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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

Dear Mrs. Rosenstiel:

Thank you very much for your letter and for your suggestion. I have not had an opportunity to discuss this with the Secretary of the Treasury as yet, but I intend to.

I just wanted to thank you for what it is you want to do, and will get back to you after we've had a chance to round table your suggestion for a national campaign. I have to say that sometimes I believe something of this kind can possibly have a greater impact if it seemingly comes not from Washington, but from the people. Then, Washington can approve and help give it the send-off it needs, but it is viewed as truly a volunteer effort. At any rate, I may be wrong and you may be right, and we will, as I say, discuss this and then get back to you.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lewis Rosenstiel
1350 West 29th Street
Miami Beach, Florida 33140

Mrs. Lewis Rosenstiel

1350 WEST 29TH STREET : MIAMI BEACH, FLA. 33140 - PHONE 532-3351

January 20, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My friends and I are extremely grateful for your personal attention to our project aimed at reducing the public debt.

We, and many other persons we have spoken to about the plan, were unaware of the existence of the Public Debt Reduction Fund at the Treasury Department. The fact that the Fund has been able to collect only two million dollars in the last few years indicates that the general public ignores its existence also.

What we have in mind is a project that would reduce public debt to a meaningful degree. We believe that a national campaign launched with the imprimatur of the White House would be able to collect hundreds of millions of dollars, if not more. Such a campaign to raise the nation's consciousness to the necessity of reducing public debt would generate, we are confident, immediate positive response from the business sector, the media, and Americans from every walk of life.

We would like to suggest that Mrs. Reagan head this effort. We could start with a well publicized event held in the White House during which a group of citizens from every part of the country would deliver to you their large, and small, donations to reduce public debt. It would be the most valuable contribution Mrs. Reagan could give to this country as First Lady.

I remain at your disposal.

Sincerely,


Blanka A. Rosenstiel

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*Saved this after letter to
Sec. Don Regan.
Don Jive announced
this telling her it's a disaster her idea
how to. Ron
P.S. maybe this would be
a project for Bill Varsity.*

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Handwritten signature

8 FEB 1982

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

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

Judy and I sincerely thank you for the consideration shown us and the honor of being with you upon our return to the United States. In addition, the outpouring of warmth and affection of the American people made us feel very humble, but genuinely proud to be Americans.

As I mentioned to you in the Oval Office, we are all praying for you and the guidance you need to pursue your most difficult tasks. Your personal philosophy is an inspiration to us all.

Faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Jim and Judy Dozier

Jim and Judy Dozier

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

Dear Brute:

Thanks very much for your letter but, again --as I do so often, I thank you for that column -- the open letter that you addressed to me but sent to the people. You said a lot of things that made me feel just fine.

Back here I'm still battling, of course, against those who would have us forget the forty years, and think that all the troubles came about in the last four months. You set them straight in a masterful way and I'm most grateful.

There's going to be an effort, I know, to whittle back national defense, but I will fight to the last pop gun before I give in on that. In fact, I won't give in -- they'll have to do it over my carcass if that's possible.

Thanks again.

Best regards,

Lt. Gen. V. H. Krulak, USMC (Ret.)
3665 Carleton Street
San Diego, California 92106

Ben. VICTOR H. KRULAK

15 January 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
c/o William French Smith
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
515 S. Flower - 47th Floor
Los Angeles, California 90071

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed column went out to the
syndicate today. It says what I believe,
and I know it says what legions of Americans
feel.

I have sent copies to some of our
Owl's Nest camp-mates -- my sternest critics.
I hope they like it. If I have left out
anything important they will be the first
to tell me.

1982 has to be a fine year for you
and for the United States. You have the
ball rolling and it can only pick up momen-
tum.

Sincerely,

Ben

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

Dear Mr. President:

A few of us were sitting around the other day talking about one thing and another when somebody said, "What surprised you most about the President's first year in office?" I'd like you to know what I told them, when it came my turn to talk.

My first real surprise -- shock, I guess -- was that even before you had been in the White House six months some misguided character should take a shot at you -- and hit you. Like everyone else I was overwhelmed by the calm way you handled what turned out to be a serious wound. You certainly got to the hearts of everybody with your jaunty humor and your humility when you had that slug in your insides. Your bounce and courage infected us all with a sense of confidence that has done much for the country.

