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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: JANUARY 6, 1989

NOTE FOR: CRAIG FULLER

The President has

seen ☐

acted upon ☐

commented upon ☒

the attached; and it is forwarded to you for your:

information ☒

action ☐

Rhett Dawson
(x-2702)

cc: Ken Duberstein
B. Oglesby

Mr. President has seen 12/27

Maybe this should be shown

THE WHITE HOUSE to V.P. Bush.
WASHINGTON RR

December 22, 1988

Dear Mr. President:

It is an honor to present to you the first annual report of the Interagency Low Income Opportunity Advisory Board, which you established 17 months ago. I believe you will find that the Board has produced many positive and lasting results in a short time, thus confirming the wisdom of your decision.

Now, for the first time, states can seek through one coordinating body all of the Federal approvals and waivers they need to undertake their own innovative welfare reform projects. Since the Board's creation it has endorsed the projects of 13 states and assisted them in obtaining their waivers and implementing their projects. Twelve other states currently have proposals before the Board and several of those have begun operating their projects, to the extent they can, even in advance of getting Federal waivers. The goal you assigned us in March of this year of having welfare reform demonstrations operating in half or more of the states by January, 1989 will be met.

The timing of your strategy to restructure the welfare system through increased state flexibility and decentralized decision-making could not be better. The nation is witnessing a dramatic surge in spirit and activity among those most impacted by our public assistance systems -- the welfare recipients themselves. One of the Board's greatest hopes is that the ideas of this burgeoning self-help and community support movement can be applied with ever-increasing effectiveness to reduce welfare dependency.

This surge in self-reliance will be bolstered by the recently enacted Family Support Act of 1988, signed by you on October 13, 1988. With your leadership, the Congress wrote into law your belief that our Nation's welfare system should encourage self-sufficiency. The Act places a new emphasis on the importance of work to decrease dependency, and assigns to the states a greater role in the welfare system.

Also, in its short history, the Board itself has emerged as an effective coordinating mechanism through which the Federal government can influence and assist the reform process, without becoming a burden to innovation and state flexibility. The enthusiastic support of the Board by the states, even by those not currently undertaking welfare reform demonstrations, shows how significant better Federal coordination is to your efforts to strengthen the states within the Federal system. It is my hope, and I believe I reflect the opinions of all the Board's members, that the Board will continue to serve your successor in this vital area of domestic policy.

Finally, I want to thank you personally, and on behalf of the Board, for your strong and consistent leadership in demanding a welfare system that leads to greater economic independence for low-income Americans, and in establishing and supporting the Board in pursuance of that worthy goal.

Highest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles D. Hobbs".

Charles D. Hobbs

Assistant to the President

Chairman, Interagency Low Income Opportunity Advisory Board

UP FROM DEPENDENCY

A New National Public Assistance Strategy



SUPPLEMENT 5 FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Office of the President
Interagency Low Income Opportunity Advisory Board

December 1988

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Centurion Falls*

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: *1-6-89*

Supreme Court of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20543

CHAMBERS OF
CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER
RETIRED

*No Reply
- 2 planned
RB*
December 23, 1988

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

With all those great California wines waiting for you on January 21, Vera and I decided that a wine coaster would be in order when you get back to the Ranch.

This coaster is a copy of George Washington's wine coaster and for the Bicentennial of the Constitution we have changed it by inserting a silver plate profile of President Washington (actually a 25¢ piece). This is the "First Issue" with Washington's profile, but it will be available in the Bicentennial catalog later on.

As you depart we wish to record our firm conviction that the nation--indeed the world--is in your debt in ways that are not fully realized as yet.

With all good wishes for the years ahead, we remain,

Sincerely,

Wm. E. Burger
The President & Mrs. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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PR005-02

TO: Central Files

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: 1-9-89

B. Oglesby handled -- to
cut red tape.

This letter was addressed to my son Ron. I feel very strongly that we should stop this outright persecution of good people. I want this settled in favor of those 2 & never.

