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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1984

Dear Mother Teresa:

Thank you for your most recent letter and for your kind wishes and prayers for Nancy and me in this Holy Season. Nothing means more to us than the many prayers that are offered on our behalf. We have found in every day that passes the assurance that they are heard and answered.

That this is so came to mind recently after the calamity at Bhopal when I read that the people of that city were awaiting your arrival to help them deal with their torment and loss. One of our newspapers reported that you visited centers to console children orphaned by this tragedy -- just as in recent weeks you also consoled Ethiopian parents orphaned of their children by the ravages of famine. These disasters, sadly not simply the result of natural causes, put to the test all of the physical and spiritual resources of humanity, but they also set before us a question that is answerable only by the truth of the great celebration that is approaching.

Thinking of what your coming to Bhopal meant to those victims, I could not help but reflect on what the world awaited nearly two millennia ago in Bethlehem. It is that Prince of Peace, He who is "to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives," whom God sent to our troubled world and whom, through your person and so many others, He sends anew even now. We can and must do our part to relieve the suffering that grips other regions of the globe with food, medicine and other forms of assistance. I am proud to say the American people have always responded to such crises, privately and through their government, with great generosity. But the help we give would accomplish much less if it were not accompanied by messages of hope and charity such as you have carried across the seas and continents.

Just a few days ago, as you may know, we announced additional steps being taken to assist victims of the famine in Ethiopia, including the release of 300,000 metric tons of wheat from our national reserve for use in emergency food programs. In addition, \$50 million from other accounts has been transferred for emergency food use. We are taking further requirements for Africa in the near term under advisement, and we may ask the Congress for additional resources, if necessary, to help meet this challenge.

We recognize that we can offer assistance only because God has granted us abundance. We know that much more needs to be done, and in the weeks and months ahead we'll do everything possible to help in this lifesaving work. These actions flow from our concern for the dignity of human life, in every stage and condition, and our policies will continue to be founded on this principle which you have exemplified so well. May you and your Sisters always find the strength to carry on in your missions, and may the comfort and joy you bring to others be returned to you a thousand times over.

Nancy joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mother Teresa
Missionaries of Charity
335 East 145th Street
New York, New York 10451

P.S. I have asked my staff to inquire into what can be done about your Sisters' visas, and I am hopeful this will be resolved very soon.

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MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

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as from: 335 East 115th Street,
Bronx, New York,
N.Y. 10451.

20 November 1984.

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The President of the United States of America,
The White House,
Washington D.C. 20305.

Dear President Reagan,

Thank you for helping the sisters in the U.S. with their Immigration problems. It is a big worry for them. As Mr. Simmons suggests we will apply for a B-1 visa in the future, but we really cannot apply every year. It would still take too much time away from our poor people, and there is no certainty the sisters will be granted the extensions.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Simmons in which I ask if he can arrange for the sisters to be granted B-1s as long as they remain in the U.S. as Missionaries of Charity - no one will stay longer than ten years, and the average stay is very much less than that. I do not know whether it falls within his competence to arrange this, but please can you help us?

I was very happy to know that food is already on its way to Ethiopia where so many are dying from starvation. God will reward you for all you are doing for life at every stage.

My personal regards to Nancy.

Be sure that I and the sisters remember you in our prayers and our sacrifices. May Our Lady prepare your heart for the coming of her Son at Christmas so that Jesus may always fill you with His peace and His joy.

God bless you
M. Teresa m.c.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date:

To:

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We've been helping
Mother Teresa with
Immigration so this
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But a nice note
to the President
re the Ethiopian Relief
Should I answer personally?

We are doing something
about the Visa and we?

Anne

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ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
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MOTHER TERESA'S COMFORTING HAND



Mother Teresa, winner of 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, comforts young
victim during a visit to Indian city of Bhopal where thousands were
killed in last week's poison gas tragedy. Bhopal last

new problems yesterday when rumors of an impending evac
spread panic through city of 900,000, and about 900 employ
city's largest hospital walked off their jobs. Page 52.

India plant inspectors fault safety, ignite fears

by Andrew Borowiec
THE WASHINGTON TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE

NEW DELHI — Fear of a new gas disaster intensified in the central Indian city of Bhopal yesterday, and authorities made hasty plans in the event a mass evacuation becomes necessary.

