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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1982

My Dear Friend:

Forgive me for being so tardy in thanking you for the magnificent belt our mutual friend, the Governor of Baja presented to me on your behalf in Houston, Texas. You were most kind and thoughtful to do this and I am truly grateful.

In a few days I'll be going to our ranch where I shall proudly wear my new belt. I never cease to be amazed at the beautiful needlework on the belt and on that saddle that accompanied El Almein. I don't know how it is accomplished, but it is wonderful to behold.

El Alamein is handsome as ever and will be waiting for me at the ranch.

Again, my heartfelt thanks and warm regards.

Sincerely,

Ron

His Excellency
Jose Lopez Portillo
President of the United
Mexican States
Mexico, D.F.

P. P. Joe Lopez Portillo -

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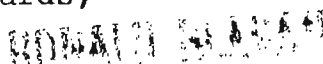
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

Att. Card

MR PRESIDENT, I AM A U.S. CITIZEN 52 YEARS OLD HAVE SERVED MY COUNTRY LOYALLY AND HONORABLY. I HAVE BEEN AN EXECUTIVE IN SOME OF THE MAJOR CORPORATIONS IN OUR NATION. AT THE PRESENT TIME I FIND MYSELF IN A TOTAL FINANCIAL DILEMMA WHICH IN ALL POSSIBILITY WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF EVERYTHING I HAVE WORKED FOR FOR OVER 25 YEARS INCLUDING MY HOME AND MY DIGNITY. I CANNOT FIGHT THE INTEREST RATES. I REALIZE THAT AS PRESIDENT YOU ARE UNDER TREMENDOUS PRESSURE AND I AM FULLY AWARE THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, PLEASE DO NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT MAJOR CORPORATIONS ARE CLAIMING BANKRUPTCY AND PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS MYSELF ARE FACED WITH THE DILEMMA WHICH FRANKLY WE CANNOT COPE WITH. I AM A VERY PROUD MAN. IN SPITE OF MY DILEMMA I HAVE NEVER APPLIED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT NOR DO I INTEND TO DO SO. I APPEAL TO YOU WITH ALL THE SINCERITY THAT I CAN MUSTER TO PLEASE NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF BUT FOR THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS GREAT NATION TO DO SOMETHING TO GET US BACK ON OUR FEET. WE CANNOT SURVIVE AS INDIVIDUALS OR AS A NATION IF WE CONTINUE ON OUR PRESENT PATH. WITH MY SINCEREST RESPECT.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1982

Dear Al:

In all the turmoil of the reception last evening, I don't know whether I saw you or not or whether you weren't there. That's an awful confession to make but those receptions become a blur of hands and faces with someone tugging at your back to turn around. Forgive me.

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Mr. Alfred H. Kingon
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FINANCIAL WORLD

ALFRED H. KINGON

Editor-in-Chief

June 15, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

First, congratulations on a very successful trip to Europe. I know the press was deflected by a couple of wars and they pounced on what seemed to be some "failures" but as I read the reports, especially those from abroad, you have won plaudits and respect and, at the very least, an understanding of the American position on some very hard economic matters.

I surely hope that you aren't taking too much to heart the spate of stories, commentaries and analyses that have deemed your Administration and your programs a failure. While the optimism of the spring and early summer of 1981 was not well founded, I am more certain than ever that the current pessimism is equally unfounded. In fact, here are the final paragraphs of what I've written in the 80th Anniversary issue of Financial World:

In 1980, an aroused populace insisted on an end to our "madness". And now we are trying to right the wrongs of two generations in a few brief years. To lead us in this endeavor, we have chosen the author of the letter on the opposite page. At the moment he is the object of intense criticism by those who are unwilling to pay the price of their own past follies.

We would say to him, and to all our readers: hold steady and have courage. Prosperity is just around the corner, but it's a difficult corner to turn. We think we will make it, and when we do we will be the most fortunate nation in history, for we will reclaimed our heritage in just a few short years after decades of wanton neglect.

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Best Regards

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The reason I'm writing to you now is that I thought you would like to see an advance of the editorial that will appear in the July 1st issue of Financial World. I may well have been one of the earliest supporters of the flat rate tax. I'm not rigid about which particular plan is adopted but I must tell you that the argument that carries the most weight with me is that addressed to you in the final paragraphs of the editorial.

You have been kind enough to invite my wife and I to attend a reception at the White House on Wednesday, June 23rd for the early Reagan supporters from New York. We look forward to seeing you there.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1982

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I thank you for bringing this to my attention. Nancy and I thought of you both with the golf tournament on and decided you must be out there somewhere in the gallery, but we couldn't find you on television.

Nancy sends her love, and from both of us to Punky.

Sincerely,

Ron

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Thank

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Kathy O.

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WASHINGTON

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Again, my thanks to you and best regards.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

Dear Professor Amirie:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of May 8 concerning your observations on the situation in Iran. I agree with you: things are very serious there now and, as Secretary Haig has pointed out recently, the ramifications of the Iran-Iraq war go way beyond the Gulf region itself. We are, of course, fully aware of the dangers if any further Soviet or Communist takeover of the country occurs.

Thank you for sharing your observations with us. I understand you have also talked on occasion to Geoffrey Kemp on our staff. Please feel free to send us any papers you have that you think may be of interest to us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



William P. Clark

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The President of the United States

Bill
This man is on the level. I
was part in Texas with him. He wants to
a judge (former President Jimmy Carter) He is now
Spencer as a student from Iran
on the faculty of UCLA.
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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024

May 8, 1982

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. President:

You may recall that as fellow alumni of Eureka College we met and talked over an hour at Mr. Peter Hannaford's office in Los Angeles in July of 1979. The meeting was arranged by your trusted friend and my "American father," the late Samuel G. Harrod Jr. of Eureka, Illinois. At the end of that meeting I offered to help your campaign by giving you my views on the issues concerning the Persian Gulf region, my area of expertise. Subsequently, I met Mr. Richard Allen and arranged to exchange correspondence on whatever issue was relevant at the time. During the campaign and after the elections, I sent him several reports; some responded to his specific requests. But since his resignation I have lost contact with your Administration. I assume that you still wish me to relay my views on issues concerning the Persian Gulf region. If so, please inform me which channel I should use.

