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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1982

Dear Amanda:

Nancy and I were very happy to get your letter and appreciate your warm good wishes. As you know, your grandmother was very dear to us.

I'm pleased to learn of the interest you and your classmates have in our economic situation. The things you mentioned -- the threatened deficit, the high unemployment, and high interest rates and inflation are the result of about four decades of government extravagance. We have only balanced the budget twice in the last 26 years. The present recession is the eighth since World War II and each recession has been worse than the one before.

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The first cut went into effect last October. The next will be in July, and the third in 1983. We did this to provide an incentive to workers and to businesses alike.

Now you ask what is needed to give people back their confidence? It is a lack of confidence that keeps interest rates up in spite of the reduction of inflation. People have been caught so many times in these recent decades they are afraid we'll let inflation go up again. As a result, lenders want to protect themselves by charging high interest rates.

What can we do? Well we must re-assure them by further reductions in government spending so they'll know we intend to carry out our program. We must not retreat on our tax cuts, and I'm prepared to go further. I believe we should adopt a constitutional amendment that Congress is not allowed to spend more than government takes in.

I believe these measures will restore confidence and bring down interest rates to where people can once again afford to buy cars and build homes.

I hope this is of help to you. If you have further questions please let me know.

Nancy sends her best.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

Miss Amanda May  
712 N. Canon Drive  
Beverly Hills, California 90210

To Miss Amanda May 712 N. Canon Dr.  
Beverly Hills Calif.  
90210

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Wendy sends her love.

Jimmy  
RR

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Mar 26, 1982



March 26, 1982

No Reply

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

Thank you very much for the book entitled "American Photographers and the National Parks". We are thrilled and proud to have such a fine and thoughtful gift. It will always occupy a place of honor in our home for our family and friends to share and enjoy.

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve and we hope that in some small way we have been able to assist you in realizing your hopes for the future of our nation. We continue to stand ready to lend our support and assistance at anytime.

Very sincerely yours,  
Dodie and Bob

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March 29, 1982

Dear Ed:

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Thanks again.

Sincerely,

REED REED

X  
Mr. Ed Reed  
Broadway  
Worcestershire, England

ENCLOSURE

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Mr. Ed Reed  
Broadway  
Worcestershire, England

The President of the United States  
of America,  
The White House,  
Washington D.C.,  
U.S.A.

19th  
February  
1982.

Dear Ronald,

If you plan any day trips in June to see the English countryside may I suggest a drive through Oxford and into the Cotswold country and lunch in Broadway at the Lygon Arms, the Inn that your son Mike enjoyed so much. Possibly on to Bath to see the American Museum and back to London easily by 6 p.m.

If you had time before lunch a quick look at my garden which looks up at the famous Fish Hill, the most beautiful view in the Cotswolds. We have quite an American colony living in this village and area.

All best wishes,

Ed Reed.

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PHOTO OF MIKE  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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March 29, 1982

Dear Dave:

Thank you very much for sending me the copy of your letter, but even more for writing it. You said it all. You brightened my day when you told me of the statewide reaction.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

X  
Mr. David E. Hauskins  
1460 Van Auken S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508

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Copy of letter that defends the President's  
Economic Program



## The Conservative Caucus, Inc.

1460 Van Auken S.E.  
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49508  
616-452-1642

*David E. Hauskins*  
*Michigan State Coordinator*

May 15, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

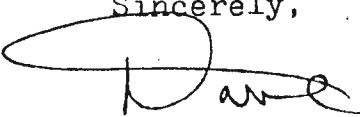
I am sending you a copy of a letter that I had printed in the Detroit News, the states largest circulation daily. I wrote the exact same letter to the Grand Rapids Press, the third largest daily.

Interestingly, they both appeared on the same day. My phone has virtually been ringing off the hook from people all over the state, thanking me for saying exactly what they were thinking. I even received a call from a former State Senator saying that it was the best letter he had seen.

I also received a telephone call the following day from WXYZ radio (ABC affiliate) in Detroit asking me to be on a live interview this coming Monday morning. They said that the letter had caused quite a lively debate on an "open forum" program that they conduct.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



David E. Hauskins  
Michigan State Coordinator

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# Give Reaganomics a Chance

I am disgruntled and appalled with those whose criticism of President Reagan's budget have reached a feverish, hysterical pitch.

I am sick and tired of hearing about the various special-interest groups that are protesting cuts in funding, which aren't really cuts, but rather reductions in the growth of such programs.

I am disgusted at hearing about the striker's wife who is suing the government because of the ban on food stamps to strikers, and about others who seem to think the government owes them an absolute right to these entitlements.

I am also sick and tired of the constant bombardment by the liberal news media, which bemoans the fact that Mr. Reagan has been in office for 15 months and hasn't been able to turn the economy around, as yet.

I am also disgusted with our elected representatives in Washington who criticize the president's budget, and then have the unmitigated gall to vote themselves a hefty raise.

In fact, in the House, our beloved congressmen voted for the raise by voice vote so our poor suckers at home wouldn't be able to find out who voted for it.

Do we have such short memories that we forget that it took us 50 years of liberal socialistic programs to get us into this mess? Can't we realize it isn't going to be turned around in a matter of months?

Just for the record, let's make some comparisons of President Reagan's 1982 budget with that of President Kennedy's 1962 budget. In the area of defense spending, the percentage of the JFK budget was 47.8; Mr. Reagan's 26.2. The percentage of gross national product (GNP) was 9 for JFK; 5.7 for Mr. Reagan.

The percentage of the federal budget spent on human resources was 25.1 for JFK; 53.2 for Mr. Reagan. That represents a percentage of the GNP of 5.1 for JFK; 11.6 for Mr. Reagan. The percentage of tax cuts to corporations was 29 for JFK; 22 for Mr. Reagan.

The tax-rate reduction for the five highest brackets was 29 per-

cent. Mr. Hill's cartoon is the most objectionable because it expresses an anti-union sentiment of the lowest order. To suggest that the UAW would object to the governor praying to God to "Say yes to Michigan" is the kind of cheap shot at which Mr. Hill excels.

It implies that the UAW thinks itself fit to pass judgment on the most sacred relationship of an individual's prayer to God. Also implied is that the UAW does not want what is best for Michigan.