Tensions rose after an inspection by high-level specialists of the Union Carbide factory where a liquified chemical used to manufacture pesticide turned into lethal gas and seeped into the atmosphere last week, killing about 1,500 people.

The specialists, who reportedly included the plant's former American manager, Warren Womer, were quoted by Indian officials as saying they were not "100 percent certain" about the safety of some 30 tons of methyl isocyanate still stored at the plant.

Police reinforcements were rushed to the city, some 500 miles south of New Delhi. Buses were being mobilized as authorities warned of a possible need to evacuate up to 10,000 people, mainly inhabitants of shantytowns near the plant. Adequate notice will be given, officials stressed.

Indian sources said the process of neutralizing the chemical would take four days. It was not clear what — if anything — was being done at this stage amid lack of authoritative information and reports of differing views among the scientists.

Meanwhile, doctors at the largest hospital in Bhopal walked off the job in a wildcat strike yesterday and left victims of history's worst chemical disaster without medical treatment, the Press Trust of India said.

As many as 1,500 people injured in the chemical disaster were at the government-run hospital. Senior physicians struggled to treat all the seriously ill patients, according to hospital superintendent N.R. Bhandari.

The strike began at 3 p.m. when a municipal official slapped one of the doctors on duty, according to PTI reports. Bhopal Councilman Ashok Shaba said he had protested the discharge of a patient who was still suffering from side effects of gas poisoning, but denied he assaulted the doctor.

A spokesman for the striking interns and trainees said "no patient will be allowed to die," since the strikers were



Mother Teresa bends to comfort a child still suffering from the after-effects of the poison gas leak which killed last week in Bhopal, India. A wildcat strike by hospital staff complicated the aftermath of the world's worst

willing to help in emergencies. But he said the walkout would continue until the councilman apologized.

The wildcat strike coincided with Nobel prize-winner Mother Teresa's visit to the hospital and other centers to console children orphaned by the poisonous gas leak.

In New Delhi, attention remained focused on the legal wrangle ahead which started last week with a \$15 billion suit against Union Carbide filed in Charleston, W.Va., home base of the American company, on behalf of the families of two victims.

Despite continuing Indian press reports that similar lawsuits will be filed by the central Indian government and the state of Madhya Pradesh, of which Bhopal is the capital, legal experts remained cautious. One source told The Washington Times there is no recent record of governments suing for damages on behalf of citizens.

India's Central Bureau of Investigation issued a preliminary determination Monday that poor safety measures at the Union Carbide plant were responsi-

ble for the chemical catastrophe.

Other suits already have been filed or are in preparation, and Indian executives of Union Carbide remain under detention.

At company headquarters in Danbury, Conn., Chairman Warren M. Anderson told reporters Union Carbide would contribute \$1 million to a Bhopal relief fund. But the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state, Arjun Singh, said the state government would not accept any Union Carbide contribution.

Union Carbide has said its financial soundness is not threatened by the potential damage awards, "considering both the insurance and other resources available."

Since the state is also planning to sue the company, there is "no question of accepting the token gesture," the news agency United News of India quoted Mr. Singh as saying.

Fifty scientists began studying the environmental damage, sending samples of air, water, vegetation and soil to government laboratories in New Delhi, Bombay and Hyderabad. City officials

said no traces of gas had been found in the lakes.

In New York, the United States and two governments "maintain an even keel."

Kaya tyani, addressing a foreign Policy Assembly, said a lethal leak would force governments to reconsider a policy of free trade with foreign industries.

"The enormity of the Bhopal disaster is so vast that we are still trying to find a way to deal with it."

"There will be a lot of people who will say that we should not be in contact with these industries" in the future, he said.

"But I know that we are in contact with them and we must maintain an even keel. It is something to watch."

This article is based on news reports.

For Immediate Release

December 5, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
ON SIGNING AFRICAN FAMINE RELIEF DIRECTIVE

The Roosevelt Room

2:06 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: I'm happy to announce that the United States is taking additional actions today to provide increased assistance to the victims of the terrible drought which affects major parts of Africa.

Three hundred thousand metric tons of wheat from our government reserve is being made immediately available for emergency food programs. In addition, \$50 million from other accounts is being transferred for emergency food use. Finally, additional requirements are under review, and if necessary, we will seek additional resources from the Congress.

