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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

The President has seen

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August 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

From: David Stockman *DAS*
Subject: Administration position on H.R. 756, \$50,000 death benefit for selected Federal employees

Senator Hatch has asked for a letter expressing Administration opposition to H.R. 756. This bill was recently passed by the House, and the Senator's Labor Committee now has the bill. Before the House vote, I wrote to Chairman Perkins strongly opposing H.R. 756. Justice, Labor, and OPM also believe that the Administration should oppose this bill.

H.R. 756 would pay a \$50,000 lump sum gratuity to survivors of Federal law enforcement and firefighter employees, plus some others such as GSA building guards, killed in the line of duty -- this would be on top of death benefits the Government already pays for line-of-duty death of any employee. H.R. 756 is substantially the same as a bill vetoed by President Carter in December 1980.

Arguments in Opposition to H.R. 756

The additional payment would be unwarranted and discriminatory because:

- The economic and personal loss to the family when an employee dies on the job is the same whatever the employee's occupation.
- Singling out certain employees for special benefits creates inequities with others whose duties may be equally hazardous.
- Enactment of H.R. 756 would become a precedent for extension to other groups. H.R. 756 is itself a demonstration of the precedential impact of special legislation of this type, patterned as it is on a 1976 Act for State/local public safety employees, whose benefits then were inadequate.
- The Government's payment under the 1976 Act of a \$50,000 death benefit to survivors of State/local public safety officers is not a valid argument for extension to Federal employees, who already receive death benefits of between 50 - 75% of the highest GS-15 pay level (indexed and tax free) for life. In addition, survivors also receive double indemnity life insurance for which the Government shares the cost.

Arguments in Favor of H.R. 756

The Firefighters Union -- the main proponent -- argues that:

-- Equity requires the Government to provide the same \$50,000 gratuity to selected groups of its employees that it now pays under the 1976 Act to survivors of State and local public safety officers.

-- Some State/local government benefits now surpass Federal benefits.

-- A favorable Administration position could help us in our effort to gain union support.

Options/Decision

Continue to oppose the bill (Send letter to Hatch)

Shift to neutral stance and

- . Reject Stockman letters already on Hill

or

- . Take no further action

WPH *

Quietly

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THIS FORM MARKS THE FILE LOCATION OF ITEM NUMBER 1 LISTED ON THE
WITHDRAWAL SHEET AT THE FRONT OF THIS FOLDER.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: August 11, 1982

NOTE FOR: DAVID STOCKMAN

The President has

seen ☒

acted upon ☒

commented upon ☒

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

information ☒

action ☒

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x-2702)

cc: Meese
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OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20525

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August 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Thomas W. Pauken, Director *Tom Pauken*

SUBJECT: Attached Article by Jim Wright, Editorial Page Editor,
The Dallas Morning News

Given recent comments concerning your Administration emanating from certain segments of the "New Right," I thought that you might appreciate the column by Jim Wright, the Editorial Page Editor of The Dallas Morning News, which I believe puts the overall picture in the proper perspective.

I also am attaching a letter which I have sent to The Dallas Morning News concerning this column.

2 G Sunday, August 8, 1982

Four C's Beat Two C's

By Jim Wright
Editorial Director

LET'S face it, folks, Jesse Helms is not likely to get elected president any time soon.

Though that observation might seem obvious in most quarters — and preposterously so in some — it ought to be offered. There are a number



of hard-core conservatives on the warpath, bent on telling Ronald Reagan to shape up or ship out, toe the conservative line at every point or be written off as a dead loss to the True Right.

It's not illegal, of course, or even unusual. Every president elected in recent years has soon thereafter been accused by his most fervent supporters of selling out, or caving in or merely being criminally moderate.

CONSERVATIVES tend to overdo this kind of collective self-flagellation. To be sure, by 1963, there were liberals denouncing JFK for weaving dangerously toward the middle. And many of those who campaigned in the trenches for Johnson in 1964 were out in the streets a couple of years later, chanting, "Hey, hey, LBJ, how many kids did you kill today?"

But current abuse of their former hero by conservative critics has gone beyond that. Words like "treachery" are being thrown around. The unkindest cut of all, some are even comparing Reagan policies with those of Jimmy Carter.

I saw a sneery line the other day by a right-winger who referred to Reagan with quotation marks as "the most conservative president in 50 years." That's almost as bad as saying a conserv-

ative is "so-called." Fact is, that line is true, never mind the sanitizing quotation marks.

Ronald Reagan for sure is the most conservative president in 50 years. And that fact carries some consequences for what the man can accomplish in the real world.

For one thing, Reagan is rather more conservative — in the ideological, William F. Buckley sense — than the electorate. Too many book conservatives, and even more of the single-cause conservatives, jumped to the conclusion that Reagan's 1980 victory meant that every tenet of their personal philosophy had been given a mandate by the voters.

IT'S NOT true. Most American voters aren't all that concerned about any kind of formal ideology. They are fed up with government hamhandedness; they think Washington is as often the problem as the solution. But that doesn't necessarily mean they go along with the Moral Majority or the Pro-Life movement altogether. Rightly or wrongly, most Americans still see a bigger role for government than conservatives believe proper.

Conservative wishful thinking doesn't change that real world — at least not quickly. Even less does it change the unreal world of Washington and the media.