Of course, such ridiculous positions do not lend themselves to sentences and paragraphs, but a cute picture calculated to undermine the union and further estrange it from the rank and file can succeed where words fail.

WADE H. CUPPS  
Romulus

## Control Handguns

If 10,000 people have to die each year to protect the right to keep and bear handguns, it is a right not worth retaining.

It is time for the National Rifle Association (NRA) and other opponents of gun control to compromise. What is needed is handgun control, not total gun control. Handgun control can be achieved without violating the Second Amendment.

There already exists a partial gun control: It is illegal to own certain types of semiautomatic weapons and machine guns. The NRA does not seem to regard this as an erosion of "rights." Why, then, would simply licensing handguns be a threat to their precious freedoms?

The right to life, the promotion of the general welfare: Do these rights fall below the right to keep a weapon made solely for the purpose of destroying human life? Those are the rights we give up as

long as we cling to an outmoded law framed for an archaic human condition.

THOMAS WATCH  
Royal Oak

## \$1,000 to Michigan

Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their state.

I am calling on 500,000 people, service organizations, businesses, and other groups to lend the state of Michigan at least \$1,000 interest-free for one year, renewable for an additional year. The \$500 million generated would lift the Michigan deficit for this fiscal year.

In addition, each person and organization should lobby Washington for a \$1 billion "lend-lease" to assist Michigan in holding together until we can redevelop our potential and retool for a more diversified manufacturing base. Michigan has the resources of skilled people and facilities, but the pump needs priming.

I will personally pledge \$1,000 and will gladly act as a pledge collection agency for those who feel as I do. Don't send money, but do send a note or letter committing to lend Michigan what you can.

When the pledges are received and tallied, contact will be made with the proper state agency for collection of the pledges. As soon as you send your pledge, send a letter to your congressman, senator, and the president insisting on the \$1 billion "lend-lease" for Michigan.

DON KENNEY  
Superintendent  
Southgate Community  
School District  
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## The Detroit News

615 Lafayette Boulevard  
Detroit, Michigan 48231

ROBERT C. NELSON  
President



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
March 29, 1982

Dear Mrs. Frachalla:

Thank you very much for writing to tell me about Linda and Peter and that miracle child. You were kind to write. Would you please congratulate them for me and give them my best wishes and regards.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

X  
Mrs. James Frachalla  
380 Mark Avenue  
Glendale Heights, Illinois 60137

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*My off congratulations for birth of child*

March 29, 1982

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Mrs. James Frachalla  
380 Mark Avenue  
Glendale Heights, Illinois 60137

Dear Mr. President:

I am Mrs. James Frachalla writing to you. Although you may not remember the name, you will as you read on. I know your schedule is a busy one and of many problems, I believe this will be a change of pace. I am the mother of Linda Saraceno. In your kindness and thoughtfulness, you telephoned her on the day before her wedding to congratulate her. You also did a commentary on Linda and Peter over a radio station. We now have a copy of the tape and copies of the commentary (enclosed). Truly, the most beautiful speech we have ever heard. Also enclosed is a picture of the miracle baby, which she was called at birth. She is now 16 months old, beautiful and very alert.

She has brought so much happiness into so many lives. Peter still goes through therapy while Linda works. My husband and I babysit, and what a pleasure. Linda has the photo you sent her of yourself and Mrs. Reagan on her T.V. set. Her friends look in awe, and she will say - they are beautiful people. Linda will be having a birthday on the 30th of January, and we will have Peter home then. I know this letter is different from your regular reading material, but we did not forget what you did and thought you would like to be brought up to date. God Bless you.

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380 Mark Avenue

Glendale Heights, Illinois 60137

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## RONALD REAGAN

(Reprint of a radio program entitled "Wedding"  
Commentary by Ronald Reagan)

On Sunday, July 16th in Chicago, Linda Frascchalla walked down the aisle and was married to Pete Saraceno. As they led the wedding party from the church, the pace was a little slow because Pete had to use a walker.

Actually the marriage itself was about two years late. Linda and Pete had planned to wed in 1976 right after he was released from the Marines. Then Pete and a buddy crashed an automobile. Pete was critically injured and pronounced dead on arrival at Westlake Hospital. But a doctor felt for a pulse one last time and found a very faint one. Pete was alive, but in a coma.

After 12 days in a respirator and with five other life support machines attached to him, the doctors told his mother to pull the plug. She replied that if God had wanted him, he would have taken him in the accident. He would remain in the coma for 3½ months. At three months he contracted double pneumonia and was given only a few hours to live.

Linda works in the admitting office at St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital. Every night after work she visited Pete, who never so much as moved an eyelash. Nevertheless Linda was there decorating his room with a lighted tree for Christmas, spending New Year's Eve with him. Sympathetic doctors told her to go out, have fun and try to forget him. She refused.

Then one day Pete opened his eyes and his eyes began following Linda as she moved around the room. Later a finger moved, then an arm and finally he tried to speak. Linda was the only one who could understand him--even when he made no sound she could read his lips.

He spent seven months at Westlake, then to the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute and finally home. Linda quit her job and used her savings to buy a 28-foot back yard swimming pool to help him exercise his legs.

One day his mother took him back to Westlake to meet the nurses who had cared for him during the long months of coma. He stepped off the third floor elevator using a walker and Mrs. Saraceno says there wasn't a dry eye on the floor.

When Pete asked Linda's father for permission to marry her, Mr. Frascchalla said, "When you can walk down that aisle, she's all yours." Linda has returned to her job, but has spent her evenings decorating a garden-type apartment in Melrose Park where they are now at home. Pete had wanted to become a Chicago policeman, but still has trouble with his left arm. Linda says he can do some kind of desk work.

Pete says, "The doctors call me the miracle boy and I guess they are right. I'm lucky to be alive and I'm lucky to have Linda." Yes, he is. When the doctors told Linda that she could never have him, she told them "I love him" and she refused to believe them. She said, "I wanted to help him, so I stayed at his side as much as I could." Pete says, "She sure taught me about love." I think she taught all of us something, Pete. Congratulations. And to you, Linda, a lifetime

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1982

Dear Miss Adams:

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns. I believe you have not been informed of my true position on nuclear weapons or the situation in El Salvador.

