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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

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Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Beatrice Waltz
3053 North Davlin Court
Chicago, Illinois 50518

5 Mr. Thomas D. Brower, 200 Herring Net, Bank Bldg, P.O. Box 668

Dear Mr. Brower Herring Ne. 69341

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7 Ms. Beatrice Waltz - 3053 N. Daven Ct. Chl. Ill.

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March 10, 1982

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Dear Miss Benson: *Betty T.*

Thank you very much for your letter of January 27th. Forgive me for being so late in answering, but it takes awhile for mail to reach my desk.

I can't tell you how much your letter brightened my day, and I'll look forward to those other letters. If you get an opportunity to speak to the students again, please tell them our tax cuts are aimed at helping their parents, and that by reducing inflation from 12½% to 8.9% last year we increased the average family's purchasing power by \$270.00. Incidentally, inflation so far is running at only about 4½%.

As for their questions about whether all our help is going to other countries -- far from it. We are providing 95 million meals a day -- that is 1/7th of all the meals in this country; providing medical care for 47 million Americans and subsidized housing for more than 10 million. Actually, foreign aid is only a very small figure compared to the great amounts we spend on the elderly and needy here at home.

P.g. the President emphasize more to the young people about what is going on in our Country.

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Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. BARKER

Miss Betty T. Benson
City Clerk - Treasurer
City of Madison
Madison, Alabama

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To Betty T. Benson - City Clerk - Treasurer
City of Madison Alabama

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Again my heartiest thanks.

Respectfully, R.R.

To Mr. Paul Zukowski 1708 East Lafayette Place
Dear Mr. Zukowski Mil. Wis. 53202

Thanks very much for your letter and kind words. Thanks too for your contribution to volunteerism. You performed above & beyond the call. I'm glad there is another & larger tax cut coming in July but, now having been so generous, please look to your own needs & desires.

Again thanks - R.R.
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Ms. Betty T. Benson
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City of Madison
Madison, Alabama

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January 27, 1982

WAYNE KNIGHT
MAYOR

MARVIN STEWART
COMMISSIONER

ORVAL R. COOPER
COMMISSIONER

The Honorable Ronald Regan
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Mr. President,

I had the pleasure of addressing a combined class of Social Study Students at the local High School this morning and would like to share this experience with you and your wonderful wife, Nancy.

First, I want to express my support of your newly formed programs for alleviating some of the problems the grass roots Citizens are having today. Change is always a slow and sometimes painful procedure, so just hang in there, we are all with you !

The children I spoke to this morning are within the age group of 13 to 15 years. They had all preconceived ideas about how the City, State and Federal Government is taking money from their parent's payroll checks and they wanted to know just what we are doing with all this money. The Group was about 50% black, and not a one of the group asked about Food Stamps, Public Housing or any of the so-called "free" money programs. They reflected their parents stress in making money stretch to cover Utility bills, food bills and basic every day living.

We talked about Zoning Ordinances; the pros and cons, and after dead silence at the beginning, the students began to realize just how much power the Municipal Government has over their everyday lives, they began to awaken to fact that YES, they do have a say in what happens in their lives - It is very important that they register to VOTE. It was wonderful to see the reaction on their faces; from bored to awake to active listening and finally honest questions and responses!

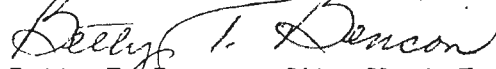
The purpose of this letter is to ask you to remember these young minds too. They have some bad ideas about what is going on in our Country today. They feel politicians today are all crooked and don't feel the Citizens are being represented fairly. It seems to me we had this problem before in past history, but we don't have any tea in the harbor to dump today!

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Another thing that these young people are questioning is that they have the idea that we are sending aid to all other Countries, but are not helping our own people. I couldn't answer this question, except with my own opinions, so I asked them to write you on this issue. Believe me, they don't hold any punches Mr. President, so you may receive a few letters from Madison students on this issue in the near future.

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter. Both of you please take care in this time of attempts on our leaders in America. May God bless and keep you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty T. Benson".

Betty T. Benson, City Clerk-Treasurer
CITY OF MADISON, ALABAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Paul Zukowski
1708 East Lafayette Place
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Writer's Union tax refund to the local
United Fund.

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Ronald Regan, President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

When you encouraged Congress to reduce withholding taxes 10% last fall, I thought of keeping the money and using it to buy myself something extra.

Then I thought, why is the president giving us back some of our tax money? For luxuries? Or for necessities? I decided that the best use of this little bonus would be to help those less fortunate than myself.

Since our local United Fund was conducting its annual campaign to raise money, I decided to pledge my tax reduction ~~to~~ as my fair share.

There have been a couple of times I wish I had kept the money for myself, but overall, I think if everyone had given their tax reduction to charity, your philosophy of voluntarism would work and we could end ~~of~~ federal involvement in welfare.

Keep up the good work, and God love you.

