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

*Not Reply
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Sir:

Forty years ago a small remnant of what has been a great Jewish community, walked, crawled, hobbled or was carried out from German concentration camps. One need only to read the eyewitness description of General Eisenhower and this will void any need to describe it, as if one ever could.

Your being in Germany during the first week of May, and demonstratively ignore an anniversary as propitious as this is a grievous mistake. Not only will it place at the wrong side, it will also have the opposite of the desired effect.

You ought to reconsider.

Because you so auspiciously celebrated the allied landings on their fortieth anniversary.

Because you are negating the words you uttered before thousands of Jewish survivors gathered in Washington.

Because you, I am sure do not have the desire to be listed along the Babi Yar crowd.

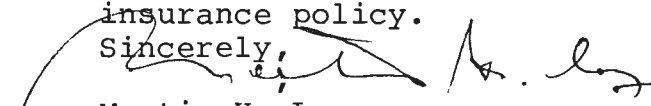
Because you are the moral leader of the West, proffered on you by these millions of well intentioned people having elected you their leader.

Because by not memorializing you are negating the slow process of accepting the fact that there just might have been some predestined leaders in this country who cared but had no opportunity to act at that time, but will now and in the future stand up with us and be counted.

Last but not least; because Germans, decent ones, the vast majority, grapple with the guilt feelings imposed upon them by a heritage not of their making, but theirs forever, need to be reassured that to remember is not to demean. To remember is not to repeat. To remember is to remind of what hatred by one group and ignoring it by others will cause. Remembering is coming to terms with it. There is no reason why Germans troubled by their heritage can not one day remember and mourn the past and then on another celebrate the future.

From one of those who hobbled out, an American citizen who is the proud possessor of a 35 year old \$10.000.00 unconverted GI insurance policy.

Sincerely,


Martin H. Lax

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The text of President Reagan's address to the opening ceremony of the American Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, April 11, 1983.

Thank you very much. President Meed, Chairman Wiesel, the other distinguished leaders of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, participants in the American gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors, members of the second generation, friends, survivors — tonight we stand together to give thanks to America for providing freedom and liberty and for many here tonight, a second home and a second life.

The opportunity to join with you this evening as a representative of the people of the United States will be for me a cherished memory. I am proud to accept your thanks on behalf of our fellow Americans and also to express our gratitude to you for choosing America, for being the good citizens that you are and for reminding us of how important it is to remain true to our ideals as individuals and as a nation.

We are here, first and foremost, to remember. These are the Days of Remembrance, *Yom Hashoah*. Ours is the only nation other than Israel that marks this time with an official national observance. For the last two years I've had the privilege of participating personally in the Days of Remembrance Commemoration as President Carter did before me. May we take a moment to pause and contemplate, perhaps in silent prayer, the magnitude of this occasion, the millions of lives, the courage and dignity, the malevolence and hatred, and what it all means to our lives and the decisions that we make more than a generation later. Would you please join me and stand in a tribute to those who are not with us for a moment of silence. [Silent prayer.] Amen.

In the early days of our country, our first president, George Washington, visited a Hebrew congregation in Newport, Rhode Island. In response to their address, he wrote them a now rather famous letter reflecting on the meaning of America's newly won freedom. He wrote, "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. For happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens." Well, certainly our country doesn't have a spotless record, but our fundamental beliefs, the ones that inspired Washington when he penned that letter, are sound.

Our whole way of life is based on a compact between good and decent people, a voluntary agreement to live here together in freedom, respecting the rights of others and expecting that our rights in return will be respected. But the freedom we enjoy carries with it a tremendous responsibility. You, the survivors of the Holocaust, remind us of that. Good and decent people must not close their eyes to evil, must not ignore the suffering of the innocent — and must never remain silent and inactive in times of moral crisis.