The recent elections in El Salvador demonstrated conclusively that the Salvadorean people reject the guerrillas violent agenda to solve political problems. Hundreds of thousands stood in line for hours, some in the face of sniper fire to exercise their democratic mandate.

We must support such commitment to freedom. We remain dedicated to helping the Salvadoreans find a political settlement to their conflict. As they form their new government, we will continue to support the democratic process, the reforms and the curbing of violence from both right and left.

With regard to nuclear weapons, our country has, during the last four decades, made many serious proposals for the elimination or reduction of such weapons. Last fall I proposed that we eliminate the key intermediate-range land-based nuclear missiles, including the 300 Soviet SS-20's which have 900 warheads targeting all of Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East. In return, we would cancel our plans to deploy comparable missiles which our Allies have asked for as a deterrent. We and the Soviets are negotiating now in Geneva, but they have so far said no to the elimination of such weapons.

We are now completing our preparations for negotiating a balanced and verifiable reduction of the intercontinental strategic forces.

*Virginia F. Filmer*



The Soviets are moving ahead of us in number and power of such weapons. We must reduce and, hopefully, eliminate these nuclear weapons, but we cannot do so unilaterally. The Soviet Union has the greatest offensive military power the world has ever seen. Only if we can convince them that we will do what we have to do to match their strength with sufficient deterrent forces, will we have any chance of getting their agreement to a reduction.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

Miss Virginia F. Adams  
West Virginia School of Lay Ministry  
1608 Virginia Street East  
Post Office Box 5400  
Charleston, West Virginia 25311

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To Mr. Ed Reed - Broadway  
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Charleston W. Va. 25311

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I can understand the latter because an effective world propaganda campaign of Soviet origin has been distorting the situation.

The Duarte Govt. is the only moderate force standing between a far right group and the radical left guerrillas. These revolutionaries turned down every invitation to participate in the election and have instead threatened to kill those who vote. They have virtually destroyed the country's economy by blowing up power lines, bridges, transportation facilities and industries.

The govt. has brought about land reform and many social reforms. Our govt. which began supporting Duarte while Carter was President would not be in support now if those reforms had not been instituted.

With regard to ~~the~~ nuclear weapons our country has made 19 proposals for the elimination or reduction of such weapons since 1946. Always the Soviets have been in opposition. Now I have proposed that we eliminate the intermediate range <sup>NUCLEAR</sup> weapons in Europe. Russia has 900 warheads targeting all of Europe, No. Africa & the Middle East. Our allies have asked us to build & deploy in their countries comparable missiles as a deterrent. ~~I have proposed~~ As a result of my proposal we & the Soviets are negotiating ~~this~~ now in Geneva. So far they have said no to elimination of such weapons.

We are completing our studies now preparatory to negotiating a reduction of the strategic intercontinental missiles we & the Russians have aimed at each other.

The Soviets are ~~so~~ ahead of us in number & power of such weapons. To have any chance of getting their agreement to a reduction we must convince them we will do what is ~~necessary~~ <sup>needed</sup> we have to do to match their strength.

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Dear John:

It was good to hear from you, and thank you for sending on the thoughts of King Michael. I must say, we are in great agreement with much of what he suggests. For instance, we are pressing our allies to join us in shutting off credit to Russia. The Soviets are really in a financial bind due to their excessive arms buildup. Who knows? If they start hurting enough, they may listen to reason.

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

Sincerely,

\*  
The Honorable John Davis Lodge  
129 Easton Road  
Westport, Connecticut 06880

820331

Re: Cutting off Credit to Russia

March 31, 1982

Dear Mr. Rosenberg: *PETER M*

Thanks for your letter and for your support.  
I am most grateful.

May I beg to differ on one or two points in your letter. If memory serves me correctly, the Carter Administration did not support the Somoza regime in Nicaragua, but let it fall because of its record on human rights among other things. It fell to our Administration to establish relations with the new revolutionary government which we did. This was done even though Castro and a Soviet representative were present at the inaugural and proclaimed Nicaragua to be the first Communist State on the American mainland.

We provided a sizeable grant in aid to the new government. But we then withheld a large portion of it when the radicals threw out their own partners in the revolution and did indeed make their government totalitarian. The government had promised us it would not deliver Cuban and Soviet weapons to the guerillas in El Salvador. We discovered they were in constant violation of that pledge. This triggered our shut-off of funds.

Support economically of El Salvador had begun under the previous administration because of the moderate nature of the Duarte government. While it is true there is a far right fringe, down there the guerillas are supported, trained and armed by Cuba and the Soviet Union.

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*The situation in El Salvador and Nicaragua*

I think yesterday's election proved our contentions that the guerillas do not have the sympathy of the people and that the Duarte government does have their confidence.

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Again, thanks for your letter.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Peter M. Rosenberg  
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March 1, 1982

Mr. Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you this letter because I am concerned about the worsening situation in El Salvador.

I know that you are interested in the views of the American people so here are mine.

We made a mistake in Nicaragua and we are about to make the same one in El Salvador. We should not get involved in supplying weapons to a government that to all but the very naive is corrupt and a human rights violater.

We should stay neutral at this point, and see that the supply of weapons from Cuba as well as thier intervention is prevented.

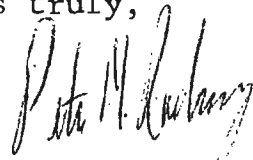
Let them settle thier own internal affairs, but see that no one interferes.

We were wrong to supply Somoza in Nicaragua and if we would have not been involved in that we would be working with the Sanganistas (?) instead of Cuba and East Germany, and the region would be a lot more stable.

Al Haig is a Good Man, but not right 100% of the time, only 99%. We can't keep an unpopular Government in power by virtue of the arms we send them. It takes soldiers to fire them. Not American!!!!

I am a loyal Republican and have supported your programs both Vocally and Financially. Please listen to the American people before you act on this one.

Yours truly,



Peter M. Rosenberg

To Thomas M. O'Brien - 6550 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Bldg. J. Suite 202

Dear Tom

Scottsdale Ariz. 85253

As usual you make some pointed suggestions. You'd be right to know me in and in front & trying to persuade an idiot to join in anything or all about to the point O.