These actions are in addition to unprecedented American efforts which have been underway for many months. During the last fiscal year, we provided 500,000 tons of emergency food to Africa. This \$170 million grant was more than in any previous year. On July 10th of this year, I announced a five-point initiative to speed up U.S. delivery of emergency food aid. And in the past two months, we surpassed all of last year's levels -- 600,000 tons of food, with a value of more than \$250 million.

The people of Africa continue to be in desperate need, and the cost in human lives, as Jack has told us, is horrible. The United States will continue to uphold our humanitarian tradition. While our emergency aid seeks to help remedy today's suffering, our regular programs of development and assistance will continue to work to eliminate the root cause of famine. These programs will help Africa grow more food in the years to come.

And beyond any governmental program, however, I want to pay tribute to the outpouring of support which the African crisis has produced in the private community. Organizations such as CARE, Catholic Relief, Lutheran World Service, AFRICARE, the Red Cross, the International Rescue Committee, Save the Children Fund, and many others, have provided the manpower on the ground which has permitted programs to reach those most needing assistance. The contributions and support of millions of caring individuals have been absolutely stunning and are essential. And this is America at its very best.

We in the government and those in the private sector recognize that much more needs to be done. And in the weeks and months ahead, we'll do everything possible to assist in this important, life-saving work.

Thank you and God bless you all. And I will now sign.

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Another Mission for the Delta Force

Middle East and Defense Department sources have confirmed that the United States flew a special commando squad to an air base in Oman last week to help free the passengers of the hijacked Kuwaiti jetliner. Two days after the gunmen killed two Americans at the Teheran airport, troops from the Army's counterterrorist Delta Force landed on the island of Masirah, in the Arabian Sea just off the sultanate's coast. The purpose of sending the elite team, according to a Pentagon source, was not to launch a rescue mission in Iran, but to be at the ready should the aircraft leave Iran for a country with a more cooperative government, one that might have accepted assistance. American officials were particularly reluctant to discuss the secret operation: Persian Gulf-area states are very sensitive about revealing any military cooperation with the United States.

More Slashes From Stockman

Among the unpublished specifics of budget director David Stockman's complete "hit list" of proposed nonmilitary budget cuts for 1986-1988 are more than \$5 billion worth of reductions in veterans' programs and \$6.5 billion in revenues through the attachment of new "user's fees" for a wide variety of government services that are now often provided free:

- Stockman wants to impose a one-year freeze on cost-of-living increases in veterans' compensation and pensions. He would provide free Veterans Administration medical care only to those who genuinely need it as determined by a "means test," and the terms of VA homeowner loans would be made less favorable.
- The budget director also wants new or higher user's fees imposed on shippers who use government-built deep-water ports and inland waterways, on boat owners who use the Coast Guard and on slaughterhouse owners who use Department of Agriculture meat inspectors, to name only a few.
- Sacred cows Stockman did not dare touch include social security, food relief to the Third World, foreign military aid and subsidized arms sales, the State Department budget and aid to allies like Israel, Egypt and El Salvador. The budget director did manage to slash one former untouchable program: the civil-defense system, which he recommends terminating.

Thinking Twice About Price

On New Year's Day, Rep. Melvin Price of Illinois will observe his 80th birthday, and soon after, the aging Illinois congressman may have to fend off a challenge to his chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee. Price's stewardship is threatened by younger Democrats lining up behind Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin, who, they insist, would provide more vigorous leadership of the important committee. Aspin's problem is that as the sixth-ranking member of Armed Services he must also contend with older hands, particularly second-ranking Democrat Samuel Stratton, an ardent Pentagon backer who believes he should inherit the job. Price's strategy for keeping his post now is to hint that this will be his last term.

Mother Teresa to Reagan: Send More Food

White House aides credit Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa with focusing President Reagan's attention on the famine in Ethiopia. She wrote Reagan a letter during the campaign expressing concern about Ethiopia's food-distribution problems,

and he called her from Air Force One to promise that food relief for Ethiopia would become a high priority, in contrast with earlier days of his administration, when critics charged the United States dragged its feet because of Ethiopia's Marxist leanings. The president then phoned M. Peter McPherson, head of the Agency for International Development, to jog American efforts. "After Reagan made that call," says an aide, "there was a hundred million [dollars] more in aid, food and fuel." Since Oct. 1, the administration has pledged more than 210,000 metric tons of food to Ethiopia.