183 Arlo Road
Staten Island, New York 10301

RR

December 15, 1988

Mr. Ronald Reagan Jr.
William Morris Agency
1350 Sixth Avenue
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Reagan:

My letter, I am fearful, will not be able to convey my thoughts as well as a conversation. Communicating through a letter leaves me at the disadvantage of being filed, ignored or worse still given a form reply. I wish I could speak to you directly, however appointment secretaries make this occurrence unlikely if not impossible. So I am forced to express myself in this inadequate manner, hoping you will listen and feel an interest in helping me by publicizing my situation and or speaking with the President and Mrs. Reagan.

As an American born citizen I could not believe this would be possible, but I have been powerless to keep my Italian physician husband of seven years in this country because of a visa technicality.

For more than three years I have been trying to go through all the logical, legal, appropriate channels to keep my husband, Renato Lenzi M.D., with me. To date, it has been impossible to contact anyone who could change this situation. Now there is no recourse left except to go public with our situation and try to reach the President directly.

A few months ago President Reagan intervened for another American citizen whose Portuguese physician wife was in the same situation. After their situation was publicized (through television and newspapers) the President heard of their plight and felt strongly that these are the kind of people he wanted to keep in this country, not shut out. President Reagan's intervention with the United States Information Agency resulted in a waiver of this visa requirement being granted by USIA Director Charles Wick.

We are productive, well educated people whose lives and careers will be greatly disrupted by a minimum two year departure from this country. My husband's research at the Mount Sinai Medical Center, N.Y. will cease. (He is American Board certified in Internal Medicine and Hematology). I will lose my position as an Assistant Professor at Laguardia College if I accompany him. I could

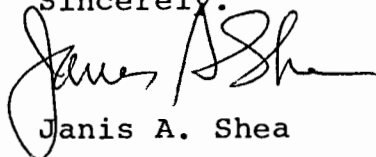
choose to remain here, but that is a poor way to maintain a viable marriage. So we will drift, waiting for two years to return here, to begin our lives again at forty plus years of age. It does not seem fair that this could be happening to an American in her own country.

Immigration laws have been relaxed in this year of amnesty for so many. There is genuine concern by the President to keep families together. I think President Reagan might consider intervening for us as he did for the other couple I cited if he were aware of our situation.

I would like very much to speak with you. If you have any questions or would be willing to meet with me please contact me at the above address or by telephone (718-816-8877).

Thank you for any assistance you can give. I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janis A. Shea".

Janis A. Shea

Enclosures: Summary of our case.
Newspaper articles publicizing similar case.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OUR CASE

Renato Lenzi M.D. entered the United States on a J-1, exchange visitor visa in 1980 for advanced medical education. Neither the Italian government nor the American government paid for any of his advanced training. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine and a Fellowship in Hematology and is now certified by The American Board of Internal Medicine in both Internal Medicine and Hematology.

In February of 1982, Dr. Lenzi married Janis A. Shea, an American citizen.

In July of 1986, Dr. Lenzi applied for a waiver of the foreign residency requirement on his visa.*

*This requirement states that a person on a J-1 visa will return to his country of origin to work for two years before being eligible for a permanent resident visa.

**The Italian government has issued two waivers of this requirement which were transmitted to the United States Information Agency in the form of "no objection" letters.

The Immigration law provides for the possibility of waiving the two year foreign residency requirement when it would pose exceptional hardship on the American spouse: hardships recognized as warranting a waiver are the interruption of the citizen's established career, breaking of close family ties, financial hardship, health related hardship.

We strongly feel that we meet the criteria that the law sets.

The Immigration and Naturalization (INS) found exceptional hardship to the American spouse and forwarded the application to the United States Information Agency (USIA) for recommendation.

The USIA stated "they examined the application for program and policy consideration and on those grounds declined to make a favorable recommendation." No reference was made to reviewing the application based on exceptional hardship to the citizen spouse. This decision seems to have been based on policy considerations rather than on individual review of our situation.