I wish we had given a bit closer just to that young conviction from 58 down. Maybe you will do that.

I'll keep your campaign position in on hand and hope you are right. You know history has it that the party in the White House always loses a part of the in it once it the off your election. It's like to see it your way.

You mentioned a Park R.V. better but don't sweeten it as I can't comment on that.

Best Regards,  
Ron

Thomas John Davis Lodge 129 Easton Rd.

Dear John

Westport Conn. 06880

As we go to hear from you and thank you for sending on the highlights of King Michael. I must say we are in great agreement with much of what he suggests. For instance we are pursuing our ally for join us in <sup>340511</sup> ~~supporting~~ credit to Russia. They are really in a financial bind due to their reserves are depleted. What's more? If they start hunting enough they may listen to Russia.

Many hands can lead & give our agency to 7 success. Again Thanks. Sincerely Ron

To Peter M. Rosenberg 4141 Bingham. <sup>Bldg.</sup> Suite 505  
Dear Mr. Rosenberg Tampa Fla. 33611

Thanks for your letter and for your support. I am most grateful.

May I say to differ on one or two points in your letter. If memory serves me correctly the Carter Admin. did not support the Panama regime in Nicaragua but let it fall because of its need  
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on human rights among other things. It fell to our foreign administration to establish relations with the new revolutionary govt, which we did. This was done even though Castro is a Soviet representative was present at the inaugural to proclaimed Nicaragua to be the first Communist State on the American mainland.

We provided a sizeable grant in aid to the new govt. But then withdrew a large portion of it when the radicals ~~seized~~ <sup>took over</sup> the new position in the revolution and did indeed make their govt, totalitarian. The govt. had promised us it would not join Cuban & Soviet weapons to the guerrillas in El Salvador. We discovered they were in constant violation of that pledge. This triggered our shut off of funds.

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Cyril Thomas for your letter.  
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Pres. Don Hilbert Emelan College  
Emelan Ill. 61530

Dear Don

Yes I did get the speech & thanks very much. Well we have a lot of time between now & spring of 1983 so I'm sure we can work something out. In the meantime if you have any particular ideas about what would be of most interest to you let me know.

I don't know whether I've ever told you or not - but to get a letter right to me just put 16691 upon the left front corner of the envelope. That eliminates a lot of mail room bureaucratic delay.

I'll see you in May.

Best Regards Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1982

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Best regards,

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Eureka College  
Eureka, Illinois 61530

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Tom:

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Again, thanks. Nancy sends her love.

Regards,

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X Mr. Tom Chauncey  
X KOOL Radio-Television, Inc.  
511 West Adams Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

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To Mr. Tom Channey - Kool Radio-TV Inc.

511 W. Adams St. Phoenix Ariz. 85002

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1982

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Thank you for your letter of February 10. I'm sorry to be so late in answering. You were kind to write as you did and I'm grateful.

You are correct in your description of what happens in Washington when you try to shut off the government money machine. It's a little like getting between the hog and the bucket.

Let me reassure you, however, about our friends on Taiwan. We will not desert them and have taken steps to rectify some of what was done in 1979.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. William J. Freeman  
1811 Dellwood Drive  
Norfolk, Virginia 23518

February 10, 1982

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

Dear President Reagan


Thank you for your efforts to reduce the size, scope and unnecessary powers of the Federal Government. I wish it were possible for me to be able to make a contribution of time and funds to help further your programs. Unfortunately, I will not be able to do so, years of government irresponsibility have made it next to impossible for working people such as myself to do much of anything except to try to provide for the immediate needs of our families.

I note with regret that the news media, especially national Television newsprograms, have increased their attacks not only on your Domestic and Foreign Policy Programs, but also on you and Mrs. Reagan personally. The pseudo-liberals, professional Welfare Agents and their Welfare-for-life clients have already begun a well orchestrated, vociferous campaign, directed by Democrat oppononts, to malign not only you and your family, but they will also attempt to discredit your policies by taking extreme cases and representing them to be the norm.

There is one area in your Foreign Policy that I am extremely disappointed in, that is the lack of progress in upgrading our relationship with The Republic of China (Taiwan, Free China). They are the only nation that gave the United States free and unlimited access as a staging area for combat support operations during the Vietnam era. What they got in return for their support was a boot in the rear.

In closing let me say once again, Thank you for your efforts, keep up the good work.

Sincerely

  
William J. Freeman

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1982

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Dear Mr. Riblet:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of February 12. It has only just reached my desk.

*Budget*  
I can understand your concern about the deficit and the coming elections. Let me assure you the situation with regard to the budget is not as it appears by way of the media. There is a little matter of getting the cooperation of the Democratic majority in the House. There is more going on than is visible on the surface. You'll be pleased to know we have a task force of top level businessmen who are going to look at the Defense Department, and others as well, to see where modern business practices can bring about savings.

Our goal must be to send a message that will give confidence to the money markets to bring interest rates down. Actually, it is a lack of confidence in government that is keeping them high. We have had inflation now for five months at less than a 4½% rate -- they just aren't ready to believe it will stay down. It is all important now that we show government spending will be further reduced.

I share your high regard for Congressman Hiler and for Senator Lugar. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

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Mr. W. B. Riblet  
Post Office Box 1124  
Elkhart, Indiana 46515

2-12-82

Dear President Reagan,

I am a conservative Republican with a belief in a strong national defense because of my past service in the U.S. Marine Corps. I have just sent my money to be a member of your Special Presidential Task Force. I also joined the Republican Party \$1,000 Life Loyal Membership Campaign in 1980. I believe in what you and the Republican Party are trying to get accomplished but I feel that you are now not using the proper marketing and salesmanship techniques and strategies. Now is not the time for your hard attitude on not cutting some of the defense budget to go along with all the cuts you want on social programs. If everything is targeted to be cut, then you will be able to get the nation behind you to eliminate deficit spending. If we don't start getting interest rates down, the Republican Party is going to take a beating at the polls in November and everything we conservative Republicans have hoped for will be lost. We sure don't want to give our gains and hopes back to the Democrats, but the big issue is going to be unemployment in this next election.