Washington, it has been said frequently, is a company town and big government is the company. And so the cadre, the permanent core of congressmen, courtiers and consultants, just naturally favors the idea of the people getting more and more government, for the same reason that Detroit thinks every American ought to have two cars.

Any conservative administration — Helms, Kemp, you-name-it — would have to buck precisely the sort of local pres-

ures and obstructionism, bureaucratic sabotage and inertia that the Reagan administration has met. In a city solidly built on a liberal status quo, a conservative is a radical, since he is the one who is trying to make drastic changes. No matter how the ideology is sliced, people who've grown fat and comfortable with things as they are will surely try to wear down, win over or drive out anybody who wants to rattle their rice bowl in that way.

So what's a conservative president to do to persuade others?

Richard Viguerie knows: Don't persuade, pulverize.

In an open letter to the President, the editor of *Conservative Digest* this month shares his thoughts, which sound more like orders:

"Reject the Four C's of Jerry Ford — Compromise, Conciliation, Communication and Cooperation — and adopt the Two C's of Coalition and Confrontation."

IF BOTH the tone and the approach are familiar, it's probably because the Viguerie program sounds like a Red Guard wall poster from the Great Cultural Revolution. If you'll recall, those folks also were impatient to make drastic changes to get purity in a hurry — and off with the heads of backsliders and other wishy-washy weaklings.

Maybe I'm a fuzzy-minded revisionist, but it seems to me that RR will do a lot better in making permanent changes without running the country off the rails if he'll stick with old Jerry's Four C's. That formula is the way we Americans mostly work things out. True, it is slow and sloppy. But then Viguerie's fellow purists in Peking tried that Two C's a while ago, with results that were not too good for either purity or the help.

Or, for that matter, the purists themselves.



OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20525

August 12, 1982

The Editor
The Dallas Morning News
Communications Center
Dallas, Texas 75265

Dear Sir:

As one who has been involved in Conservative politics for so long that I consider myself part of the "Old Right" rather than the "New Right," I want to congratulate Jim Wright on his excellent analysis of the Presidency of Ronald Reagan in this past Sunday's issue of The News.

As Mr. Wright points out, President Reagan is a philosophical Conservative who is trying to make significant changes in the direction our country is going. While it is impossible to keep everyone happy all the time -- particularly since President Reagan was able to forge a coalition of economic Conservatives and social Conservatives in the 1980 election who often disagree even among themselves -- I think that it is clear that the President has made those tough decisions which many of his predecessors tried to avoid.

President Reagan is a realist in terms of what can be done under the circumstances. To my friends among his Conservative critics, I would only suggest: Where would we be had Jimmy Carter been reelected instead of Ronald Reagan with respect to: (1) communist advances in Central America; (2) uncontrollable Federal spending; (3) a Federal bureaucracy out of control; and, (4) the increasingly heavy individual income tax burden on working Americans?

On all of these issues the President has not hesitated to take strong and decisive action, notwithstanding the predictable outrage of his liberal critics.

I think that Jim Wright's column puts the matter in the right perspective. You don't change the system overnight, but the President is doing his level best to return the government to the hands of the people.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Pauken
Director

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1:30 pm

8/16

Talking Points for President Reagan's Telephone Call
to President Lopez-Portillo

August 16, 1982

DONE.
GOOD JOB OF
WORKING WITH
US.

-- I have great sympathy and understanding for the difficult financial position in which Mexico now finds itself. Secretary of Finance Silva-Herzog has assured us of your determination to deal with this problem in a responsible manner, with full attention given to Mexico's international financial commitments.

-- In a spirit of friendship and cooperation, officials of our two governments have been discussing a four point program which, with your strong support, would go a long way toward resolving Mexico's immediate financial difficulties and contribute to the longer-term solution of Mexico's financial and economic problems.

-- This four part program would consist of: (1) a U.S. Government contract to purchase Mexican oil with pre-financing of \$1 billion available immediately to the Bank of Mexico, (2) successful Mexican negotiation with the IMF of a strong economic adjustment program, (3) U.S. assistance in organizing multilateral short-term financial support from central banks and treasuries, and (4) a prompt approach this week by Mexico to foreign banks in order to begin a restructuring of debt to the banks.

-- I would like to be assured of your full support for this four point program.

-- Because of the critical role of an IMF program, I ask your agreement that Mexico make a public announcement of its intention to reach an arrangement with the Fund, in order to strengthen confidence among Mexico's foreign creditors.

-- I am distressed to hear of criticism in the Mexican press that the U.S. Government and its officials, including my Ambassador, are attempting to destabilize the Mexican economy. This is clearly not true and hurtful to U.S.-Mexican relations. I would be grateful if you could make some statement to set the record straight. Ambassador Gavin will be calling on you at the first opportunity to discuss this and other matters. I hope you will lend a sympathetic ear.

(SAME FOR OUR FISHING BOATS)

I think it wound up alright - although
I didn't think he sounded as warm as usual.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1982

Dear Herm and Andrea Rowland:

By way of Colonel Olow I've received the picture and pedigree of my namesake. First of all I'm proud to have such a namesake (horses are the best kind of people) but I'm more than happy to have the photo and Benreagan's family tree.

