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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 28, 1985

Dear Mr. Clemente:

Thank you very much for your letter and for telling me the tragic story of your Hungarian friends. How much "inhumanity to man" there is with so few being aware of it. I shall keep your letter on hand and make use of it whenever it is appropriate but without embarrassment to you.

Thank you again for sharing your experience with me.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Hank Clemente
9 Nicholas Road
Hopkinton, Massachusetts 01748

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11 December 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

About two years ago I was behind the Iron Curtain and met an individual from Hungary who asked me to convey this story to as many people as I possibly could. The story is one of life and living behind the Iron Curtain and it places freedom in perspective.

Essentially, this individual received a doctorate in biochemistry from one of the universities in Hungary. He had applied for a post-doctoral fellowship at McGill University in Canada. He attempted to get a visa eight times in order to leave the country and was denied eight times for reasons unbeknownst to him. On his ninth attempt, he was granted a visa; however, they claimed he had a slight complication - his wife was pregnant. Since she was pregnant, the Hungarian government gave him a choice: if she wanted to accompany her husband and if her pregnancy was less than 2 months, she would have to have an abortion; if the pregnancy was greater than two months, she would not be allowed to leave the country and join her husband in Canada. Since the woman's pregnancy was beyond two months, she could not join him.

After the baby was born, she was allowed to visit him at McGill in Canada, but she could not take her newborn son. She went to Canada for two weeks, and during that time span her husband tried to convince her not to go back, that both of them should stay in the free world. Although he had not seen his son, he thought that life would be better for both of them in the free world than going back to Hungary to be with their son. Emotionally, she could not handle this decision so they both decided to return.

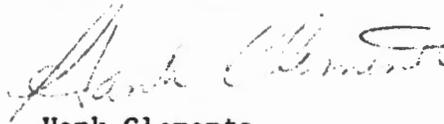
While I was talking to him tears were welling up in his eyes and the climax of the story came when he said that the following week he was going to go to Mongolia. He preferred to go there rather than to Canada or the United States because when he arrived in Mongolia he knew that going back to Hungary would be better than staying in Mongolia. However, going to the free world would recreate the old feelings of freedom in him which he so long desired and would place him in a quandary about returning to Hungary.

Page Two
10 December 1984
Mr. President

I guess my thoughts on the whole subject are I do not know what price freedom is in terms of a military build-up or a military threat, but I do know from my experience behind the Iron Curtain that the most precious thing we have is our right to freedom. Some may argue the cost is excessive. I would think that those people should take just one trip as an ordinary person and deal with the common folk behind the Iron Curtain or accept the fact that communism is not intended to help the individual grow but to keep him in line.

I think I did my friend in Hungary a favor by pointing this story out to you; use it as you wish.

Very respectfully yours,



Hank Clemente
9 Nicholas Road
Hopkinton, MA 01748

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January 28, 1985

Dear Ms. Sellers:

Thank you very much for your letter and good wishes and for sharing your views about South Africa. All of us find apartheid repugnant but so do many people in South Africa. We are working quietly to persuade and to help the South African government improve the situation there and we've had some real success.

You are right about the importance to us and the free world of South Africa as a trade partner. Indeed, our own national security is at stake. I'm sure we can be of greater help to the disadvantaged Blacks in South Africa by continuing our present policy than by taking to the streets in demonstrations.

Again my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Ms. Joan Joyce Sellers
2105 Ponderosa #230
Camarillo, California 93010

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in feeding the world and it's high time they
did know. I'm going to see that some of our
congressmen hear about your experience in El Salvador.

Again my heartfelt thanks & very best wishes.

Sincerely RR

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White House

Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I deeply appreciate the beautiful blue White House card with it's excellent photo of you and Mrs. Reagan, and its beautiful message. What a chore, to get all of those into the mails!

Recently, I have been astonished by the upsurge of U.S. demonstrations against the Republic of South Africa. For nearly 40 years, I have received publications from there, having had a college classmate from that country, and perhaps I am more familiar with the country than many Americans are. Hence I was already aware that the majority of blacks there do not agree with Bishop Tutu, but it must have been a surprise to Senator Edward Kennedy that they were quite vehement about showing disapproval of his stand!

