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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1982

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I know it's hard for a son to envision his father as a young fellow, so let me say your father was quite a guy. He was about as popular as a fellow could be there at the Teke house and on campus. We were close friends. Thanks for making it possible for me to get in touch.

Best regards,

*Ronald Reagan*

X  
Mr. Lindsay M. Freburg  
1412 South Atlantic Avenue  
Daytona Beach, Florida 32018

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To Mr. Lindsay M. Freberg  
1412 S. Atlantic Ave.  
Daytona Beach Fla. 32018

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Best Regards  
Rauld Roper

JANUARY 13, 1981

DEAR MR. REAGAN,

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU RECALL MEETING ME, BUT WE MET AT MY FATHER'S HOUSE AROUND INAUGURATION TIME. I HOPE YOU WON'T CONSIDER ME TOO FORWARD FOR WAITING YOU AS I GOT YOUR ADDRESS FROM THE CHRISTMAS CARD YOU SENT MY PARENTS.

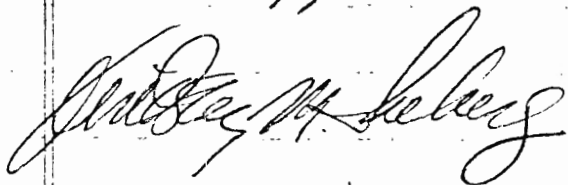
WHEN MY FATHER HAD HIS HEART ATTACK RECENTLY, I LOOKED FOR WAYS TO CHECK HIM UP FOR CHRISTMAS. WITH THAT IN MIND, I WROTE TO YOUR BROTHER TRYING TO GET A PERSONALIZED PHOTO OF HIM. I TRIED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT THEIR COLLEGE DAYS, BUT, I IMAGINE WITH THE FLOW OF MAIL INTO THE WHITE HOUSE, ITS VERY DIFFICULT TO GET A PERSONALIZED REPLY. WHAT HE DID RECEIVE WAS THE STANDARD PHOTO WITHOUT ANY NOTATION.

I TRIED AGAIN RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS AND I UNDERSTAND MY DAD GOT THE SAME PHOTO THE OTHER DAY. I HOPE I'M NOT TOTALLY OUT OF LINE IN ASKING YOU TO INTERCEDE ON MY REQUEST. IF THIS IS GOING TO CAUSE COMPLICATIONS, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO FORWARD. MY THOUGHTS THANK YOU.

endeavors. Would you please see what you  
can do for me?

I Hope that the New Year finds  
you in good health and will be prosperous  
and fulfilling for you both. Any attention  
you can give this request will be  
greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Lindsay M. Freburg  
1412 S. Atlantic Ave.  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
32018

MY DAD'S ADDRESS!

Charles Freburg  
2000 Stirrup Lane  
Alexandria, Virginia  
22308

CHARLES FREBURG  
2000 STIRRUP LANE  
ALEXANDRIA, VA. 22308

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Reply letter to 5 telegrams  
Dear

While it is impossible to reply to all the messages we received I want you to know I did read your <sup>message</sup> ~~note~~ and it certainly brightened my day.

You were kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful. I'll do my best to justify your support.

Sincerely  
RR

~~Reply to Miss Heidi Johnson - 462 Clarke Ave.~~

~~Staten Island N.Y. 10306~~

Dear Heidi

~~I can't answer all the messages I get but I  
had to answer your mine. You make me very proud and  
I'm grateful for your kind words.~~

To:

Mr. Charles W. Wright

Mr. Kenneth J. Hauer

M/M Walter Cansdell

Ms. Jerry Bonhury

Mr. Howard Levens

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January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Levine:

While it is impossible to reply to all the messages we received, I want you to know I did read your message, and it certainly brightened my day.

You were kind to wire as you did, and I'm most grateful. I'll do my best to justify your support.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

X

Mr. Howard M. Levine  
24 Roosevelt Terrace  
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

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The White House  
Washington

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FMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR RON,

GADZOOKS, YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN. MADE MORE IMPORTANT GOOD CHANGES IN  
AMERICA IN ONE YEAR THAN MOST OF OUR PRESIDENTS IN THE LAST 40.

HOWARD M LEVINE DO

24 ROOSEVELT TERRACE

BAYONNE NJ 07002

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January 28, 1982

Dear Ms. Banbury:

While it is impossible to reply to all the messages we received, I want you to know I did read your message, and it certainly brightened my day.

You were kind to wire as you did, and I'm most grateful. I'll do my best to justify your support.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

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Ms. Terry Banbury  
6211 Lake Park Lane  
Clarendon Hills, Illinois 60514

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The White House  
Washington

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

THANK YOU MR. PRESIDENT FOR YOUR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE PEOPLE OF  
THE UNITED STATES.

TERRI BANBURY

6211 LAKE PARK LN

CLARENDON HILLS IL 60514

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Corneille:

While it is impossible to reply to all the messages we received, I want you to know I did read your message, and it certainly brightened my day.

You were kind to wire as you did, and I'm most grateful. I'll do my best to justify your support.

Sincerely,

- Ronald Reagan

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corneille  
12 Donald Drive  
Orinda, California 94563

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The White House  
Washington

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

"NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER GIVE UP..."

BARBARA AND WALTER CORNEILLE

12 DONALD DR

ORINDA CA 94563

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Hovin:

While it is impossible to reply to all the messages we received, I want you to know I did read your message, and it certainly brightened my day.

You were kind to wire as you did, and I'm most grateful. I'll do my best to justify your support.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

X

Mr. Kenneth J. Hovin  
3752 Springdale  
Glenview, Illinois 60025

The White House  
Washington

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PMS PRESIDENT REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

MR PRESIDENT, IN WORLD WAR II WE HAD A U.S. SUBMARINE NAMED "THE U.S.S. HARDER". IT'S GUIDELINE WAS "HIT 'EM AGAIN, HARDER". AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, AS A CITIZEN OF THIS WONDERFUL COUNTRY, I SAY TO YOU, "HIT 'EM AGAIN, HARDER".