A citizen who believes in you,

Paul Zukowski

Paul Zukowski
1708 East Lafayette Place
Milwaukee WI 53202

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March 10, 1982

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Thanks again.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Mr. Thomas D. Brower
200 Gering National Bank Building
Post Office Box 668
Gering, Nebraska 69341

re: The President's Tax-Cut Package

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President's Dictation

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THOMAS D. BROWER
ATTORNEY AT LAW

200 GERING NATIONAL BANK BLDG
P. O. BOX 668 -- GERING, NE 69341
308-436-3411

January 15, 1982

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

Dear President Reagan:

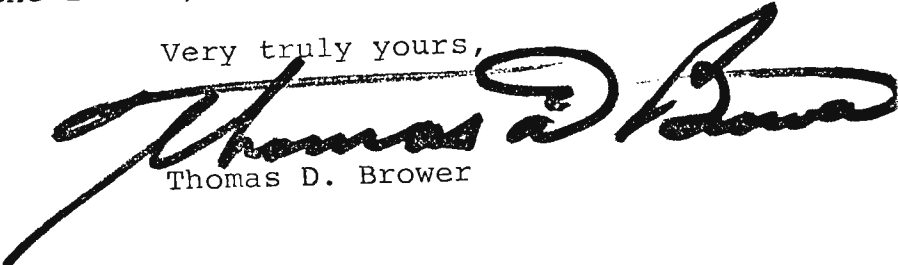
This morning on the TV news I listened to you state that you know of no one who has written to you concerning the fact that the tax cut you allegedly have given us was bad.

I think the tax cut you have given me is bad. We have a continuing deficit which, through your own budget office, continues to increase each week as to the estimates for 1983 and 1984.

The 70-percent bracket elimination is absolutely a gift to those who ought to be paying for much of this fine country and the things that we now or in the past have enjoyed.

I am one of those in the 70-percent bracket that thinks that, before we reduce the income, we ought to reduce our deficit.

Very truly yours,


Thomas D. Brower

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April 20, 1982

Sally Kelly
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I certainly appreciate your response, per enclosed.

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However, I certainly hope you are not pleased with the last paragraph of your letter--the fact that inflation is down to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. To this I would like to ask a serious question. When I go shopping, why then is my grocery bill still rising, why is the cost of clothing and medical care still rising, and why are rents going up as high as 10%? Further, I challenge this $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, because it represents not the rise in ordinary everyday expenses, but includes the townward trend in prices on new homes and the rebates on new cars. Thus, such a figure as $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ is unrealistic because it includes these items which the common man is not concerned with.

Further, the control of inflation, such as it is, is based chiefly on one thing, unemployment. If we are going to be pleased that we have control over inflation through the extremely high unemployment rate, there is little that can be said for us.

A recent chart in our Chicago Tribune shows a Washington survey stating that the average middle-income Chicago family with one wage earner has earned \$25,000 plus in 1981. I would like to know where these people live. We are in a middle income neighborhood, and no one I know has this income, even with two wage earners in the family. With such surveys to go by, it is no wonder you think we middle income people are doing just fine.

Our older son just gave his country four years of his life in the Air Force. He enlisted with a B.S. degree. Then he was told without engineering background, he did not qualify for officers training. Now that his hitch is up, he is without job, and no longer eligible for any unemployment compensation until he is able to get a job. He also does not qualify for G.I. Bill to further his college education, because he is not a Viet Nam era veteran. I think this is just shameful. If he had a four-year contract with a private company and it was finished, he would be able to collect unemployment comp until he got another job. So why are the veterans treated so shabbily in this regard? They told him this is all part of Reaganomics, and it is not helping your image any.

I am writing, because I feel you should hear from the middle-class Americans who are the backbone of the nation, and bear the brunt of the tax burden.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Beatrice Waltz

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WASHINGTON

March 10,

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*Suggests that churches adopt poor families to
elevate welfare. II II*

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Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Beatrice Waltz
3053 North Davlin Court
Chicago, Illinois 60618

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Complaints of economy, prices rising, salaries & jobs down - 1 cmt Poland aid

January 19, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am one of the constituency who voted for you, because, quite frankly, I felt Jimmy Carter didn't know what he was doing. But, after one year, I can't say things are so much better. The economy is in terrible shape, my son who is leaving the Air Force, will have to continue with college because there are so few jobs (he has a bachelor's degree in Political Science), prices are still rising and my husband's salary has gone down. As a remodeling salesman, his check barely lasts from week to week. And, at age 57, with one kidney, who will hire me?

For instance, I can't believe you really made a suggestion that if every church in America were to "adopt" ten poor families, we could eliminate the welfare system. I am sure our local pastors here consider this a slap in the face, since most of them are operating in the red, just struggling to keep their schools open (another savings to the tax-payers) and their high utility bills current. And, consider the church operated charities, like the Jewish Charities and the Lutheran and Catholic Charities, who depend upon both the private sector and federal funding to carry on their work. Besides, in our Archdiocese, numerous parishes have already "adopted" families of the boat people; they also operate "soup" kitchens, parish pantries, contribute to houses for abused wives, have St. Vincent dePaul Societies who help the poor of the parish in various ways. Remember, we constitute the lower middle income groups ourselves.

I hope you are not an individual who looks upon the Church as a wealthy institution. True, it deals in millions of dollars that are funneled and re-funneled into various programs, and the poor certainly receive top priority. To expect more at a local level is just not realistic.

