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May 11, 1982

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Dear Paul:

Just a line to thank you for the message you sent to all the members of the House and Senate. That was quite an undertaking and I'm more grateful than I can say. I'm more optimistic than ever that we can -- with this kind of action -- get our budget proposal through the Congress. With that done and inflation down to it's present level interest rates will come down and we can get the economy moving again.

Nancy sends her best and again thanks.

Sincerely,

S/Pon

X
Mr. Paul W. Trousdale
650 N. Sepulveda Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90049

Re: msg. sent to Congress on the Budget

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

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HANDWRITING FILE

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PAUL TROUSDALE

May 25, 1982

No Reply

Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.
20515

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of May 11th regarding the telegrams I send to all members of the House and Senate. I have been sending these regularly ever since I saw what you are trying, under great odds, to accomplish. (Copies of the last two are enclosed).

When a government must borrow 35% of all the lendable money in a nation, they are well on the road to bankruptcy. You, alone, have been the only President ever to try - and to stick by your guns - to reverse the deplorable government extravagance and waste which our arrogant representatives heap on us for their own selfish purposes.

And then - when the Round Table attacks you - - (Because, basically, chief executive officers subconsciously like to work in an inflationary system. It makes their company's earnings and themselves look good) - - I want to throw up. Inflation is the scourge of any nation, and you have miraculously stopped inflation in its tracks.

I have hired a bunch of unrelated students to paint our shopping centers, and to work on our house this summer. In my travels around the country, it is sad to see lots of people out of work who want to work. Couldn't we have a temporary work program, like F.D.R. put into effect, and pay for same by deducting, temporarily, an equal percentage from all of the

Ronald Reagan
The President

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foreign nations that we give tremendous sums to,
with the explanation that need at home must come first?

Needless to say, I have gained tremendous respect for
what you are trying to accomplish, and I have great
personal admiration for you. If you have the
strength to fight this battle for a second term, I
will be privileged to become one of your major
supporters, financially, and otherwise.

With best wishes,



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Paul Trousedale

Enclosures: Copies of May 20 and May 21 telegrams.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Western Union (taken by Operator 450)
1-800-648-4100

P.O.M. to all Congressmen and Senators.

"Don't tamper with B-1 Bomber, Trident or MX Missile programs and make our country defenseless to blackmail or attack."

Paul Trousdale
1703 Fernald Point Lane
Santa Barbara, California
93108

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"THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM CAN'T COVER OCTOBER CHECKS WITHOUT ROBBING OTHER GOVERNMENT FUNDS. PRACTICE STATESMANSHIP AND THE ELECTIONS BE DAMNED."

Paul Trousdale
1703 Fernald Point Lane
Santa Barbara, California
93108

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079324
SP 601

May 11, 1982

Dear Preston:

Thank you very much for your wire about the radio broadcasts. They seem to be picking up but, you are right, there wasn't much of a send-off. I understand it's grown to about 1000 stations. The network TV news has begun to quote them which has helped.

Nancy sends her best and again thanks.

Sincerely,

S. Ron

Mr. Preston Long
860 Fifth Avenue
Apartment 3K
New York, New York 10021

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

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079323
PR003

May 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Heit:

I can't tell you how much your letter meant to me. Thanks for taking the time and trouble to brighten my day. Thanks too for your support.

Here in Washington the press and the TV news keeps up a steady drumbeat of doom and gloom -- believe me, your letter was a morale booster.

Please give my best to Mary Lou and those children and, again, a heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Michael D. Heit
4820 25th Avenue
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

5/11
AM
Dear President And Mrs. Reagan

4-4-82

Shortly Before Christmas I wrote you and told you how I WAS a disabled Vietnam Veteran going to college. Well, I'm no longer going to school. I am working as Director of Clinical Engineering at St. Catherine's Hospital in Kenosha, Wisconsin. I was a Bio-medical equipment repairman for The Army after I returned to the United States in 1970, (68 to 70 I was a medic in combat infantry unit) So now I am doing what I used to do in the Army only on a management level.