A generation ago the American people felt, like many others in the Western world, that they could simply ignore the expanding power of a totalitarian ideology. Looking back now, we must admit that the warning signs were there that the world refused to see. The words

and ideology of the Nazis were rationalized, explained away as if they had no meaning. Violations of religious freedom, the attacks on Jewish property, the censorship, the heavy taxes imposed on those who wished to emigrate, even the first concentration camps — all this ignored, as was the incredible expansion of Germany's war machine.

A few brave voices tried to warn of the danger. Winston Churchill was driven into the political wilderness for speaking the unpleasant truth. There were also those who in their sincere desire for peace were all too ready to give totalitarians every benefit of the doubt and all too quick to label Churchill a warmonger.

Well, time has proven that those who gloss over the brutality of tyrants are no friends of peace or freedom.

Tonight let us pledge that we will never shut our eyes, never refuse to acknowledge the truth, no matter how unpleasant. If nothing else, the painful memory we share should strengthen our resolve to do this. Our Founding Fathers believed in certain self-evident truths, but for truth to prevail we must have the courage to proclaim it.

Last week we reaffirmed our belief in the most meaningful truths of our Judeo-Christian heritage — Passover and Easter. These two religious observances link our faiths and celebrate the liberation of the body and soul. The rights of Passover remind us of the freeing of our common ancestors from the yoke of Pharaoh's bondage and their exodus to freedom. And today you bear witness to a modern-day exodus from the darkness of unspeakable horror to the light and refuge of safe heavens: The two most important being America and what soon became the State of Israel.

As a man whose heart is with you and as president of a people you are now so much a part of, I promise you that the security of your safe haven here and in Israel will never be compromised. Our most sacred task now is ensuring that the memory of this greatest of human tragedies, the Holocaust, never fades, that its lessons are not forgotten. Although so much has been written and said, words somehow are never enough. If a young person, the son or daughter of a neighbor or friend should die or suffer a terrible illness, we feel the sorrow and share the pain. But how can we share the agony of a million young people suffering unspeakable deaths? It's almost too great a burden for the human soul. Indeed, its very enormity may make it seem unreal.

Simon Wiesenthal has said, "When a hundred people die, it's a catastrophe. When a million people die, it's just a statistic."

We must see to it that the immeasurable pain of the Holocaust is not dehumanized, that it is not examined clinically and dispassionately, that its significance is not lost on this generation or any future generation. Though it is now a dry scar, we cannot let the bleeding wound be forgotten.

Only when it is personalized will it be real enough to play a role in the decisions we make. Those victims who cannot be with us today do a vital service to mankind by being remembered. But we must be their vessel of remembrance. This reunion is part of our duty to them.

Ben Meed, by serving as the catalyst for this historic event, you exemplify the meaning of good citizenship. America is lucky to have you. Elie Wiesel, you have done so much for so

many years now, for all you've done, thank you for your noble effort.

Americans can be proud that with the help of these two men and many others, we're moving forward to build a Holocaust Memorial, a living museum here in the nation's capital. And it is being financed, as is this gathering, by voluntary contributions by Jews and gentiles, by citizens from every walk of life, of every race and creed, who grasp the importance to our soul and to our well-being of seeing, of understanding and of remembering.

Imparting the message of the Holocaust, using it to reinforce the moral fiber of our society is much more than a Jewish responsibility. It rests upon all of us who, not immobilized by cynicism and negativism, believe that mankind is capable of greater goodness. For just as the genocide of the Holocaust debased civilization, the outcome of the struggle against those who ran the camps and committed the atrocities gives us hope that the brighter side of the human spirit will, in the end, triumph.

During the dark days when terror reigned on the continent of Europe, there were quiet heroes, men and women whose moral fiber held firm. Some of those are called "Righteous Gentiles." At this solemn time, we remember them also. Alexander Rozlan and his wife, for example, now live in Clearwater, Florida. But during the war, they lived in Poland and they hid three Jewish children in their home for more than four years. They knew the terrible risk they were taking. Once when German soldiers searched their home, the Rozlans kept serving wine and whiskey until the troops were so drunk they forgot what they were looking for. Later, Rozlan's own son, who was in the hospital with scarlet fever, the boy hid half of the medicine under his pillow so he could give it to the Jewish children his family were hiding because they, too, had scarlet fever.