On another note, I hope you will do all you can to keep food moving into Poland. What is desperately scarce is infantwear. I know from personal letters from a relative. Would it not be a charitable gesture if the family of every infant who is present to their local Polish pastor for Baptism be presented with a supply of diapers and shirts from their American friends. Perhaps you can persuade our manufacturers of infantwear to contribute some of their seconds or over-runs in this manner. After all, it would be a tax-deduction. I am sure this is what you mean by the private sector becoming involved.

God bless you in your very difficult role.

Very truly yours,
B. Waltz
Mrs. Beatrice Waltz
3053 N. Davlin Ct.
Chicago, Ill. 60618

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 10, 1982

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bloomer:

I understand your concern about the economic problems we face, but I have to take issue with some of your assumptions which are incorrect.

Our defense spending has been made necessary by the policies of the past few years which starved our security forces while the Russians continued on their military buildup -- the greatest in man's history. Even so, defense spending is only about 27% of the budget we are submitting for 1983. In the Kennedy years it was about half. We are asking for a smaller amount in relation to our economy than has been past practice. But, the point is, we are in a very dangerous situation vis-a-vis the Soviets.

When I became President, half our planes couldn't fly because of lack of spare parts. We only had enough ammunition for a few weeks. Incidentally, interest rates were 21½% -- they are now below 16%. Inflation was 12.4%, it finished 1981 at 8.9%, and is now running at 4½%.

Maybe the next 3 years won't be so long and hard after all.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bloomer
870 West Northfield Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

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870 W. Northfield Church Road
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105
January 26, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

My husband and I are distressed at the current state and future of the economy. We operate a farm in southern Michigan, which we started from nothing. As a result we have a high debt load. With good yields and an optimistic view of prices we cannot project a profit. Interest rates are taking a high toll. I believe the Federal Reserve has the right approach, I put the fault with this administration. How in your right minds can you approve the military spending you are, not even making the defense department subject to audit. The military is busy writing their Christmas list, ignorant of the resulting largest debt ever. This is the cause of high interest rates, not the Fed's monetary policy as you have alluded to. All of this must be from sheer ignorance or insensitivity. Anyone who voted for this plan, and tax cut deserves not to be re-elected. The tax cuts supposedly was to help business. We lost depreciation under this system, the only business it's helping are large corporations, which in turn buy other large corporations. How productive is that?

In our minds there has never been a poorer run administration, and the three years following are going to be long and hard.

Sincerely,

Tom & Rosanne Bloomer
Tom and Rosanne Bloomer

To Mr. & Mrs. Tom Bloomer - 870 W. Northfield Rd.
Ann Arbor Mich. 48105.

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March 11, 1982

Dear Mrs. Staggenborg:

You can never know how much your letter meant to me. Here in Washington, the voices of the "bleeding hearts" are very loud indeed. But your letter spoke louder than any of them; it spoke of an America that was and still is, and which will see us through the present troubles.

You've been through a great deal and suffered much, I know, but I have no doubt you'll come out alright. Indeed, you have already.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Ida Dutcher and to all your family. And, thanks again for giving my spirit a lift.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Roselee Staggenborg
15228 Old Stage Coach Road
Walton, Oregon 97490

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At

Staggenborg
15228 Old Stage Coach Rd.
Walton, Oregon 97490

1-19-82

Dear President & Mrs. Reagan -
My Greatgrandmother, Ida
Dutcher, sent you a copy of her
book "Our Homestead In The Canyon"
during your convalescence. You acknowledged
this with a card stating it would be
retained in your personal library. She was
so proud, she's now 83 years old, very
patriotic & views this honor as one of
the brightest moments of her life. I
want to thank you for that precious
gift.

I would like to make a
comment on the economic situation.
My husband was a construction
worker and has been unemployed
over a year, benefits have run out.
We've had a car repossessed and were
forced to file bankruptcy. We couldn't
pay rent, we had no alternative but to
move in with my Grandparents. They
have a small farm but lots of
room for the family. When we
thought all was lost, they came
through and taught us survival

skills they learned during the depression. We have learned how to pick "brush" to sell for the florists, we've learned gardening & home canning. We've learned butchering & preserving meat. We learned the art of sewing & quiltmaking. We've had the pleasures of long winter nights rediscovering our family roots and growing closer. Most of all we're learning the old values, humility, and independence that helped to make this country strong.

We know what you're trying to do and support your programs even though we're one of the little people the bleeding hearts are screaming so much about. - I hope the credit system does break. I think it's time we as a country came off our high horses and got back to the business of living with pride & independence. Of living within our means. It's time we started asking "WHAT DOES IT COST?" Instead of "HOW MUCH ARE THE PAYMENTS?"

Thank you for caring enough to try to give us back the "old values".

Sincerely,
Roselee Staggerborg

(age 27-mother of 3)

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1982

Dear Marie:

It was good to hear from you, and thanks for the news stories. I've been more than a little upset about what's happening to our Guild. We saw this happen to some of our sister unions and guilds in years past, but somehow I never believed it could happen to the Screen Actors Guild.

I don't mind being a target for loud mouth Asner personally, but I sure do resent what he's doing to an organization we all put a lot into, including love and loyalty. I remember once during contract negotiations, Y. Frank Freeman told me he had opposed the formation of the Guild, but then he said he had come to realize it was the greatest force for good in the motion picture industry. I don't think anyone will say that now.