Mr. President don't let the critics get you down because they don't like your budget. If it wasn't for my military career I wouldn't be where I am today. I don't want to be limited. I have a job with not only security but even more important to my self and my wife, dignity. Was it worth the sacrifice? yes. a thousand times yes! Would I let my sons go thru it? with pride. Don't get me wrong Mr. President, I wouldn't want to see us go to war, but I would consider the sacrifice to America worth it!

I Received your invitation to join the Presidential task force and I accept. As a registered Republican it is my duty as a team player: (Heller County, Colo.) I know you are busy and won't read this letter direct but I hope the ideas of pride and the knowledge of our prayers are conveyed to you. I just sat down and figured my annual budget

and sure do appreciate what you have to do! I like the feeling that I can work out a reasonable budget knowing that inflation is slowed down.

I don't care what the experts tell you Mr. President I'm telling you from our level, the common worker that were starting to see a break in the economy for an upward trend. We only make \$18,000 year. So with seven children (2 adopted) we have to watch every penny and when we can end up with a little ahead of our budget then that is an "economic indicator" to us that not only has inflation slowed down but in some cases reversed. For example milk was 1.99 gal now 1.69 gal or Gas 1.28 gal now 1.04 gal. So hang in there, be firm and don't let the critics steal your victory! America will survive because we are tough!

Thank you for your time and I hope all is well with you and your family. My wife Mary Lou says Hi to you & Mrs. Reagan.

In closing I would like to offer you the four corporate objectives that my company Service Master Inc. has set out and we have adopted as our own personal goals because as I believe "if you don't live it you don't believe it!"

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1. To honor God in All we do
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Remember - the door is always open and coffee is always on!

Sincerely

Michael D. Heit & family.

Michael D. Heit
4820 25th Ave
Kenosha, Wis. 53140

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1-414-656-3231.

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1-414-656-3231

100-1007
May 11, 1952

Dear Mrs. Dickey:

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to write as you did. Believe me you brightened my day. I can't tell you how proud I am of all of you who are out there manning the ramparts and putting up with hardships. Yes, I do know about those, and I'm going to see if I can't find out why it's three years away and only eighteen months at home.

Give my best to your husband and the children and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Barbara J. Dickey
"C" Troop 4 ACR
APO New York 09411

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11/11
Dear Mr. President:

It is with the greatest respect that I write these few lines to you.

While watching the Grammy Awards this afternoon on AFN here in Germany they showed a taped message from you to the troops overseas. It was really very touching and I'm writing to say thank-you for remembering us!!

Thank-you for taking time from your busy schedule to let us know you're thinking about all of us serving our country overseas.

As you know Sir... this is a keep life over here... or do you really know?!

I wish every American could live in a STAIRWELL... carry laundry down six



flights of stairs and hope there is a
master available... sleep in a commissi-
ary with 5 miles and be happy to
have milk with an expiration date of
6-7 days ago.. and of course.. he
without your husband 75% of the
time.

We are located right on the Czech
border which does cause some anxious
moments. When I ~~was~~ lie in my
bed at night & hear an airplane
over head, I always wonder... is it
one of ours... or one of theirs?!?
I think if every American spent
six months over here
they'd be glad to live in
Texas, Missouri or Georgia!
Please don't get
me wrong Sir.



This letter is not meant to complain to you. This is the life my husband has chosen and we're in this together. I was an MP for four years but elected to get out after we had 2 children.

We are proud, fighting, "Card-Carrying" Americans... down to the home!! We miss our home, family and friends. Our guys have a job to do and we wives are helping them do it.

I do have one suggestion though that might help improve morale immensely.

If we are able to spend 3 years in Europe... why, oh why can't we spend 3 years in the good



de' U.S. of A? Then we do go home..
it's usually only about 18 months and
we're right back in Germany.