I am also aware of the many changes which are taking place in that country, and of its appreciation of the attitude of your administration. Injustices probably have occurred, as they do everywhere, but the fact remains that it remains the only stable government in an ocean of violence and unrest, and I can scarcely recommend its demise.

Furthermore, in our own selfish interests, it does seem to possess vital strategic minerals which we might well find a need for! And it does strike me that we often use different yardsticks to measure a nation's respect for human rights, depending upon our inclination to trade or not to trade with a nation-

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otherwise been in dire need. So it astonishes me how these seniors do get vocal the minute such a possibility appears in print! Constantly I keep hearing of people starving, or living in hovels. Maybe I don't get around, but I've never really seen any in such circumstances, although younger persons without jobs could readily get so unlucky. Although the Grace plan seemed to outline methods to avoid such curtailment, there might be reasons why not.

So if a year's freeze on increases becomes necessary, I'm quite confident that I'd survive it. To bring the budget nearer to a balance does seem to me plain good sense.

May fortune smile upon you in your second administration.

Sincerely yours

Joan Joyce Sellers

2105 Ponderosa #230

Camarillo, California 93010

Joan Joyce Sellers
2105 Ponderosa #230
Camarillo, CA 93010
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Washington, D.C.

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Joan Joyce Sellers

To Mr. William Sears 613 Southwick Dr.
Fayetteville N.C. 28303

Dear Mr. Sears

Thank you very much for your letter of Dec. 12. I'm a little late in answering but it takes a while for letters to reach my desk.

There are no words to properly express my gratitude to you and my admiration for you. Yes Rangers lead the way and Ranger William Sears is truly out in front. I'll do all I can to see that the enormous price you've paid will not ~~be~~ be in vain. My heartfelt thanks & God Bless you.
Sincerely RR

To Mr. Laery J. Abraham Coop/Unit/ Nord B.P. 70
Yaounde Cameroon West Africa.

Dear Laery Abraham

Thanks very much for your letter of Dec. 19. But even more, thank you for what you are doing there so far from home. It was good of you to write and I'm grateful for your generous words & for your report on our standing there in Cameroon. You play a very large part in creating that good image of our country. We are in your debt.

God Bless you.

RR

To Capt. S. S. Griffin Northwest Landing, East Hampton N.Y.
Dear Capt. Griffin 11937

Thank you very much for your good letter, and more important, for what you are doing. You are right that very few of our fellow citizens are aware of the part our flag ships are playing

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January 28, 1985

Dear Mr. Thom:

Congratulations on your decision to enter the campaign. Obviously, I cannot express a preference for any candidate in a race that belongs to the people of Seattle but I certainly can express my opinion that age should not be a consideration or an issue. My own philosophy is that getting old is 15 years down the road from where we are now. Your record indicates that you have served our country well. Wasn't it Cicero who said, "If it were not for the elders correcting the mistakes of the young there would be no state?"

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Herbert Thom
The Labor Temple
Room 114
2800 First Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98121

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December 27 1984

President, Ronald Reagan
The White House D.C.

Dear Mr President,

As a life long Republican with a history of service to all Americans, I have decided to run for Mayor of the City of Seattle.

One very important reason for running for this public office is to show the older citizens that they are not washed up just because of age. I am 87 years old, and I feel that if I can show the people of this country that an 87 year old citizen can really get into things, and shrug off snide remarks about my age.

What this country needs is to be shown that age is not a handicap.

I survived World War One, World War Two as a merchant seaman in the North Atlantic, also, Korea, and Viet-Nam.

I feel that we older citizens should demonstrate that we can do the job, I am sure you know what I mean.

Any moral support that you feel would be in good taste would be very welcome.

Sincerely,

Herbert Thom

Herbert Thom for Mayor
City of Seattle WA
Room 114 The Labor Temple
2800 First Avenue
Seattle WA 98121

To Mr. Harold Thom Rm. 114 The Labor Temple
2800 First Ave.

