982

*Handwritten initials: RBM, ME*

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

Dear Mr. President:

Last Friday I spoke to the Conservative Forum luncheon. I spoke to them as a member of their family and admonished them severely for the criticism they have given you.

Because I expect that in the next several days you are going to be hearing from the media and the right wingers about my attack on them, I felt you would appreciate seeing edited excerpts from my statement.

I think my conservative credentials are sufficiently strong that I could speak to them in this manner. At least I got a long, extended standing ovation when I concluded.

As you will note in the speech, I am tired of the carping and the criticism that this Administration has received from those few critics on the right.

Sincerely,

*Handwritten signature: Jim*  
James G. Watt  
Secretary

Enclosure

*Handwritten note:*  
Your instincts are correct -  
Thanks for not asking for a  
tax increase  
*Handwritten signature: Jim*

Edited Excerpts of Secretary Watt's Remarks  
Before the Conservative Forum Luncheon  
The Washington Sheraton Hotel  
January 22, 1982

Many of us have been friends for many years. I recognize that the press is here but I'm still going to talk as family. I've got several things that I really would like to share with this group as we end one of the most important years in our history. It's been a year filled with phenomenal success, extraordinary success, and I want to share some things about the success with you and how we must walk in the future.

I think it is important to know as we prepare for the 1982 elections that the majority of the American people are not aware of the true nature of the political warfare in which we are engaged. Part of the drama has been focused this year on the Secretary of the Interior and there is a reason for that.

For a country to achieve greatness it must properly manage both its human resources and its natural resources. God has ordained that America have both. And so, we are given a special stewardship role. Our country's greatness will be determined by how we conduct ourselves with regard to our human and natural resources.

Now the President has set the priorities for the Nation. He has spent most of his time and thus the time of Congress on the human resource side of the equation. With regard to the natural resources he said in effect to me and several others "you take care of the changes in managing our natural resources that have to be realized to restore America's greatness". And that's what we've done this year.

The Achilles Heel for America in meeting our military requirements and creating jobs in the private sector and protecting the environment is energy. The Nation had not done well in managing our energy. Not that we don't have energy, there are vast energy resources in America.

Interestingly enough, most of this energy is located on public lands, Federal lands owned by all of us, owned by people in Massachusetts, Florida, Ohio, Wyoming and New Mexico -- energy sources that could meet our needs for hundreds and hundreds of years. We expect that 85% of the crude oil that will be produced will come from the public lands, 40% of the natural gas, 85% of the oil shale, 35% of the coal, 40% of the uranium, unknown tar sands. We have plenty of energy.

America has never faced a real energy crisis. We have had a crisis of government in the lack of will to manage those resources for America and Americans.

Brothers and Sisters of the conservative movement listen to what I'm about to tell you. I'm glad you clapped when I came in; I'm not sure you are going to clap when I leave. I want you to hear.

Warfare is raging in America that could deny us our liberty and freedom. That warfare is being fought in many battles. You folks are engaged in many of those battles. Some of you are committed to fighting the E.R.A., some to fighting abortion, some for school vouchers, some for rearming America, some for stopping the funding of the Left, or this program or that program. All of those battles need to be fought. But we cannot win all of them today. We do not have at this time the political soldiers and the army that is needed to win the war on every political battle front.

Some of you have got to see the global and the national picture; you must recognize that priorities have to be established in fighting the battles that we conservatives can win. We simply do not have the manpower to win every battle this year. We will not have that power until we are successful at the polls in electing not only a President but Senators and Congressmen who can join the battle. We need to win the governorships, we need to win the state legislatures, we need to take control of the counties and the cities and probably the most important of all in the long run, the school districts of America.

You may be heading an association that is interested in school vouchers or anti-ERA activities. Whatever your interest may be, it probably is not as important as our economic vitality. I see too many instances where we conservatives are carping, criticizing and demeaning others because we think that some agenda item is more important than the President's agenda. Come on. Let's lower our egos. Recognize that some of our issues have to take a back seat until we can man all of the battle fronts.