Nancy sends her best, and give our regards to Jack.

Sincerely,

/S/ RON

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Mrs. Marie Windsor Hupp
9501 Cherokee Lane
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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**Marie Windsor Hupp
9501 Cherokee Lane
Beverly Hills, California 90210**

March 4th, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President;

Enclosed are more clippings regarding the up hill battle we're fighting here. We think we are gaining some ground. All of a sudden it appears the membership at large is waking up. Chuck has been splendid through it all.

Jack joins me in hoping your battle on your own hill will be victorious. We surely believe in all you are doing.

Love to Nancy.

Warmly,

Marie Windsor Hupp

We wish you both a very happy wedding anniversary.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Mussman:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of January 27, but it takes awhile for mail to reach my desk

I want to thank you for your kind letter and generous words. It was good of you to write, and you brightened my day.

It's good every once in awhile to hear from the real America. Washington has a high percentage of hand wringers and chicken littles who have the sky falling on a round the clock basis.

Nancy sends her regards, and please give our best to Mrs. Mussman.

Thanks, too, for your prayers.

Sincerely,

OF DONALD REAGAN

x
Mr. William E. Mussman
Standard Oil Company of California
225 Bush Street
San Francisco, California 94104

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27 January 1982

Dear Mr. President:

With the press of the office and what I am certain is a mountain of mail, there is little liklihood that this will come to your personal attention - but I'll feel better for having written it.

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Love to you both.

Bill Mussman

225 Bush Street

27 January 1982

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Standard Oil Company of California
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Bill Mussman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1982

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Dear Mr. Ediger and Mr. Stoops:

Thank you for your letter of January 27, and for giving me a chance to reply. Yes, I know of the kind of people you speak of and have compassion for them. Like many of them I, too, knew the great depression at first hand and knew poverty as well.

But, I must ask, did the problems of which you wrote just begin on January 20, 1981? When I took office, inflation was 12½%, interest rates were 21½%, and there were almost 8 million unemployed. We're trying to restore this economy so we can care for those who need help. Who cares for them if the country continues sliding down the hill it's been on for too many years?

We have not reduced spending, we have reduced the rate of increase in spending. We are still providing 95 million meals a day (1/7th of all the meals in America), medical care for 47 million needy and elderly, and housing for more than 10 million. I know Oregon is one of the several states with high unemployment, but that won't be cured until we get the construction industry working again. To do that, interest rates must come down. I think we are on the way to doing that.

Sincerely,

X
Mr. Gene Ediger X
Mr. Michael A. Stoops
X Burnside Community Council
313 Burnside
Portland, Oregon 97214

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Critical of State of the Union Address



Skid Road

Burnside Community Council

313 E. Burnside Portland, Oregon 97214 503/231-7158

January 27, 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500

RE: A Skid Road Response to Your State of the Union Address

Dear President Reagan:

We, the members of Portland's Skid Road community, have heard and read your State of the Union speech. We beg to have the opportunity to present an alternative viewpoint. For we clearly do not share your spirit of hope and optimism.

The past year has been one of genuine hardship in our community. Even the old-timers are comparing the 1980's to the Great Depression era. During your speech you made several statements that indicate a naivete on your part to the severe problems facing poor people who dwell in America's Skid Road and Bowery areas.

In your speech you stated, "This Administration has not and will not turn its back on America's elderly or America's poor." To the contrary, hundreds of elderly pensioners in our neighborhood feel that you are betraying and turning your back on the generation that you are a part of.

Almost every night this winter, Burnside emergency night shelter facilities have been full. A majority of these shelter spaces are being occupied by the elderly poor. They are Burnside residents displaced by rising rents and fixed incomes. They are not convinced that your Administration is concerned about their welfare.

You also stated that "the entitlement programs that make up our safety net for the truly needy have worthy goals and many deserving recipients. We will protect them." We disagree that the truly needy are being protected by your Administration.

A survey of the conditions in our Skid Road area defy the very existence of a safety net. Just count the numbers standing in lines at the missions, the day labor office, or emergency night shelters. It makes one question whether the truly needy are being protected.

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Burnside is a community

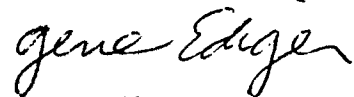
Try to convince the jobless, the homeless and the poor that your economic program is working and will benefit them soon. They will tell you of a tomorrow that will never come.

In your speech, you glamorized American heroes of bravery and valor. But we have our heroes, too. On Skid Road the hero is the man, woman or child who simply survives on a day-to-day basis. These survivors are the stout souls that transcend age, poverty and politics. They represent a dying breed of rugged individuals of high regard in our Skid Road subculture. We pray for the preservation of their human dignity.

Last night(January 26th) you failed to offer us the hope and inspiration that our community so desperately needs. Even after your speech, our goals remain unchanged. The elderly pensioner still seeks security, and the unemployed still need a job.

Our community envisions a dark future ahead. Skid Road is a place where many think only of a better past and cling desperately to an uncertain present unsure of where the next meal, bed space will come from. There is bitterness, frustration and suffering in our community. When did the American Dream become so heartless?