You were very kind to do this and I'm most grateful. He's a fine looking young fellow. I'll be taking his picture to the ranch in a few days.

Again, a heartfelt thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Rowland
2253 Blackwood Drive
Walnut Creek, California 94596

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FOR ASSEMBLY

Walter Osborne

Col John L Olow III, Aide
2785 Ribera Road
Carmel, California 93923

2 August 1982

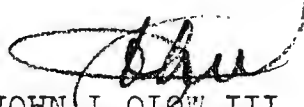
Dear Helene:

I assume that although you have been appointed to a directorate position that your association as a Special Assistant to the President has not really changed. I am, therefore, enclosing a photograph of BENREAGAN, a colt bred by Herm Rowland, President Reagan's "Candyman"; which foaled on the President's birthday in 1981.

There is no intention of solicitation, but rather, having mentioned this event to the President during a previous writing, Herm and Andrea Rowland would like President and Mrs Reagan to have this photograph and pedigree of BENREAGAN for their Rancho del Cielo home.

Thank you in advance for your courtesy. With best wishes and warmest regards, I remain,

Respectfully,

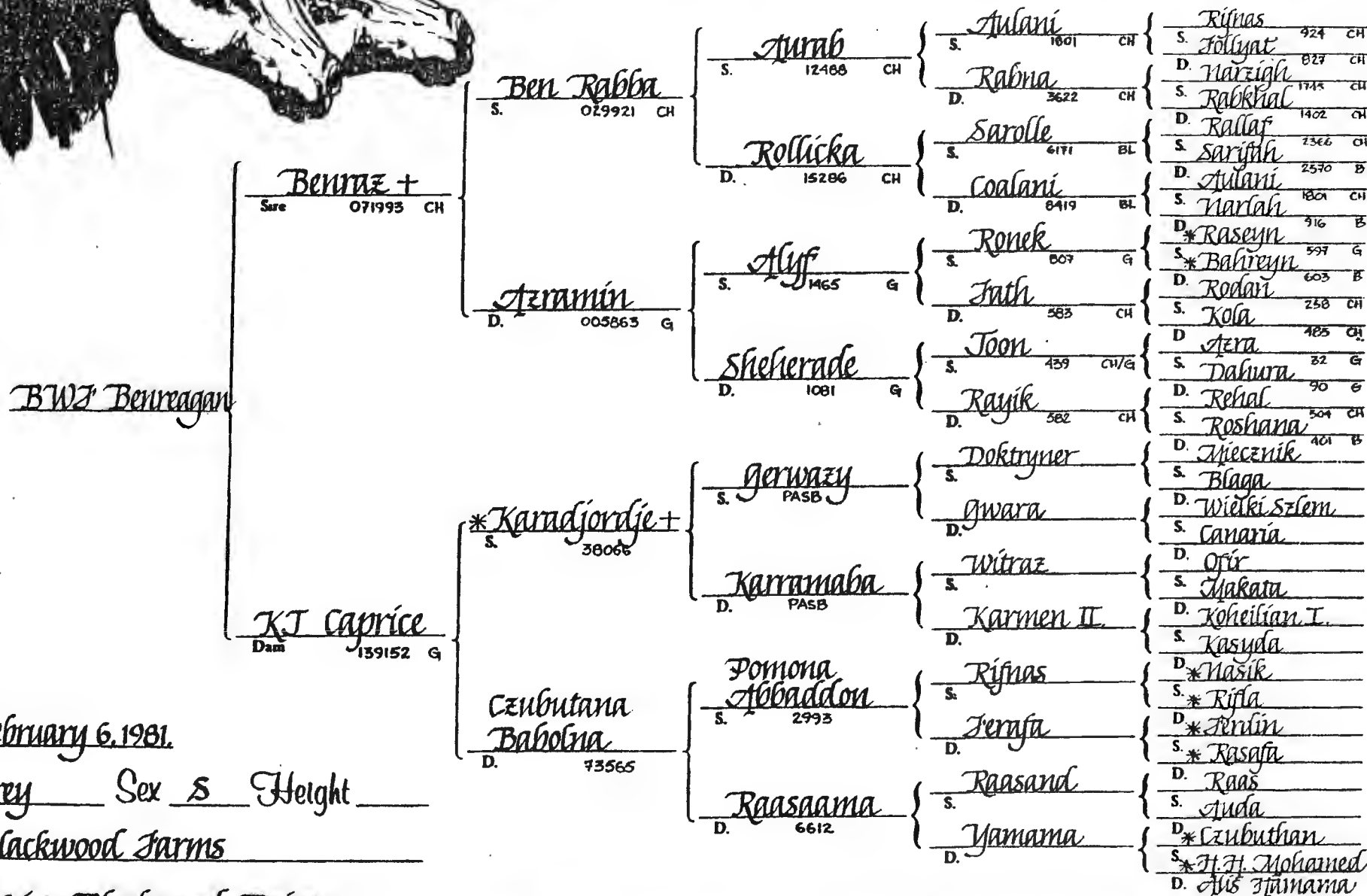

JOHN L OLOW III, Aide

Helene von Damm
Directorate, White House Personnel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500





ARABIAN PEDIGREE



Foaled February 6, 1981.