Matheson: A Reaganaut's Democrat?

Well before leading Democrats were urging him to run for the job of party chairman, Utah Gov. Scott Matheson last summer entertained an offer to head a group of Democrats for Reagan. The offer came during a meeting with Reagan-Bush pollster Richard Wirthlin, then visiting Salt Lake City. A spokesman for Matheson insists the governor was "flat-out not interested" and had not known why Wirthlin wanted to see him. But one high-level Reagan campaign strategist tells a different story. "We got word he might be interested in supporting us," the strategist said. "There's no way he wouldn't have known what Wirthlin wanted to talk to him about." Matheson has declined to run for the Democratic National Committee chairmanship, citing his lack of interest in fund raising and other party-building mechanics and an aversion to living in Washington. He is still considered a prime candidate to chair a new "policy council" that some Democratic leaders want to establish.

A Sandinista Comes Clean

Tomás Borge, long considered among the most radical of Nicaragua's Sandinista leaders, may have committed an indiscretion by making his political views explicit at a recent forum outside his country. "You cannot be a true revolutionary in Latin America without being Marxist-Leninist," the Nicaraguan interior minister said in a surprise visit to a seminar sponsored by the Casa de las Américas, a Cuban cultural organization, in Havana. Borge insisted that "we are not copying the Cuban revolution," but said he felt "clandestine love" for Cuba's system. "Because of the tactical moment, it is necessary not to fully articulate the viewpoint," he said, flustered after spotting tape recorders in the audience, which included 55 Americans. Even so, he concluded that "the Cubans are ready to give the last drop of their blood for Nicaragua."

To the Grand Canyon by Rail—Again

A venerable American tradition could get a second chance as soon as next summer with the revival of passenger rail service to the Grand Canyon. For almost 65 years, access to the park was provided by a steam locomotive from Williams, Ariz., some 60 miles south of the South Rim. But passenger service ended in 1968 and freight haulage in 1976. Since then, the main scenic drive into the park has often been clogged with bumper-to-bumper traffic. The renovated diesel-powered locomotive, which is expected to transport about 1,500 people a day at \$20 to \$25 for an adult round-trip ticket, will be operated by a private contractor. The National Park Service has signed off on the idea, despite doubts it will reduce road congestion and concerns over how to disperse passengers arriving at the depot.

JONATHAN ALTER with bureau reports

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December 18, 1984

Dear Mr. Speer:

Thank you very much for your letter and your vote. I'm sorry to be so late in replying but it does take a while before mail reaches my desk.

I share your concern about those who give in to the idea of war being inevitable. That in itself makes war more likely. I don't believe it is inevitable and I also share your views on the horror of war. There have been four wars in my lifetime in one of which you fought. I don't want to see a fifth.

Let me assure you I have no higher priority than peace. I'm going to do everything I can to see if we can persuade the Soviets to join us in eliminating nuclear weapons. We have to face this fact, the Soviet Union doesn't want war but it does want to control the world and will use the threat of force to reach its goal. Which is why we must not let down our guard. I think of our force as a deterrent to war.

Again, thank you for your letter and for what you've done for our blessed country.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Stephan E. Speer
1426 Sixth Street
Wasco, California 93280

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November 4, 1984

L. Frick ★
President Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

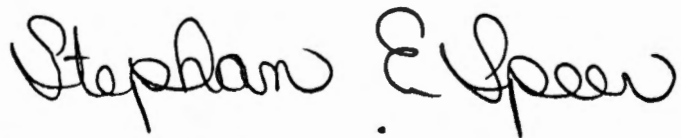
Let me begin by saying that I believe that you have sincerely done your best while in office during the last four years. I am especially pleased that inflation is under control and that there is a steadiness and pride prevalent in these United States that was lacking for so many years. I will be pleased to add my vote to your reelection efforts. I would in turn request that you consider some very deep concerns that I as an American citizen am confronted with.