Mr. President, you undoubtedly know that the radical pro-Soviet clergymen who now control the Tehran government have been moving steadily to put Iran into the Soviet camp. Their policies of

- a) eliminating people's freedom and liberties;
- b) destroying the concept of private ownership;
- c) weakening the bond between the masses and their religion by its abuse;
- d) the onslaught upon Iranian nationalism and culture; and
- e) trying to eliminate the moderate clergymen who oppose their scheme

are aimed at preparing ground for a Communist takeover of the country. The Tudeh (the Iranian Communist Party) has been the main architect of this program. Mr. President, it will be a tragedy if your Administration does not seek an alternative to the radical clergymen and their Communist allies before it is too late. I sincerely believe that former Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar, together with the young Shah, may be the only force capable of wresting power from the present regime and preventing a Marxist takeover of the government and restoring peace and stability to the country and the region. I believe it is in the interest of the United States to support and strengthen this team.

Most respectfully yours,

Abbas Amirie
Visiting Professor

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June 28, 1982

Dear Mr. Schloss:

Thank you for writing and for giving me a chance to reply. I'm sorry to be so late in answering. But, now that I am, let me say I disagree with your statement that current interest rates are the market's response to my policies. Perhaps to be exact I should say I disagree with your inference that I am - or my policies are - responsible for interest rates being too high. Yes, they are too high, but they are about 20% lower than they were when I took office and for that I think my policies are responsible.

The previous administration brought interest rates from about 6 1/2% in 1977 to 21 1/2% in 1980; inflation from 4.8% to 12.4%; rate of increase in government spending to 17% a year even though it underspent on defense and left us the job of restoring our national security.

You suggest I should cut spending and defer the tax cuts. We have reduced the rate of increase in spending to half what it was, and it will be further reduced in 1983. We have also reduced inflation from 12.4% to 3.7% for the last six months. The tax cuts are essential to get the economy going again just as a somewhat similar tax reduction by John F. Kennedy in 1963 stimulated the economy providing even higher receipts for government in spite of the reduced rates.

Since our 5% reduction last October, the personal savings rate has increased to the point that the capital pool for investing will be up almost \$300 billion. Incidentally, some of the features of our tax program you criticized in your letter were not in our proposal. They were added on by Democratic members of the House and we had to accept them in order to get our program passed.

With regard to our spending on defense being simply a matter of throwing money at a problem while we have no global strategy to justify or direct our spending, that is not the case. We have a definite and specific plan based on what we see as potential threats to our security in every area of the world. But in addition our number one goal is to achieve a meaningful reduction in armaments from strategic-nuclear to conventional. Negotiations for this are now going on and I think I'm justified in saying the Soviets have come to the table only because they are convinced the alternative is an arms race they can't win. By the way, in the "Camelot" of 1963 defense spending was 46% of the budget - in our 1983 budget it is only 29%.

I share your feeling about high interest rates and their effect on recovery from the recession which apparently has bottomed out. It seems to me the money markets are holding back because they still aren't sure the government won't go in for the quick fix as it has seven times since World War II. In each case another recession followed with worse inflation. I'm hoping the present bipartisan budget resolution, with its additional cuts in spending, plus my veto of two spending bills in two days might send a reassuring message to those markets.

Again my thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Comments Office

The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Although I am a Democrat, I voted for you in 1980, because I believed you would bring fiscal responsibility to Washington. Unfortunately, that expectation has proven false.

When I voted for you, I did not believe that anyone could cut taxes by 30 percent over two and a half years, increase defense spending dramatically, and balance the budget. I thought that you, as a man of obvious common sense, would appreciate that fact and adjust your program. Events have proven my judgment wrong.

It seems to be a rule of American politics that every candidate believes in the free market until he gains elective office. Then he comes to believe that a formerly rational market will be swayed by rhetoric or bullied by fiat. Current interest rates are the market's response to your policies. I do not believe this, or any other, economy can long survive them. One response would be to increase the money supply, but that would spell disaster -- a rekindling of explosive inflation. The other response is to cut spending and defer the cuts in taxes so that the deficit does not have to be monetarized or the government does not soak up the lion's share of private savings.

I should like to make four points which I hope you will bear in mind.

First, I should add that I am a tax lawyer. When I first read through the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, it seemed obvious to me that Congress had gone way beyond Kemp-Roth. The Act results in a massive deferral and a virtual repeal of the Federal estate tax. The

accelerated cost recovery system and the other business tax provisions will greatly reduce the corporate income tax. Individual income tax rates will be cut, but I believe that the reduction in rates may not turn out to be as important as the other provisions of the Act. The two-income earner deduction, the increased liberalization of the child care credit, the \$2,000 IRA or voluntary contribution to an existing plan provision, the increase in the ceiling on HR-10 contributions to \$15,000, and the multitude of other provisions, whether advisable or inadvisable, will greatly reduce individual income taxes. When I read the bill, it struck me that it spelled the end of the New Deal and the beginning of a new era of financial retrenchment, because I did not see how government could continue to finance its operations as currently conducted.