Color grey Sex S Height

Owner Blackwood Farms

Address 2253 Blackwood Drive
Walnut Creek, Ca. 94596

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 17, 1982

Dear Tom:

Just a quickie -- I'm lobbying Congress on this "Tax and Budget Cut" program. In fact I'm on the air at 8 p.m. to tell the people about it.

I think Dunn is worthy of your support. But right now I have to stay neutral during the primary. It's my understanding he's a good candidate and most supportive of what we're trying to do.

All the best,

Sincerely,

Ron

^x
Mr. Thomas M. O'Brien
6560 N. Scottsdale Road
Building J - Suite 202
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253

*Pres. Lb. re. tax & budget cut also request
support for Political Candidate Dunn*

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Sincerely, R.R.

To ~~Mr. Richard G. Vignone 7297 Garbary Pike~~
~~Falls Church Va. 22043~~

~~Dear Richard~~

~~I had already seen the magazine and given
my opinion of it to John Lofton.~~

~~It is difficult for me to believe you waste your
friendship as you say you did because the charges of
brought on without foundation. In your "open letter"
you ignore the fact that I am promoting school
prayer, a balanced budget amendment, anti-abortion, &
tuition tax credits as I said I would. We have & are
moving ahead on crime, illegal drug use & quality ed.~~

~~I indeed we have succeeded in virtually closing down the
flow of drugs into the country by way of Fla. We
did it with an unprecedented use of Fed. forces including
the military in cooperation with local & state forces.~~

~~Our record of appointing women, blacks & hispanics
to meaningful govt. positions is possibly better than
any previous admin. at this point.~~

~~I'm not going to go through your letter point by
point but I have to ask myself why you've made no
effort to ask for my reasoning behind some of the decisions
you take here with. And I must be honest & tell you
I don't believe I am guilty
of doing to you & your interests~~

(over)

~~of dividing & defeating the conservative movement~~
at the very moment it has the greatest opportunity
to reshape govt. philosophy it has ever had. But
~~some one is~~
~~of this is a national in conservative quarters~~
~~it will be the conservative's D. for just my opinion~~
~~that brings it about.~~

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To Thomas M. O'Brien - 6560 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Bldg. J. Suite 202 Scottsdale Ariz. 85253

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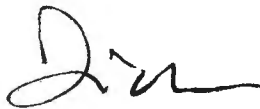
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 17, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

I have assigned to Larry Speakes the responsibility for preparing an appropriate response. This is simply an information copy of the attached letter received today.



Richard G. Darman

*Actually - I was thinking of
Babs - when I wrote the
line - but even so it was
intended as humor. RL*

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The New York Times

WASHINGTON BUREAU
1000 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036
(202) 862-0300

August 17, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was interested in the statement in your speech last night disparaging the journalistic practice of quoting "authoritative government sources who prefer not to have their names used."

Are you aware that this ground-rule is frequently imposed by the White House and the State Department in official briefings from the spokesman's podium? We at The New York Times have requested on several occasions that we be allowed to quote the briefers by name but have been told that it is "traditional" that such briefings be conducted anonymously.

May we count on your support the next time we renew our request to change the ground-rules at official briefings?

Sincerely,



Steven R. Weisman
White House Correspondent

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 19, 1982

Dear Dr. Teller:

The President has received your letter of July 23, 1982, and appreciates the time you have taken to express your concerns to him.

He has read your words carefully and agrees that new technology concepts should be seriously examined. As part of his upcoming review and approval of the nuclear test program, innovative technology will be an item of special interest.

Thank you again for sharing your insights. The President is looking forward to meeting with you in September and to further exploring these ideas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Clark', written in a cursive style.

William P. Clark

Dr. Edward Teller
The Hoover Institution on War,
Revolution and Peace
Stanford, California 94305

MEMORANDUM

~~SECRET~~

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 16, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: RICHARD T. BOVERIE *B*FROM: SYDELL GOLD *JS*

SUBJECT: Letter from Edward Teller to the President

Jay Keyworth has forwarded (Tab II) a letter from Edward Teller to the President (Tab III). Dr. Teller's letter strongly endorses development of a directed energy nuclear weapon and recommends increased funding for the weapons labs for this project. The letter went to the President without NSC staffing. The President's comments are at Tab II.

Jay Keyworth has written another memo (Tab IV) forwarding Dr. Teller's letter to you and strongly recommending a meeting between Dr. Teller and the President. This proposed meeting is the subject of a separate package I sent to you.

Some history of the directed energy project would be useful. In November 1980 an experiment was conducted by Lawrence Livermore National Lab (LLNL) at the Nevada Test Site which showed that the x-ray energy of a nuclear weapon explosion can be used to produce lasing in rods. Thus the energy of a nuclear weapon could, theoretically, be directed and used to destroy a target thousands of miles distant.

Since at least February of 1981, Dr. Teller has spoken to Senators and Congressmen about the potential of directed energy nuclear weapons and the need for increased funding. He cites the possibility that the Soviets are a few years ahead of us in the development of this technology and the possibility of replacing the Mutual Assured Destruction philosophy of deterrence with assured survival as reasons to vigorously pursue the concept. He is concerned that the effort is not receiving the appropriate support.

Although the nuclear weapon laboratories are funded at a level of effort and not for specific research, development and testing projects, LLNL has substantially increased the effort devoted to this x-ray laser project with work proceeding towards additional nuclear testing of the lasing principle. Systems applications and requirements, including its use in conjunction with other non-nuclear space-based defensive concepts, are also being investigated.