Sincerely yours,



Gene Ediger,
Coordinator
Burnside Community Council



Michael A. Stoops,
Board Chairperson
Burnside Community Council

CC Members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation

Mrs. Rosalee J Taggins
15228 Old Stage Coach Rd.

Waltim Oregon 97490

Dear Mrs. J Taggins

You can never know how much your letter meant to me. There in Wash. the news of the "bleeding hearts" are very loud indeed. But your letter ~~was~~ spoke louder than any of them; it spoke of an America that was, ~~the~~ still is and which will see us through the present troubles.

You've been through a great deal and suffered much I know but I have no doubt you'll come out alright. Indeed you have already.

Please give my regards to ~~my~~ ~~your~~ ~~grand~~ Mrs. Ann Dutton and to all your family. And thanks again for giving my spirit a lift.

Sincerely
RJR

To Mrs. Marie Winden Kopp 9501 Charlotte Lane
Beverly Hills Calif. 90210

Dear Marie

It was good to hear from you, to thank for the most lovely. I've been more than a little upset about what's happening to our kind.

We saw this happen to some of our sister unions & friends in years past but somehow I never realized it could happen to S.O.W.

I don't mind being a target for hard mouthed men personally but I wonder what what he's doing to an organization we all put a lot into including love & loyalty & remember once during contract negotiations J. Frank Freeman told me he had opposed the formation of the kind but then he said he had come to realize it was the greatest force for good in the motion picture industry. I don't think anyone will say that now.

Many thanks for love and give our regards to Jack.

Smile Ron

To Wm. E. Museum - ~~225~~ Standard Oil Co. of
Calif. - 225 Bush St. S.F. Calif. 94104

Dear Mr. Museum.

I'm sorry to be so late in answering
your letter of Jan. 27 but it takes a while
for mail to reach my desk.

I want to thank you for your kind
letter & generous words. It was good of you
to write and you brightened my day.

It's good everyone in awhile for her
from the real America. Wash. has a high
percentage of hand weavers & children killed
when have the day going on a round the
clock basis.

Many thanks for regards & please give
our best to Mrs. Museum.
Yours truly,
RR

To Mr. Herb E. Singer - Burnside Community Council

313 Burnside - Portland Ore. 97214

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March 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Roberts:

I'm very late in answering your most heart-warming letter, but it takes awhile for mail to reach my desk. Please know I'm deeply grateful for your generous words and your prayers. You were right about Inauguration Day and the Tabernacle Choir. Yes, the music was beautiful, but there is something about the "Battle Hymn" which fills my heart.

I pray I can be worthy of your trust. Please give my regards to Mrs. Roberts.

Sincerely,

X
Mr. Truett W. Roberts
1741 Wychwood Drive
Abilene, Texas 79605

Re: State of the Union Address

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SINCERELY,

Truett W. Roberts

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Mr. & Mrs. Truett W. Roberts
1741 WYCHWOOD DRIVE
ABILENE, TEXAS 79605

JAN. 27, 1982

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS LAST NIGHT, I FELT COMPELLED TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR IN THE OVAL OFFICE. YOUR HANDLING OF THE AIR COMPTROLLER'S UNLAWFUL STRIKE IMPRESSED ME THAT YOU ARE A MAN OF YOUR WORD AND YOUR SUBSEQUENT FAILURE TO GIVE IN UNDER PRESSURE SHOWED YOUR COURAGE...TWO STERLING TRAITS OF CHARACTER I WANT AND EXPECT IN MY PRESIDENT. I APPLAUD YOUR ACTIONS OF REDUCING THE SIZE OF OUR GOVERNMENT, SEEKING TO CUT WASTE AND FRAUD FROM WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS OF HELP TO THE ELDERLY AND POOR AND RETURNING TO THE STATES THEIR RESPONSIBILITY OF TAKING CARE OF THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THEIR PEOPLE WITH LITTLE IF ANY INSTRUCTION FROM GOVERNMENT ON HOW TO DO IT.

MR. PRESIDENT, YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE I HAVE WITNESSED AN INCREASE OF PRIDE IN BEING AN AMERICAN. IN MY BUSINESS, I SELL FLAGS AND BANNERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS AND DURING 1981 MY SALES OF UNITED STATES FLAGS HAS BEEN INCREASED OVER 2000 PERCENT! WHEN WE SEE INTEGRITY IN OUR COUNTRY'S HIGHEST OFFICE, I BELIEVE PATRIOTISM IS A NATURAL RESULT OF IT. I WAS TOUCHED BY THE EMOTION YOU SHOWED AT YOUR INAUGURATION AT HEARING THE MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR SING "THE BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC". WAS IT JUST THE BEAUTIFUL RENDITION OF THE MUSIC? I THINK NOT FOR I BELIEVE YOU ARE A MAN DESTINED TO BRING TO OUR COUNTRY A NEW SENSE OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND PATRIOTISM.

MY WIFE, WANDA, AND I WILL CONTINUE TO REMEMBER YOU IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS THAT GOD WILL PROTECT YOU, BLESS YOU WITH CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH AND GIVE YOU WISDOM, GODLY WISDOM AS YOU DEAL WITH EACH DAY'S DECISIONS AND THOSE DECISIONS WHICH YOU MAY DELAY UNTIL YOU KNOW IT IS THE RIGHT TIME TO MAKE THEM.