As a Vietnam Veteran, I am deeply concerned with our nation's general feeling that war is inevitable. When I hear this I am truly terrified for my children and our whole way of life. We in this country, with the exception of those of us who have experienced it, do not fully understand what horror war really offers. I personally do not pass a day without a terrible sense of sadness at what occurred in my early life as a result of war. My father, a Navy medic, was severely traumatized by what he experienced during World War II, as indicated by his sisters. He never spoke of his experience to me and carried his horrors to the grave with him. I do know that he lived life fully but seemed bent on self destruction. This according to my family was a complete change in personality for him and one that manifested while he was overseas during the war. That was the father I knew, didn't understand as a child (perhaps not until I had returned home from Vietnam, six years after his death), yet loved none the less.

I, much more fortunate than my father, am well adjusted after Vietnam, work as a Microbiologist (thanks to the G.I. Bill) but also harbor terrible feelings of sadness at what occurred in Vietnam, especially during my tour from 1969 to 1970. I left the war behind determined to live life to the fullest. I enjoy every breath that I take and thank God that I am in full command of my body and senses after that experience. Please do not allow this country to become involved in another war. Rather than that, direct us as a nation, to help the people of the world to live without fear, without hunger, and without despair. Encourage our people to work together and individually to strive for the good of our fellow man. Acknowledge these efforts publicly so that others will be encouraged to follow suit. Let's not base our efforts on stopping Communism but rather on stopping ignorance, hunger, and evil. These acts alone will be the greatest deterrent to Communism. In closing, while you proceed with your duties as President, I in turn will make certain that my children grow knowing just how precious their way of life is. They will be made fully aware of what is expected of them as citizens of this country and as citizens of the world.

Thank you for your time and may God bless and guide you in all that you do. Yours is a tremendous responsibility as all of our lives and hopes are in your hands.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephan E. Speer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stephan E. Speer

To Mr. Stephen E. Spear 1426 6th St. Wasco Calif.
93280

Dear Mr. ~~the~~ Spear

Thank you very much for your letter & your vote. I'm sorry to be so late in replying but it does take a while before mail reaches my desk.

I share your concern about those who give in to the idea of war being inevitable. That in itself makes war more likely. I don't believe it is inevitable & I also share your views ^{THE HORROR OF} on war. There have been four wars in my lifetime in one of which you fought. I don't want to see a fifth.

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Again I thank you for your letter & for what you've done for our blessed country.

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December 18, 1984

Dear Dick:

Just a line to acknowledge your good letter of the 13th and to tell you again how grateful I am for your continued support. Believe me, your suggestions and the points you raised will get careful consideration by all of us. We're making progress on the Defense package too.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your lady and again my thanks.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Richard Thornburgh
Governor of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

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To Hon. Richard T. Linnenger - Hon. of Penn. - We have his
address
Dear Dick

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& to tell you again how grateful I am for your continued
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raised will get careful consideration by all of us. We're
making progress on the defense package too.

A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you &
your lady and again my thanks.

Sincerely
Dick



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REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION

December 13, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

As Chairman of the Republican Governors Association, I want to express our thanks for the opportunity to meet yesterday with Ed Meese, Dave Stockman, Jack Svahn and Lee Verstandig to be briefed on the Administration's initial budget plans for the upcoming year.

We strongly support your desire to reduce the federal deficit, cut the size of government and minimize the tax burden upon all Americans. These efforts are, in fact, reflective of our own initiatives at the state level as well.

We recognize that, as Governors, participation in your deficit reduction effort will require considerable commitment on our part. We think we have proved equal to similar challenges in the past and commit our best efforts to cooperating and coordinating further with your Administration in the months ahead to assist in these endeavors.

Following our briefing, we offered the following observations upon how we could best participate in and support your efforts to meet the goals outlined to us:

1) Proposed cuts in aid to the states or to the business community which could impact adversely upon efforts at economic development and job-creation should be carefully scrutinized lest they prove counterproductive to continued economic recovery. While we recognize that the size of the deficit is itself a major potential inhibitor in this area, we feel that programs and grants designed to promote continued economic growth should receive special consideration in the budget process.

2) To the maximum extent possible, states should be granted full flexibility in the use of federal programmatic dollars, especially in enabling us to assist in providing essential services to those most

in need. We can indeed "do more with less" if we are relieved of inhibiting federal mandates and restrictions as we proved in our handling, for example, of the block grants implemented in federal fiscal year 1982.