Seattle Wash. 98121

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What is ~~so~~ Eisenhower who said, "It was not for the sake of correcting the mistakes of the young that we are here?"

Sincerely RR

To Mr. Harold C. Thist 401 Highland Medicine Lodge ~~Room~~
Dear Mr. Thist
Keweenaw 67104

You truly brightened my day with your letter of Jan 10. You offer to help me such a contract to some of the services that are being raised against my effort to reduce spending. I can't accept your generous offer with regard to the cost of living increase but I am truly grateful. There is a fund in the Sec. of the Treasury's office that citizens can contribute to for reduction of the National debt.

We've managed to bring inflation down from the 13% level it had reached a few years ago. It has only averaged 3.9% for the past 3 years but I'm not giving up until it is gone.

Your account of farming in an earlier day when the family farmer raised ~~for~~ his own food supply from a cash crop is something I'm familiar with.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1985

Dear Mr. Liebst:

You truly brightened my day with your letter of January 10. Your offer to help was such a contrast to some of the voices that are being raised against any effort to reduce spending. I can't accept your generous offer with regard to the cost-of-living increase but I am truly grateful. There is a fund in the Secretary of the Treasury's office that citizens can contribute to for reduction of the national debt.

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I was born in a small farm community in Illinois. I wonder why so many farmers today have forgotten to do that.

Again, my thanks for your letter and generous words.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Harold C. Liebst
401 Hibbard
Medicine Lodge, Kansas 67104

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Again my thanks for your letter & generous words.
Sincerely RR

To Mr. & Mrs. Joseph D. Scoltock P.O. Box 548

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Scoltock Yellowville Ark. 72687

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of Dec. 15, it has only just reached my desk & I want to thank you for writing as you did. You certainly brightened my day and made me proud of our generation.

I've taken the position that Social Security is not a part of our deficit. It is totally supported by the S.S. payroll tax and that tax cannot be used for any other purpose so reducing the benefits would not affect the deficit. But again my heart-felt thanks. God bless you.
Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Nora Harris 310 So. Standish - Henderson Texas

Dear Mrs. Harris 75652

It was good to hear from you but I was sorry to learn of Woodrow Wylie's passing.

I appreciate your generosity about the Social Security cost of living increase but I've taken a position opposed to that as a deficit reducing measure. You see Social Security is totally supported by a payroll tax which can only be used for that purpose so reducing your benefits would not contribute to reducing the deficit.

But God bless you & I am grateful to you & proud of our generation. Nancy sends her love.

Sincerely
RR

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Medicine Lodge Kansas

Jan. 10 . 1985

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RR

President U.S.A. Mr. Ronald Reagan

Dear President Mrs Liebst and I hope it is not to late yet to be some
What Patriotic , as the financial condition of our country is a real
Worry to us older folks , we are neither wealthy nor are we financially
Strapped , but able to pay our bill,s if they do not increase a lot
More I do not under stand inflation , I dont remember us haveing it even
in the 1930 s and on back as far as I can remember to the early 1900 s
and even to day I still dont understand why Roosevelt took the U.S.A.off
The Gold standard , since gold is getting more reasonable in value it
would seem to me to be a worth while currency I would like to have a
— Couple of Twenty dollar gold pieces like my dad used to have they were,
Really valuable desirable beautiful pieces of money .

The main intent of this letter is to say we are happy you are reelected
Last Eve, Jan, 9, 1985 your press conference made us really proud of you
Your appearance performance and answers to the many variable questions
Ashed by the press members proved who was in charge of the situation .