THANK YOU FOR THIS PRIVILEGE OF SHARING MY GRATITUDE TO YOU....THE STATE OF THE UNION IS STRONG!

SINCERELY,

Truett W. Roberts

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March 11, 1982

Dear Doug:

I'm repaid -- in full. Thank you for your very kind letter. If anything I did helped that very wonderful lady, even a little bit, I'm very proud.

Nancy sends her best, and give our regards to Margot. Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

X
Mr. Douglas Morrow
1155 North Brand Boulevard
Glendale, California 91202

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DOUGLAS MORROW

February 24, 1982

Dear Ronnie and Nancy:

(Forgive me...in this particular note, I simply cannot say "Mr. President.")

I just returned from Salt Lake and the banquet honoring George. Your tape was stunningly beautiful and moving. I kept watching Lolie. And I cannot describe its effect upon her.

This great lady, after 57 years of devotion and oneness with George, has been valiantly fighting her understandable desolation. And your words were a climactic factor in her struggle. That you did it at all was a lovely gesture. But how you did it was magnificent.

I am not surprised.

We've known each other a long time...over 39 years...(it doesn't seem possible!) My first solid hunch that you were something special was seeded that night at Malibu, in 1945, when you threw Glenn Ford's grunion back in the ocean with the memorable crack, "How would you like to have someone grab you by the neck while you're making love?"

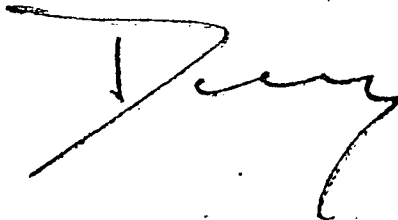
Driving home that night, I said to Margot, "This is a kind and compassionate man..." And over these many years you have consistently confirmed and strengthened that long-ago conviction.

Lolie came down to breakfast next morning with a renewed strength and serenity. I thank you for what you contributed to help make that possible.

How in the world do I repay you?

With affectionate regards to you both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Douglas Morrow', written in a cursive style. The signature is located below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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March 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Hornby:

Thank you very much for your kind and warm letter. Thanks, too, for your generous words. I'm most grateful, and Nancy is most appreciative of your words about her. She has taken a lot of truly undeserved flack from the "press gang", so is doubly pleased by your kindness.

I think you'll be pleased to know that, as of today, we are embarking on a task force program similar to what you participated in when I was Governor. Peter Grace of Grace Company is chairing the effort. If they are half as successful as you all were, the savings will be considerable.

Again, my thanks and very best regards.

Sincerely,

X

Mr. Robert A. Hornby
810 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, California 90017

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ROBERT A. HORNBY
810 SOUTH FLOWER STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90017

March 4, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 16691

Dear Mr. President:

Yesterday I lunched quietly (at first) at The Los Angeles Club to consume a modest brunch and to think. I noticed Holmes Tuttle seated at a nearby table. We chatted for a few minutes. I announced I had had it "up to here" with the carping press and the denigrating oral commentators. I said to Holmes that I was about to write to you and Nancy and re-state my support of what you have accomplished, and more importantly, what you are engaged in for the benefit of all of this country.

After you were elected governor, Justin Dart assembled a large group of brass to pay for and support the program of a meticulous review of California governance, which project I joined in with enthusiasm. The "men I could not spare" stayed on until the review and report were complete and early action was taken; i.e., about 3 years. I have recited that program many times since, and how you implemented your promised programs of costs and cost effectiveness.

Having lived a long time and been intimately involved in political campaigns in the San Francisco Bay area where I was then living, in a variety of city and state elections, and more recently in the Los Angeles area, I think I have more than a nodding acquaintance with political mores and manners.

What you did at the California state level certainly worked; its adaptation to the federal level will work. You have a cabinet which seems to be aware of your objectives, and that you intend to implement them. Knowledgeable persons join me in giving three rousing cheers and a hosanna -- and urge that we "get on with it."

I am also writing Nancy, whom the females in my small family and in our large office admire for her conduct, public presence, and genuineness -- how fortunate we are!

I think I understand about selecting talented top personnel, be it civilian or military. I think I also understand the demands of those who must fill written columns and air time. More importantly, I know as well as understand how time-consuming it is to assemble incisive facts. Both William French Smith and Caspar Weinberger are such talented persons. There are others among your management staff.

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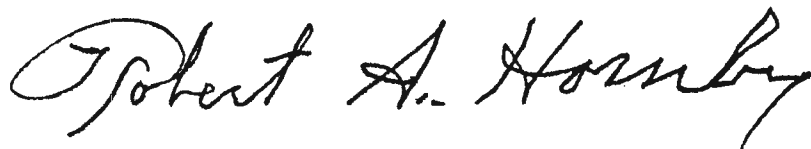
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Since I am not a loner in my vigorous support of your administration, I have no hesitancy in urging that you maintain your good health, your safety awareness, and get some relaxation. So keep on with what you have started! There are many battle-scarred veterans in your corner.

At this point I shall close lest I become a bore.