Could it we have 3 long beautiful
years in our homeland? We know
the Army has needs .. but there
are a lot of servicemen who have
never had the "pleasure" of 3 years
in Germany. Just a suggestion
Sir!

It was a pleasure writing to you;
please tell America to sleep
well ... we're here guarding you
and you're in good hands!

Thurley
Barney Dickey
"C" Co 1st Div
APO N.Y. 09411



19321
PK 003
May 11, 1962

Dear Jose:

Thank you very much for your letter and generous words. I'm sorry to be so late in answering. But I'm truly grateful for all the things you said in support of what we are trying to do. And you are right about Secretary Haig and Secretary Weinberger -- they are doing great work. You are also absolutely right about the importance to us of El Salvador.

Jose your letter brightened my day considerably and again I thank you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Jose Alcaine
713 "B" Vouray Drive
Kenner, Louisiana 70062

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13. HA SAMPLE

New Orleans 3/11/82

Dear Mr. President,

Mr. President, I am a 13 year old boy that is proud by the way you are handling your job. Many people say that you are the best president we have had in a long time, I totally agree with them. Mr. President, this is the first letter I have ever written to a president. I am writing to you because I want to let you know that people have faith in you, I have great faith in you. I think you are doing the right thing in building up the defense.

That way we can show the Russians that we can defend ourselves, that we are not

going to stand with our arms crossed while they destroy the world, like previous administrations.

Mr. President, I believe that the economy is going to get better with you in the office. Mr. President, don't back off El Salvador, we are the only country that can stop communism in Central America and if we back off, suddenly the whole Central American countries will fall to the Russians and it will be our problem because they will try to get us next. I think you, Mr. Haig, and Mr. Weinberger are doing a great job. Everybody in my family likes Mr. Haig and Mr.

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are sky high, that
inflation is high, don't
they have any faith?

Well Mr. President I
hope you answer me.

From now till
the end of the
world

I remain
yours truly,
Jose Alcaine

P.S. - I like your movies.

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713 "B" Vouray Drive

Kenner, LA 70062

079320
ND 116
May 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Lamb:

Thank you very much for your letter. You'll be interested to know that what you said about letting the people of the Falklands have a say about their lives is the principle sticking point. From the first we have stressed this and the British are in agreement on it. It is, however, a point rejected by the Argentines from the beginning and so far they remain adamant.

We'll keep trying and, again, thanks for your letter.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Theodore L. Lamb
219 Prospect Building
1501 No. University
Little Rock, Arkansas 72207

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THEODORE L. LAMB

Attorney at Law

219 PROSPECT BUILDING, 1501 NO. UNIVERSITY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72207

TELEPHONE 501/664-4609

April 7, 1982

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

Dear President Reagan:

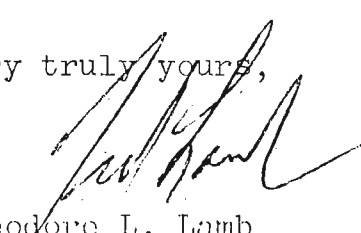
The sovereignty of the Falkland Islands is by natural law and should be by political law vested exclusively in the collective will of the two thousand people who call those islands their home.

If Mrs. Thatcher and the Argentine government need a face-saving device for resolution of the Falkland Island dispute, then the role of the United States should clearly be to conduct a plebiscite among the two thousand or so Falklanders to determine their wishes. The ballot issues should be posed: (1) Home rule, (2) Argentine rule, (3) British rule.

This is clearly the only solution with any merit to the present crisis and, indeed, the only solution our government should entertain and support to the numerous political crises abounding in this political world of nuclear intimidation.

And finally, what a nice pragmatic solution for, hopefully, the United Nations to endorse, and if that group flounders, for us to propose.