Complying with this two year requirement would impose exceptional hardship on Janis Shea. If she were to accompany her husband to Italy, she would lose her position as an Assistant Professor at La Guardia College (CUNY). Since her qualifications are not recognized in Italy, she could not work for two years.

Choosing to live in separate countries for two years, she could maintain her faculty position. The separation, however, would put a strain on any marriage and nullify Ms. Shea and Dr. Lenzi's chance to have children. Ms. Shea is 41 years old and has been undergoing fertility treatment for two years.

Financially, her husband would be unable to support himself, since there are at present no paid positions for new physicians in Italy. Dr. Lenzi has sent more than 50 letters to Italy looking for positions with not one response of any kind.

An American citizen should be allowed to keep her husband in the country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Date:

1-11-89

To:

Joni Skerens

the President
wants to do this -
can you arrange?

Anne

ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

1985 he was thanked

R. Stephen Phipps
14709 Cardigan Square
Centreville, Virginia 22020

*Let's do the thing
he mentioned (underlined)
RR*

Dear Mr. President,

I am a member of your Armed Forces Honor Guard which perform on the South Lawn during arrival ceremonies. I am the Drum Major of the Army's Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, which wear the colonial red coats and white wigs.

I want to thank you for the superb job you have done for our country, and for bringing back the esprit-de-corps in our Armed Forces. The morale is great, and the servicemen and women of today's units are of top quality.

It was always a great honor to perform for you at each arrival ceremony; I would look forward to them weeks in advance. The highlight of my military career will be the time I had a chance to meet you prior to one of the ceremonies.

I hope you will enjoy your time in California, a well deserved rest!

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We will miss you tremendously, but we will never forget what you have done for us.

Thanks again, and good luck to you and Mrs. Reagan.

Sincerely,

SFC Stephen Phipps

Drum Major

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PR016

Folder of material received
from Kathy Osborne containing
notes from Trude B. Feldman.

Original Presidential handwriting is
in the Handwriting file.

1. Everything I can. Her love for her mother was truly deep & abiding. It was not easy to be the bearer of the news of her mother's passing.
2. Well I'm not sure I know what the term means. All I know is that our marriage has been everything that I ~~thought~~^{dreamed} marriage should be when I was an adolescent.
3. Just by being part of it. Philip Barry wrote a play many years ago called "You & I." A character in the play, "Matty" spoke that line in explaining marriage. He said, "You & I & the you comes 1st every time." That's true for both of us.
4. The medical problem we could take in stride, the other was something that tried our souls. We both loved her mother very much but for Nancy it was heart breaking.
5. I once described my feeling for her as coming into a warm, fire lit room when you've been out in the ~~dark~~ cold & darkness. It began that way & it's still that way.
6. Her recovery from surgery was so amazing - the Doctors said she was ahead of schedule by the 1st day after the operation. It made for very pleasant bed ~~side~~ side visits. In fact I took her for a walk around the corridors on the day after the operation. Healing the other wound will take longer. Yes I told her about the moment of silence & she was deeply touched.

F. Edwards

1. Why are you so insistent against tax increases?
2. Do you believe you can achieve a balanced budget in the near ~~xx~~ ~~gx~~ future without a ~~x~~ tax increase?

If yes, where can the expenditures be cut enough to balance the budget?

If no, why not increase taxes?

3. If defense expenditures should not be reduced (as you stated), and if Social Security benefits should not be curtailed, how much expenditures are left that could possibly be reduced by the \$200-billion-dollar cut needed to balance the budget?

4. Since large budget deficits are inflationary, does not the Federal Reserve have to exercise credit constraints, which means high interest rates?

If yes, does that mean you endorse Federal Reserve policies?

5. Since issues of rising inflation, higher interest rates, and the decreasing value of the dollar are so critical, isn't it necessary to move quickly to re-appoint Paul Volcker or to name his successor?

a. Volcker's term expires in just 3 months. ~~Isn't~~ Isn't it essential to decide NOW?

b. What will determine your decision?

c. Evaluate Volcker's performance during your presidency.

d. If Volcker hesitates to take the job again, will you encourage him to stay on?

e. Do you have a successor in mind?

