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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1982

Dear Bill:

Thanks very much for your column which as always was darn good common sense. I've turned your suggestion over to Bill Clark for round tabling by the NSC. It makes a lot of sense too.

Nancy sends her love -- we're off to the ranch for Turkey Day.

Regards,

Mr. William A. Rusher
Publisher
NATIONAL REVIEW
150 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016

HANDWRITING FILE

WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Publisher

November 19, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President,

I try not to bother you unduly, but I do think that the suggestion in the marked section of my enclosed column might be of some use. In that spirit, I am sending it along. With all good wishes, I remain

Faithfully yours,

Bill

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William A. Rusher

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Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 26, 1982

MR. PRESIDENT:

OMB, State, and NSC concur
in the attached memo from
Don Regan.

*So do I.
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Richard G. Darman



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

The President has received

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November 18, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Postage Free Mail to Poland

During our conversation with Chancellor Kohl, he mentioned that German citizens can mail "care" packages to Poland, postage free. The U.S. Postal Service tells us that it does not have authority to handle mail free, but that it could accept reimbursement for the cost of handling such packages. This would require some form of authorizing and appropriation legislation.

In fact, a bill to authorize and appropriate funds for free mailing to Poland (HR 6347) has already been introduced by Congressman Fray (D-Ill). The current annual cost of air rate postage for sending food, medicine and clothing to Poland from the United States is roughly estimated at \$15 million.

While the Administration has not yet taken a position on HR 6347, I want to point out that to pay postage to Poland could be starting down a slippery slope. There are many humanitarian causes which would want to be accorded this benefit. The idea has been floated many times in the past but, to date, we reimburse the Postal Service for free service only for the blind and for handling voting materials internationally.

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Donald T. Regan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Miss Strand:

Thank you very much for sending me the letter to the editor regarding remarks by Yale's President Giamatti. I hadn't seen it and, needless to say, I am in agreement with the writer.

Thanks, also, for your words of encouragement. I am most grateful. Do you know something -- biting the bullet doesn't taste bad at all.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Miss Hazel E. Strand
34 Baribeau
Brunswick, Maine 04011

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Oct 31, 1982

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Brunswick, Me 04011

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L. O. H.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Mrs. Martin:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 3, and Nancy thanks you also. You were very kind to write as you did and we appreciate your generous words. Believe me, you brightened our day. We'll keep on trying and it will be a little easier thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Cathleen Martin
RD #1 Clark Road
Box 1156
Gansevoort, New York 12831

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Dear Mr. President,

Nov 3, 1982

I am writing this letter mainly because you probably hear plenty of complaints and fewer praises in these times of financial trouble. It seems to me that "Reaganomics" has done more for this country of ours than anything anyone else has thought of in sometime.

I am a housewife and I do not go out to work. I realize how fortunate I am in this as I am a mother of 2 children (ages 9 and 6). I know how lucky I am too that a good percentage of mothers have to go out to make ends meet. I thank God for this luxury.

As a family of 4, we have a house and bills like anyone else. We find it difficult to have any savings as the interest rates are holding us back. But through all the times of trouble, my husband and I never once found any justice in blaming you. I am convinced you wouldn't want to be President of the United States if you didn't mean well for the nation. In short, all the people out there who can do nothing more than blame you or the administration for all the troubles of the past and present, haven't bothered to remember what it was like before "Reaganomics."

This letter is my own personal opinion. I have no idea if you will ever read it. The most important thing to me is that someone in the White House know that one little person in the state of New York sends her thanks to you, Mrs. Reagan and this administration for trying to make this nation a better one. I am proud to be an American and when my children are grown, I

would hope that they too will be happy and free as we are today.
I hope this doesn't sound like a "fairy tale" as it is meant with
the utmost sincerity.

With my thanks,

Mrs. Cathy Martin

RD #1 Clark Rd.

Box 1156

Gansevoort, N.Y. 12831

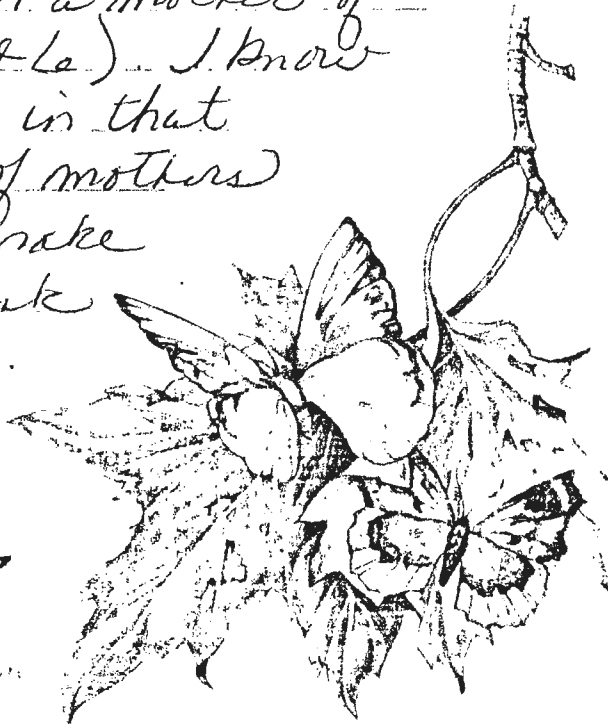
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With my thanks,