Another big surprise -- at least to me -- was how quick the press took after you on your economic program. Here we are, puffing and straining under a load of taxes and national debt that has been heaped on us over maybe thirty or forty years and they seem to expect you to wave a wand and make it all go away. Well sir, you have already done more than most of us expected. When you succeeded in leaning on Congress to get our taxes cut and when you actually got them to back off on a lot of budget increases you were getting near the miracle level of politics. By now I believe those Congressmen are

convinced that you are for real. You seem to be getting a handle on inflation and if you can just do something about the budget deficit I think we're on the way.

One thing that really stood me on end for awhile was the problems you seem to be having with the people who work for you -- You know, Allen and Stockman and Weinberger quarreling with Haig, and so on. But when I thought it over, I almost had to laugh. When you compare it to the White House wars that went on in other years, your administration is as quiet as a Buddhist retreat. I'm thinking of Jimmy Carter's Amateur Hour on the Potomac, with Ham Jordan dividing his time between a disco and the Oval office and a budget director who was one jump ahead of the sheriff. Or Nixon with his Teutonic Mafia and an Attorney General who went to the slammer. Or Kennedy with a Secretary of Defense and a Secretary of State who were fighting two different Vietnam wars. Or F.D.R. who could count on Harold Ickes embarrassing him once a week. No sir, I think the people who are moaning about trouble in the White House are just trying to get at you through attacks on your troops, and they're not making much progress.

I guess my greatest surprise has been how fast your cold turkey approach to international dialog has seized the attention of people across the sea -- friends and enemies alike. To begin with, I was surprised that you -- or any other President -- would do it at all. When you talked tough to the Russians and

then, just as Brezhnev was on the way to Bonn to meet Chancellor Schmidt, offered your zero option idea for theater nuclear weapons, you just took the Russians' breath away. I have to tell you, sir, that really had to notify a few people in Europe that the U.S. isn't dead yet. And, from the way they are talking, it looks to me like the Germans and French are already getting the message.

And your plain words about Poland had to give hope to a lot of people on both sides of the Iron Curtain. I guess you took some flak from the timid souls in Foggy Bottom for coming right out and saying that the trouble in Poland isn't Polish trouble, it's Russian trouble. I agree with you. The Russians are running the world's biggest jail, and they don't want to let anybody out.

Well, the last thing I want to say, sir, is that I have been pleasantly surprised that you have been able to hang tough on building up our defenses when you are cutting down on expenditures everywhere else. I know what you're doing isn't easy, but it stands to reason, if you can't defend your country you're not going to have a country for very long -- not in this cut-throat world. Up until you took over the "arms race" was a one-horse race and the Russians were the only horse running. Now they are going to have to make up their minds -- do they want a real arms race with a country that can out-produce them hands down; or do they want to call the race quits and join us in some honest-to-Pete disarmament.

Well, the long and the short of it is that things are going one heck of a lot better than they were a year ago and most of

the surprises have been good ones. Hang in there, sir,
you're looking good.

V. H. KRULAK

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

Dear Light:

Just a quick line to thank you for the box of goodies. You were very kind and thoughtful, and I appreciate receiving them very much.

I thought you'd like to know that I'd taken up the matter of the fall plowing with the Department of Agriculture, and a program is underway. It seems there has been some research going on in this. The program that is being worked on is one that would encourage or bring about fall plowing by what is known as chisel plowing, which leaves the growth on the surface in our own state -- Illinois, is a difference of about 8 tons per acre of top soil lost from the turnover plowing to less than 1 ton for chisel plowing. There would probably be that same amount of dust carried by the wind whether there was chisel plowing or whether the ground was just left the way it was. Anyway, there is now an active program at work on this preservation of the top soil.

Again, my thanks for my gift package, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Light Thompson
R.R. #2
Princeton, Illinois 61356

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MISTIC METAL MOVER, INC.

R.R. #2

PHONE (815) 875-1371

PRINCETON, ILLINOIS 61356

Dear Dutch:

1/19/82

This package contains two things I am sure you will want to keep. I only asked them to make up a sample and this is what they came up with. The rest of the information is in case you would like to have some gifts made. This is a lot less than giving a horse. Some day I would like to ride that horse you got.