I think that this Congressional excess can, as a matter of practical politics, give you the excuse required to defer the additional cuts in rates. I am sure that you recognize that the only argument for the additional cuts will be the increased purchasing power they will provide to individuals whose only source of income is their salary. On the other hand, this entails a recognition that all of the tax provisions designed to stimulate investment and savings, at either the corporate or the individual level, are now in place. The thrust of Kemp-Roth was to stimulate such savings and investment, and I do not believe that it is necessary to adhere rigidly to the rest of the tax cuts in order to get the benefits contemplated by your supply-side program.

If the tax cuts are deferred, I believe that interest rates will decline speedily and dramatically. If you compare the tax savings of \$300 that a married couple with \$20,000 of taxable income will realize when the second tax cut goes into effect and compare that with the increase in purchasing power that they will experience if interest rates drop by four or five percentage points, it seems obvious that the average consumer will have far greater purchasing power as a result of lower rates. The dichotomy becomes far greater when one looks at individuals with somewhat higher income and factors in the savings that such an individual would realize when buying a new car, home or consumer durables. I think that your program is a good one, but it needs time and cannot be put into place all at once. There is no harm in some degree of flexibility, and I urge you to consider this.

Second, I think that the defense build-up, which I believe to be necessary, can be and should be stretched out. One reason why I believe this to be true is that your administration has not indicated what global or local strategy is being served by an arms build-up. In my opinion, you are doing in the area of defense what the Democrats did in various areas of social policy -- throwing money at a problem and believing that alone will solve it. It is not true in the area of defense any more than it is in the area of social policy. From a fiscal point of view, both are equally irresponsible. The government is spending money that it hasn't got, and if deficits for social programs are inflationary, I have a hard time seeing why deficits for defense purposes are not. Conversely, if it really is a matter of national survival for us to re-arm, then we ought to pay for the weapons which are so necessary to our survival. Viewed as a national insurance policy, the cost of a couple of hundred dollars a year seems insignificant. Toward the end of the Civil War, President Lincoln offered to pay \$400 for every emancipated slave if that would end the war. Unfortunately, the South turned him down. That enlightened offer was made in 1865 dollars, and if the same amount per citizen in 1982 dollars is required to insure national survival, I think the money would be well spent and we ought to pay for our defense. If the defense budget is not sufficiently important for the country to pay for it, then it can be stretched out or deferred or ought to be re-considered.

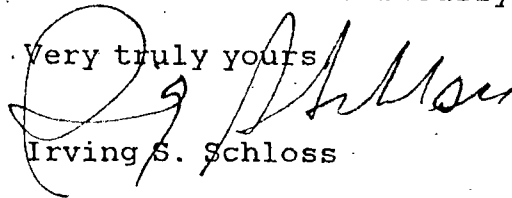
Third, I think that you need to reaffirm your goal to balance the budget and to continue to defeat inflationary expectations.

Finally, you must realize that you represent a great opportunity for this country. After years and years of wasteful government spending, you're beginning to put the house in order. If, however, your administration fails and brings on a recession verging on a depression, the effect on your party and economic responsibility will be comparable to Herbert Hoover's presidency. The Democrats will be re-elected in 1984, will begin to pump up the economy with more paper money, and we will be back in the same fix that you were elected to remedy.

Comments Office
May 7, 1982
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I hope that you will consider these matters seriously.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Irving S. Schloss', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'I'.

Irving S. Schloss

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cc: Donald Regan, Secretary of
the Treasury

Leonard Silk
The New York Times

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Again my thanks to you & best regards
Sincerely RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

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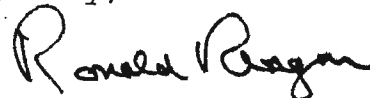
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Thank you for telling me the story of your fine family, of your troubles and what you've done about them. You have every right to be proud and I'm proud to have your approval and support. I'll try harder.

Thank you, too, for your prayers. God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Rita Oliver
12109 Avondale
Warren, Michigan 48089

Human Interest

From Mrs. Rita Oliver
12109 Arundale
Warren Mich. 48089

Dear Mr. President,

This is going to be a long letter, it has to be, because I am representing 15 people. I had just heard our Sen. Levin invited you to come to Mich. for one day to experience the plight of the unemployment. He is blaming you for our Industry Failures. He is saying its all your fault. He is supposed to be representing the people of our State but I wanted you to know he isn't speaking for all of us. My family and myself voted for you & we are so glad we did. You are terrific. God Bless you & your efforts & we pray that God watches over you & protects you from harm & evil.

My name is ^{Mrs.} Rita Oliver, I am 47 1/2 yrs. Young in good health, white, a mother of 6 grown, happy, successful children, 4 married, one single & a 4 yr. vet & active reserve in our air force & a new Pvt. in the ^{1st div} "Locktown" Infantry since Oct. 13 - still at Ft. Benning. Completing his extensive training. My

Husband & myself & 3 of my children were former Chrysler employees. We were laid off in '79. My husband Jim is a fantastic guy, very handsome & strong & wonderful - we love each other very much but when we were first laid off & received such great amounts in benefits - TRA - everything - we blew it - we thought hey look at all this easy money - we just stand in line for a couple of hours, every 2 wks & get our money & eat steak & all the trimmings - go out & every thing - We lost our house, our car was dying - we ended up broke & of course with no job - we hadn't bothered to even look - we were as stupid as a business that only can see 1 foot ahead - no smarts !!! Your Fault?? How ridiculous - OUR FAULT.

Remember I said 3 of my children were laid off from Chryslers too. Well I'm grateful they were sensible. They have jobs - not paying as much as we made at Chryslers but my son is going to school for Electronics Engineer.