My company is involved in the manufactured housing and recreational vehicle industries. Elkhart, Indiana has an unemployment rate of over 12% and high interest rates are keeping people out of work and threatening the existence of many businesses. This atmosphere is not going to change until the federal deficit and interest rates come down. Our industry is hostage to interest rates which has threatened the American dream of a "man and his castle."

Maybe it is time to give consideration to a defense budget reduction of 10 to 20 billion and cutting the tax reduction in 1982 in half which would bring the deficit more in line. Once the economy gets moving the tax revenues will be increased, deficits eliminated and then the final portion of the tax cut can be inacted for fiscal 1984. Therefore, it seems to me that the smart idea would be to "step back one to gain two!"

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I realize that I cannot talk to you about these matters and know that this letter will not reach your desk. However, being a loyal Republican that has invested in the success of our Party and the countries future, I felt compeled to let you hear from the "grass roots." I don't feel that you are going about this budget and deficit reduction in the right way and that you are playing into the Democrats hands. You have given them a strong rallying point for the 1982 elections. Why don't you reconsider your positions and get the economy moving again?

Best regards,

W.B. Riblet

P.O. Box 1124

Elkhart, Indiana 46515

cc: Sen. Lugar, Sen. Quayle, Con. Hiler

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 5, 1982

Dear Mrs. Costello:

I'm sorry to be so late in responding to your letter of February -- it only recently reached my desk.

I'm sorry you weren't pleased with the State of the Union address. Please remember it was also aimed at a Congress which must overcome partisan rivalries if we are to get anything done.

Believe me, I can understand your concern and your farm problems. I have a farm of my own. No one has been hurt more by the cost-price squeeze than farmers. But there is no way to have a quick fix to a problem that has been building for thirty years. We are now paying for three decades of fiscal irresponsibility on the part of our Federal government.

I'm convinced we are following the right course. We started with interest rates of 21½% and a 14.4% inflation rate left by our predecessors. Interest rates have come down five points, but that is far from enough. At the same time, however, we have reduced the main cause of the rates, inflation, from 12.4% to 4.5% over the last five months which should be bringing interest down more.

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Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Ralph Michael Costello  
Box E  
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February 4, 1982

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

I am writing to you today out of deep concern for my family and for my country.

I am 43 years old, a graduate of Smith College, married 21 years to a community physician, and mother of six young people. About fifteen years ago we purchased a run down piece of farmland in western Pennsylvania. Since then my husband and I and our children have spent all our spare time and money developing this land into a producing beef-feeding operation. Many of our acquaintances think we are a little crazy for choosing a life that requires so much hard physical work, so much responsibility and so little free time, but we have always felt it was well worth the sacrifices we have made. We are proud that we do all the work ourselves, raising crops, feeding cattle, construction, repairs, and so on.

Farming has been a tremendous experience for us in several ways. In addition to our pleasure derived from working the land and seeing the fruits of our labors, farming has kept us together as a family. It has taught us how to do things for ourselves and provided us with the confidence of knowing that we can care for ourselves in basic ways, as our forefathers did for themselves years ago. Also, by developing our farm we have added much to the community: we have improved the land, stimulated business and provided top quality beef for local consumers.

One of the side benefits of our farm life is that it has taught us a great deal about the economic structure of our country. As farmers involved with farm prices, market fluctuations, major machinery investments, business tax incentives and interest rate problems, we have been very personally affected by economic conditions in our country. And today, we have reached the point where we find that our farm, which has always been a source of pride for us, is undoing much that we have built over the years.

We are still paying for part of our land, for our farm home, and for some of our machinery. The farm banks with which we deal have always had floating interest rates. We have read and studied everything we can find on the subject to help us decide how to change our farming operation in order to survive changing costs and market conditions. We have tried to sell some of our machinery in order to help pay our debts and expenses, but no one else can afford farm machinery either.

We are caught in the middle of a vicious circle, as are all other

business men today: having committed ourselves to long term investments, we must produce in order to meet the terms of our investments, but production costs rise and, at the same time, the buying power of our customers is gone. We are luckier than most of our farming neighbors however. My husband's professional income has kept us going, but we are using up our savings and cannot see how we can keep our farm and home much longer without drastic economic changes.

I am burdening you with personal details only because I believe they make a point that it is important for you to be aware of: we are a family that is typical of your most ardent supporters, the small businessman of America. We are not sitting back waiting for Uncle Sam to provide handouts. We are working our hearts out because we believe and we care! We are first and foremost Americans dedicated to freedom and to the free enterprise system. We have faced years of liberal Democratic legislation that has brought our country to the brink of economic disaster and socialism.

We were thrilled when you were elected and happy with and proud of everything you have done since then, until the State of the Union address last week, that is.

Our community is overwhelmingly Democratic (8 to 1), so we have always represented a minority opinion in our area (all five voting members of our family are registered Republicans). Many of our Democratic friends have given you the benefit of the doubt because even they can see that nothing else has worked so far. But they and every single Republican with whom we have spoken feel let down by your recent address to Congress. It fell short. Something immediate must be done to lower the deficit and interest rates and instill confidence in the business community.

The vicious circle we personally are in is just a microcosm of our country's problem and it appears to all of us that time is running out. With each increase in unemployment, the deficit increases, interest rates increase and business slows down: more unemployment. Small tax cuts are not enough. Americans cannot save enough; they will use money from tax cuts to pay overdue bills. Legislation which goes into effect six months from now will not work either. The problem is compounding so rapidly that figures which fit today's picture will not be large enough to extricate us from difficulty six months from now.

You are the first president in my lifetime who has the strength of character to take actions that are not necessarily popular or pleasant. I do not know whether the solution is more taxes or deeper cuts, even in defense if necessary, or possibly even greater tax cuts, but every person with whom I have spoken, Democrat or Republican, feels something must be done and soon. Most Americans realize the need for drastic action and are ready to go along. The fact that the press and media emphasize people complaining about cutbacks does not mean those people outnumber those who want cutbacks.

Mr. President, I know my family and I will survive; we have the tools with which to get along no matter what happens, but I implore you, sir, for the sake of our country---do something!