All is fine here outside of the filth and dirt we get from fall plowing. Something MUST be done and all but a few are in favor. The greedy ones care not about tomorrow.

Hang in there and stick to your guns. All but the greedy are on your side. Folks know you are trying to do what is right for the country. I have heard many a union man take your side. I am including a UAW magazine I ran into so you can look it over. If there is ever anything I can do to help PLEASE don,t fail to call.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Light Thompson

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

Dear Jean and Bill:

Thank you very much for my original
birthday greeting, and also for my
gift. It was very kind of you, and
generous to give up both the plaque
and the centennial medal. I shall
treasure both of them.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Dutch

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thompson
517 Brinton Avenue
Dixon, Illinois 61021

See: Nancy Powers

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill thompson

Dear Jean and Bill:

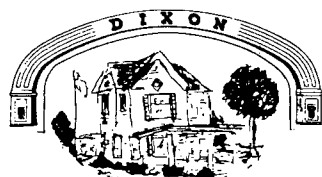
Thank you very much for my very original birthday greeting and also for my gift. It was very kind of you and generous to give up both the plaque and the centennial medal. I shall treasure both of them. Again, thanks and best regards. Dutch

From The Reagan House
In Dixon Ill.

To

The Reagan House
Washington D.C.

Happy Birthday
Dutch



HOME OF
RONALD REAGAN
818 HEMLOCK AVE.
DIXON, ILL.
OUR 40th PRESIDENT

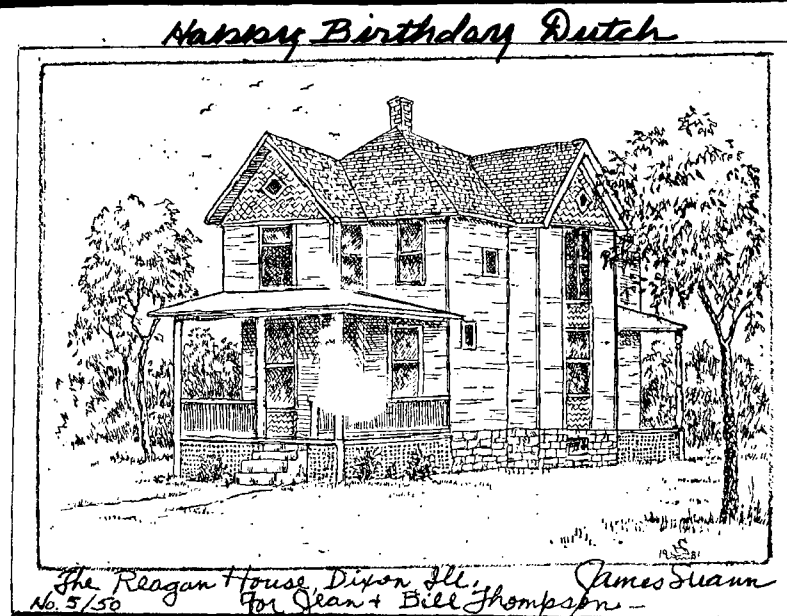
Happy

Birthday

Dutch

To Mr. & Mrs. Bill Thompson 1981
517 Brinton Ave.
Dixon Ill.
61021

FRONT
COVER - Etching No. 5 By James Swann, Chicago, Ill. 1981
"The Reagan House", Dixon, Ill. (816 S. HENNEPIN AVE)
Boyhood home of Pres. Ronald W. Reagan 1920-1923
Home originally built by William C. Thompson in 1891
DORRANCE S. THOMPSON BORN HERE NOV. 21, 1891
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
JEAN OR BILL THOMPSON, 517 BRINTON AV.
DIXON, ILL. 61021 PH. 1-815-288-1878



*To Jean & Bill - With appreciation &
Warm Regard
Ronald Reagan*

Dear Mr. President, - "Dutch"!

Joan and I send our sincere best wishes for your Birthday # 71, - what a wonderful mile stone.

May this year, and the many years ahead be filled to the brim with happiness, and good health, and it is our hope that you will receive as an additional Birthday present, the fulfillment of many or all of your dreams for a better America, for all the people, and by the people as it should be.