With admiration and gratitude,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert A. Hornby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

RAH/jmc

cc: William French Smith
Caspar Weinberger

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March 11, 1982

Dear Miss Gaston:

Thank you very much for my St. Jude protection -- Margaret Robbins delivered it to me. You were very kind to think of me and I'm grateful.

Thank you, too, for your prayers. They are very much needed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

Miss Virginia Gaston
E 411 Longfellow
Spokane, Washington 99207

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FROM

TO

Margaret B. Robbins
515 Ocean Avenue
Condominium #704-So.
Santa Monica, California 90402

VIRGINIA GASTON
E 411 LONGFELLOW
SPOKANE WA 99207

Monday
Mar 1st
1982

Dearest Pal
So good to hear
your voice
Enclosed article
on Mar 10th planets
I am enclosing

a ST Jude protection
for you to give to
our dear ~~see him~~ President
when you ~~see him~~ ~~Mar 1st~~
He can keep it in
his wallet at all
times. I pray for
him each day
You also darling
but not as often
Love Virginia

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March 11, 1982

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Dear Mrs. Robbins:

Thanks very much for getting the St. Jude protection to me. I've written Virginia
X Gaston to thank her.

I'm sorry there was no time to say hello and talk with all of you, but the crowd was too big and the time too short. I hope you all had a good time.

Let me thank you also for being a member of the Ground Floor group that had so much to do with getting us to Washington.

Nancy sends her regards and, again, from both of us -- thanks.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Margaret B. Robbins
515 Ocean Avenue
Condominium #704-South
Santa Monica, California 90402

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Margaret B. Robbins
515 Ocean Avenue
Condominium #704-S
Santa Monica, California 90402

515 Ocean Ave. #704-S

Santa Monica, Ca. 90402

March 7, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed is from a dear lady who worked for thirty years as the switchboard operator at the Santa Monica Police Department. She retired about fifteen years ago on a pension of about \$335.00 a month and moved to Spokane, Washington. With her small savings she can hardly make it. The point is - she does not complain - She loves you and prays for you every day. She says business in Spokane is very bad and all seem to blame you and your Administration. Now you know you have one there who does not.

Because of my health, I missed all the Inaugural events. I am so happy to be here today and thank you and Mrs. Reagan for inviting me.

I add my prayers for your safety and good health.

Sincerely,

Margaret B. Robbins
member of your Grand Floor
and had my picture made
with you at Larry Goodman.

Enclosures: 3

Hand delivered
to Rancho Sierra Grande
Santa Ynez, Calif.

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Mr. Trust W. Roberts

1741 Westwood Dr.

Alhambra Texas 79605

Dear Mr. Roberts

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warming letter. But it takes awhile for mail
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I pray I can ~~be~~ ^{be} worthy of your trust. Please
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Truly RR

To Mr. ~~Robert~~ ^{Robert} Morrison 1155 No. Grand Blvd.

Minneapolis 55401

Dear Doug

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Margaret. Again thanks. Truly RR

To Robert A. Hensley 810 So. Flower St. S. A. Calif.
Dear Mr. Hensley 90017

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To Virginia Gaston E. 411 Longfellow
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Sincerely R.R.

To Mrs. Margaret B. Robbins 515 Ocean Ave,
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90402

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Dear Reverend Carhartt:

I appreciate your concern about the situation in Central America and, yes, even your misunderstanding of what we are trying to accomplish there at the request of the El Salvadorian government.

I have no way of knowing the reliability of your informants, but I do know that a very sophisticated world-wide propaganda campaign has been at work for a long time. May I point out that the Carter Administration was convinced of the need to give economic aid and military supplies to the government of El Salvador, and we are continuing that policy on the basis of the information we have.

Reverend Carhartt, I'm sure you must realize that the person holding the job that is now mine has access to facts that are known to only a very few specialists whose job is to obtain facts upon which a President can determine policy. I am completely convinced that what we are doing is not only in the best interest of the United States, but of the free world as well.

Reverend F. Andrew Carhartt

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We have no intention of sending American combat forces there. You spoke of the lesson of Vietnam. In my view, the immorality of Vietnam was asking young men to fight and die for a cause our government had no intention of winning.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Reverend F. Andrew Carhartt
3700 Baseline
Boulder, Colorado 80303

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DRAFT ON EL SALVADOR

Dear Reverend Carhartt:

I appreciate your concern about the situation in Central America. I too am deeply moved by the tragic circumstances in which many less fortunate than our countrymen find themselves. Although I understand the conclusions you reach, I do not agree with them. Far from destroying the future freedoms of the peoples of El Salvador and Guatemala, our policy is to make possible such freedoms -- and to ensure the continued freedom of our own people.

Thank you for sharing with me your thoughts.

Sincerely,

Reverend F. Andrew Carhartt
3700 Baseline Boulevard
Boulder, Colorado 80303

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

3700 BASELINE

BOULDER, COLORADO 80303

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F. ANDREW CARHARTT, PASTOR

MANSE: 442-1557

February 5, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely oppose our administration's policy to do "whatever is necessary" to prevent a "leftist victory" in El Salvador. I believe this policy is not only in violation of our nation's best interests, but is also destructive of the basic human rights of the people of that tiny nation.