Very truly yours,



Theodore L. Lamb

TLL/may
cc: The Honorable Dale Bumpers
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

079318
PR007-02

May 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Parrott:

I've just finished talking to your daughter, Alison, but then you already knew that because she said she was going to phone you. She sounded fine and evidently is on the recovery road.

I'm sorry to have been so late in this but it takes a while for mail to reach my desk. Thank you for your letter and for all that you said about this land of ours and for your words of support.

Best Regards,

WILLIAM F. BROWN

Mr. Neil Parrott
RD 2, Box 59
Sussex, New Jersey 07461

CC: K Osborne

RR:AVH:pps

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March 31, 1982

Pres. Ronald Reagan

White House, Washington D.C.

I agree with your views. Being a veteran, 5 years army 1941 - 1946. I accepted every hand out the country sent the veteran's way.

As a result for 52 weeks I accepted 20 dollars and 3 years of college on G.I. bill. If there were more benefits I'd still be on the government doal.

I went to work in 1949 as real estate salesman. I now own as many acres as our president. Fortune was good to me. The American dream, hard work, success smiled into a 7 figure estate.

The more the government hands out the less the incentive to work. You have our votes.

We now have a daughter, college graduate, registered nurse, formerly with the Georgetown University Hospital, living in Washington D.C.

Our daughter Alison Martin, age 27, with a new, 9 month old baby and a fine husband, was told at Georgetown University Hospital she has cancer, Hodgekins disease.

Her world fell apart, a devastating feeling on our large family. Doom -

This girl was the All American girl. Good student, cheerleader in High School. Graduate of Rosemont College in Pa. Albert Einstein Medical School - She even was a Playboy bunny at Great Gorge here in summer. Picture attached.

Now for a favor for a Reagan supporter. Could a member of your staff write or call her at 202-965-9681? She is living in Georgetown down there.

Alison Martin admired your courage when you were in the same hospital. Tell her Hodgekins is curable and fight like Ronald Reagan.

A concerned parent;

Neil Parrott

RD 2, Box 59

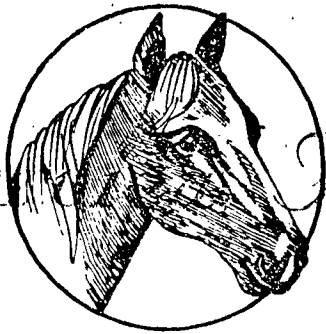
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TELEPHONE
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River Farm

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these and I'm going to see if I can't find out why
it's 3 yrs away & only 18 months at home.
Give my love to your husband & the children
and that I love you all.

Kindly
RR

To Joe Alcarine 713 "B" Couray Dr. Kerner La.

Dear Joe

70062

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I've been with letter longhand my day consistently and again I thank you. I sincerely
R.R.

To Mr. Theodore E. Lander 219 Prospect Bldg. 1501 N. University
Little Rock Arkansas 72207

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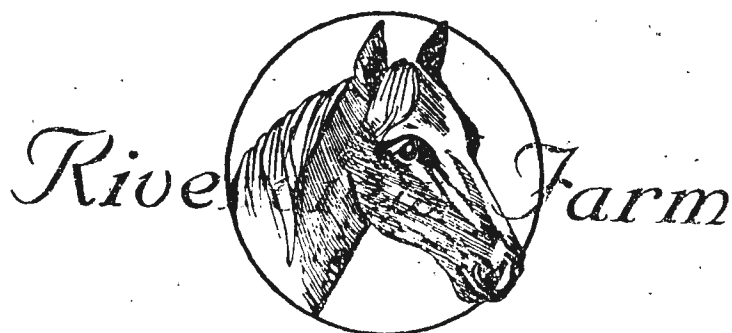
To Mr. Neil Parrott RD 2, Box 57, Sussex N.J. 07461

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TELEPHONE
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049310
BE004
May 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Kelly:

First off, thank you for your generous words of support. I'm most grateful. May I also say I wish you well in your plan to enter law school. I don't believe we've done anything budget wise to interfere with your plans.