I hope you like our little HOME-MADE birthday card - you can bet it's a one of a kind - as a matter of fact - the only one.

From The Reagan House in Dixon, Ill.

To The Reagan House in Washington D.C.

Happy Birthday

Please accept this little plaque as a tiny gift, but one with a valuable message given to someone we thought would appreciate it.

This little plaque with its beautiful message has always been one of Joan's favorites, and we both decided it fit you to a tee.

Maybe you will be able to find a place to hang it at the ranch or in the basement of the White House.

The small bronze medal "Lincoln as a soldier" is a souvenir of the Dixon centennial celebration in 1933. I have had it for nearly fifty years, and thought you might like to keep it along with the plaque as a small memento of Dixon.

Again let us extend
our Best Wishes
for a Very Happy Birthday
Bill and Joan Thompson

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *Ker D.*
SUBJECT: Letter from Senator Bob Dole and 29 Other
Senators Urging Consideration of Further
Arms Sales to Taiwan

Senator Dole has contacted the Office of Legislative Affairs to request that the attached letter, in support of further arms sales to Taiwan, be brought to your personal attention.

This letter will be acknowledged by the Legislative Affairs Office and referred to NSC staff for a direct, substantive response.

*Ken - the letter should
make it plain - I will not
go back on our commitments to
Taiwan. RR*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/4/82

NOTE FOR: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN

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: Clark
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

ROBERT E. LIGHTHIZER, CHIEF COUNSEL
MICHAEL STERN, MINORITY STAFF DIRECTOR

February 1, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

While the United States must preserve a delicate balance in maintaining relations with the People's Republic of China, we are committed by the Taiwan Relations Act to ensure the defense of our loyal ally, Taiwan. The Taiwan Relations Act, to which you have lent your support, reflects a consensus that the peace and security of Taiwan are in the political, security and economic interests of the United States and the international community.

Although Taiwan's request to purchase U. S. FX fighter planes has been denied, we feel that the door should not be closed to the future sale of alternative aircraft and parts that would maintain Taiwan's air defense capabilities.

In this same vein, we are concerned about efforts on the part of the People's Republic of China to gain U. S. agreement to cut off further arms sales to Taiwan altogether. In the spirit of U. S. - Sino cooperation, the formulation of American foreign policy must emanate from American soil.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,

Strom Thurmond *Bob Dole*
Roger V. Jensen *Bob Kasten*
Peter Dominici *Jesse Helms*

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500
February 1, 1982

John P. East

Jim M. Chese

Chuck Graczyk

Warren B. Reisman

Jeremiah Denton

Lauren Hawkins

Ceprae Ometo

Malcolm Wallop

Charles H. Percy

Howard W. Cannon

Frank H. Lautenberg

Rand J. Bren

Mark Mathias

Kerry Goldwater

Bob Fyfe

Dennis DeConcini

James H. Eastland

S. I. Hayakawa

Duckell Ford

Don Nickles

Fritz Hollings

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

To Mrs. Velda Pickens
636 E. Lincolnway RR 3
Morrison Ill. 61270

Dear Mrs. Pickens

Thanks very much for letting me know about
Elsie. I've ordered flowers for her, and you were
very kind to write & I'm most grateful. I am
also dropping a line to Mr. & Mrs. Decker.

Again thanks Sincerely

Ronald Reagan

To Mr. & Mrs. Alder Decker
305 scenic Dr. Morrison Ill.
61270

> Dear Mr. & Mrs. Decker

I've learned you are celebrating your 50th
wedding anniversary on Feb. 12. Please accept
heartiest congratulations & very best wishes from
Nancy & myself on this wonderful occasion.

We wish you all the best.

Sincerely
RR

CARD
already
sent by
Chauley Shepherd

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

2/4/82

Kathy:

The attached was just brought to
my desk today. I checked the list
I have and, Elsie Walters is the
President's first cousin. I thought
he would like to know of her illness.

charley shepherd

Send flowers to
Mrs. Elsie Walters ^{have to send}
~~that~~ and - Dear Elsie
We're sorry to
hear of your illness and
praying for a speedy recovery -
You are in our thoughts &
prayers. - Nancy & Arnold
Rosen

✓ sent
2-4-82

January 12, 1952

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I wish to inform you that
~~Mr and Mrs (Name) (Name) (Name) (Name)~~
~~will be celebrating their 50th~~
~~Wedding Anniversary on February 12, 1952~~
Please send them your good wishes.