& Jim & his wife have a new 8 month old son & she stays at home, leaving a good paying job to be a full time wife & mother (by choice). They used their TRA & benefits to pay their bills & even pd. cash for a new car about 2 yrs ago. My daughter & her husband both were laid off at the same time in 79 - they have a 17 month little girl. They too were wiser than mom (& a lot of other people) - sold a home which was too expensive to keep & bought one they could afford & bought a car. They are both working to make a go of it. Now you have it - I know this has to be typical - it's just sheer logic - but even my husband & I we are starting over - we lost it all - but now we are both working - I have a new job (funny thing - when we got serious & looked for A JOB - we found one) I make 3.35 per hr. & Jim makes \$19 & we are going to make it because we learned an old lesson - you just never get something for nothing - you have

to work for it.

Chryslers & the rest of the big companies that are folding are going down for the 3rd count - if they can't swim then they should get out of the water - Cause it's deep. The union & mis management & people who are non-U.S. citizens are who is to blame for our poor economy - not you - My goodness they have been going down the tube for a long time!

My dad, Mr. Leandre Page, worked 42 yrs. at Bundy Picking - was never late for work & never missed one day. - He is 76, he will be 77 in May - My dad still can work circles around many men half his age - My mother, Vina Page is 76 - she's a diabetic & gets insulin, daily injection - she seems to grow energy & great each day with such enthusiasm it's amazing. They too are behind beside you all the way.

You see that's the "average citizen"
You plan your work and then
WORK YOUR PLAN - No one
likes to fail - but some simply
plan it that way.

~~You're Doing a Great Job~~
~~Our President - we're helping by~~
~~doing our part.~~

Sincerely
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Sincerely RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

Dear Jean and Bill:

Forgive a hurried note but it's getaway time for us -- back to the ranch for a few days. Yes, send the prints. I'll be happy to autograph them. Be sure and include the names to go on each one.

You touched a memory mentioning "Honey" Glessner. He was the all around, able to do anything fellow in the gang and good-looking, too. That white canoe was beautiful. I used to rent it out at Lowell Park and we split the money -- 50¢ an hour.

Incidentally, please thank John Beier for the cap.

The tourist brochure is beautiful and I appreciate all the "fun" items.

About the hat -- Nancy isn't a hat wearer, but has just a few she must have for such things as meeting Royalty and the Pope where it is required. Right now there are none she can call extra, but she's going to look.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Dutch

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson
517 Brinton Avenue
Dixon, Illinois 61021

7 Mrs. Mrs. Wm. Thompson
Duxen Ill 61001
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Again, Thanks

Best Regards
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

Dear Rob Iosue:

Thanks very much for your letter and your kind words. I'm happy if my remarks were of help to you.

As I look back on those college days I find the entire experience contributed to my education. It's true I was caught up in a number of extra-curricular activities besides football. There was the drama club, and that certainly contributed to my earlier career in Hollywood. In fact, that was the only formal training in acting I ever had. But I got involved in student government, also, as well as staging homecoming and putting out the yearbook. Again, as I say, looking back I realize all these things were part of my education.

Best of luck to you and hang in there.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Robert V. Iosue II
Gettysburg College
Box 909
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 07325

May 10, 1982

Dear President Reagan,

I read the text of the commencement speech you gave at Eureka College and I just want to let you know that it inspired me in a way you may not have intended. I am a senior this year at Gettysburg College and I am disappointed in my grades. The job market is tight and everything counts on the resume. I was annoyed with myself because I often sacrificed study time and did not achieve the grades I could have achieved. I say I was annoyed because in your speech, at the beginning, you mentioned that you too spent time socializing and playing football and regretting having grades which reflected those activities. Yet even without highly competitive grades you became an actor, a governor, and the president!

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Many thanks,

Rob Iosue

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S. L. L.

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Many thanks,

Rob Isaac

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

Dear Mrs. Eshenbaugh:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of May 3, but sometimes it takes awhile before mail gets to my desk, especially when I've been traveling -- as I have.

I want to thank you for brightening my day with your generous words of support for what we are trying to do. I'm delighted to learn of your plans for expansion and that you approve of the balanced budget amendment. We're going to push hard for that. I was pleased also to hear of your accomplishments with the Mercer County Mental Health program. You confirm my faith in the capacity of our people to get things done.

Thank you for writing, but even more for what you are doing.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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May 3, 1982

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The White House
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Dear President Reagan:

As a corporate officer I support you programs wholeheartedly. Your tax cuts have allowed us to plan projects and invest capital that we would not have considered prior to the tax cuts. Through use of an industrial development loan we have just invested \$3 million dollars in a warehouse and materials handling facility in Beaver County, PA, an area of high unemployment, where we have created 8 jobs and have the potential of going to 25 to 30 jobs as the facility grows. We have other projects planned and are waiting for the interest rates to stabilize so that we can proceed with these plans. We feel very strongly that interest rates will not stabilize until Congress acts to balance the budget and therefore we support your programs wholeheartedly and also support a constitutional amendment calling for a balanced budget now and in the future.

I am also the president of the Mercer County Community Mental Health and Counseling Center. Our agency had fallen into a very wasteful and sloppy management style because Washington and Harrisburg were always ready to pick up the bills for whatever mistakes we made. Since the "Reaganomic" budget cuts and the wise following of that plan by our Governor Thornburg, our agency has lost approximately \$75,000. Surprisingly enough by cleaning up some of our wasteful practices and streamlining our operation we will come out with about a \$10 thousand dollar budget shortfall, which our Board of Directors are working to raise from the private sector throughout our local communities in Mercer County.

Again, I feel that these budget cuts have served to clean up our agency and were long overdue.

I cannot begin to tell you how much I admire you and what you are trying to do. I have written to Congressman Marks and Senator Heinz, our representative, to urge them to support your efforts.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Mim Eshenbaugh
(Mrs.) Mim Eshenbaugh
Corporate Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

Dear Nackey:

How good it was to hear from you even if you did give me a polite spanking. From you I'll take it and like it.