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BY KML NARA DATE 11/15/10

I fully agree with Keyworth and Dr. Teller that the labs need to be encouraged to pursue innovative technology. I think that it would be a mistake, however, to fund the laboratories for specific projects and destroy the level of effort concept of funding that allows the labs to formulate their research priorities. At this time, the knowledge base is not sufficiently developed, and the applications are not clearly enough defined, to support a decision to go all-out on the explosively driven x-ray laser.

Dr. Teller has highlighted by this one example the larger issue of the pursuit of innovative technology at the laboratories. The funding for nuclear weapons, including research, development and testing, went through a decline in the 1970s that is now being turned around. However, funding is still a constraint. The laboratories invariably put their resources toward satisfying DOE's current weapon needs at the expense of long range projects. We need to handle this in two ways: (1) by assuring adequate research, development and testing funds for DOE's defense programs, and (2) by encouraging innovative technology in the process of the semi-annual Presidential approval of the nuclear test program.

[FYI: The DOD/ DOE Long-Range Resource Planning Study (i.e., the "Starbird Study") in August 1980 concluded that about 25 nuclear tests per year were needed to support weaponization demands and technology base efforts consisting of physics tests and evolutionary and innovative advanced concept tests. Sixteen DOE tests have been conducted thus far this fiscal year and four more are projected. This compares favorably to 13 conducted in FY 1980 as well as in FY 1981.]

I have been informed by DOE that the contents of the Teller letter should be treated as classified "SECRET" although they do not intend to recall the letter and classify it.

Concurrence: Jay Keyworth; Horace Russell

Recommendation

That you sign the memo at Tab I to Dr. Teller, acknowledging his letter to the President.

Approve ✓

Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I	Letter to Teller
Tab II	Keyworth to President
Tab III	Teller to President
Tab IV	Keyworth to Clark

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE OUTLINE

August 9, 1982

SECRET

TO: WILLIAM SADLEIR

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER *W*

REQUEST: Meeting

PURPOSE: To discuss nuclear weapons technology, strategy,
and other defense issues.

BACKGROUND: Edward Teller wrote to the President on July 23
regarding new defensive directed energy nuclear
weapons technology. Dr. Teller's understanding of
defense issues, his contributions to the nation's
defense, and his support of the President are all
well known.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Not pertinent.

DATE: Late August or early September

TIME: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

PARTICIPANTS: Dr. Edward Teller, William P. Clark,
George A. Keyworth, Sydell Gold (NSC)

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Exposition of Teller's views. Discussion with
President.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None

MEDIA COVERAGE: None

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC, OSTP

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

8/11/82

TO: WILLIAM CLARK

FROM: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR *Bill*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

NOTE: AS PROJECT OFFICER FOR THIS ACTIVITY, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE, CONFIRMED LIST OF STAFF AND ATTENDEES, IDENTIFIED BY TITLE, TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING WITHIN 5 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT.

MEETING: with Dr. Edward Teller

DATE: September 14, 1982

TIME: 2:30 pm

DURATION: 30 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points to be covered in briefing paper.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

cc: A. Bakshian	C. Romero	✓ C. Tyson
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MEMORANDUM

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 6, 1982

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: CHUCK TYSON *CNT*
RICHARD BOVERIE

FROM: SYDELL GOLD *SG*

SUBJECT: Request for Edward Teller to Meet with the President

Jay Keyworth has written a memo to you (Tab II) requesting that Dr. Teller meet with the President. Jay has also forwarded (Tab III) a letter from Dr. Teller to the President. [FYI: The substance of this letter is the subject of another package that I will send to you.]

Jay points out in his memo (Tab II) that Teller believes superior American technology must be exploited and that this is the message he would probably bring to the President. Although Dr. Teller did not request a meeting, Jay notes that he might be offended if his advice is not sought.

At Tab I is a memorandum for Mike Deaver, forwarding the schedule outline at Tab A.

I have just been informed by DOE that the contents of the Teller letter are classified "SECRET," although DOE is not planning to recall the letter and classify it as such.

Concurrence: Pipes, Rye and Russell.

Recommendation

That you sign the memorandum for Mike Deaver at Tab I.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum for Mike Deaver
Tab A. Schedule Outline
Tab II Keyworth to Clark
Tab III Letter from Teller to the President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR W. P. CLARK

FROM: JAY KEYWORTH *Jay*

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION THAT EDWARD TELLER RECEIVE
AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT

Several weeks ago I suggested to you that we delay determining whether a meeting between the President and Edward Teller should occur until I had the opportunity to hear Dr. Teller's concerns. I have held extensive discussions with him and now strongly recommend that such a meeting should be arranged when possible.

Dr. Teller has not personally sought such an appointment. He is well aware of the pressure upon the President's time. Nevertheless, I believe he will be somewhat offended if the President whom he has so strongly supported from the outset of the 1980 campaign should not seek his advice. In many ways, Edward Teller is one of the last members of the grand tradition, and a patriot who has been both abused and under appreciated. I believe the counsel he will offer will be both constructive and thoughtful. Basically, Dr. Teller believes that superior American technology must be exploited to assure that we regain an adequate defense posture and, ultimately, withdraw from a strategy of nuclear deterrence and mutual assured destruction. His emphasis upon directed-energy nuclear weapons, expressed in the accompanying letter to the President, is only symbolic of one technology he supports. His more general considerations are, in my opinion, well conceived and consonant with a Presidential strategic perspective. He has been vigorously defending the Administration's posture with respect to the "nuclear freeze" movement and I believe his views merit attention.