~~Mr (Name) (Name) (Name) (Name)~~

Recovering from a severe stroke in the
Community Hospital. He is paralyzed on the
right side. He is able to talk and enjoy
himself and sitting in a wheel chair. He
would enjoy hearing from you.

Mr President you are doing a great job
keeping the good work we love you

A loyal friend

Mr (Name) (Name) (Name) (Name)

636 E. (Name) (Name) (Name) (Name)

Washington, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1982

Dear Sam:

Just a quick line to thank you for your note and for sending the column.

You are right, what we're getting from the press is dictated by ideology. But, if you think it's bad out there, you ought to have to get up every morning and start the day with the Washington Post and the New York Times.

Again, thanks.

Yours in the Bond,

D. Antah

Mr. Sam Harrod, III
Harrod Law Firm
Professional Building
Eureka, Illinois 61530

RR: Ko tape

Amc Higgins

~~JAN~~ 5 1982

from the desk of **Attorney Sam Harrod III**

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New Year's Eve, 1981

Dear Mr. President,

The enclosed column of December 30 seems to explain why the press is so vicious to you.

They do not come close to being a fair representation of "common sense" Americans.

Happy New Year, Y.I.T.B.,

Sam III

Survey of Elite Press Shocking

WASHINGTON — Last summer, when Mr. Reagan appeared master of all he surveyed, a White House press official was startled by a veteran correspondent who sidled up and confided that since the Loyal Opposition — the Democratic Party — was not doing its job, the press would have to do it for them.

The December discontent of the administration attests to their diligence. Whether the issue be budget cuts or Nancy Reagan, aid to El Salvador or the restoration of military parity, the administration is taking withering fire, not confined to the inside pages of The New Republic.

The administration's response to the dilemma that bedeviled the last four administrations — Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Carter — has been, at best, struthious — i.e., imitate the ostrich.

Yet this remains the most serious, insoluble conundrum of conservative government: How to sustain public support for your policies when those who daily report, explain and analyze them are in profound disagreement?

The dilemma's expanding dimensions are newly detailed by S. Robert Lichter and Stanley Rothman in Public Opinion magazine. The authors spent an hour with each of 240 members of the "media elite," — reporters, editors, columnists, bureau chiefs, news executives, TV correspondents, anchormen, producers, film editors. And who are these people who decide what we shall know of Ronald Reagan's administration, and what we shall not.

Ninety-five percent are white; four of five are male. Almost all have college degrees; 55 percent attended graduate school. By 1978, 78 percent had crossed the \$30,000 mark in income; one in three had a salary above \$50,000. Geographically, two-thirds come from the quadrant of the country extending from New England to Chicago's North Shore. Only 3 percent gave California, America's largest state, or the Pacific Northwest as their original home.

If the socio-economic profile of this elite is like the New England WASP, the voting profile is Puerto Rican.

Not once in four national elections did the GOP win the support of even 20 percent. The media heavies went 4-to-1 for Carter over Ford, 7-to-1 for Humphrey in '68, 16-to-1 for LBJ over Goldwater. In the landslide of 1972, when three-fourths of white America voted for Nixon, this dominantly white male institution went 81-19 for George McGovern.

More than half (54 percent) place themselves solidly on the left, with only 19 percent saying they are to the right of center. "Fifty percent say the people they work with are on the left, and only 8 percent on the right, a margin of 7-to-1."

Nowhere does the media seem more eschewed from Main Street, however, than in religious belief and practice. Only 8 percent regularly attend church or synagogue; 86

percent answered "seldom or never." Asked their religious affiliation, half replied: None.

Nor should the Reverend Falwell's Moral Majority expect any succor or sympathy from this quarter. Ninety percent of the media elite endorse the proposition that women have a right to an abortion; four in five "strongly" agree.

Toward sex, permissiveness best describes the press attitude. Only 9 percent are convinced that homosexuality is morally wrong; 85 percent support the right of homosexuals to teach in public schools. Fifty-four percent see nothing wrong with adultery; only 15 percent "strongly agree" that extramarital affairs are wrong.