Much has been made and said of the farmer,s plight in this country and
Community to begin with my nephew Lewis Liebst is now farming the farms
Of where 8 different men farmed and raised their families and farmed
Back in 1910 when I was a boy going to school those were the days of the
Family farms much of the liveing was produced by each farmer such as milk
butter cheese meat eggs chickens and game and what the garden produced
Along with transportation horse power and its maintainance,I admit we
Did buy sugar always a hundred pound sack of it at a time , and in the
Fall we bought usually about 5 fifty pound sacks of flour and put it in
A tin lined box to foil the mice , we always ground a few bushels of the
wheat we raised it to was put in the tin lined box . Mother baked bread
roll,s and biscuits , there were a couple of times I remember none of
Our family got to town for over thirty days , and no we never went hungry

Ronald in order for us to show our patriotism and appreciacion of our
Dear U,S,A, consider reduceing my Social Security chech the three per
cent it was increased Jan. 1. 1985 really I do want to help this is a
real good country it is just badly mismanaged because too many of us are
greedy and hoarding more than is necessary

with a lot of deep respect for you and your office sincerely

Harold C, Liebst
401 Hibbard
Medicine lodge Kansas 67104

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Scoltock:

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Scoltock
Post Office Box 548
Yellville, Arkansas 72687

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White House
Washington, D. C.

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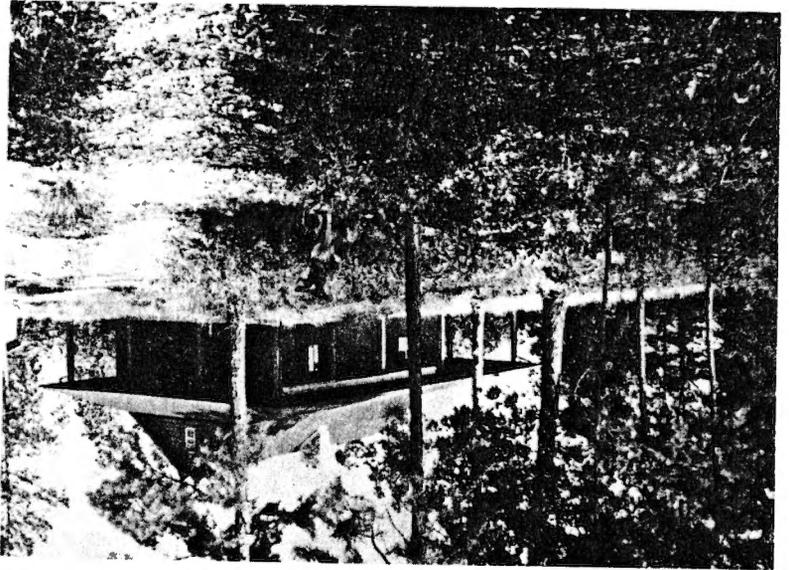
We receive Social Security benefits. We are not wealthy and Social Security is important to us.

But we, and most other Social Security beneficiaries we have talked to, want to be part of the effort to cut the budget. We will take a freeze on cost of living raises the same as everyone else.

The ones that won't have this are mainly the professional lobbyists. We don't want this kind of generation gap--the older citizens refusing any sacrifice while the young struggle with taxes, payments, and raising their families.

Very truly yours,

Claire Scoltock
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Joseph D. Scoltock
Joseph D. Scoltock



Mr. Joseph D. Seelock
~~P. O. N. Box 119~~ PO Box 548
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310 South Standish
Henderson, Texas 75652

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1-15-85

Dear Mr. President &
Mrs. Reagan,

Thanks for the beautiful
Card and lovely message
to me. The picture of you
is the best and I'll
treasure it as long as
I live.

Your landslide election
was a thrill indeed.

My good friend Woodrow
Wylie didn't live to
enjoy it. He passed away in
October. I sent you a
clipping of a good write up
he did in your behalf.

I'll be watching the
Inaugural party & the

Inauguration with great
pride & joy.

You bet we'll be pray-
ing for you daily.

When you were shot we
had special prayer for
you every Tuesday Night
at my daughter's home.

I heard a lady on
a talk show from St.
Louis, Mo. say it would be
fine with her if you
freed the Capt. by sending
on S.S. & I want you to
know it would be fine
with me also.

The very best to you-
both. Have a Happy New yr.

Sincerely,

Bess Harris

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1985

Dear Sergeant Healy:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 15 and for your generous words. I want you to know nothing in my present job has made me more proud than you, the men and women who are wearing our military uniform. Now you add to that pride with your proposal aimed at helping us with the deficit problem.