We have today in Ronald Reagan the greatest leader that any of us have ever been exposed to. There has been no greater President in our time. He is one of us. His instincts are right.

Yesterday I met with the President and I saw a man abused unfairly by a harsh press. We need to pray for him. We need to give him the emotional strength and the political courage to do what needs to be done. We should not chisel at him. We should not think that our own agenda is more important than America's agenda. He has to work with what he has. We conservatives have not given him enough support.

The second point I'd like to talk about in addition to setting the right priorities for America concerns one of the most important rules of politics. And, that is, if you are going to win the battle, you must take care of your wounded or you will not have any volunteers in the future.

We conservatives must take care of those who have been wounded for our cause.

Some wounds are suffered in front line battle. I have had a few this year as I have battled the liberal opposition. I enjoy the fight with those liberals, even though sometimes it hurts. It takes your energy. It takes your strength. It takes away your private social life, and weakens your family life. You folks have been generous to me this year because you have given me the emotional support, the political courage and the spiritual strength to fight those liberals who have been trying to deny us our spiritual freedom and our political liberty. You need to give others the support you have given me. This Administration is your Administration.

One of our brothers spoke with me in the last two weeks about a key position he had been offered in the Reagan Administration. A responsible position. One that needs to be filled with our kind of conservative. He was debating as to whether he ought to take the job. Some of you, my friends who are here in this room, told him that if he took the position with the Reagan Administration he would be selling out his principles and abandoning his friends. Hogwash. If your principles are so high and mighty that you can't serve America through government service, then you don't deserve to be in the conservative movement.

Now the second type of wound that comes to some of us in government is self-inflicted -- when you shoot yourself in the foot. And what does the conservative community do too frequently when one of the brothers shoots himself in the foot? They criticize, they abuse, they cut and run. Instead we should move in and support and nurture and strengthen that wounded colleague. We need to see that those who leave the front line battle zones are employed and financed and taken care of. We need to take care of our walking wounded.

And the third wound hurts more than anything because I don't know that it heals. It is the wound caused by conservatives who shoot you in the back. We have a President on the front line. He is risking his life for our cause. We have conservatives who shoot him in the back because he hasn't adopted their little agenda; because he hasn't lifted their cause; he hasn't appointed "the right people." One reason he can't appoint our conservatives is because many of us are not willing to stand in the gap and fight and we criticize those who do.

You have gathered to celebrate the First Anniversary. It should be a celebration. It's been a marvelous year. We've made more progress in restoring the proper form of government than we had a right to expect. We've had the greatest tax cut, the greatest budget cut, and we've done much to eliminate excessive regulations. We've instilled confidence in the American people. We have earned new respect abroad. These meetings should be sessions of praise for that one man who has provided the leadership to restore America's greatness -- Ronald Reagan.

I hope that he's kinder to us in grading us than some of you have been in grading him. I don't care what scale you are on, he beats any President I've seen in my lifetime. He is an A-plus leader and I'm proud to stand with him and to work with him.

He needs your support. This Administration needs your political, emotional and spiritual support. America is in political warfare. We must win. But, we'll only win when the men and women of America are able to man all the battle stations. No conservative should have to look around to see if someone is going to shoot him in the back.

We must look straight ahead. For the objective to be realized, for this generation and for future generations, is political liberty and spiritual freedom.

Thank you very much.

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Editors Note: The Secretary received a long-standing ovation from the crowd when he finished the speech.



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Dear Mr. President.

Dad asked that I send  
you a copy of this AP story-

With my warmest wishes to  
you and Mrs. Reagan for all that  
is best in the New Year.

Sincerely,  
Nancy

# Landon shares Reagan's view on Roosevelt

## He recalls accusing FDR of advocating fascism during war

The Associated Press

TOPEKA — Alf M. Landon, the Republican who challenged Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt's bid for a second term in 1936 and lost, said Thursday that he agreed with President Reagan's view that FDR's New Deal administration espoused a fascist philosophy.

It is not a new position for Mr. Landon, now 94.

In the spring of 1940 he rebuffed overtures from Mr. Roosevelt to join his Cabinet and accused the president of trying to undermine the two-party political system in the United States.