Nackey, my old friend Jeffrey Hart based his column on some misinformation plus the image that is being created of me as being packaged and delivered by staff and aides who won't let me think for myself. First, let me clear up the "misinformation." Solzhenitsyn was definitely invited to the luncheon but didn't want to be a part of the group we'd invited. For what reason I don't know. As for the "off the record" ruling on my remarks, our guests had asked that our discussion be off the record -- no press coverage.

Now, back to the image making, that seems to be not only a theme of the liberal pundits, but of the so-called "new conservatives" including some of my old friends from Human Events, etc. It just isn't true. I'm not turning my back on Taiwan and, other than a few State Department types, no one is trying to push me that way. Maybe my speech at the United Nations will also indicate I'm not soft on Russia. And none of our gang tried to talk me into giving up our tax cuts even though for a time half the columnists were saying they were doing so on a near daily basis.

Maybe a few events in the last couple of days will further substantiate my claim that I'm being me. I just hope being me can accomplish all that needs to be done.

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I tried a meeting with some of those conservatives I mentioned; John Lofton, Stan Evans, Alan Ryskind, et al. and gave them chapter and verse on what the actual record is, but it didn't do much good.

Again, it was good hearing from you and I thank you for sending Jeffrey's column. I hadn't seen it.

Sincerely,

Donald Reagan
Don

*P.S. I just signed
that, it's time out of routine
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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC

Dear Ron:

I certainly don't want to burden you with more reading material, but I hope you will take the time to read the editorial I wrote which I am enclosing, as well as the Jeffrey Hart article to which it refers.

I have heard from quite a few supporters and friends of yours who are truly upset by what they feel is indication of weakness on your part.

I recognize that in your position you must rely on friends around you for advice and assistance. However, there are many who would be much happier if you would rely on your own political instincts and not waver on your campaign promises.

Your insistence on the ownership of that microphone at Nashua, New Hampshire, was a turning point and a tremendous boost on your way to the White House for one reason. It suddenly showed the people of this country that you were a leader and willing to stand strong for what he believed. America still wants that strength of purpose and that leadership; and you can throw it all away if you listen too much to the compromisers.

It is none of my business to try to reprimand the President of our country but I think that the dangers you are facing now are too important to be ignored by myself and everybody else.

Best wishes to you and to Nancy as well.

Sincerely,


Mrs. William Loeb

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Liberate the Real Ronald Reagan

By JEFFREY HART

Remember when Ronald Reagan lost the Iowa primary contest to George Bush? When he was slumping in New Hampshire and had begun to be written off?



The fact is, that campaign manager John Sears and other unelected officials had put he wraps on Reagan and were trying to "moderate" his image.

The additional fact is that Sears and other unelected image-manipulators did not believe in Ronald Reagan or trust his abilities.

As soon as Reagan dumped Sears and ran as Ronald Reagan, he swept all before him. And having shed the plastic wrapping, he swept to a 1980 landslide as onishing to "moderates" in the Republican Party and to pundits in the media.

The Reagan-as-Reagan surge continued all through his first year in office. After listening politely to advice from Tip O'Neill to the effect that he was "in the big leagues now," Reagan rolled to his great and radical legislative victories over the flattened form of old-pro O'Neill.

It is Reagan, and no one else, who has set the present agenda. No one, not even

the Democrats in Congress, is talking about new big-spending programs. The only question, and it is Reagan's question, concerns how much the federal budget is to be cut, and where the cuts are to be made.

But once again the timid of heart are beginning to prevail in Reagan's innermost councils.

Examples abound, but the plastic men are beginning to prevail, as in the case of the recent White House lunch for prominent Soviet dissidents.

Reagan brought tears to the eyes of some of the dissidents, as he spoke of Soviet tyranny in the words of the courageous physicist Andrei Sakharov, now ill and denied medical treatment in his internal exile.

"I consider," Reagan quoted Sakharov as saying, "the United States the historically determined leader of the movement toward a pluralist and free society vital to mankind," and more to the same effect.

Minutes after the luncheon ended, however, the White House image-makers issued orders that the President's remarks had been private and were not for public distribution.

Well, we seem to be back to the bad old days when Gerald Ford, that prince of moderates, would not see Solzhenitsyn in the White House.

As a matter of fact, Solzhenitsyn was supposed to be at the Reagan

luncheon mentioned above — but his invitation somehow never got mailed. I myself, despite my inherent skepticism, am willing to believe that this was some kind of internal clerical error — but there are plenty of people who do not believe it was an error.