If our economy does not surge upward soon we will be faced with an onslaught of liberal Democratic victories in the next elections and that, I believe, will be followed by the socialization of the United States of America, and you, President Ronald Reagan, will become known as the second Herbert Hoover.

Please, Mr. President, I cannot bear the thought.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Naomi S. Costello". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Naomi S. Costello  
(Mrs. Ralph Michael Costello)

To Mr. Wm. J. Freeman 1811 Dallwood Dr.  
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To Mr. W. B. Ribbet P.O. Box 1124 Ellensburg Ind.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1982

Dear Mrs. Mata:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and good wishes. I, too, hope we can meet one day. I also hope that you will soon have your citizenship, and I know you will be a good citizen. Your letter has made me very proud.

Best regards,

*Ronald Reagan*

Mrs. Leonora Mata  
The White House Department Store  
El Paso, Texas

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AN AFFILIATE OF DUNLAP'S

March 1, 1982

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Mr. President:

My name is Leonora Mata, I live in El Paso, TX with my husband and daughter. As a coincidence I work for The White House, here in El Paso, TX a fine department store.

I came to school 12 years ago from GUATEMALA CITY. The reason for this letter is to thank you for all the help you have given my country during your one year of administration. I am sure the majority of my people feel the same way I do. We hope you continue your good work in Central America. You are the only one we can trust.

I applied for my citizenship in November 1980, and awaiting anxiously for the honored of being able to receive it under your fine administration.

I have a lot to be grateful for, to the United States. It has given me the opportunity of what millions of my countryman have not been afforded. THANK YOU.

I hope that I will have the opportunity of meeting you someday in the future, and pray to GOD that he keeps you in good health, and gives you prosperity in all that you wish to accomplish.

Sincere Regards,

Leonora Mata  
Leonora Mata

May 21, 1982

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Dear Reverend Wood:

I appreciate this opportunity to reply to your recent letter and, hopefully, set the record straight. As often happens when lawyers dominate debate, something gets lost in the translation. I can, therefore, understand your misperception of my position.

First, let me say that I share your repugnance for racial prejudice. I have long worked against it, in both my personal and political life.

The issue as presented to me was, I thought, only a narrow, technical one. It is clear that we did not adequately anticipate the reaction that followed. Part of what troubled me was a continuing series of reports in recent years that the Internal Revenue Service was botting in a most high-handed manner with private schools against whom no complaint had ever been made. The Internal Revenue Service had even proposed to make tax exemption depend on how many minority students were enrolled—all without benefit of guidance or instruction from Congress. My original intention was, and remains, to limit bureaucratic heavy-handedness.

As you are aware, the Supreme Court plans to conduct a full oral argument on the various legal issues involved sometime next term. Hopefully, that will resolve the technical lawyers' dispute once and for all.

In the meantime, as you know, I have asked the Congress to pass legislation which would authorize the Executive Branch to prevent racial discrimination by tax-exempt private schools.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Reverend William H. Wood III  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Soleburg, Pennsylvania 18963

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1982

Dear Mr. Kanalos:

I'm sorry to be so late in replying to your letter but, for some reason, it has only reached my desk in the last few days. Thank you for writing and for your suggestions. We'll be studying them in our Cabinet meetings.

Thank you and Mrs. Kanalos for your prayers and your support.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

Mr. William Kanalos  
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Niles, Michigan 49120

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PRESIDENT OF THE  
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IT WAS IN 1963 WHEN I FIRST HEARD YOU GIVING A SPEECH NOMINATING MR. GOLDWATER FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENCY. AT THAT TIME I WAS VERY IMPRESSED AND SINCE THEN I AM YOUR ADMIRER... UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR BELIEF AND THOUGHTS AT THAT TIME WERE PREMATURE FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE... HOWEVER, NOT FOR ME WHO LIVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS UNDER COMMUNIST RULING; IF MR. GOLDWATER WAS ELECTED - WE PROBABLY WOULD NEVER HAD A VIETNAM BOOSING WAR... I PREFER TO SET ASIDE THE HISTORY FOR THE HISTORIANS; BUT I AM VERY - VERY CONCERNED FOR OUR DEPRESSED PRESENT AND UNKNOWN DEVASTATED FUTURE...

MR. PRESIDENT, I DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY ENEMIES ABOARD AND AT HOME. THEY ARE NOT WASTING ANY TIME; NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE THEY ARE GETTING ORGANIZED TO DESTROY OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY. THEY CAN DO THIS BY BREAKING US FINANCIALLY - AND AS YOU CAN SEE THEY ARE DOING A VERY GOOD JOB... NOW THEY ARE GETTING ORGANIZED TO GO PUBLICLY AND BLAME YOU FOR ALL THEIR SINS; HIGH INTEREST RATES, BANKRUPTCIES, UNEMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SECURITY, STARVATION, E.T.C...

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, PLEASE, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE, TAKE SOME OF YOUR VALUABLE TIME AND READ MY PLAIN COMMON SENSE IDEAS & VERY IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS; THEN YOU VALUATE THOSE YOURSELF MR. PRESIDENT AND BY USING YOUR EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE IMMEDIATELY, YOU CAN STILL SAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY...

MR. PRESIDENT, THEN AND ONLY THEN - WE WILL BE ABLE TO HELP THE NEEDY PEOPLE AND SHOW THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE THAT WE ARE A FREE NATION UNDER GOD FOR LIBERTY, PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR ALL...

MY WIFE AND I WORKED VERY-VERY HARD FOR 30 YRS. AND THE LAST TWO YEARS WE LOST ALL OUR SAVINGS AND GAINS...

MR. PRESIDENT, WE PRAY DAILY TO OUR GOOD LORD TO GIVE YOU AND OUR FIRST LADY ALL THE STRENGTH AND WISDOM TO SAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY - WHICH ONE TIME OR ANOTHER HAS HELPED EVERYBODY! AN AMERICAN CITIZEN BY CHOICE - AND VERY PROUD TO BE ONE -

REMAIN VERY RESPECTFULLY,

GOD BLESS YOU,

Wm. Kanalos

ECONOMY: MAIN PROBLEM = HIGH INTEREST RATES.