There are many such stories. The picturesque town of Assisi, Italy, sheltered and protected 300 Jews. Father Rufino Niccacci organized the effort, hiding people in his monastery and in the homes of parishioners. A slip of the tongue by a single informant could have condemned the entire village to the camps, yet they did not yield.

And, of course, there was Raoul Wallenberg — one of the moral giants of our time, whose courage saved thousands. He could have remained in his native Sweden, safe from the conflagration that engulfed the continent. He chose to follow his conscience. Yes, we remember him, too.

I would affirm, as President of the United States and, if you would permit me, in the names of the survivors, that if those who took him from Budapest would win our trust, let them start by giving us an accounting of Raoul Wallenberg. Wallenberg and others who displayed such bravery did not consider themselves heroes. I understand that some of them when asked about why they risked so much, often for complete strangers, replied, "It was the right thing to do." And that was that. It was just their way.

That kind of moral character, unfortunately, was the exception and not the rule; but for that very reason is a consciousness we must foster.

Earlier, I described our country as a compact between good and decent people. I believe this because it is the love of freedom, not nationalistic rituals and symbols, that unites us. And because of this, we are also

bound in spirit to all those who yearn to be free and to live without fear. We are the keepers of the flame of liberty.

I understand that in Hebrew, the word for "engraved" is charut. It is very similar to the word for "freedom," cheyrut. Tonight, we recognize that for freedom to survive and prosper, it must be engraved in our character, so that when confronted with fundamental choices, we will do what is right, because that is our way.

Looking around this room tonight I realize that, although we come from many lands, we share a wealth of common experiences. Many of us remember the time before the Second World War — how we and our friends reacted to certain events has not faded from our memory. There are also in this room many young people, sons and daughters, maybe even a few grandchildren. Perhaps some of the younger ones can't understand why we're making so much of a fuss. Perhaps some of them think we're absorbed by the heartaches of the past and should move on.

Well, what we do tonight is not for us. It's for them. We who are old enough to remember must make certain those who take our place understand. So, if a youngster should ask you why you are here, just tell that young person — "Because I love God, because I love my country, because I love you, Zachor."

I can't close without remembering something else. Some years ago, I was sent on a mission to Denmark. And while there, I heard stories of the war. And I heard how the order had gone out for the Danish people under the Nazi occupation to identify the Jews among them. And the next day, every Dane appeared on the street wearing a Star of David.

Thank you all. And God bless you.



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A Declaration of Solidarity and Sympathy:

Forty years, I can not forget, I will not ignore, I have made an effort to forgive the pain and debasement I had to endure, but I will not even entertain the thought of forgiving the most obscene carnage in history visited upon my fellow Jews. This will not keep me from reaching out in sympathy and solidarity to that great majority of the younger German generation pained by the legacy they have inherited, struggling to understand what their fathers wrought.

Decent Germans grapple with the guilt feelings imposed upon them by a heritage not of their making, yet their's forever. Germans have alot to celebrate and alot more to remember. To remember is not to demean, but to remind of what ignoring, not caring and spreading hatred leads to. In their case to come to terms with the past.

Being a former K-zettler and observing the dilemma our leaders are in, I ask people of goodwill to join me in order to give strength in numbers to add volume to the voice making a declaration of solidarity and sympathy with those Germans who feel a need to remember, to reassure them that there is no reason why Germans troubled by their heritage can not one day remember the past and another celebrate the future.