There has been a great deal of misinformation and downright demagoguery about our student aid programs, so I can understand your concern. Our 1983 budget proposal calls for seven million loans and grants. It is true we've targeted some of these to those with the greatest need and some graduate school loans will be at commercial interest rates but they will still be government guaranteed.

About the budget deficits -- yes, they are projected higher than was previously thought but this is the result of the continuing recession and increased unemployment. One added percentage point of unemployment adds \$25 billion to the deficit through increased benefit costs and lowered tax revenues. Another factor is one I can't really feel sorry about; we've reduced inflation so much faster than we thought we could that our tax revenues will be less than had been estimated. Yes, inflation is a tax.

Incidentally, you might tell your roommate to check and see if a \$90 billion deficit isn't a smaller percent of Gross National Product than the \$60 and \$70 billion dollar deficits of the years between 1975 and 1980. Our proposed budget for 1983 will begin a reduction of deficits down to \$39 billion by 1985 and to a balanced budget soon after.

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Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. John D. Kelly
3401 Forbes Avenue
Apartment B-8
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213

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RR Dictation

Mr. John D. Kelly 3401 Forbes Ave. Apt. B-8
Pittsburgh Pa. 15213

Dear Mr. Kelly

First off, thank you for your generous words of support. I'm most grateful. May I also say I wish you well in your plan to enter law school. I don't believe we've done anything budget-wise to interfere with your plans.

There has been a great deal of mis-information & downright demagoguery about our student aid programs so I can understand your concern. Our 1983 budget proposal calls for 7 mil. loans & grants. It is true we've targeted some of these to those with the greatest need and some graduate school loans will be at commercial interest rates but they will still be govt. guaranteed.

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Hussein Tiller
John D. Kelly
3401 Forbes Avenue
Apt. B-8
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. President:

I am a junior english major at the University of Pittsburgh and I plan on attending Harvard Law School after graduating next year. It is a dream I have had since my freshman year in high school. I am maintaining a sufficient grade-point-average to fulfill my dream, and am currently awaiting with high expectation the results of my Law School Admissions Test. But, that is not why I am writing to you at this time.

I have just finished reading a letter to the editor in Time magazine. In it, a man from Santa Cruz, Calif. postulated that "a strong economy, with no deficits, is a more powerful weapon against the Soviet Union than those added defense dollars." It was a new perspective, and one I had never considered before. And, quite frankly sir, I heartily agree with it.

Being an English major, I am not inclined toward nor familiar with economic tactics and policies. However, this man's point seems to make a good deal of sense to me.

I voted for you in 1980, the first election year in which I was eligible for the privilege, and I did so on these same grounds: that you were a plain speaking man of integrity who had the good of the people at heart and who talked sense. My roommates and I nightly argue your economic tactics and measures, and with what limited knowlege I possess of the subject, I staunchly defend them, trusting my initial judgement that since you have the good

of the people at heart, given time, your ideas will work. However, of late I find my defense lacking and my argument coming more and more to rely on the premise that "the man is President, for God's sake, he must know more about it than you do."

I plan on voting for you if you choose to run again in 1984. In spite of the fact that your budget cuts have greatly limited my ability to fulfill my dream of attending Harvard Law, I am nevertheless willing to put my nose to the grindstone and continue to pay my own way through school, working summers at a lumber yard as I have done for the past three years. I will not complain in the sacrificing that you say that we all must do. All I am asking of you, Mr. President, or any of your aides who will answer this letter, is that you justify my vote in 1984; tell me why you apparently would disagree with the aforementioned letter; and come to my defense and your own, when my roommate points out that the projected budget deficit for 1982 is \$91.5 billion, and all I can reply is that the man knows what he is doing.

Sincerely yours,

John D. Kelly
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May 11, 1961

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Dear James:

Thank you very much for your letter and for your unselfish words. You brightened my day.

I think the press and, indeed, some educators have distorted the picture of what we are trying to do with regard to educational grants and loans.