Thank you again and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

MSG Edward J. Healy, USA

Company C, USAOMMCS

Redstone Arsenal, Alabama 35898-5000

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AW
January 15, 1985

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

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RM

Dear Mr. President:

I am a Master Sergeant in the United States Army and have just recently returned to the United States after having served in Germany from December 1978 to October 1984. When I first arrived in Germany the dollar was on a decline in the world market and was fast approaching an all time low in exchange for German marks. Many of the lower rank enlisted personnel were being forced to return their families to the United States and move into the barracks because they could not afford to live on the local economy. This, in my opinion, was one of the major causes for the low morale displayed by many of the people I was associated with. Since then the dollar has made a strong comeback and when I left Germany on 16 October 1984 was over three DM to the dollar and the military now serving in Germany and other areas of Europe are now able to support their families in a comfortable manner.

During my 18 years of military service I have had very little interest in politics and did not really support any political party. Since returning to the United States I have given a great deal of thought to the apathy I have shown and came to the conclusion that by actively participating, as much as Army regulations will allow, in supporting the Republican Party will be the best way that I can express the deep appreciation that I have for all that the United States has given me over the years. My decision to become a Republican is because since your election I have been able to visibly see the improvement in the quality of life afforded the service member both overseas and in the United States. I am therefore registering as a Republican for future elections and will also be volunteering to work for the election/reelection of Republican officials. Hopefully, I will be able to give back in some small measure for all that I have received from this great country of ours.

The main purpose of this letter was not just to indicate my embracing of the Republican Party and the ideals that it stands for but to let you know that as a professional soldier with a wife and daughter to provide for I understand that in order to reduce the federal deficit; measures, which may be unpopular, might have to be taken. Over the years the military service has enabled me to provide for my family and has given me a sense of pride in being able to serve my country. If a 3% raise in July 1985 and a subsequent pay freeze for 15 months will help reduce the federal deficit then I want you to know that as a member of the Armed Forces you would have my full support and understanding. I know that this type of action could lower my retirement pay slightly and have read in the newspapers that this freeze would continue to leave the service member as much as 12% behind the civilian sector in pay.

But, the pride and satisfaction that I, and I'm sure many others like me, receive from being in the Army more than makes up for the difference. When I first joined the Army in June 1966 the pay of the soldier was far behind that of the private sector and when it came time to reenlist I didn't even consider it a factor to my staying in. The people who indicate that the low pay raise and the FY '86 pay freeze would be a deterrent to recruiting and retention fail to take into consideration the many professionals who believe the Army is a way of life and not just a job.

I realize the difficult task you face in reducing the federal deficit and only hope that this letter will help demonstrate the support you have in the rank and file of the military services.

Respectfully,


EDWARD J. HEALY

MSG, Co C, USAOMMCS

January 28, 1985

Dear Mr. Dolphin:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 31 and I'm in agreement with the unjustified abuse so many of you are getting. I'll try harder to find occasions to speak up. I must say, however, the image makers in the media don't give such statements much play. I have on a number of occasions referred to public employees and the service they render but the press never seems to report those words.

I will admit to being critical of excessive regulations, bureaucratic practices that have existed down through the years, etc., but I've never thought of that as being the fault of employees. From now on I'll couple such criticisms with a plug for our faithful public servants who are themselves victims of bureaucratic practices.

Your point about voluntary giving is right on target. I have only recently learned that there is a fund in "Treasury" for voluntary gifts to reduce the national debt. Apparently, that has remained a well-kept secret. I am going to bring up the matter of finding a way to publicize that.