Is Jim Watt in trouble? Rather unsurprising — since only 1 percent strongly endorse his basic view that "our environmental problems are not as serious as people have been led to believe." Eighty-one percent disagree.

That Mr. Reagan's semi-tough stance before Cancun picked up significant static seems, likewise, unsurprising. Three in four Establishment pressies do not believe Western assistance has aided the Third World; more than half believe the United States exploits the South and our consumption of the world's resources is immoral. Julius Nyerere is pushing against an open door.

While the press endorses the free enterprise system and the meritocracy (abler individuals should earn more), it also believes in government-guaranteed jobs, the redistribution of income and a vigorous policy of "affirmative action."

And the press is becoming less bashful about its rightful role in American society.

Asked who today directs American society, the media placed business first, itself second, unions third. Who *should*? The media would strip business and unions of major influence, elevate blacks, intellectuals and consumer groups to the front rank — and place "media" at the head of the column.

A brief sketch of the fellow who interprets Ronald Reagan to America might run thus:

An urbane, educated man who makes something more than a comfortable living, a devout environmentalist who feels religion is irrelevant and recoils from such militant movements as Right-to-Life and Moral Majority. He takes a relaxed view toward sex and "life style," believes strongly in preferential treatment for blacks, listens with sympathetic ear to the clamor of the Third World that the United States has shafted the poor nations of the South and owes a debt of retribution, and feels he and his friends should be pretty much running the show. This is the fellow, remember, who has the franchise to report, interpret and analyze the policies of a conservative President who is at once an old-fashioned patriot, a nationalist and something of a social and religious traditionalist.

The friction between such an elite and the administration it covers is inevitable and is now audible to the untuned ear. Hopefully, Mr. Reagan's men appreciate that this friction contributed mightily to the demise of the last four national administrations.



Journal Star
PEORIA, ILLINOIS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1981

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1982

Dear Al:

I have just received your editorial.
There is only one word -- THANKS.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Alfred H. Kingon
Editor-in-Chief
FINANCIAL WORLD
150 East 58th Street
New York, New York 10155

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FINANCIAL WORLD

ALFRED H. KINGON

Editor-in-Chief

February 1, 1982

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I suppose it was predictable that the media oracles, our new high priests, would have a field day with your magnificent State of the Union address.

Just to show you that there's another side I'm attaching an advance copy of the March 1st Financial World editorial which I think will make better reading than the words of some of my "colleagues".

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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Dear Al

I have just received your editorial. There is only one word - THANKS.

Sincerely
Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 5, 1982

Dear Larry:

Thanks for sending the "Times" article. I had not seen it. It's most interesting and I'm giving it circulation starting with our National Security Council.

Larry, I must confess that while we are moving to upgrade civil defense, at long last, I can't accept the doctrine of ignoring conventional weapons. It seems to me this leaves only Armageddon as a response to all the brush fire wars in existence. Can we resolve Afghanistan, El Salvador or even Cuba, to say nothing of Poland with just the threat of the bomb? I know you probably have an answer to this, but I have to ask.

Thanks again and best always.

Sincerely,

Ra

Mr. Laurence W. Beilenson
1946 North Gramercy Place
Los Angeles, California 90068

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LAURENCE W. BEILENSEN,
1946 NORTH GRAMERCY PLACE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90068
TELEPHONE (213) 467-6479

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

January 25, 1982

Dear President Reagan:

Enclosed is an article from the New York Times
Magazine which I hope you will read and ponder.

Best to Nancy.

Sincerely,

Larry

Enclosure

LWB:dc

Dictated but not signed

Dear Larry

Thanks for sending the "Times" article.
I had not seen it. It's most interesting and I'm
giving it circulation starting with our Nat. Security Council.
Larry I must confess that while we are moving to
up grade, at long last, civil defense I can't accept the doctrine
of ignoring conventional weapons. It seems to me this leaves
only Armageddon as a response to all the brutal
fire wars in existence. Can we resolve Afghanistan, El
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Thanks again & Best Always - R

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 5, 1982

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable John R. Block
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

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Re: Articles on Land & water problems in Illinois

Illinois' Black Gold Blowing Away In Form Of 'Snirt'

MORTON — This small community rests in the center of one of the best corn producing areas in the world. The land is rich, black and extremely fertile. Carolyn Damery thinks this is all fine, but she would rather farmers kept their dirt to themselves.