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Again, my thanks to you and my promise to continue lowering Federal spending but without harm to the deserving.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

James Maccano
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Whitestone, New York 11357

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Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Floyd Hines
707 Ninth Avenue
Post Falls, Idaho 83854

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Post Falls, Idaho
March 4, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

I feel the urge to write you altho' I am a simple, old housewife. I am 76 years of age and my husband is 80. We appreciate our Social Security checks as they help so much. We have gone through hard times in the 1930's so to have to tighten our belts now is nothing new to us... We know you are not to blame for today's conditions. They have accumulated for many years and you inherited them. I do believe with all my heart you are really trying to get our country back on it's feet. Sure each of us will have to give a little. We are willing to do our share.. if only the wealthy would do the same.

I am not very smart, just an ordinary housewife, but my opinion is this-- Why is it some families receive two checks and another no check at all? The very foundation of the American home lies in the Mothers. When a man has a job with a living wage, why should his wife work out and take a job away from another man who is the main source of income. I think one person working in a family is enough.

Keeping up with the Jones' seems to be today's trend. A working Mother only adds to juvenile delinquency as the young today have no supervision and this leads to more crime in our young. To tell you the truth I don't know the answer, only there should be some sort of Bill or Law, that would make a living wage more equal. Keep the American Mother in the home, unless it is necessary that she work..

The foundation of America lies in today's youth, so lets keep the Mothers in the home, where she belongs. Open more jobs for men and reduce the crime rate in our young.

Respectfully Yours

Mrs. Floyd Hinos
Mrs. Floyd Hinos
707--9th. Ave.
Post Falls, Idaho
83854

Spoken from the heart of an average citizen who loves our country.

May 11, 1952

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Dear Mr. Eldredge:

I'm sorry to be so late in writing you but want to thank you for the information you provided. I want to assure you I'll continue on course. While my experience is nothing as compared to yours, I went through the period following WW II when the attempt was made to take over the Motion Picture Industry. I went from a naive liberal unbelieving in the communist threat to number one on their hate list. I'm proud to say I earned that latter rating.

Believe me I share your concern and, as I say, will stay the course. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Ronald S. Eldredge
P.O. Box 3363
Portland, Oregon 97208

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RR Dictation

May 11, 1962

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Dear Mrs. Carruthers:

Thank you very much for writing as you did. I wish I could accept your offer of help. I assure you there is a never ending need for common sense here in Washington but unfortunately there is no position suitable here in the bureaucracy.

I am, however, turning your letter over to a private initiative task force we have activated. It is canvassing local communities, counties and states to learn what unmet needs there are for action as well as what programs have been originated to meet those needs. The idea will be to spread the word about successful programs and help them get organized in areas where there are none now.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Thomas N. Carruthers
Randall House Apartments
Columbia, Tennessee 38401

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Randall House Apts.
Columbia, TN 38401
March 12, 1982

Turn over to our
Print Initiative people.
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President Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

I want a job and I need a job so will you please consider giving me one of a certain type that I think I'd be very helpful in?

I am quite old but I really don't see that in my case that is a handicap. You could have me examined however. I think my mind makes up in certain ways for what it may possibly -- I'm not sure it does -- lack in others. I am 82. I do not typewrite well as is obvious.

My biggest asset, one that I think quite rare for some unknown reason, is that I have Common Sense; a great deal of it. Perhaps it is not cultivated because it is suspect, or seems curiously so to me. I have a good education though no Ph.D. I received a B.A. from Smith College in 1921; a M.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1966. I've also learned, in my opinion, a great deal that has no Alphabetical degrees attached. I think I am honest, definitely try to be a fine person. I think I get mad at the right things and glad at the right ones. I love boys and girls, good or bad. I delight in laughter and a sense of humor and Beauty -- beauty of any variety -- poetry -- prose -- nature -- character -- etc. But I think Common Sense my best asset. I mean I could be used as a sounding board in your work. You at least could try me out. How about it? I could go anywhere. I used to speak French and German but today only American-English. I think I do not make many errors in speaking and that I speak correctly automatically so I may make errors and not know that I do - but no one has ever suggested this.