Again, my thanks and my apology for anything I may have done to contribute to the unfair image of public employees.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James A. Dolphin
6133 Gatsby Green
Columbia, Maryland 21045
RR:AVH:NM:SEV:pps

RR Dictation (Sample)

31 December 1984

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A H

The Honorable Ronald Regan
The President of the United
States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am a career Government employee with twenty-one years of service behind me. I am extremely proud of our Government and equally proud of the professional workforce at my place of employment, which is the National Security Agency. Recently; however, we have been taking it on the chin. I would be one of the first to admit that the Government has its share of slouchers and that it is very difficult to get rid of them, unlike private industry where nonproducers are simply fired. Nevertheless, even if those of us who are dedicated to our country and give our all to our jobs are in the minority, which I doubt - at least at NSA we are the majority; your remarks and those of your administration are making it extremely difficult for our moral. The end result is the driving of the dedicated, competent workers to industry where he or she will receive the recognition deserved while the lazy, nondedicated, incompetent remain. One does not have to be a fortune teller to see that this will result in more government inefficiency and more money spent because ultimately the government will be run by industry, and not necessarily for the good of the country but rather for the profits of the corporations. So please Mr. President, put in an occasional plug for us who want to work for you and our country. Help us to continue to recruit qualified patriotic individuals into the workforce by painting an image of an organization where the professional wants to work and build a satisfying career. You can do it sir and our country can not help but benefit.

The second point I would like to discuss addresses the attribute that you are blessed with and use so effectively when you choose. You, Mr. President, can rally people to your cause. You have charisma and I believe that you can and should use it to rally a grass roots program among the people to help solve our deficit problem. I suggest that a fund be setup where Americans can contribute to help with the deficit. Contributions would of course be voluntarily and would not qualify for a tax deduction. I believe that the American people would surprise you with their support and would also give our representatives in Congress a positive sign that the deficit has the attention of the American public and we are serious about getting something started to contain and ultimately eliminate it.

In summary, Mr. President, I am proud to be an American and will continue to give my best to our Government and I know my fellow Americans are willing to help our country out. So please, do not rule us out in helping with the big problems such as our deficit. Can you imagine the pride of an American being able to say "I am doing what I can to help our Government and am proud of it". You can use our help Mr. President. Thank you and God Bless.

Sincerely,


James A. Dolphin
6133 Gatsby Green
Columbia, MD 21045

To M. Sgt. Edward J. Healy
(I don't know whether this is a complete address or not)
Mag. Co. C. USAOMCS

Dear M. Sgt. Healy

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Dear Mrs. Morning:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 17 and pardon me for being so late in answering. It takes a while for letters to reach my desk and I've only just received yours.

I'm more than grateful to you for writing as you did and want you to know I agree with your thoughts about voluntary giving. You'll be pleased to know that we have an office now at the White House called the "Private Sector Initiative" and its function is to help initiate volunteer efforts. In each of the last two years private contributions to worthy causes in America have broken all records. In fact, there is a fund in the Treasury Department for voluntary gifts to help reduce the national debt. We'll have to do better about spreading the word.

Again, thanks and may I say that little daughter of yours has a very nice mother.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Alyson Morning
210 Hopkins Avenue
Post Office Box 923
Spring Hope, North Carolina 27882

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RR Dictation (Sample)

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Dear Mr. President,

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My husband earns 275.00 weekly, and we are fighting a 4000.00 deficit due to his previous marriage. Now that you know a small bit about me and our constant struggle - I want you to know I voted for you both elections, and even though my husband and I allot ourselves 20.00 weekly for food, we still managed to send 15.00 to your campaign.

We will satisfy our debts in two or three years, but it still is a constant worry not being able to pay a bill one month etc. Which, in my round about way brings me to ...this Country's deficit.

Mr. Reagan, since I have been a mother and housewife for a full year I have seen gameshows give away thousands of dollars, lotteries give away millions of dollars and somehow, somewhere, people have become terribly selfish and twisted their priorities around. Our country, the greatest in the world, has provided the freedom and the means for people to be able to succeed and prosper. Yet, we all complain about taxes - I do. Many who have plenty of money only live to make more more more.

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Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

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I promise we'll do everything we can to make your sacrifice worthwhile and to bring about a lasting peace. I have no words to tell you and your men how proud I am of all of you.

God bless you.