This winter's snowing and blowing has led to "a great deal of soil erosion occurring in our area," she says. More than she can remember since moving to Illinois in 1960.

And indeed it has. Illinois soil has been called black gold, but the dirt is not nearly so substantial as gold and has the bad habit of dashing off like the wind, or with the wind, like a gypsy with a paid vacation.

This erosion "is quite noticeable as the snow changes quickly from white to brown not only along roads where it can be attributed to car exhaust, but even in my own back yard in the middle of town," says Damery.

Damery, associate director for the Illinois Central Health Systems Agency and a confirmed city dweller, is not so confined to the city that her conservation-minded attitude has not been stirred up along with the blowing soil. That's what prompted her to write a letter to the Journal Star.

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at a minimal fee to allow experimentation. It also is worthy of note that the average farmer today is 51 years old and hesitant to disregard a lifetime of proven farming practices that have made the American farmer the envy of the world.

In recent years, several factors have contributed to the profusion of snirt, said Owen Ingram, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Society said.

The philosophy of rotating crops has fallen to the wayside, he said. Moreover, fences, windbreaks and hedge

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rows, wind erosion inhibitors have been eliminated to allow roadside-to-roadside planting of row crops.

Production oriented agriculture has aggravated wind erosion problems, but Walt Austin, executive director of the

Peoria County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, is confident new production practices like chisel plowing will help keep erosion in check.

"The problem this winter isn't nearly as bad as it would

have been five years ago because chisel plowing is more wide spread, and the corn stalks standing up in the field are slowing down the wind," he said.

Winds in excess of 40 miles per hour this winter have taken one-fourth inch of soil out of pockets in some fields that have been moldboard plowed. The top one-half inch is susceptible if the wind becomes great enough, University of Illinois natural resource specialist Robert Walker said.

"The surface soil freezes dry, much like a freeze dried coffee, and as bigger sand-like

particles of soil blow across the surface they kick up the finer soil," he explains.

Concern over erosion will probably make the moldboard plow a museum piece in the near future. There already are farmers around who claim to have farmed without the benefit of the conventional plow for three to five years.

Walker offers the following statement as food for thought: "In terms of the total erosion problem, wind erosion is meager. The dirt streaking snow banks is just more visible than the major culprit — water erosion."

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My understanding is that this is in part due to the practice of local farmers of fall plowing. I would like to challenge any local farmer to explain why this practice should continue. It would seem that we should not lose one of Illinois' greatest resources — the soil," she said.

Agriculture is the economic base for Morton, she argues; so this is reason enough for any urbanite to be aware of the problem and be a little concerned.

A revolution of sorts is taking place in agriculture as farmers delve into the foreign practices of reduced tillage and no-till farming, but the black snow will not disappear overnight, Ike Leeper, Mason County extension adviser, explains.

Buying new equipment to battle the natural ravages of wind and soil erosion is expensive, especially with most farmers who want to try the new method on small acreage. Switching all acreage over in one year is not a realistic prospect for most farmers, Leeper said, and is not recommended until they become comfortable with the new management practices on smaller parcels of ground.

Nearly every soil and water conservation district in Central Illinois is making no-till planters available to farmers

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Rising oceans will flood coastlines, warn experts

THE LEVELS of the oceans will rise 18 ft. and drown the coastal regions of the world in the next 50 to 200 years, according to Robert Etkins of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The oceans are already rising at a yearly rate 10 times faster than they were between 1890 and 1940, Etkins and his colleague Edward Epstein claim in Science magazine.

"We're losing ground to the oceans," says Etkins.

One of the main reasons for the potential disaster is the melting of polar icecaps, caused

by the burning of fossil fuels.

Etkins says that burning oil, gas and coal is forming a layer of carbon dioxide across the earth, which is sealing in heat from the earth and causing a "greenhouse effect."

Scientists have been watching this effect for years.

But the melting of the polar icecaps is getting critical. And Etkins adds that the rising of the oceans may double as more coal is burned.

"Because the carbon dioxide level keeps increasing, one would expect the melting rate to speed up in proportion," he says.

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