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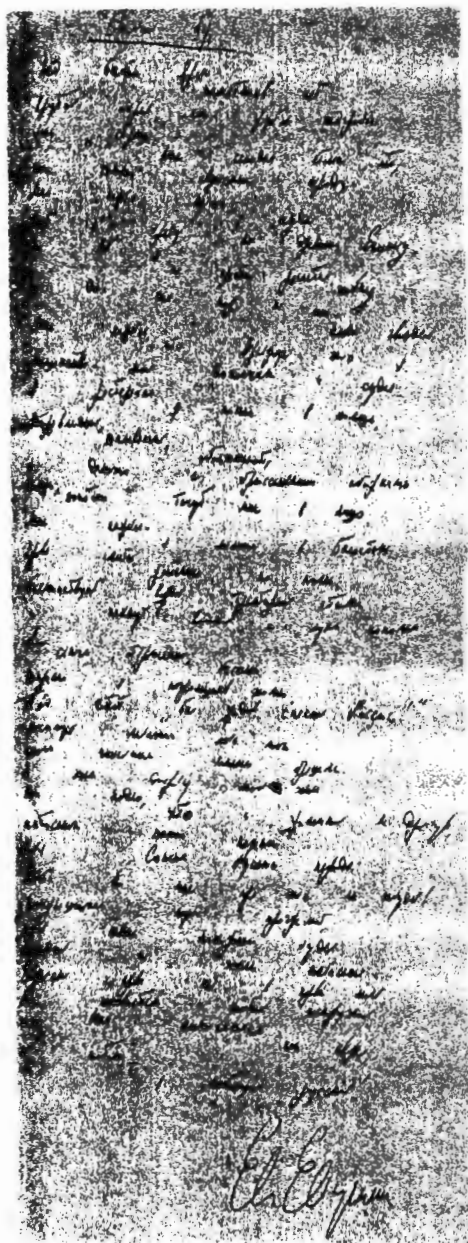


Figure 2. Beginning and end of the manuscript of the poem *Babi Yar* by Yevgeni Yevtushenko, Jerusalem, J.N.U.L. Schwadron Collection.

were "a great number of Jews, including women and children of all ages." In spite of German efforts in August 1943 to erase all traces of the mass burial through massive incineration, the evidence could not be suppressed and after the war the Soviet public at large learned of the martyrdom through newspaper accounts, official reports, and belles lettres. In 1947 I. Ehrenburg in his novel *Burya* ("The Storm") described dramatically the mass killing of the Jews of Kiev in Babi Yar. Preparations were made for a monument at Babi Yar as a memorial to the victims of Nazi

genocide. The architect A.V. Vlasov had designed a memorial and the artist B. Ovchinnikov had produced the necessary sketches.

But since the anti-"cosmopolitan" campaign of 1948-49, an effort was made to eliminate all references to Babi Yar. This policy had as an objective the removal from Jewish consciousness of those martyrological elements that might sustain it. Even after the death of Stalin, Babi Yar remained lost in the "memory hole" of history. Intellectuals, however, refused to be silent. On Oct. 10, 1959, the novelist Viktor Nekrasov cried out in the pages of *Literaturnaya Gazeta* for a memorial at Babi Yar, and against the official intention to transform the ravine into a sports stadium. Far more impressive was the poem *Babi Yar* written by Yevgeni Yevtushenko published in the same journal on Sept. 19, 1961. With its open attack upon anti-Semitism and its implied denunciation of those who rejected Jewish martyrdom, the poem exerted a profound impact on Soviet youth as well as upon world public opinion. Dmitri Shostakovich set the lines to music in his 13th Symphony, performed for the first time in December 1962.

Russian ultranationalism struck back almost immediately. Yevtushenko was sharply criticized by a number of literary apologists of the regime and then publicly denounced by Premier Nikita Khrushchev in *Pravda* on March 8, 1963. The theme of a specific Jewish martyrdom was condemned. But Babi Yar would not remain suppressed. It again surfaced during the summer of 1966 in a documentary novel written by Anatoly Kuznetsov published in *Yunist* (Eng. tr. 1967). Earlier that year the Ukrainian Architects Club in Kiev held a public exhibit of more than 200 projects and some 30 large-scale detailed plans for a memorial to Babi Yar. None of the inscriptions in the proposed plans mentioned Jewish martyrdom.