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To Major Lloyd W. Meadey - Dept. of the Air Force

H.Q.'s. 5th. Tactical Air Control Group (PACAF)

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(Will you make a copy of the Major's letter that I can give to Cap. W.)

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31 Dec 84

Dear Sister Bernice

First of all, thank you and your students for their cards and the kind and welcome thoughts during this Christmas season. Some of my men are writing individual letters back, but I thought I would put together some thoughts that you could share with the whole class.

I'm enclosing some pictures that perhaps better portray where we are and what we're doing. We're located atop Mt. Yongsun San--- roughly translated "Home of the Mountain Guardians" and represented in Korean traditional stories by a large Dragon--- 4000 foot above sea level. As you can imagine, it's very cold here and it snows a great deal. On Christmas morning the temperature was -3F and the chill factor was -35F--- to say the least, a little rough on Santa's reindeer! It also snowed that afternoon.

Because we are all away from home and we have no children with whom to share Christmas, we have adopted a small farming village school (12 children). There are 9 boys and 3 girls in the school and we had to walk over two miles off the road through a mountain pass to see them Christmas Day. We had a Santa suit that one of the men wore and we raised enough money for each child to have a nice toy, a stocking cap and scarf, a tooth brush and fruit--- and then we walked 2½ miles out and drove back up the mountain for our Christmas dinner. I think all Americans should glimpse Korea and how hard life is in the rural communities. Only this past summer they got their first electricity.

It would be difficult for American students to imagine school without computers, movie projectors, and cafeterias that served hot lunches. But that is the order of the day for the children of Korean farmers. As the children grow older, they will have to make that 2½ mile hike each way, each day to go to middle school and high school--- not an easy day. One can see where the child could easily become disenchanted with school. Despite such obstacles, my Korean translator (Mr. Im) tells me that the Korean Literacy rate is over 96%. In fact, Korea has a draft, but they will not draft those few people who do not read and write. Incidentally, Mr. Im told the children that Santa Claus flew in from the United States Christmas Eve just to see them.

A little about our jobs here. We control all American (Army, Navy, Air Force) aircraft that fly near the Demilitarized Zone making sure they don't fly across the line into North Korea. We can also warn them if we detect a danger--- fortunately, there aren't many threats. All of this work is aimed at one end and that is "peace". Peace through vigilance and preparedness. We work side by side with our Korean counterparts. They are performing basically the same job as us only with all the Korean aircraft. For the people of the Republic of Korea, continued peace is a real concern. Even though the Korean war has been over for 30 years, the memories of the communist invasion are vivid. Many of the middle aged Koreans were children during the war. They know what communism means through first hand experience and they have no desire to ever experience it again. Mr. Im tells me that he can remember when as a 9 year old child he was awakened by Communist North Korean soldiers and made to go

outside and march and train with a rifle before school each day.

Lastly sister, I'd like to thank you and share some of my thoughts with you and the children concerning your comments about growing up and your memories about Vietnam. Like you, my memories are not pleasant either. Unlike you, I was a young lieutenant stationed at a radar site in the central high lands of Vietnam in 1970. The war was not popular at home, we received no "America Remembers" cards or letters and yet, the issues there were the same as those of Korea 30 years ago and today--- man is born to be free. No matter race, color, creed, geographic location or national origin, God never intended for any of his people to be subjugated or subservient to any other man and we, as Americans along with a few of our allies are in the minority--- we are free and it is incumbent on us to not only remain free but to help our fellow man achieve and sustain freedom, no matter the cost. Growing up in America has always been good, but growing up in America today is better than when you and I grew up in the 60's. I think there is a greater appreciation for our freedom and a groundswell of pride in our country. Growing up in America is also better than growing up any where else in the world today or any other day. In 15 years I have seen much of the world--- I have seen poverty, servitude, hunger, injustices of all sorts, but not very much freedom.

Here at Yongmun San, we have a favorite song--- "I'm proud to be an American" by Lee Greenwood. If you can, after you pass the pictures around you might play that song for your students and thank them because they're the reason we're here--- and the reason we're proud.

Thank you very much.


LLOYD W. MCGRADY, Major, USAF
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