If you have any ideas about a good job for me please know I could take your word for it -- or, somebody, not I!, could pay my way for me to be interviewed! Boys and girls loved me and I them when I taught before marriage and after the death of my husband in 1960. Oh, what joy we had!

A few days ago one of my old students came up to me here and said, "Mrs. Carruthers, the best year we ever had was the one you taught us at Spring Hill. We learned more and we laughed more and were happy." It was a beautiful shining year. I could give you references from the students I taught. My subjects were English and Latin -- but I could teach History; but not -- mathematics !!!

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(No letter to answer)
To Mr. Ronald S. Edwards P.O. Box 3363 Portland Oregon

97208

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Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Thomas R. Caruthers - Russell House Apt. 1.
Columbia Tenn. 38401

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Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Thomas N. Carruthers

P.S. I've had some poems published. A friend of mine is now going over 350 and selecting 100 for me to send to publishers with hopes of a book.

I think I'd accept almost any decent job that paid money - but what I wish, as I think is obvious, is to be used as a Reactor - for Common Sense and joie de vivre no matter how hurting and terrible life be, helping people to know what is fine, true, and practical. I'd not accept a position that made me do anything not fine. Honesty, honor, kindness mean everything to me as people, white and "colored", who have worked for me will testify. My worst liability I think is I am sensitive. It's also one of my best assets.

If you wish to "try me out" why not pay my way up there and get my immediate reactions to twenty situations. I could teach anybody I think to appreciate and probably write poetry. I am not asking for a job teaching typewriting as is obvious (ha ha). Some one else typed this for me.

P.S. I enclose
the letter I wrote -
You see the
difference - and,
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May 11, 1982

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Dear Mrs. Brady:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter but it takes a while for mail to reach my desk. I can well understand the bitterness you feel. I hope and pray your husband will soon find a market for his skills.

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Again, my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Patricia Brady
216 N. Lyman Street
Wadsworth, Ohio 44281

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RR Dictation

March 26, 1982

Dear President Reagan,

I have read in the papers and news magazines you are disturbed by the economic horror stories seen on the nightly news. These stories bother me, too.

A few weeks ago my husband's world collapsed when it was announced the factory he works for will be closing soon. He has been employed by the Ohio Injector Co. (the factory has had new names due to the sale of the factory; but in Wadsworth, Ohio, it will always be the Injector Co.) for 25 years this month.

The sad thing is the Injector should not be closing. There was no negotiations, no concessions, no chance. Just bye bye to 190 jobs and about \$250,00.00 per year to our school system.

Now my husband faces the prospect of, at 44 years of age, trying to obtain a new job in an area where there are no jobs available. He is handicapped, and he knows this will reduce his chance for a job if one comes along, even more. My husband is a welder (his boss tells me he never seen better). He takes pride in his work, he has always abhorred shoddy workmanship. Now he is shattered; he comes home each day beaten down a little more.

So you see, Mr. President, I resent these stories, too. Of course, your worries and concerns are greater than mine, but when I look at my husband, I don't think so. No, I don't think so at all.

PATRICIA BRADY
216 N:LYMAN ST.
WADSWORTH, OHIO 44281

Patricia Brady

May 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Matzger:

Thank you very much for your letter and for your generous words about our Economic Recovery Program. I'm most grateful.

With regard to the arms situation, let me clarify something. I agree with you that it wouldn't make sense to build up to parity with the Soviets and then propose a mutual reduction. I've studied the nineteen previous efforts we've made since WW II to persuade them to join us in reducing nuclear weapons. I don't believe there will be a move on their part, however, so long as they have superiority and we are continuing to disarm unilaterally.