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BABOVICH (Bobovitch), SIMHAH BEN SOLOMON (1790 1855), *Karaites hakham in the Crimea. Babovich mainly devoted himself to obtaining more rights for the Karaites in Russia. In 1827, in conjunction with the Karaite scholar Joseph Solomon *Luzki, he obtained release of the Karaites from the law regarding military service for Jews. The Karaites in Eupatoria commemorated this event in an annual prayer. When in 1837 the Russian government granted religious autonomy to the Karaites, Babovich was appointed their spiritual head, although he was not distinguished as a scholar. In 1839 Babovich was instructed by the government to provide exact information on the origin, nature, and history of the Karaites. Babovich turned to A. *Firkovich, who then proceeded to produce a series of documents, some partly falsified.

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BABYLON (Heb. בָּבֶל), ancient city located on the eastern bank of the Euphrates River, about 20.4 mi. (34 km.) S. of Baghdad, near the modern village of Hillah. Akkadian scribes derived the name from the words *bab-ili(m)* ("gate of god"), whereas in Genesis 11:9 the name is explained as a derivation from the root *bll* ("to confuse"). Biblical

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and Allison.

The Schaefer family so appreciated everything that was done for them and never once mentioned the dread Usher's Syndrome which will leave the children both blind and deaf.

Again, thank you for caring. Jeonette Schaeffer was deeply touched by your concern.

Sincerely,

Al Pelfrey
2 February

Sally Gorton

Dear Mr. President,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for taking time from your busy schedule yesterday to visit with the Schaefer family from Washington State. It was the highlight of their trip to Washington DC. They looked forward to meeting you more than anything else they were doing here. When it finally did happen they were awe struck. The

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combination of jet lag and
all of those cameras tried
all of our tongues.

I took them on a white House
tour this morning and while
we waited in the garden to
go back into the house we were
bavoned by a rollicking visit
from Lucky, who headed right
for the children. We don't know
who enjoyed the encounter
the most, Lucky, or Zack, Abe

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1985

Dear Dave:

I've always known this day had to come, indeed there were times I felt I should urge it on you. In not doing that I was just plain selfish. We traveled countless miles on the mashed-potato-circuit, the campaign trails and the chores having to do with this present job, and you made all those miles seem shorter and easier. In the miles yet to come, I'll probably find myself looking over my shoulder for you and then I'll remember. My emotions, too, will be mixed as you say yours are. But while one will be a sense of loss at not seeing you, the other will definitely be a warm and friendly wish for happiness and success in all your endeavors. Nancy joins me in this.

There are no words to completely express our gratitude. Just know that you, Kathy, Tiffany, Lindsey and Jennifer will always be in our hearts.

Sincerely,

The Honorable David C. Fischer
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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The Honorable David C. Fischer
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Jeff Henley*

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 4-2-85

*I am your info., R/R
signed 2 originals
at Dan's request.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

30 March 1985

Dear Mr. President:

Nine years ago I slipped away from my legal studies and traveled across the country to volunteer my services to a man whose quest would one day take him to the highest elected office in the land. My journey began in the snows of New Hampshire and I was privileged to continue with him through his first term in the White House. While still a bachelor when first associating with the Reagan team I was soon married and since then our family has been blessed with three beautiful daughters.

It is with mixed emotions that I resign my commission effective April 8th and depart the White House for the private sector. Walking by your side over the years has been a daily historical adventure; it is this personal association that I highly treasure and will sorely miss. You should be immensely proud of the accomplishments of your stewardship that the people have entrusted you with; you have exceeded the expectations of your most ardent of supporters and frustrated your harshest critics.