As my close friend and mentor, I confess some lack of objectivity in assessing Edward Teller's attributes. However, as I expressed to the President, his contributions to the nation's defense have been rarely surpassed and the depth of his perceptions and understanding make his counsel invaluable. I believe that both these considerations and his unflagging support of the President justify a personal meeting.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAY KEYWORTH *jay*
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM EDWARD TELLER

Judge Clark WFO HAS SEEN
Dear Bill
We should take this
seriously & have a real look.
Remember our country once
turned down the submarine.
Ron

The accompanying letter to you from Edward Teller addresses a potential advance in nuclear weapons technology that he feels is of particular importance. The basic concept involves using the immense energy released in a nuclear explosion to "pump" a laser, thereby directing that energy in a straight line over great distances to strike a target.

Dr. Teller feels that the Department of Energy, responsible for operation of the nuclear weapons laboratories, has been only marginally sensitive to this and other new advances in nuclear weapons technology. Further, he feels that this potential breakthrough represents a means by which nuclear weapons can be used defensively, rather than offensively.

As an assessment, I believe that Dr. Teller is well founded in his general concerns and has only expressed them to you after considerable frustration. Both I and the OMB have been seeking to strengthen our nuclear weapons research and development activities in order to permit such innovative activities. I do believe, however, that Edward's frustrations are well founded and his comments thoughtful. His attempts at enervating an entrenched bureaucracy have met with little success. *giz*

Several weeks ago you expressed concern over Dr. Teller's comments on Bill Buckley's "Firing Line."

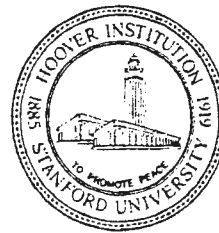
Since then, I have held several hours of discussion with Edward in which he revealed both the above frustrations and his deep concern about the implications of the "nuclear freeze" movement and the Administration's ability to proceed with restoration of an adequate defense. His comments were thoughtful, constructive, and very supportive of your efforts.

I have recommended to Bill Clark that Edward have the opportunity to express his views to you personally, both in light of his exceptional contributions to the nation, and his intense support and loyalty to you. In addition, his contributions as a member of the White House Science Council have represented a significant public service, one that I consider invaluable.

HOOVER INSTITUTION

ON WAR, REVOLUTION AND PEACE

Stanford, California 94305



July 23, 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan, President
The United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to invite your attention to an important new class of defensive nuclear weapons systems which are presently in their initial stages of development. Until very recently, nuclear weapons were correctly characterized as means of mass destruction. It now appears that they can also be employed in space to defend against both nuclear and conventional attacks with minimal loss of human life, but with very great military effectiveness.

Nuclear weapons scientists have developed and, in one very notable instance, have successfully tested novel means for converting the energy of special types of not very large hydrogen bombs into hitherto unprecedented forms and then directing these in highly effective fashions against enemy targets. Operating in space against distant targets in space, the effects of some of these techniques are expected to be spectacularly destructive; however, it is enemy warheads, rockets and satellites, not lives, which will be destroyed. Used against possibly very large areas of enemy territory from a region of space overhead, the effects of other of these techniques are expected to quite comprehensively devastate both civilian and military equipment with no discernable direct effects on the people in the territory so affected.

There are reasons to believe that the Soviet Union might be a few years ahead of us in each of these areas of development; it is only recently that our understanding has advanced to the level where we could appreciate the significance of previously puzzling Soviet emphasis on the aspects of science and technology pertinent to the development of these weapons. Because of their extraordinary potential, it seems likely that the Soviets would seek an early opportunity to employ such means to negate our offensive strategic capabilities, the more so as a "bloodless" victory would be in prospect.

These considerations have been brought to the attention of all relevant people in your Administration, but action has yet to be taken which is commensurate with both the threat and the opportunity. I am therefore appealing to you for a mandate to vigorously explore and exploit the technological opportunities in defensive applications of nuclear weaponry.

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan

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July 23, 1982

Because of the potential of these new types of nuclear weapons, this matter is the most important one in strategic military affairs since the advent of the hydrogen bomb. Your Science Advisor, Dr. George Keyworth, is familiar with these topics, and has very kindly offered to convey this message to you. Secretary Weinberger has written in support of an accelerated developmental program, but to no obvious effect.

Specifically, an increase over the present budget request for FY'83 of at least \$55 million for immediate acceleration of relevant nuclear weapons research, development and testing is needed at the Livermore Laboratory, and substantially more will be required in subsequent years, if even one of these approaches bears the anticipated fruit. The Los Alamos Laboratory, which is still developing its program in these areas, can be expected to need comparably stepped-up funding in the FY'84 period and beyond.

My recent discussions of these prospects with senior members of the Congress suggest that they would welcome your leadership in this matter, especially as the pertinent FY'83 authorization action is still pending in Senator Warner's Subcommittee, and the appropriations process for the DoE Defense Programs has yet to generate legislation at even the subcommittee level in either House.