In an interview Thursday, Mr. Landon recalled the speculation that Mr. Roosevelt planned to ask him to become secretary of war. Mr. Landon rejected the idea before a formal invitation was made, but Mr. Roosevelt did appoint Mr. Landon's 1936 vice presidential running mate, Frank Knox of Chicago, as secretary of the Navy.

"That is a concrete example of President Roosevelt trying to make it a one-party election (in 1940). That sustains everything President Reagan says about President Roosevelt," Mr. Landon said.

Mr. Reagan said in an interview with the Public Broadcasting Service, widely publicized this week, that many of those in the Roosevelt administration, which ran from 1933 to 1945, espoused fascism. He cited as evidence what he said was their commitment to a permanently managed economy.

Mr. Landon agreed with Mr. Reagan's assessment. He said he came to that conclusion more than 38 years ago, referring to a speech he made in 1943 in which he said the Roosevelt administration was following "the fascist theory of a planned economy."

"Roosevelt said in 1935 he was going to manage the economy of the country," Mr. Landon said. "I said that meant a huge federal bureaucracy, and look what we have now."

Mr. Landon, the governor of Kansas from 1933 to 1937, also cited as evidence that FDR sought one-party rule Mr. Roosevelt's perceived attempt to form a coalition government of Republicans and Democrats in early 1940, and the suggestion by some that the United States need not hold a presidential election that year because of the war spreading across Europe.

"Isn't fascism the attempt to eliminate the opposition party?" Mr. Landon asked. "Isn't calling off an election a fascist move?"

In an interview at the Topeka Daily Capital on May 20, 1940, Mr. Landon opposed suggestions by political columnists that a coalition government be formed to avoid a potentially divisive campaign, with world war imminent.

"I regard as dangerous any attempt to decrease the vitality of the two-party system as it operates in this country," Mr. Landon said then.

That same day The New York Times reported that there was a strong chance that Mr. Roosevelt, "faced with widespread national concern over the developments of the European war," was "seriously considering the appointment of several prominent Republicans to secretaryships in a coalition Cabinet."

The Times said FDR was considering naming Mr. Knox as secretary of the Navy and Mr. Landon as secretary of war.

Mr. Landon was invited by Mr. Roosevelt to a White House luncheon on May 22, and stopped off in Chicago on his way to the nation's capital by train.

The Chicago Tribune quoted Mr. Landon as saying he had received a White House message "rescinding the invitation" to meet with FDR.

Mr. Landon said Thursday that he never learned directly, but always had a suspicion that Edwin M. Watson, Mr. Roosevelt's aide-de-camp, called off the meeting because of Mr. Landon's statements in the interview with the Topeka newspaper opposing a coalition government. Mr. Landon also had given a speech in Warrensburg, Mo., criticizing FDR's foreign policy.

Mr. Landon, the father of U.S. Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, decided to return to Topeka, telling the Tribune, "I started for Washington, as I always do, at the invitation of my president. I am going home at his invitation. I am ready to go to Washington at any time at the invitation of my president."

Nobody ever knew quite what happened at the White House, Mr. Landon said, but Mr. Roosevelt personally called him in Chicago, told him there had been a mix-up and the invitation to lunch still stood. So Mr. Landon went on to Washington after all.

He had a nearly two-hour private meeting with the president. The matter of a coalition government and Mr. Landon's participation as secretary of war never came up, he said.

After leaving the meeting with Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Landon issued a statement at a Washington news conference, which said in part:

"If President Roosevelt is interested in unselfish service, he should publicly and forthwith eliminate himself as a third-term candidate. The president would become the leader of a nation instead of the head of a party.

"If he does eliminate himself . . . Republicans can and will participate. To suggest that President Roosevelt is the only man in the nation to carry on, or that the national election should be canceled or allowed to go by default, is to use the same argument the Nazis use in behalf of Hitler."

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Dear Mr. President,

The Senate + House  
Leadership dinner was  
an effective prelude to  
your outstanding and  
comprehensive State of the  
Union message. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Strom Thurmond

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