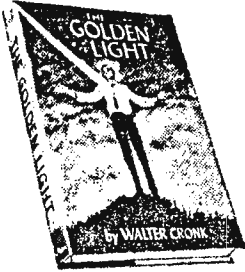
Furthermore, I believe that our USA involvement in Guatemala is in opposition to efforts by the Guatemalans to build a new socialist community in that country. It appears to me that what those people wish is quite different from the models of communism found in the USSR and China, and could, if allowed to form, provide alternatives and even corrective balances to the USSR and Chinese governments.

My feelings and convictions are informed by persons who have devoted their lives to working in El Salvador and Guatemala, who speak their language, and have provided valuable gifts of understanding to our St. Andrew congregation and to the larger community of faith in Boulder and our national faith communities. I share their belief that our USA policy is destroying possibilities for the future freedom of the peoples of El Salvador and Guatemala, and is betraying our own history of American people by supporting dictatorial and oppressive governments, and is feeding into another tragic involvement of our nation in a Vietnam-like quagmire.

It has been stated that what we have learned or not learned from Vietnam may well determine the future of human survival on this planet. I agree, and therefore strongly oppose the administration's proposals to provide additional military aid to El Salvador.

Sincerely,


F. Andrew Carhartt
Pastor



Walter H. Cronk

BOX 337

LT COL W H CRONK, USAF
5825 ELDERGARDENS
SAN DIEGO CA 92120

March 4, 1982

Dear Ron,

Since we have known each other for over twenty years, I hope you will forgive my passing over the Dear Mr. President salutation. I do thank the Lord daily for your being there to get this nation back where it belongs.

After seeing your interview at the ranch with Barbara Walters, I noticed some branding irons hanging on the wall behind Nancy which caused me to drive up here today from San Diego with this package. When I called your office in Washington, it was suggested some time ago that I drop these ancient branding irons off at your gate at the ranch.

When I was Pacific Telephone manager in Hollywood almost fifty years ago, we lived in Altadena across from Zane Grey on what had once been the old Woodbury Ranch. One time when I was digging a hole to plant another orange tree, I found this heart shaped branding iron. Near this tree, I dug up this long handled fleur de lis branding iron and the ancient hand forged horse shoes. At our home on Emerald Bay at lake Tahoe I found this old iron relic which no doubt held a pole for some reason or another. If I was on your beautiful ranch, these hundred year old relics would feel at home hanging on the wall. They have been in my den for years, but I feel they would be more at home with you. I love horses. I used to keep mine in Van Nuys where Barbara Stanwick kept hers at the Mariposa Country School. Since I am five years older than you, Ron, I am making other plans now. Hope these relics will find a spot in your home there, or in the stable. May God bless you in your current assignment.

With personal regards,

Walter Cronk

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Again, a heartfelt thanks.

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Lt. Col. Walter H. Cronk
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Mrs. Dorothy Miles
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Jan 27th 1982

Dear Mr. President and First Lady,

I'm an ordinary American citizen. A woman sixty one years old and have lived and seen alot of things in my life time.

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You both add dignity to the Office.

Now for the White House -- I'd like to see any woman move into any house that hasn't been painted or repaired in twenty years and not do something about it. They sure didn't raise hell when Jackie did it.

So you stick to your guns and give em hell. You know at least you have one American behind you and thats me.

I hope some day to have the pleasure of meeting you both and shaking your hand but thats a very dim possibility. Just know I'm with you all the way.

I wish to thank you for taking the time to have a member of your staff acknowledge the "Get Well Card" I sent you when you were shot. I have your note framed and sitting on my coffee table so every one can see it.

I sent the Kennedy family cards when John and Bobby were shot and killed but never received any acknowledgement.

It's the little things that count to the ordinary American believe me.

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To Rev. F. Andrew Carhartt 3700 Baseline
Boulder Col. 80303

Dear Rev. Carhartt

I can understand your concern about the situation in Central America and yes even your misunderstanding of what we are trying to accomplish there ~~at~~ at the request of the El Salvadorian govt.

I have no way of knowing the reliability of your informants but I do know that a very sophisticated world wide propaganda campaign has been at work for a long time. May I point out that the Carter administration was convinced of the need to give E.C. ~~aid~~ aid and mil. supplies to the govt. of El Salvador and we are continuing that policy on the basis of the information we have.

Rev. Carhartt I'm sure you must realize that the person holding the job that is now mine has access to facts that are known to only a very few specialists whose job is to obtain facts upon which a President can determine policy. I am completely convinced that what we are doing is not only in the best interest of the U.S. but of the free world as well.

We have no intention of sending American combat forces there. You spoke of the lesson of Vietnam. In my view ~~the lesson of Vietnam was~~ the immorality of Vietnam was asking young men to fight & die for a cause our govt. had no intention of winning.

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Dr. Thomas Schiff - Wash. U. School of Dental Medicine
4559 Scott Ave. St. Louis Mo.
63110

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Dr. Schiff it was good of you to write and tell me of your feeling for our country. We ~~now~~ who were born here need to hear now & then what people like yourself see in our land that we too often take for granted.

Please give my regards to Mrs. Schiff & again my thanks. Sincerely RR

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