Mrs. Cathy Martin

RD #1, Clark Rd.
Gansevoort,
NY 12831



Cathleen Martin
RD #1 Clark Rd. Box 1156
Gansevoort, NY 12831

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Joe and Allene:

I hope you don't mind my addressing you by your first names, but you made me feel so good with your letter and that photograph I just couldn't help myself. Thanks very much for writing and for what you are doing. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simmons
Post Office Box 306
Sparta, Tennessee 38583

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Oct. 14, 1982

Mr. President,

We have recently purchased
and decorated this Tractor-Trailer
Rig. We're proud of it and
just wanted to show it off.

We're proud of our American,
incl. too. As you can see it's our Country.

We have been in the
trucking business for 20 years
now but this is our most
decorative rig.

Keep up the Good work.

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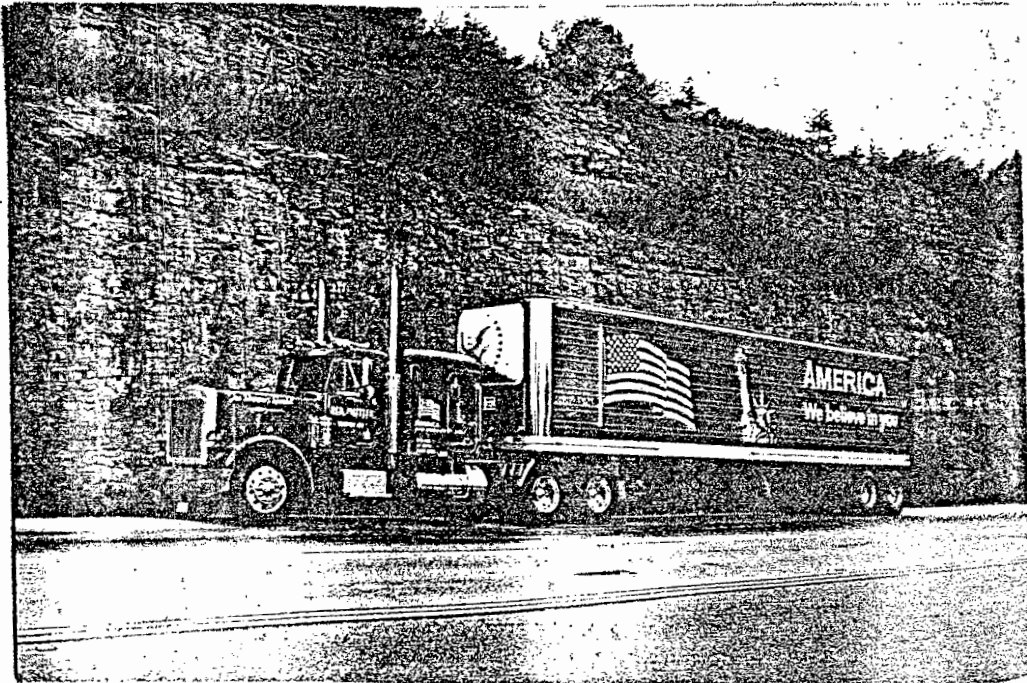
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Keep up the good work.

Joe and Allene Simmons

P.O. Box 306

Sparta, Tennessee 38583



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Clock Lady:

Thank you very much for your kindness in putting our time pieces back in good operating order. Nancy and I are deeply grateful.

Anne has told us so much about you (all good), but it makes us aware of how busy you are. We are, therefore, doubly appreciative of the time you've taken with our clocks.

Just please know we are in your debt.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Miss Dorothy Schuette
1834 South Clovis Avenue
Fresno, California 93727

November 30, 1982

Dear Ladies:

Thank you very much for sending us the "Kangaroo Crossing Sign." Nancy and I are delighted to have it. We are going to put it by one of our roads on the ranch and see how many of our friends will ask to see the kangaroos. At the very best there are bound to be some surprised looks.

You were very kind to do this and we are both deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

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American Embassy Women's Association
U.S. Embassy
Canberra, Australia
APO San Francisco, California 96404

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

American Embassy
Women's Association

U.S. Embassy
Canberra, Australia

APO San Francisco, CA 96404

Central Files says
this is the only thing
they have on this.

American Embassy Women's Association
Canberra, A. C. T.