6. Don Regan, who is now focusing on current economic and financial problems, said Western nations better ~~x~~ resolve their economic differences at the Venice Summit or face a cataclysm in the financial markets. Do you agree? Why or why not?

a. What was Regan's contribution to your Administration in the Economic arena?

b. to you, personally?

7. When Regan and Berl Sprinkel were at The Treasury, they were against increasing the capital of the International Monetary Fund. Shouldn't we now be more supportive of strengthening the Fund in view of the debt crisis of many developing countries?

8. Are you ~~disturbed~~ ^{disturbed} by the shift of our country from being the world's largest creditor nation to the world's largest debtor nation?

If no, why not?

If yes, what will you do about it?

9. It now appears that the national debt will tripple during your terms in office, and much of our government bonds are owned abroad.

Is this a source of concern to you?

If so, what should we do to reduce that debt?

10. Are you confident that the Japanese markets will be substantially opened to American goods and services? Why, or why not ??

11. Dick Darman criticized American business management for our competitive weakness. What do you plan to do to improve business performance?

①

① Early in this century classic ec. theory held that recurrent hard times were the result of govt. taking too big a share of gross national product ~~for~~ in taxes. Since then general tax cuts such as those under Pres. Kennedy & our own in our "ec. recovery package" resulted in govt. getting more revenue from lower tax rates because of the stimulant to the economy. I think a tax increase would rich ~~bring on~~ bringing on a recession.

② Yes I do if the Congress will approve cuts we have recommended in domestic spending. If our budget for 1982 had been adopted, the cumulative ~~deficit~~ deficit through 1985 would have been ^{at} 207 bil. less.

③ Only a few years before we came to Wash. & during Democratic administrations, defense spending as a share of the Nat. budget was nearly half. Today our defense ~~budget~~ ^{spending is} something less than 30% of the total budget. Social Security is not a part of the deficit. It is funded out of a trust fund that can't be used for any other purpose. Maybe if I use some figures for a 15 year period this question can best be answered. In the middle 1960's the "war on poverty", Pres. Johnson's great social experiment was passed & implemented. In the 15 yrs. from 1965 to 1980 the Fed. budget increased to almost 5 times what it had been in 1965. The ~~deficit~~ annual deficit increased to 38 times what it had been.

④ I did not understand the Fed. Reserve policy in the few years before we came here. The prime interest ^(over)

rate went to more than 20% and inflation reached double digits. Both of those figures have changed drastically & we've had more than 50 months of economic expansion with an increase of 13.6 mil. new jobs.

⑤ Trade - we haven't done any studying of the Federal Reserve situation & no decision has been made as yet. I'd rather not answer this Q.

⑥ We have some serious ec. problems to resolve at the E. Summit. Many of them have to do with unfair trade practices, closing of markets to certain products etc. We'll be dealing with those matters. Last year agreement was reached to re-open the "GATT" round of tariffs etc. for further study. We'd been trying to persuade our partners to do this for a couple of years. Now we'll be doing that.

A) One of his major contributions was laying the foundation for tax reform.

B) He was a first Sec. of Treasury and he was fully supportive of our policies and worked to carry them out as chief of staff.

⑦ Trade we are supportive of the A.M.F. but haven't gotten into the specific thing you asked about. I'm still getting input.

⑧ We became the world's largest debtor nation because of the high value of our dollar in comparison to the currency of our trading partners. That has now been somewhat corrected and the ~~trade~~ change in the trade imbalance shows some improvement. I'd like to point out that the trade balance ignores some figures. For example a portion of our exports are services not goods. The trade balance figures do not include pay for services.

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Yes I'd like to see a better balance but at the same time I recognize we are the world's biggest customer of the less developed nations. We are helping them become more prosperous which means they will one day be able to buy more from us.