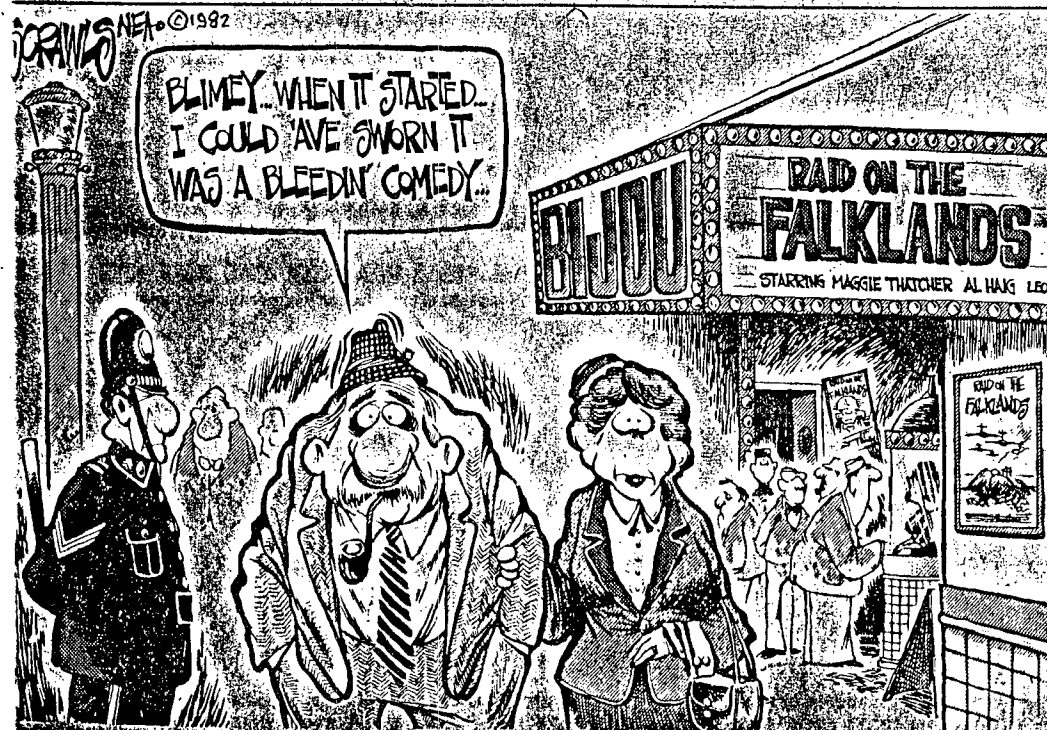
The truth of the matter is that the "centrists" on the White House staff do not know where the political center in America actually is. James Baker, the "centrist" and "pragmatist," who is now chief of staff, was once George Bush's campaign manager. He now is no doubt sincere in his belief that Reagan must be packaged in more "moderate" terms, but Baker's packaging, like John Sears's earlier packaging, is killing Reagan politically. Baker and the other packagers on the staff could not get elected to anything, but they are misjudging one of the greatest natural political talents in the history of this country.

Reagan did not run on a platform of interest rates and housing starts. I promised to turn this country in a new direction and he has begun to do so.

He also told the truth, which is as obvious as an Alp, about the nature of the Soviet Union.

And he spoke out about the great central social values of the majority of the American people: family, work, and worship.

Reagan knows exactly where the political center of America really is — and before it is too late the conventional politicians on the White House staff must get out of his way.



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An Editorial

The President in Trouble

The President of the United States is in trouble today. It is the same kind of trouble that he found himself in after his loss to George Bush in the Iowa caucuses shortly before the 1980 New Hampshire Presidential Primary.

Ronald Reagan's trouble isn't with the people of America. They gave him a great victory in 1980, and they remain willing to give him the time needed to straighten out this nation's monumental messes.

The President's trouble is with some of the President's men, some of his so-called advisers. These "professional politicians" spend their time reading press clippings and watching the liberal television media slam the President. They then urge Mr. Reagan to "moderate" his positions.

This is all such nonsense. The people of this country elected Ronald Reagan because of his views and beliefs, not in spite of them. The real producers of America, the working men and women, knew it would be a tough job — for them and the President — and they were willing to accept it. What they don't want is for yet another President to be swallowed up in the Washington hoey and rhetoric that have been dragging down this country for 40 years and more.

If this writer's husband, the late William Loeb, ever had advice for Ronald Reagan it was to be true to himself and not to let anybody come between him and the people. That advice helped Ronald Reagan turn things around in

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The President in Trouble

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the New Hampshire Primary and it's the same kind of advice the President needs today.

For the benefit of our readers — and for Ronald Reagan — we publish on today's editorial page a fine and timely column by Dartmouth Professor Jeffrey Hart, who has also become concerned by the President's current "trouble."

"Reagan knows exactly where the political center of America really is," Professor Hart

writes, "and before it is too late the conventional politicians on the White House staff must get out of his way."

Don't miss the Hart column today — especially if your initials are "R.R."

Nackey S. Loeb.
Nackey S. Loeb, Publisher

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To Mr. Irving S. Schloss 205 Church St. P.O. Box 1936
New Haven Conn. 06509

Dear Mr. ~~Irving~~ SCHLOSS

Thank you for writing & for giving me a chance to reply.
I'm sorry to be so late in answering. But, now that I am
let me say I disagree with your statement that current
interest rates are the market's response to ~~my~~ my policies.

Perhaps to be exact I should say I disagree with your
inference that I am - or my policies are - responsible for
interest rates being too high. Yes they are too high, but
they are about 20% lower than they were when I took office
and for that I think my policies are responsible.

The previous admin. brought interest rates from about 6½%
in 1977 to 2½% in 1980; inflation from 4.8% to 12.4%; rate
of increase in govt. spending to 17% a year even though ~~the~~ it
underfunded on defense and left us the job of ~~the~~ restoring
our national security.

You suggest I should cut spending & defer the tax cuts.
We have reduced the rate of increase in spending to half
what it was and it will be further reduced in 1983. We
have also reduced inflation from 12.4% to 3.7 for the last
6 months. The tax cuts are essential to get the economy going
again just as a somewhat similar tax reduction by John F.
Kennedy in 1963 stimulated the econ. providing even higher
receipts for govt. in spite of the reduced rates.

Since our 5% reduction last Oct. the personal savings
rate has increased to the point that the capital pool for
investing will be up almost \$300 bil. over the next 3 yrs.
As I recall taxes were increased some \$300 bil. between
1976 & 1980 and the deficits in that period totaled \$18 bil.
Incidentally some of the features ^{of our tax program} you criticized in your letter
were not in our proposal. They were added on by ~~the~~ Dem.
members of the House and we had to accept them in order
to get our program passed.