3) Some thought should also be given to phasing in cuts in some of the areas where zero-budgeting is initially proposed for 1985-86. Reductions that might be absorbed over a two, three or five year period could be accommodated in a far more orderly manner than those which must be "swallowed in one gulp" during a given fiscal year.

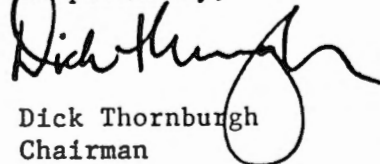
4) To the extent possible, we would appreciate learning at the earliest possible moment of likely federal budget cuts which will impact upon the states in 1985-86, so that uncertainty and confusion in our own budget processes can be minimized. Follow-up meetings between our respective budget offices could be arranged to further mesh our joint efforts.

5) We Governors recognize that grants and subsidies to states and local governments must be impacted if true deficit reduction is to be effected, but we need to be reassured that an equal commitment to other proposed areas of reduction is being made and will be sustained by the Administration. As, I suppose, most other constituencies, we are wary of being "cherry-picked" in the event our support of your programs is "locked in" while others are excused from the reduction process.

6) Appropriations to the Defense Department should not be spared from the cost-cutting process, so long as our essential national security interests are not impaired. Cutbacks and stretchouts in normal procurement, for example, should not be declared "off limits" if a true across-the-board "freeze" is contemplated -- especially since it appears that substantial reductions could be accomplished in this sphere as a means of equalizing the burden imposed in other important non-defense areas.

Again, we offer our thanks to all concerned for a most constructive meeting and express our willingness to follow through in further efforts to devise a process to maximize our opportunities to support the Administration's commitment to restoring a greater degree of fiscal integrity to our federal budget process.

Respectfully,



Dick Thornburgh
Chairman

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December 18, 1984

Dear Mr. Murdock:

Thank you very much for your letter. This is just a note to acknowledge your letter and to tell you I share your opinion of Jeane Kirkpatrick. She has done a magnificent job at the UN but understandably believes four years, with the sacrifice of family life, is enough. I assure you I intend to make every effort to keep her in the Administration in some capacity.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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December 6, 1984

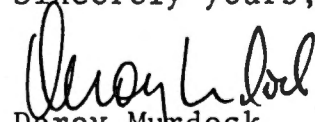
The Hon. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge you to keep someone on your team. As you are about to begin your second Administration, I truly hope you will not allow Jeane Kirkpatrick to return to private life. She brings a rare and much needed realism to American foreign policy as well as a host of analytical and intellectual skills which are indispensable. Ambassador Kirkpatrick has served you loyally and has made her country proud through her work at the United Nations. I sincerely urge you, Mr. President, to keep Jeane Kirkpatrick in your Administration in some high level capacity. She is a national treasure you and America cannot afford to lose.

With seasons greetings to you and the First Lady and best wishes for your second term I remain

Sincerely yours,


Deroy Murdock
National Director and
Chairman, Washington, D.C.
Young Americans for Freedom

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

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December 18, 1984

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 30th. I'm most grateful for the input you provided and assure you it will be helpful in what we are trying to do. Much of what you said substantiates findings of the Grace Commission and certainly dovetails with my own experience as Governor. The battle back here will soon be joined and every bit of ammunition such as you provided is welcome.

Sincerely,
RONALD REAGAN

Mr. George D. Buchanan
Administration Building
20 South Second Street
Newark, Ohio 43055

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November 30, 1984

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

To restrict the growth of a
tree, you must first contain
its roots.

Dear Mr. President:

Although you will probably never receive this letter personally, I feel I have put off writing to you too long. Perhaps many people have alluded to the same problem in different ways. But I feel I can talk about this subject from a different point of view.

As Auditor of Licking County for the past eighteen years I have watched how some federal programs are forced to grow. In our county welfare department (now the department of human services), I was here when the first federal money was infused into this local bureaucracy.

The general relief, aid for the blind, aid for dependent children, etc. caseload was handled by one (1) caseworker for one hundred fifty to two hundred (150/200) cases. We were advised that the programs had to be handled by separate people, and we could not have more than forty (40) cases for one (1) caseworker. Otherwise, no federal money would be available to us.