(9)

Yes the national debt & the continuing deficits are of concern to me & have been for half a century or more. For 46 of the last 56 yrs. the Dem. party has had a majority in both houses of the Congress. The President can spend a dime, Congress determines the amount of spending. Since W.W.II with only an exception here & there we have had deficits ~~each~~ every year. When many of us complained (I used to make speeches opposing ^{deficits} ~~them~~) we were told; "it didn't matter we owed it to ourselves." Well now it's caught up with us and we see interest on the debt as one of our major spending items. What should we do? Make the Congress give the President the power of Line Item Veto which 43 of our State Governors have. Then amend the Constitution to provide for a balanced budget.

Thomas Jefferson asked for that when the Constitution was adopted.

(10)

I can only say we have made quite some progress and have had the cooperation of Prime Minister Nakasone. We are going to continue working on this.

(11)

We have prepared an entire set of legislation to the Congress aimed at making us more competitive world wide. We are making progress. Recently ^{over,}

I visited the Harley Davidson Motor Cycle Plant in York Pa. A few years ago they were almost on the rocks due to foreign competition. They asked for ~~help~~ help under the "201" program. We put this into effect for 5 years. More than a year early they told us to cancel the program, they didn't need it anymore. Management & labor got together in a team effort. Now that company is producing 24 different models, previously they only produced 3. They have reduced the number of hours it takes to make a motorcycle, they have cut prices on many models and — well the list goes on. I'll bet on American working men & women as being able to compete with anyone in the world.

Thanks for replies. If you have anymore, please give Kathy this week. Just read your Davis eulogy and will try to use most of it. Was excellent and makes me cry even now.

Get a transcript of last night's NITELINE...the gist of what I've tried to tell you was enhanced only last night....

Did you read Jack Anderson last Sunday on Volcker? It would be most interesting to you after that conversation on same.

Is there anything I can do to help you with Ginzburg? (I tried on Bork, but yours didn't want me to.)

I have urgent things on Israeli visit and its president (my dad and his went to school together in England)

(you ^{can} ~~could~~ help deter more Irangate if you ^{know} ~~know~~ BEFOREHAND)

(if you read my poignant McFarlane article some of same is alluded therein)

If you want thoughts on that, please call me as I don't want to presume anything. I JUST WANT TO SAVE YOU MORE DAMAGE on Iran, Mideast and Soviet relations...and DETER more problems....

ESPECIALLY BEFORE THE ISRAELI VISIT.

I trust you won't promise him a return visit. I will tell reasons only to George Shultz, Kap Weinberger or ~~Kap~~ Bill Webster...IF you will please suggest to them that I talk OFF THE RECORD....

(staff PUNISH me for trying to help you, ^{or Nancy} that's only reason it has to be secretive..it's sheer torture to have to hide to help your own president--lest the helper get "killed" in many dimensions.)

Those other 3 gentlemen you wanted me to talk with--SINCE MARCH--are not inclined to do so, or have not. That's why I now suggest above three.

~~How~~ how can I surprise Nancy by getting some comments from Frank Sinatra about her? (he'll only do so with your permission).

Do you want to see the total article, ~~about~~ on you and Nancy or can Kathy "approve" of same for you--as I am changing a line or two to fit better for timing purposes? I am letting Kathy see the article and even select the photos.

Do you have a favorite love song to dedicate to Nancy? (Roberta Peters is a close friend of mine...and I suggested she surprise Nancy by dedicating a song to her at the Israeli dinner.) — On this — we haven't any special song but

I think Roberta could dedicate something nice & appropriate to Nancy.

Atty

TRUE

You can approve

Can you call them &

tell them it's O.K. with me

thursday nite

Just ~~g~~ came from ~~Brady~~ Brady book party---drank only one dubonet...and not thinking straight...the enormity of the 'what could have been' permeated the reception.

Sorry you didn't come..many kids your daughter's age were there...even the doctors' offspring.

the Brady one
I have a new book for you. IF you want to give to either of the principals on trip I will bring on Friday. If not, will hold for you

Thanks in advance for helping me...