If the Soviets should be the first to develop and deploy these defensive nuclear weapons, the Free World is in the deepest possible trouble. However, if we act in this matter promptly and with the full vigor of which we are capable, we may end the Mutual Assured Destruction era and commence a period of assured survival on terms favorable to the Western Alliance. Commencing this effort may also constitute a uniquely effective reply to those advocating the dangerous inferiority implied by a "nuclear freeze."

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and even more for the excellent leadership which our country is enjoying under your Administration.

Sincerely,



Edward Teller

cc: The Honorable James Edwards
The Honorable George A. Keyworth, II
The Honorable Casper Weinberger
The Honorable William R. Wilson

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August 19, 1982

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Dear Kent:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your letter. You were more than kind and I'm grateful for your generous words.

Thank you for your vote and I must say you are right on with your summing up of the issue.

Again, my thanks and warm regard,

Sincerely,

The Honorable Kent Hance
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To Rep. F. Kent Howe Copies of the U.S.
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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

KENT HANCE
19TH DISTRICT
TEXAS

Dear Mr. President

I admire your courage. It is easy to disagree with the opposition but it takes real courage when you have to disagree with your friends.

I think you are right and I am voting for the bill. As a co-sponsor of your tax cut bill last year I know where your heart is. This bill is merely an adjustment for purposes of reform and to lower the deficit. We still have the 3rd year of the tax cut and most of the rest of the tax cuts passed.

You are doing a good job. Although we don't always agree I admire and respect you for being a man of principle and courage.
Your friend
Kent Hance

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 20, 1982

Dear Mrs. Lisak:

I can't argue with much of what you say. Indeed, I'm in full agreement. You are right -- the signs are all favorable. Just a few minutes ago I was told Chase Manhattan Bank had lowered the prime interest rate to 13½%. Lowered interest rates are the answer to restoring our economy.

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Now having said that, let me explain the so-called tax increase. It is the price we had to pay to get Congress to go along with more spending cuts. Over the next three years spending will be reduced \$3 for every \$1 of the tax increase. Incidentally, our tax cut passed last year will net the taxpayers \$335 billion in tax cuts even after the \$99 billion increases are collected in these next three years.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Robin E. Lisak
1845 W. 47th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60609

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON *(Lester Barnes)*

August 28, 1982 *Draft OK/RWS*

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1845 W. 47th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60609

1845 West 47th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60609
August 17, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. President,

You've just performed major surgery. The patient is in the recovery room. All the vital signs are improving. His prime rate is 25% better than before the operation. His inflation rate is 40% better than before the surgery. His employment rate is admittedly weak but shows promise of improving.

Now is hardly the time to return the patient to the operating table and start performing all kinds of minor operations on him! Let's give him another 6 months to see how he responds to the removal of all those extra tax burdens before we start to fiddle with him again!

The ideas may be partially right, but the timing of this tax bill is decidedly wrong!

All the "doctors" who are telling you to operate again seem to be in agreement on one thing - you were wrong, you goofed during your first surgery. You just took out too many taxes, even though the taxes were eating the poor patient up!

Dr. Robert Dole has been going on television for the past two weeks blatantly insinuating that your original tax cut program was ill advised. Now he seems to be telling the American people that he has been tutoring you on economics! He is making me sick!

There is an old saying, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." I'd like to add, "if it's on the mend, don't fiddle!"

I'm really against this tax bill, but am not the least bit worried if it doesn't pass. Your program is already beginning to work, without this mid-course shift. By next summer, good times will start returning to America again. And by 1984 we may be able to just call off the election and have you universally acclaimed the winner!

Sincerely yours,


(Mrs.) Robin E. Lisak

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1982

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I've only just received your letter of July 30th. First, let me say I'm pleased to have the chance to thank you for all you've done in my behalf.

As to the matter you wrote about, I can understand your frustration -- indeed, I've shared it. The legislative mills grind slowly, and it's taken more than a year to persuade them to put this matter on the agenda. Please understand, since this is purely their business, I can only ask.

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I've continued to speak on this subject to a number of audiences -- the most recent 10,000 people in Hartford. Somehow the press doesn't pay much attention to that part of my talks. I'll continue to press for this and please be assured I share your feeling.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Ladd Alexander
United Agents Life Insurance
Company of America
P.O. Drawer 61
Shreveport, Louisiana 71161

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Wash. D.C.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

(Santa Barbara)

August 27, 1982

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July 30, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

Solely because of the promise you held out to the unborn during your Presidential candidacy, I entered politics and successfully ran for the Louisiana State Central Republican Committee. As you may know, just prior to the GOP convention, we defeated a strong Connally bid for pro rata division of delegates from Louisiana and prevailed in your behalf for winner take all.

During the Presidential campaign, it was my good fortune to chair a successful fund raising event in your behalf in Shreveport, Louisiana which you attended.

Previously, I had been elected to the National Right To Life Committee as the Director from Louisiana. I was in attendance at the NRLC Board meeting during which then president, Carolyn Gerster, M.D., related events of her private meeting with you just prior to the Iowa caucuses. As I recall, during that meeting you requested the endorsement of the National Right To Life Committee. In all modesty, President Reagan, it was I who made the motion before the NRLC committee to support your candidacy and it was I who subsequently had the last speech on the floor before the successful vote was taken.