This shortly created a need for a larger building, additional equipment, supplies, and other related costs. State and federal reimbursement was then available to retire the debt created by this expansion.

I visited the state department of public welfare with the local director to discuss cash flow problems. After the meeting I was waiting outside the district directors office and overheard this remark. "Bill, spend everything we are allocating to your programs, or we will send it to someone who will spend it. We are asking Congress for more money next year. We have to show that the need exists or we will be cut".

Honorable Ronald Reagan
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November 30, 1984

Things have not changed much in eighteen years except to get worse. Yesterday the current director was in my office. He advised we will have to go on electronic deposits for their clients now. If we do not offer this, the federal funding share will be cut.

Then he said we need to build an addition to our present building or build another building. He is required to increase his staff to keep within the regulations. Also, the building is jammed with files of current and closed cases. Again we will be reimbursed by the state (and federal), over the next 15 to 20 years to pay off the indebtedness and building maintenance.

I know there is little you can do about the regulations promulgated by high-level bureaucrats and adopted by the Congress. But I do believe in the budget you send to Congress you could put a lid on the amount to be spent by this department.

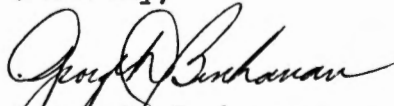
I am not talking about a no-growth figure after allowing for inflation or new programs adopted by Congress. Set the figure based on actual current expenditures not budgeted figures from the previous year plus allowances for new programs (needed) and included in current requests.

This won't do the job by itself, but it is a start in the right direction. The people at the bottom will start dropping off the payroll because the people at the top will make sure they keep their own jobs first.

Then, if our "great Governor Celeste" decides to make up the difference from his surplus tax collections, we will get a double benefit we will elect a Republican Governor two years from now.

Thanks for winning the election. Nice talking with you.

Sincerely,


George D. Buchanan
Auditor, Licking County

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December 18, 1984

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The bonds of course are another means of borrowing. The good point is that the interest will be paid to our own citizens. Right now, one out of four American families owns U.S. savings bonds.

Thanks again and thank you for your kind words and your prayers.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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November 15, 1984

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WASHINGTON, DC

Dear President Reagan:

First of all, I would like to tell you that I voted for you and also prayed and fasted the day before (along with millions of my fellow Christians) for your re-election victory.

I realize that you now face a huge deficit problem, and I am writing to you with an idea that came to me on how you can overcome this problem. I may be ridiculed by others, but I trust you to respectfully hear me out.

Do you think, Mr. President, that we could have a US Savings Bond Drive like we had during WWII. Could we not have Hollywood Celebrities criss cross this great country of ours to urge every citizen to buy bonds to save our economy?

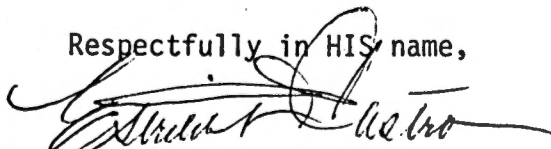
And when we do receive the funds, can we not set it up solely for this purpose?

I would be very surprised if you responded to this letter. Shock I believe would be a better word, but either way, I'm glad to have this opportunity to write you.

Please give my regards to Nancy. I love both of you very much and pray for both of you daily.

Thank you for loving my Lord Jesus Christ and honoring him before men.

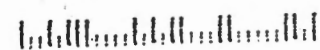
Respectfully in HIS name,


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JOSEPH P. CASTRO
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President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
North West
Washington , D.C. 20500



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December 18, 1984

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Thank you for your letter and for giving me your view on the Treasury Department Tax Proposal. Let me just explain that their proposal contains a number of options which we have to study. So far our attention has been centered on the budget proposals. We won't get at tax reform until we've readied our budget for presentation to the Congress.

I can assure you your views will get a hearing when we do take up the tax plan.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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824 Harbor Road
Southport, Connecticut 06490

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FRANK P. WENDT
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December 5, 1984

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

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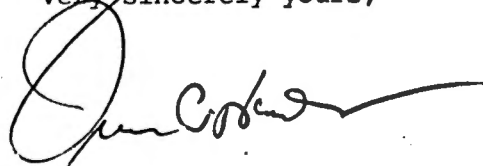
This letter is in opposition to the Treasury's proposal which would allow charitable deductions only for gifts that would exceed 2% of the donor's adjusted gross income and would disallow a deduction for unrealized capital gains on gifts of appreciated property.