George Bernard Shaw is credited with saying, "Life is no brief candle to me, but is a sort of splendid torch which I've got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations." Sharing in your vision of our beloved America, I will forever be committed to you. The spirit of that shining city on a hill burns within my soul as it does in the hearts of millions of our fellow countrymen. That torch blazes in your grasp and will continue to increase in intensity until you are ready to pass it on to others.

I am grateful for the marvelous experiences of the past years and for the wonderful friendship that developed from the cause that brought us together in 1976. Kathy, Tiffany, Lindsey, Jennifer and I thank you and Mrs. Reagan for so many happy and pleasant memories. May you continue to be blessed with our Father's inspiration and guidance.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DAVE", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David C. Fischer
Special Assistant
to the President

F. David C. Fischer

Dear Dave

I've always known this day had to come, indeed there were times I felt I should urge it on you.

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Sincerely RR

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TALKING POINTS FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN'S ACTIVISTS MEETING

- The problem of missing and exploited children is a major issue in America today. It is a problem that can threaten every American family, rich or poor. The possibility of a kidnapping or abuse to a child is one of the major fears that a parent can face.
- Each of you are here today because you are integrally involved in the missing and exploited children issue.
- Just last May, we launched the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to help address part of this issue. I know of its success and I am pleased to see so many of the board members along with the directors here today.
*TOU-FRIZ
HOTLINE 225*
- Many of you here represent other major efforts -- public and private -- that can address these critical problems that threaten the futures and very lives of our young people.
- But there is much more that can be done. And I know that you have discussed ways of doing more.
- I am asking you today to form a new partnership for child safety. This partnership will involve law enforcement organizations, school systems, and community service groups in coordination with the Attorney General and his offices at the Department of Justice.
- I would like you to report back to me within 3 weeks time with your recommendations on how this partnership should be structured.
- Lowell, I'll let you keep track of the calendar.
- It is my hope that this partnership can be launched so that every child in the country will have the opportunity to remain safe and secure.
- You are the people who will make it work. You have my heart-felt thanks.

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To Joe & Honey Rodgers - With great appreciation, very best
wishes & warmest regards.
Dorothy & Ronald Bayan

FROM
: WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Joe Rodgers...
Vanderbilt Plaza
2100 West End Ave
Suite 1150
Nashville, Tenn 37203

JOE & HONEY RODGERS

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Elaine Crispen

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 4-3-85

Please ask Mrs. Reagan to sign
the attached two photographs.

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Duffy Henley*

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 4-3-85

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April 3, 1985

Dear Bill:

A special message I get with a coded source.
But I figured out it had to be from Kabul.

Bill, your letter arrived too late. I've
already signed off on a candidate for the
trade job, a Dr. Clayton Yeutter. He is
President and C.E.O. of the Chicago Mercantile
Exchange. He has a wide range of experience
including a two year stint as a special trade
representative -- an ambassadorial post, a
decade ago. There's a lot more but I won't
burden you with it.

Let me hasten to say Peter Flanigan is an
alright guy as far as I'm concerned and he
was one of a veritable, "who's who" for the
job.

Love to Pat. Us Reagans (how is that for
grammar?) are off to the ranch.

Best regards,

Ron

Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.
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The Honorable Ronald Reagan (16690)
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

Other than to thank you for your memorable telegram, I have neglected you personally for the past few weeks, and for this I apologize. I say personally, because I did write, last weekend, a short cover story for Vanity Fair about you and Nancy, which I think you will get a kick out of. Wonderful pictures they took!

I write now most specifically. Don Regan advises that there is, somewhere in the White House, a misimpression about Peter Flanigan, who is up for Special Trade Representative. Please accept it from me that he is a conservative Republican who at the behest of Bill Casey formed a committee that raised two million bucks to further your candidacy in 1980. But that is less important than that he is among the half dozen brightest investment bankers in the good old USA, that he served Richard Nixon splendidly in the White House, knows everybody, has exactly the right instincts, and would do you a wonderful job in making the case with businessmen against succumbing to those terrible trade wars we all want to avoid. Do give him your blessing.