I'm sure you know that we are in negotiations now with them in Geneva regarding their intermediate range nuclear missiles targeted on Europe. The negotiations were agreed to when we announced we would place Pershing missiles in Europe as a counter to their SS 20's.

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Mr. John Matzger
2450 Washington Avenue
San Leandro, California 94577

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Support Econ. Plan

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JOHN MATZGER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
2450 WASHINGTON AVENUE
SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA 94577

TELEPHONE (415) 895-9800

April 2, 1982

Mr. President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In the United States we can be so presumptuous as to give our leader a report card without facing exile, so here goes.

In the domestic area you deserve an A+. We finally have someone who is trying to give people incentives to work hard and invest. You have served notice on our bureaucracy that it can't keep gobbling up more and more of our gross national product and assembling an ever larger workforce. Also, you have demonstrated through your handling of the air controllers strike that contractual obligations must be adhered to no matter how inconvenient. Hooray! I have faith that your economic plan will get this country on the surest footing ever. Moreover, this bonanza will be a boon not only to the rich but to the middle class and most of the poor, also. The give-away programs of the liberals only stripped the poor of their dignity and gave them an unrealistic idea of what the world was like. However, like junkies, we must be very understanding as they writhe in pain during this withdrawal period. Of course, I'm not talking of those members of society who are truly incapable of fending for themselves; we must help them along.

That was the good news. Now for the bad news.

Mr. President
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April 2, 1982

Although the experts will not agree on the degree of likelihood, no one can deny that our country and the U.S.S.R. are in the position to mutually destroy each other and perhaps all meaningful life on this planet as a byproduct of a nuclear war. The realities will simply not allow you to sell to the American people the idea that a limited nuclear war is possible or that massive expenditures on civil defense will save the day. Both of these propositions are preposterous, and you should not allow yourself to seriously believe them.

If there ever were a time in our history for a President to become a hero, it is now. Because of the courage you demonstrated on many occasions and your well earned reputation for a fierce dedication to our defense, you are the ideal man to end this present madness. I am not talking about unilateral disarmament; rather an agreement with the U.S.S.R. (and hopefully later, other countries too) that would include on-site inspection and other guaranties to ensure strict adherence to the agreement. The U.S.S.R. with their pathetically sick economy and massive commitments in Poland and Afghanistan are longing for an honorable way of getting out of the arms race. For us, we would be removing a tremendous strain from our economy so that it could once again be a shining example for all those countries looking for a model to follow.

Your ideas that you expressed last night on arms control deserve the negative response they received. It seems cockeyed to spend enormous sums to reach parity with the Russians and then start scaling down the weapons. If one looks at the remarkable repertoire of our delivery systems and advanced technical designs, almost no one will believe we have any catching up to do. Moreover, catching up to kill them more times over is hardly a worthwhile mission.

Mr. President
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April 2, 1982

You should have told the world that your negotiators are ready to present the most far reaching offer on arms control ever made-but at Geneva where it should be presented. If it is accepted, we will increase our non-military aid to 2% of our gross national product to those countries that are trying to encourage democracy and to improve the lot of their people. (This will put world opinion on our side and win a ton of allies for us.) If it is not accepted, we will make public our terms for the world to judge whether the Russians or us are prolonging the agony and threatening the destruction of the world.

If you would care to continue this dialogue with someone who is one of your fans but believes you are poorly advised on some matters, I am available. Give me a few hours notice and I will pay my own airfare to meet you anywhere. No one-especially the press-will know of the meeting or what was said, unless you want it otherwise.

Sincerely,

John Matzger
JOHN MATZGER

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May 11, 1982

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Dear Miss Mackery:

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Again, I thank you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Melinda Mackery
2376 Brentwood Road
Columbus, Ohio 43209

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

Dear President Reagan,

I just wanted to say that I agree with your April 17th
radio speech concerning bilateral nuclear disarmament.

Sincerely,

Melinda Mackery

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