I'm a Trustee of a number of organizations including a New England College, a Divinity School, a Secondary School providing naval training and a local Library. In each case, we rely entirely on the private sector for our funding. The Treasury proposal penalizes philanthropy - at a time when this country has taken great strides in shifting the burden of underwriting many programs from the Federal Government to the private sector.

It makes no sense to restrict Federal support for student aid and for the arts, for example, and at the same time reduce the incentive of private citizens to take over these financial obligations.

I am very disappointed in the Treasury's tax reform proposal. We should not use "simplification" as a vehicle to discard the "workable" tax code provisions which have evolved after considerable discussion and debate over many years. Our present system may be complicated - but it works!

Very sincerely yours,



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



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December 18, 1984

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R. Frank
The President
The White House
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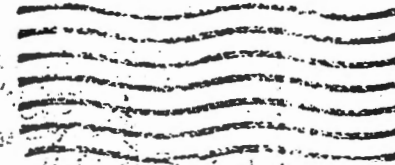
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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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To Mr. Daroy Murdoch Box 6086 Wash. D.C. 20057

Dear Mr. Murdoch

Thank you very much for your letter. This is just a note to acknowledge your letter & to tell you I share your opinion of Jeanne Kirkpatrick. She has done a magnificent job at the U.N. ~~and~~ ^{but} understandably believe four years, with the sacrifice of family life is enough. I assure you I intend to make every effort to ~~for~~ keep her in the administration in some capacity.

Sincerely RR

To Mr. George W. Buchanan - Admin. Bldg. 20 So. 2nd St.
Dear Mr. Buchanan Newark Ohio 43055

Thank you very much for your letter of Nov. ~~30th~~ ^{30th}. I'm most grateful for the input you provided & assure you it will be helpful in what we are trying to do. Much of what you said substantiates findings of the Grace commission & certainly dovetailed with my own experience as Gov. The battle back here will soon be joined & every bit of ammunition such as you provided is welcome.

Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Estrelita T. Castro 2447 Kalamia St.
Dear Mrs. Castro Honolulu Hi. 96819

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December 18, 1984

Dear Miss Sarmiento:

I can't tell you how grateful I am for your letter. You were more than kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful for your generous words.

It is tragic that your generation must put up with teachers who feel as the ones you overheard do. In a way I feel sorry for those teachers, their lives must be so empty. This nation was meant to be a nation under God and thanks to people like you that's what it will continue to be.

During the campaign, crisscrossing this land and meeting the people, convinced me that the overwhelming majority of our people have kept the faith. Thank you again for writing as you did. You have much to give this land of ours and I'm grateful that your family came to these shores.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Jan 3, 1985

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Although I've never met you, I feel as though I know you quite well. My name is Peg Johann Sander. My grandparents, Ruth Hogan and Carl Johann, went to college with you in Eureka. I have lived in Eureka all my life, until six months ago when my husband and I moved about 15 miles to Morton. I was at the college on your birthday when you spoke in Reagan gym. As I said, I feel as though I know you. Now the reason for my letter.

On Christmas day I watched the program on television honoring some wonderful people at the Kennedy Center. You and Mrs. Reagan were in attendance. I was so moved by the number "Let There Be Peace on Earth" and tears came to my eyes. I saw you and you appeared to be moved too. The words of the song stayed with me, "Let it begin with me" and I thought, "What can I do?" As a nurse, I first thought of working for the Peace Corp and helping the sick all over the world, perhaps help the starving children in Ethiopia. Then I looked down at my four-year-old son and my 4 month-old daughter. My dreams of grandeur vanished. I didn't need to go to the other side of the world to help bring peace. I could do it right here, in my home, in my neighborhood, in my community. By being a Christian wife and mother, by instilling moral values in my children and teaching them the respect due all human beings, I can truly "let it begin with me."

For some reason I felt urged to tell you this. I think you're a wonderful man, and you have my prayerful support as you lead this great nation.

Sincerely,

Peg Sander

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Morton, Illinois 61550

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