SOLUTION: ABOLISH OR REPLACE MANAGEMENT OF THE U.S. RES. BOARD;  
REDUCE AND FREEZE PRIME RATE TO 8% UNTIL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5%.  
IT WILL CREATE JOBS - WILL TURN THE ECONOMY - WILL SAVE SEVERAL BILLION OF  
DOLLARS IN INTEREST +++ MINIMIZE THE ALL HIGH RECORD OF BANKRUPTCIES +++.

INFLATION: MR. PRESIDENT START FROM YOURSELF AND REQUEST FROM YOUR CABINET  
AND ALL THE GOV'T EMPLOYEES (EXCEPT THE MILITARY) TO TAKE 10% CUT THIS  
YEAR. ALSO, FUTURE PAYROLL AND ALL GOV'T LEASES NOT TO INCREASE MORE  
THAN 2% ANNUALLY. THIS WILL INFLUENCE BIG BUSINESS + BIG UNIONS TO DO THE SAME.

'UNEMPLOYMENT: TO ALL IMPORTED GOODS (WITH NO EXEMPTION) TO IMPOSE TAX UNTIL  
OUR DEFICIT IS FULLY RECOVERED AND UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 4% - FIRST YEAR  
AS HIGH AS 80%, 2ND YEAR 60%, 3RD YEAR 40% AND 4TH YEAR 20%.

1) INTEREST + DIVIDENDS UP TO 10,000. PER EACH ADULT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM  
THE DOUBLE TAXATION; THIS WILL INFLUENCE ALL AMERICANS TO SAVE AND  
INVEST TO THE AMERICAN INDUSTRY - WHICH IS SO MUCH OUTDATED

2) ALL GOV'T CONTRACTS TO BE GIVEN TO THE STATES WITH OVER 7% UNEMPLOY-  
MENT; NAMELY MIDWEST, NORTHEAST + NORTHWEST.

SOCIAL SECURITY: a) ALL RETIREES FROM 1983-2000 TO RECEIVE 120.00 MIN. 400.00 MAX.

H.E.W. b) MAKE MANDATORY PENSIONS - IRA + HRID WITH MIN. 5% OF SALARY  
AND CAN BE MATCHED BY EMPLOYEE TAX FREE - SAME PERCENTAGE.

c) REPLACE ALL TAXES (SS., INCOME + PROPERTY) WITH 1 FEDERAL SALES TAX.  
10% ALL GOODS, PRODUCTS + REAL ESTATE (EXCEPT FOOD + DRUGS) AND 50% FOR  
LIQUOR + TABACCO.

ENERGY SAVINGS: a) PROMOTE GOOD INSULATED HOUSING + ECONOMY CARS.  
b) ALL BUSINESS TO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION: a) A MANDATORY ASSESSMENT OF \$100.00 PER WEEK 50/50 EMPLOYEE  
IF THEY ARE NOT AMERICAN CITIZEN + DO NOT HAVE S.S. CARD  
b) STARTING THIS YEAR AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CAN NOT BECOME AMER. CITIZEN,  
THEREFORE, ABOVE ASSESSMENT WILL BE FOR HIS LIFE TIME.

VOTING PARTICIPATION: ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SUNDAYS AND TO BE MANDATORY.  
THE PARTICIPANTS 10.00 TAX CREDIT; THE NOT VOTING 10.00 ASSESSMENT.

REAGAN'S PLAN: TAKE ALL BEANS, BUTTER, CHEESE, CORN, EGGS, MILK, WHEAT, ETC.,  
FROM RENTED WAREHOUSES AND GIVE SAME TO THE FAMILIES UNDER 5,000 INCOME

MR. PRESIDENT: ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAMS WILL GENERATE ENOUGH SURPLUS  
AND WILL ENABLE YOU TO PURCHASE GOODS FROM OUR FARMERS AND FEED SOME  
HUNGRY PEOPLE - DISTRIBUTING THROUGH RED CROSS, SALVATION ARMY  
OR THEIR CHURCHES IN ORDER TO AVOID POLITICAL CORRUPTION....

THIS WAY WE CAN SHOW THE UNIVERSE AND ESPECIALLY TO  
OUR NEIGHBORS IN SOUTH AMERICA THAT WE CARE. -

Respectfully  
Submitted

A LONG TIME ADMIRER OF YOURS

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 5, 1982

Dear Ishrafil Siraj Abdu-Sami:

I thank you sincerely for your letter of January 28th. Forgive me for being so late in answering, but I have only recently received your letter. It sometimes takes quite awhile before mail reaches my desk.

You were kind to write as you did and I'm grateful for your generous words.

I believe many of our so-called social programs have trapped millions of Americans in a form of bondage in which they have become clients of a bureaucracy. The bureaucracy is concerned more with its own survival than it is with helping those clients become self-sustaining and independent.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Mr. Samuel Alden Ingram, Jr.  
Post Office Box 1000  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania 17837



*Special  
Interest*

In the Name of Allah (God), the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Mr. Samuel Alden Ingram, Jr.  
Ishrafil Siraj Abdu-Sami 02213-054  
Post Office Box 1000  
Lewisburg, Pa. 17837

President Ronald W. Reagan  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

January 28, 1982

Dear Mr. President:

I am a Black American, average in most respects, I am not a politician and therefore have no ulterior motives for expressing my point of view concerning your programs and policies. Though, presently my views are not preverbal in the Black Community, perhaps in due time many will come to see and know that which is already obvious to me, and no doubt to you also.

Unlike the belief held by most black Americans, (I understand a recent poll stated 0% of black Americans see the President as being concerned about minorities and poor people) I for one do not see your efforts as racism, or an attempt to penalize blacks, poor, or minorities in general. Perhaps if you were one who discreetly perpetuated organized begging on the part of men and women who happen to be black, than I would question your moral motivations. However, no man or woman, black or otherwise can charge you with instituting programs designed to continue or propagate the degree of pan-handling now prevalent in every strata of American society.

You seem to recognize that leaders who would change the society for the better must make those never understood truly difficult decisions on their own, not with the blessings of the people but inspite of the desires of the people. The apparent truth is that we, the masses, are much weaker than we would like to believe when it comes to doing the right thing that may prove to be uncomfortable and littered with difficulty in its application. I thank and Praise Allah when I see strong leaders working with the necessary Certitude and Determination to see the difficult decision through.