KENNETH J. HOVIN

3752 SPRINGDALE

GLENVIEW IL 60025

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January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Wright:

While it is impossible to reply to all the messages we received, I want you to know I did read your message, and it certainly brightened my day.

You were kind to wire as you did, and I'm most grateful. I'll do my best to justify your support.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

X  
Mr. Charles W. Wright  
5505 South Barnes  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73119

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The White House  
Washington

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6026227791 POM TDRN TUCSON AZ 29 01-26 0937P EST

PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC

RID'EM COWBOY REAGAN. IT'S HIGH TIME THE STATES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
TOOK A LITTLE MORE RESPONSIBILITY. WELFARE HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE  
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATES.

A FORMER STATE BUREAUCRAT

CHARLES W WRIGHT

5505 SO BARNES

OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73119

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January 22, 1982

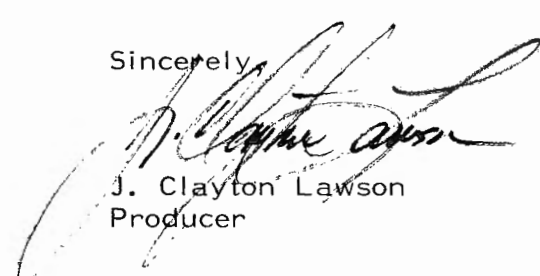
The President and Mrs. Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

"Elliott Roosevelt: The Inner Circle" is a series of four one-hour television programs featuring the unique insights of the son and confidant of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Each program explores a major aspect of American involvement in World War II; the historical context, the interrelationship in world affairs and the balance of power, and the personal impact of President Roosevelt the man as well as the leader.

It is a great pleasure and a privilege to present to you a copy of the first hour of "The Inner Circle." On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt and Westwood Communications, I would like to thank you for your interest in our series of historical programs.

Sincerely,

  
J. Clayton Lawson  
Producer

JCL/kk

Dear Mr. Lawson

Thank you very much for your kindness in presenting us with a print of Elliott's film. I had a chance to express my appreciation to him on his visit here. ~~Many~~

Danny & I are both looking forward to running it.

Again! Thanks & Best Regards

RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Lawson:

Thank you very much for your kindness in presenting us with a print of Elliott's film. I had a chance to express my appreciation to him on his visit here.

Nancy and I are both looking forward to running it.

Again, thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. J. Clayton Lawson  
Producer  
Westwood Communications, Inc.  
2468 West Eleventh  
Eugene, Oregon 97402

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER

SUBJECT: Presidential Decision Memorandum/Selected  
Tax Code Revisions

Attached is the Presidential Decision Memorandum on Selected Tax Code Revisions which was marked by the President during the meeting on this subject yesterday.

It is understood that dwellings will be exempted from item five (5) on the attached sheet. Additionally, you indicated that while the "Withholding on interest and dividends" (Item 9) will be included in the budget, Treasury will work to determine the feasibility of this proposal following the February 8, 1982 announcement and will report back to the President.

cc: Ed Meese

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 1/29/82

NOTE FOR: MESSRS. MEESE, BAKER, DEEVER

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:

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
January 29, 1982

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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: SELECTED TAX CODE REVISIONS

Friday, January 29, 1982  
2:00 p.m. (45 minutes)  
The Oval Office

FROM: RICHARD G. DARMAN 

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to review selected tax code revisions which, if approved, would be included in the budget and economic program to be presented publicly on February 8th. In order to meet final printing and production deadlines, your decisions must be made today. In previous meetings, you indicated approval of these items; some of them were referred to in the State of the Union and accompanying fact sheet. But you did not officially record in writing your decisions on these matters.

FYI: There is, to my knowledge, no public Presidential document endorsing two of the revisions which, I gather, may be of special interest: the increase in IRS staffing; and withholding of interest and dividends.

II. AGENDA

Don Regan will lead off. Discussion will follow.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Secretary Regan  
David A. Stockman  
Edwin Meese III  
James A. Baker III  
Michael K. Deaver

Martin Anderson  
Richard G. Darman  
Craig L. Fuller

IV. DECISIONS

Attached is a memo on which you may record your final decisions.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
January 29, 1982

PRESIDENTIAL DECISION MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: SELECTED TAX CODE REVISIONS

Revisions as presented and discussed  
in Presidential meeting of 1/29/82\*

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>
(1) Completed contract accounting	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(2) Energy tax credits, repeal for business only	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(3) Tax-exempt industrial develop- ment bonds	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(4) Modified coinsurance	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(5) Require the capitalization and depreciation of construction period interest and taxes	<u>✓ RR - note for Swelling</u>	_____
(6) Minimum tax on corporations	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(7) Acceleration of corporation income tax payments	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(8) Staffing increases for the Internal Revenue Service	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(9) Withholding on interest and dividends	<u>✓ RR</u>	_____
(10) Other _____	_____	_____

\*For detail see fact sheets prepared by Treasury (distributed separately)

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/1/82

NOTE FOR: JAMES A. BAKER III

The President has

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commented upon ☐

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

information ☐

action ☐

The President asked that this be returned  
to you.

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

cc:



# United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

January 26, 1982

*Return to Jim Baker*

Mr. James A. Baker, III  
Chief of Staff and  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

*1/26 R.F.? you  
Please grab a copy  
for SGB - Thanks*

Dear Jim:

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

Because I expect that 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,

James G. Watt  
Secretary

Enclosure

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.

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.

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.



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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