With regard to our spending on defense being simply
a matter of throwing money at a problem while we have
no global strategy to justify or direct our spending that
is not the case. (over)

We have a definite & specific plan based on what we see as our potential threats to our security in every area of the world. But in addition our number one goal is to achieve a meaningful reduction in armaments from strategic nuclear to conventional. Negotiations for this are now going on and I think I'm justified in saying the Soviets have come to the table only because they are convinced the alternative is an arms race they can't win. By the way in the Camelot of 1963 defense spending was 46% of the budget - in our '83 budget it is only 29%.

I share your feeling about high interest rates & their effect on recovery from the recession which apparently has bottomed out. It seems to me the money markets are holding back because they still aren't sure the govt. won't go in for the quick fix as it has 7 times since W.W.II. In each case another recession followed with worse inflation. I'm hoping the present bipartisan budget resolution with its additional cuts in spending plus my veto of 2 spending bills in 2 days might send a reassuring ^{message} ~~msg.~~ to those markets.

Again my thanks for writing.

Sincerely

R.R.

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June 28, 1982

Dear Mr. King:

Forgive me for being so late in answering your letter of May 6 but it takes awhile for mail to reach my desk. Anyway, thank you for your kind letter and generous words.

You aroused a few memories of my own Iowa days at W.H.O. I must also say they were happy days even though the country was in the depths of the great depression.

Now you write an upbeat letter in what some say is the worst recession since those times. Believe me, you brightened my day with your optimism and your outlook. I think I'm scheduled to be away from Washington for a good part of July when you say you are taking your vacation. Being a "history buff," I think you'll find your trip very rewarding.

If you go to the Lincoln Memorial, and you should, go around to each side of the giant statue of Lincoln. One profile shows the strength of the man. The other profile shows his compassion. This must have been the intent of the artist and he truly succeeded.

Again, thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. John King
4114 - 11th Street
Des Moines, Iowa 50313

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May 6, 1982

A.H.
Dear Mr. President:

This letter is a difficult one to write, for the simple reason that I have so much to say!

First off, I know you have a tendency to read letters you like to the public, I write to you on this stationary not for publicity (my ratings are doing fine!), but with hopes that you might be able to read this letter personally...from one radio personality to another!

I have long admired and respected you Mr. President! My first memories are of you hosting "Death Valley Days". From there I took a great interest in your days as Governor of California. In 1976, I had high hopes for your nomination...and higher hopes for your election in 1980! I am a Republican, though I did not directly work for the party, I pushed hard to get people I knew to vote for you! It was not easy, most are Democrats or suffer from political apathy. Although I don't know for sure, they told me they pulled the Reagan/Bush lever on November 4!

In December of that year I became unemployed! January found me still without a steady job, but filled with immense optimism...especially on the 21st, one of my proudest days as an American! I was to be unemployed till the end of July, this was not an easy period in my life because I had never been so long without a job. To say the least sir, you were a continued inspiration...every night I noted the battles you waged to get your programs in place.

Mr. President, I consider myself a person for whom "REAGANOMICS" has worked...to which I say THANK YOU! Since my first paycheck I have opened a savings account at my local bank(the first time since early 1979 I've been able to keep money in one!). Every paycheck I make regular deposits...as of this writing I have saved \$700! I have started two more savings accounts, one for each of my nieces...with a combined total of \$150 in them! Since July I have been able to establish credit, a major first in my life! This July I plan to take my first real vacation in 5 years, appropriately enough to Washington D.C. (I'm a History

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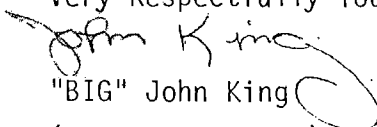
Although I am not being counted in recent popularity polls, you can always count on me for support! Polls have been wrong before, we all remember how close they said the 1980 election would be! Although people are finding the truth hard to believe right now, I know you will continue to speak and act with the Nations best interests at heart!

Press on Mr. President, It will not be easy but the rewards will be great for you...and America!

My continued best for you and the First Lady, the rest of your family, and the people around you(Especially your FINE Secretary of State!).

Till a day when I can express my feelings personally, THANK YOU!

Very Respectfully Yours,


"BIG" John King

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Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for your letter to me and to Speaker O'Neill -- I assume he received a copy. As you know by now, we do have a bipartisan budget resolution, passed over the opposition of the Speaker. I had hoped he would join in the bipartisan effort so at the leadership level we could appear before the citizens symbolizing government unified in this time of economic crisis.

That, unfortunately, was not to be. Mr. O'Neill has made it plain he intends to continue his opposition by opposing efforts to implement the resolution.

I know how little good it does to say "hang in there," when so many are hurting as you are, but I'm convinced the recession has bottomed out. Inflation is running at only 3.7% for the last six months, and for the first time in three years, real wages are showing an increase. You are right that interest rates are now the biggest stumbling block. They have come down from the 21½% prime rate we inherited, but they must come down much more. I assure you, we are doing everything we can to bring that about. I think the July 1 income tax cut is going to help.

Believe me, I'm aware of the trouble in your industry as well as the others that have been hit so hard by high interest rates. I'm convinced the answer lies in getting control of government spending, and this we are doing.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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GREDE FOUNDRIES, INC.

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June 8, 1982

President Ronald Reagan ✓
and
The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

Dear Mr. President and Congressman O'Neill:

I am Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Grede Foundries, Inc., the third or fourth largest jobbing foundry in the United States. Until recently, we had eight foundries but the current depression has made it necessary to close three of the eight. I think it important that you realize this is not only a Grede Foundries' problem but a foundry industry problem.

The foundry industry is gripped in the most debilitating recession in forty years. Since January of 1981, foundries have been closing at the average rate of four a week. Countless others have been idled and are operating on three day weeks or three week months. It is estimated that 25% of all foundry workers in the United States are unemployed. Layoffs continue.