In case you didn't get queries. 

something like:

1. What have you done to help her cope during her trying days recently?
2. Is yours an old fashioned love affair?
3. How has she enhanced your life?
and helped you cope ~~4~~ during your trials and tribulations?
4. Was the past week, with her medical problem and her mother (may she rest in peace) the worst period of your 36 years? Why?
- x 5. What's the secret of your precious love (an expression from Marjorie Morningstar when I was at ~~the~~ stand in for Natalie Wood...in a Mervyn LeRoy Production...) with Nancy? Are you aware that it is very unique and beautiful to behold?
And exemplary?
6. Anecdotes from the hospital visits and how she "took" her mother's death?
(I ~~would~~ hope you told her about Thursday's ceremony--and the bowing of heads in her mother's memory..).

They're locking doors so rushing..but  I'll settle for any of your observations.

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January 17, 1989

Dear Bill:

I'm late with this but didn't get it until my return from California. Since reading it, you've been in our prayers. We're happy to get the word from you that you are on the recovery road and will be coming to California. I'll be getting my mail at my new office, Fox Plaza, 34th Floor, 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, California 90067, telephone 213/552-1980.

It's four days til private citizenship again. We've been in a tornado of packing the accumulation of these years. It's a bittersweet time, with all the good-byes and such, but it's coupled with our love for our California home.

But now let me close with a big thank-you for that column. I should say those columns. I've been grateful and proud to have had your support over the years, and now this summing up that you did I will treasure.

Nancy sends her love, and from both of us, every good wish for your return to full health and vigor.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. William A. Rusher
30 East 37th Street
New York, New York 10016

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GI002

January 17, 1989

Dear Mrs. Aitken:

There are no words to properly thank you for giving me that letter. You are most kind and generous. My first vote was cast for FDR in 1932. I had just graduated from Eureka college and found a job in that terrible time of great unemployment.

Again, my heartfelt thanks, and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Russell B. Aitken
990 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10021

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RR Dictation

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PE008-02

January 17, 1989

Dear Elsa:

Sorry to be so late in answering your letter, but things have become pretty frantic back here, what with packing and all. Thank you for your generous words.

Elsa, let me give you some things about the pay raise which are not generally known. Under the law, pay raises for others -- executives cabinet members and, most important, judges are all tied to the pay for Congress. It's all or no one, according to the law. Right now we are having an unprecedented number of judges returning to civilian life because of the pay situation. These are younger judges facing college costs for their children on a pay level that is lower than that of a junior clerk in a law firm.

But the most important thing is, this shouldn't really be called a "pay raise." It's a cost-of-living increase. Inflation since 1969 has made the comparison between the 1969 salaries and today's a great reduction in purchasing power. Actually, the recommended increase still lacks about \$6000 of equaling the 1969 level in purchasing power.

Well, it's only a few days and we'll be back in California. We're looking forward to it.

Sincerely,

RON

Ms. Elsa Sandstrom
8860-112 Villa La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, California 92037

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To Mr. Wm. A. Ruckel 30 East 37th St. N.Y. N.Y.

Dear Bill

10016

I'm late with this but didn't get it until my return from Calif. Since reading it you've been in our prayers. We're happy to get the word from you that you are on the recovery road and will be coming to Calif. I'll be getting my mail at my new office (Post Office address & phone box)

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Nancy sends her love and from both of us
every good wish for your return to good health &
vigor. Sincerely Ron

To Mrs. Russell B. Githen 990 5th Ave. N.Y. 21

Dear Mrs. Githen

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for ~~you~~ giving me that letter. You are most
kind and generous. My 1st vote was cast for F.D.R.
in 1932. I had just graduated from Eureka College
and found a job in that terrible time of great
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Again my heartfelt thanks and very best
wishes. Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Elsa Sandstrom - 8860 - 112 Villa La Jolla Dr.
La Jolla Calif. 92037

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(Ella Sandstrom)

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Well it's only a few days & we'll be back in Calif. We're looking forward to it.

Sincerely Ron

~~To Mr. Billy Graham - Montreat N.C. 28757~~

~~To Mr. J. Peter Grace - 1511 K St. N.W. Suite 643~~

~~Wash.~~

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