As you have mine. More soon, and on more relaxing matters.

Pat joins in affectionate greetings to you and

Nancy,

Bill

(Wm. F. Buckley Jr.--since this is going by MCI
and can't be signed personally)

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April 3, 1985

Dear Roy:

I know I'm sending a thank you in answer to a thank you but in this case it's to express to you appreciation for your generous words. You were more than kind.

I'm sorry we couldn't have had a few words with each other at St. John's. I must say those young people sent me away about six inches taller than when I came in. They made my day -- where have I heard that before.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Roy M. Cohn
Saxe, Bacon & Bolan
39 East 68th Street
New York, New York 10021

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ROY M. COHN



Dear Mr. President - March 28, 1985

I was pleased to receive the Americanism Award from the Young Republicans - but the large crowd and trucking remarks were dwarfed into insignificance by the video tape you made, and your gracious reference to me.

I count many blessings, but none more meaningful than the privilege of living through the Ronald Reagan era - which represents everything I have loved since I joined the Justice Department at age 19 - our great country, and the opportunity it offers for the election of a man of your greatness to lead it. As I responded - the most powerful man in the world is one of the most powerful.

I was at St. John's University this morning when you received that tumultuous ovation. Seldom if ever has one put to such magnificent use the gifts with which he was endowed.

May God bless Mrs. Reagan and you, and my deepest gratitude for having brought such a fulfilling dimension into my life.

Respectfully,
Roy M. Cohn

To Wm. F. Buckley Jr. - The Nat. Review
150 E. 35th St
N.Y. N.Y. 10016

Dear Bill

A special message I got with a coded source. But I figured out it had to be from Kaul.

I'll open letters around the date. I've already signed off on a candidate for the Trade fair, a Dr. Clayton Gutter. He is Pres. of C.I.T.O. of the Chi. Mercantile Exchange. He has a wide range of experience including a 2 yr. stint as a special trade representative, - an ambassadorial post, a decade ago. There's a lot more but I want to leave you with it.

Let me thank to my Paten Z. as an alright guy so far as I'm concerned and he was one of a veritable "who's who", for the fair.

Love to Pat. & Reagan (how is that for grammar?) and all the family.

Best Regards Ron

To Mr. Roy M. Cohen - 8 Ave, Breen & Bolen.

39 East 68th St. N.Y. N.Y. 10021

Dear Roy

I know I'm sending a thank you in answer to a thank you but in this case it's to express to you appreciation for your generous words. You were more than kind.

~~Just~~ I'm sorry we couldn't have had a fair news with each other at the office. I must say these young people but we away about six miles Tallan than when I came in.

They made my day, — where have I heard
that before.

Again thanks to Beat Ryones
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April 4, 1985

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Nancy left for California this a.m. and Thank Heaven I follow her tomorrow. Love to Lesly.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Earl E. T. Smith
1021 North Ocean Boulevard
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April 1, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

As the Ambassador to Cuba (1957-1959) during the Castro Communist Revolution, I am convinced that Nicaragua is Cuba all over again.

The present situation in Nicaragua confronts the Western Hemisphere and the Inter-American system with a grave challenge. The challenge results from the fact that the United States Department of State was responsible for the success of the Castro Communist Revolution. I so testified before the United States Senate.

The State Department must sincerely back you in your decision to give vigorous support for the guerilla forces seeking to overthrow the Sandanista Communist government.

Unless the Communist Sandanista type of government is arrested, obviously it will spread throughout Central America.

I believe it is our duty and obligation to prevent this possibility. Unfortunately our present Secretary of State is no Bill Casey.

With affectionate regards to Nancy and yourself from Lesly and



Earl E. T. Smith

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Anne Higgins

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 4-4-85

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can autopen them. Thanks.

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