And there is no recovery in sight.

Against this background, our Congress is playing politics in the most contrived fashion with federal budget resolutions. Political maneuvering, to influence elections, seems to prevail over serious budget considerations to serve the public interest.

Contributing to our present dilemma is smaller and lighter car production, reduced construction and homebuilding, depressed farm machinery purchases and market losses to foreign imports.

But at the heart of the matter are high interest rates which paralyze all industries, including foundries and foundry customers. Until there is relief from high interest rates, businesses have no incentive to restock and rebuild.

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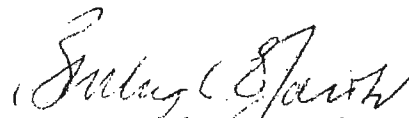
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You can correct this mess by agreeing on a federal budget deficit for 1983 and a balanced one beyond. A delayed budget will not only delay recovery, it will also contribute to a continuing downturn. This our industry cannot tolerate. A budget agreement is only the first step in helping financial markets, but it is a necessary step.

I urge you to quit playing games with people's lives, get off your political exteriors and start to solve problems, not create them.

Sincerely yours,


Burleigh E. Jacobs
Chairman

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 28, 1982

Dear Dr. Barker:

Thank you very much for brightening my day. You provided a welcome boost to my morale. Back here in Washington the "hecklers" have a choir and every once in awhile their dirge can wear one down.

I appreciate your generous words and I'll stay in there. Perhaps we both owe a thank you to that student who stopped by to express his appreciation to you.

Again, my thanks for your kind letter and my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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May 4, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

I am a Professor of Taxation at California State University--Northridge. Something happened here the other day that prompted this letter to you. During class, one student (the self-appointed class heckler) was griping about some of the work I require of them. In response, I explained, for about the tenth time this term and not very patiently, that the work was for their benefit, not mine. After class one of the other students stopped by my office and said, "Most of us appreciate the time and effort you put into this class, even though it's hard work."

Most of us appreciate what you are doing in your job, even though it's hard on us sometimes, but you probably hear mostly from the hecklers. After the traditional "honeymoon" period ended, the newspapers and newsmagazines I read became very critical of your inflexible attitude on domestic matters. I consider your inflexibility your best feature! I sincerely believe that the paralyzing uncertainty that grips us as a nation stems from the "quick-fix" philosophy that has permeated all branches of the federal government for several years. Of course government officials at all levels should stay in touch with "the people." However, we don't need (and deep down, we don't want) leaders who bend with every whisper of cross-wind that blows by.

I don't always agree with your positions. I do, however, agree with the constancy you bring to your office. Whether your policies are "the best" is not nearly as important as is the fact that they are identifiable and consistent. We can each choose to fight with you, against you, or sit on the sidelines and watch, but at least we know where the game is being played.

I urge you to stick by your plans. Most of us will experience some pain as the economic adjustment continues. I, too, will howl whenever the pinch touches me. I still urge you to follow your program to fruition. It's best for all of us in the long term.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Barker

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To Robert V. Josue II Box 909 Gettysburg College
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Dear Rob Josue

Thanks very much for your letter & your kind words. ~~But~~ I'm happy if my remarks were of help to you.

As I look back on those college days I find the entire experience contributed to my education. It's true I was caught up in a number of extra-curricular activities besides football. There was the drama club & that certainly contributed to my earlier career in Hollywood. In fact that was the only formal training in acting I ever had. But I got involved in student govt. also, as well as staging homecoming & putting out the yearbook. Again, as I say, looking back I realize all these things were part of my education.

Best of luck to you & hang in there.

Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Mima Eshenbough R.D. 5 Mercer Pa. 16137

Dear Mrs. Eshenbough

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of May 3 but sometimes it takes awhile before mail gets to my desk, especially when I've been traveling - as I have.

I want to thank you for brightening my day with your generous words of support for what we are trying to do. I'm delighted to learn of your plans for expansion and that you approve of the balanced budget amendment. We're going to push hard for that. I was pleased also to hear of your accomplishments with the Mercer Co. Mental Health program. You confirm my faith in the capacity of our people to get things done.

Thank you for writing but even more for what you are doing.

Sincerely
RR

To Mrs. Wm. Loebe - Union Leader Corp. 35 Amherst St.
P.O. Box 780 Manchester N.H. 03105

Dear Mackey

How good it was to hear from you even if you did give me a polite spanking. From you I'll take it & like it.

Mackey, my old friend Jeffrey Hart based his column on some mis-information false the image that is being created of me^{as} being packaged and delivered by staff & aides who want let me think for myself. First let me clear up the "mis-information". Solzhenitsyn was definitely invited to the luncheon but didn't want to be a part of the group we'd invited. For what reason I don't know. As for the "off the record" ruling on my remarks our guests had asked that our discussion ~~was~~ be off the record - no press coverage.

Now back to the image making, that seems to be not only a theme of the liberal pundits but of the so-called "new conservatives" including some of my old friends from Human Events etc. It just isn't true. I'm not turning my back on Taiwan and other than a few State Dept. types no one is trying to push me that way. Maybe my speech at the U.N. will also indicate I'm not soft on Russia. And none of our gang tried to talk me into giving up our tax cuts even though for a time half the columnists were saying ~~that~~ they were on a near daily basis.

Maybe a few events in the last couple of days will further substantiate my claim that I'm being me. I just hope being me can accomplish all that needs to be done.

I tried a meeting with some of those conservatives I mentioned, John Lofton, Stan Evans, Alan Rykind et al and gave them chapter & verse on what the actual record is but it didn't do much good.

Again - it was good hearing from you and I thank you for sending Jeffery's column. I hadn't seen it.

Best Regards

Ron

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