The time and money which I have spent thus far in your behalf as a candidate and as President have been

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spent primarily because of the promise you originally held out to the unborn.

After your election, I was unable as the Louisiana Director to the NRLC and as a member of the NRLC Executive Committee to marshal any kind of consensus within the NRLC committee to take pro-life advantage of your victory. Since that time, the Hatch Amendment has divided the NRLC to such an extent that, in my judgment, our moment as a movement has escaped us. Even Mr. Helms and Mr. Hyde are justifiably disenchanted with pro-life "leaders" since most have not been consistently supportive of their efforts. The reasons for the lack of cohesiveness within the pro-life movement are a matter of opinion, but the fact remains that the pro-life movement has never been more divided than it is today. It is for this reason that I am writing this letter.

In your recent taped message to the National Right To Life Committee you stated that

"Hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of unborn children who face extinction this year deserve much more than words. They deserve to have their right to life protected. The time has come for Congress to face the national tragedy of abortion - to fully discuss and debate on the House and Senate floors the heartbreaking dimensions of this tragedy."

President Reagan, at this point in time it is not an exaggeration to say that the abortion issue has already been discussed extensively, especially during the recent "When does life begin?" hearings. Nor is it an exaggeration to state that before Congress will meaningfully "face the national tragedy of abortion", you must seize the initiative and see that it is done. You have repeatedly expressed your willingness to sign any pro-life legislation which reaches your desk and have, in effect, pleaded for the relief of the unborn. However, as you know, your signature is not required for a constitutional amendment hence, the only legislation directly designed to protect the unborn which could possibly reach your desk this session is Mr. Helms' Human Life Bill. However, it becomes increasingly obvious that the Human Life Bill will not reach your desk this session unless you

The President
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personally see to it that it is passed by both Houses and submitted to you for signature.

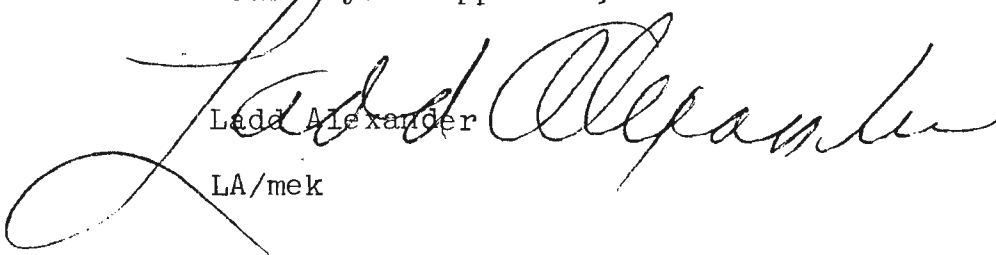
President Reagan, if a million and a half post-natal babies were being killed each year in this country, it would become the nation's highest priority to end the slaughter. Mr. Lincoln is remembered more for his humanitarian efforts in behalf of the black man than for anything else. I believe that history will be much kinder to you, as will the voters in your reelection bid, if you personally get the Human Life Bill passed. I am convinced that passage of this bill is within your power today.

Your pro-life constituency - but mostly the unborn - urgently need the fulfillment of your promise. The fate of "hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of unborn children" rest squarely in your hands. I am confident that you will not allow the unparalleled opportunity afforded by this Congressional session to restore personhood to the unborn to evade us.

Your loyal supporter,

Ladd Alexander

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A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Ladd Alexander". The signature is written over the typed name and extends across the width of the page.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1982

Dear Mr. Zook:

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Ronald Reagan

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July 6, 1982

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President of The United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington D.C.

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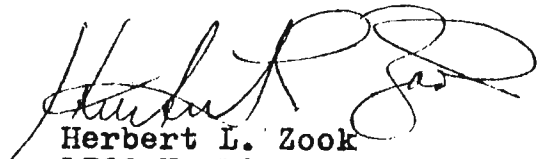
I voted for you in 1980 and given the opportunity, I would again. Most of my friends find this strange in light of what has occurred to me recently.

I am (or more properly was) a building contractor for many years. As you are painfully aware, the housing industry is suffering through depression era problems, primarily because of high interest rates. Because of this inability to build and/or sell new homes, I have had to place my construction company into bankruptcy. This has caused many suppliers and subcontractors to lose money from my unpaid bills. I have also lost my house and have gone through all my savings including the IRA account. Until I can find a job with someone, we have only money borrowed from friends and relatives.

In spite of all this, I feel the only way for our economy to recover, is for you to stand firm for a reduction in Federal spending, waste and welfare programs. I probably will never again regain the kind of home, business and other things which I and my family have lost; however, if your recovery program is successful, my childrens future and the future of our great country will be better than today.

Please stick by your guns and don't let my failure and that of many others be wasted. Make our personal sacrifice a new beginning for all of us.

Sincerly,


Herbert L. Zook
1720 N. River Rd.
Virginia Beach, Va.
23454

To Mrs. Robin E. Lisak 1845 W. 47th St
Chi., Ill. 60609

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To Mr. Ladd Alexander - United Agents Life Insurance Co. of Amc
P.O. Drawer 61 Shreveport La.

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