I see the present economical program as the only possible solution to the problems that confront blacks and other poor people in America. This prevision is based on the premise that I do not believe in the carrot on the end of the stick type economy; never will it solve the deep moral, and mental inferiority complex that the majority of Black Americans have as a result of over 428 years of dependancy. The so-called liberalism tried, tested, and marked as a failure - could not, did not, and will not correct our difficulties or answer our needs. Why is it that black leaders do not honor that fact? Each tub must sit on its own bottom, and the greatest gift that one man can give to another is to aid him in being autonomous, a self-determining individual.

Ever since Mr. Abraham Lincoln took the physical chains off of us, we have been searching for a President, a leader, who would remove the mental chains which are the results of the life we lived while in physical, literal bondage. No President, since Lincoln, not even Kennedy, had the courage or the inclination to do this - all keep us firmly bound in mental, moral, and economical slavery. I believe that your policies and programs are the first real steps made in the right direction since President Lincoln. It is strange how the right man is always given the wrong label until long after he is dead and gone.

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I believe that you are concerned that no black leader will care to recognize the greatest opportunity ever, in our history as ' negroes ', which you are opening for our people in order for us to do for self. In your words, "I worry that they will not hear me". The Bible says, "He who has an ear, let him hear."

I have an ear for your ideas, your efforts, and your great sacrafices to help my people. I praise Allah that you came to this country at this time. If History is at all truthful it will paint you as the Reality Man of this Age.

But Mr. President, your greatest challenge and danger will come from your own; that being because there are some societies built on the idea that begging is an honorable profession. India is such a place, the land where Dr. King recieved much of his inspiration. Contrary to his intentions, in 1492, Columbus did not reach India instead he found a new more infiguring land. The logic of honorable begging in particular, and the general logic of black leadership escapes me. When I see begging under any disguise or shuffling and scratching for hand-outs - like the biblical Lazarous at the rich man's gate - I get disturbed and it turns my stomach.

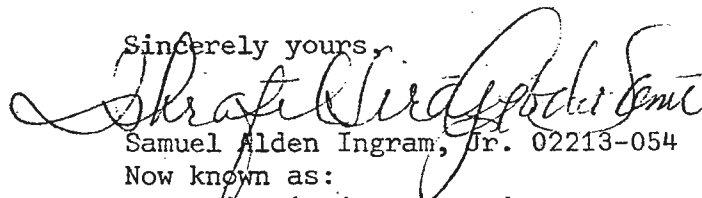
You, like Jesus (PBUH), have called to the seemingly dead black leadership to get up off their rusty-dusty and do something for self. There is nothing wrong, immoral, or cruel in such a request. No, in fact, it is the only humane solution to this terrible problem not begun by you but inherited by you.

America is very big, the earth itself is very big, the opportunities are unlimited for him who wants to apply the right sciences to accomplish what he wills. A truth that must be recognized is, "a begger never gets more than crumbs." Why do they expect more? It is men who shape societies and determine history. Men who can shoulder the full responsibilities inherent in being men.

Thank you Mr. President for being courageous enough to talk straight and take the measures that if allowed to fructify will set us, as a people, free at last. That is, in deed as well as in words.

I will keep this letter short because I know that you are busy with the important matters of unraveling the tangled mass of illusions and misconceptions you found the country firmly ingrossed in.

Sincerely yours,



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Again, thanks and very best regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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FOB JAMES  
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LYNDA A. HART  
STATE CETA DIRECTOR

March 17, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you, both personally and professionally, for your time spent with us in Alabama. Not only were your remarks regarding our country encouraging and realistic, those you made regarding our state filled us with a sense of pride and accomplishment. We were especially grateful for your expertise in communicating those particular accomplishments attributable to the leadership of Governor James.

You have issued a substantial challenge to us at the state level but not one beyond our ability to meet. While your position with regard to my program somewhat inhibited my meeting you, I am convinced that no conflict exists between your philosophy and the manner in which we operate CETA in Alabama.

Finally, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to meet you and wish I could have had the presence of mind to thank you for your sense of history, your dedication to our future and your confidence and reliance on our strength of character. You have touched the lives of my children significantly.

Sincerely,

*Lynda A. Hart*  
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To: Mrs. Leonora Mata - The White House - Dept. State  
El Paso Texas

Dear Mrs. Mata

Thank you very much for your kind letter and good wishes. I too hope we can meet one day. I hope too that you will soon have your citizenship and I know you will be a good citizen. Your letter has made me very proud.

Best Regards

RR

Rev. Wm. H. Wood III Trinity Episcopal Church  
Solisbury Pa. 18963

Dear Rev. Wood

I appreciate the opportunity to reply to your letter & hopefully set the record straight. I can understand your misperception about my position in view of the distorted manner it has been presented by the news media.

First let me say I share your feeling of repugnance for anything having to do with racism or prejudice of any kind. I have worked against such things beginning long ago before there was a "civil rights" movement.

The action I took was not to extend tax exempt status to any of the schools you mentioned. Indeed I was not aware a case involving one of them was before the Supreme Court.

Some several years ago the Treasury Dept. adopted a regulation regarding tax exemption and segregation. This regulation was enforced by I.R.S. agents. In recent years complaints have been piling up that agents on their own were deciding how many minority students schools must have to enjoy tax exemption. In some instances agents took it upon themselves to demand that integrated schools must institute scholarship programs to increase minority enrollment. I felt this could become such a precedent that agents could conceivably reverse the process if they were so inclined. I felt this should become a matter of law - not bureaucratic ~~discretionary~~ regulation. I asked the Congress to pass such a law to replace the regulation. I hope this clarifies the situation.

Sincerely RR

To Mr. Wm. Kanalos 1800 Summide Bwyway  
Niles Mich, 49120

Dear Mr. Kanalos

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replying to your letter but for some reason  
it has only reached my desk in the last few  
days. Thank you for ~~you~~ writing and for  
your suggestions. We'll be studying them  
in our cabinet meetings.

Thank you & Mrs. Kanalos for your  
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