With best wishes
to President Reagan
from "Down Under" in
beautiful Australia.

American Embassy Women's Association
Canberra, Australia

November 1982

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To Miss Hazel E. Strand 34 Barileau
Brunswick Me. 04011

Dear Miss Strand

Thank you very much for sending me the letter to
the editor regarding remarks by Yale's Pres. Elihu Root.
I hadn't seen it & needless to say I am in agreement
with the writer.

Thanks also for your words of encouragement.
I am most grateful. Do you know something -
sitting the longest doesn't taste bad at all.

Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Catherine Martin RD#1 Clark Rd. Box 1156
~~Lancaster~~ Lancaster N.Y. 12831

Dear Mrs. Martin

Thank you very much for your letter of Nov. 3rd.
and Nancy thanks you also. You were very kind to
write as you did and we appreciate your generous words.
Believe me you brightened our day. We'll keep on trying
and it will be a little easier thanks to you.

Sincerely RR

To Mr. & Mrs. Joe Simmons P.O. Box 306
Sparta Tenn. 38583

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93727

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you've taken with our clocks. Love

Just please know we are in your debt.

Sincerely

R.R.

This goes to the American Embassy Womens Assn.
Canberra ~~Canberra~~ Australia. I don't
have a complete address unless the above is it.

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Sincerely R.R.

To Mr. Ken Stember Professional Rider Cowboys Assn.
101. Pro Rider Dr. Colorado Springs Col.

Dear Mr. Stember

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Thank you very much for our tanned hide rugs
which came to us by way of Mac Baldridge. Nancy &
I are delighted and most grateful to you & your
associates. Please convey our thanks also to Bob Eidsen.

The rugs are already in place at our ranch
and ~~so~~ add a great deal to the
comfort & attractiveness of our living rooms.

You were more than kind to do this. Thanks
too for your generous words of support which Mac
relayed to me.

Sincerely R.R.

To Miss Leah Wright 5831 Burnett Van Nuys Calif.
Dear Miss Wright 91411

Thank you very much for the beautiful portrait
of "El Alamein". He is now my personal mount and
I'm delighted to have the painting. You were more than
kind to do this. Nancy sends her thanks & regards to you
also & for remembering her at Schwab's.

Please give our best to Bob & Dorothy and again
our heartfelt thanks. Sincerely R.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Mr. Stemler:

Thank you very much for our handsome tanned hide rugs which came to us by way of Mac Baldrige. Nancy and I are delighted and most grateful to you and your associates. Please convey our thanks, also, to Bob Eidson.

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Ronald Reagan

Mr. Ken Stemler
Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association
101 Pro Rodeo Drive
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919

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Ronald Reagan

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Miss Miggins:

Forgive me for being so late in answering your letter of October 15 but sometimes it takes awhile before mail reaches my desk.

You were very kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful for your generous words. Nancy thanks you also. And we are both grateful for your prayers.

I share your feeling about the tragedy of abortion and promise you I'll keep trying to correct this sad situation.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Miss Noreen Miggins
P.O. Box 553
University of Dallas
Irving, Texas 75061

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October 15, 1982

Dear President Reagan,

We have so many things to be thankful for; as an American I am especially thankful for you, our wonderful President. All my confidence lies in you. I am so proud of your political and economic progress and my hope is with your goals for the future.

I was fortunate enough to hear you speak on Monday, October 11th, at the ranch of Jim Collins. Your speech brought tears to my eyes, I will never forget it. You have not only led the American people on the road to recovery, but lifted our morale as well and you have been the high-spirited model for which to follow. With the continued work of you and with the support of your beautiful wife Nancy, staff, and American people, America will truly mend its ways and the dream that we all know in our hearts will one day come true.

I have been such an avid fan of yours. My political awareness has grown over the past few years as my parents have been Reagan supporters since '76 and Texas State Reps for the campaigns. We are Irish Catholics who are very concerned about the abortion issue and hope for a turn around someday. You must get gobs and gobs of fan mail, but I wanted to write to say thank-you and let you know that you and your wife are in my every prayer. Together a new beginning! Keep up the good work Ronnie. God Bless you!

Love,

Noreen Miggins

P.O. Box 553

University of Dallas,

Irving, Texas 75061

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Together a new beginning!! Keep
up the good work Ronnie. God Bless
you ↓
Love,
Noreen Miggins

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Mrs. Victor:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter and generous words. You make me very proud and I'm deeply grateful. It was good of you to write as you did and somehow the chores seemed lighter after reading your letter.

I promise I'll not let the beauty of this land of ours be destroyed. I'm inclined to think our Secretary of Interior has been the victim of some distortion by the press, in fact a great deal of distortion and exaggeration.

But, again, my heartfelt thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Patti Turner Victor
12220 Apache Avenue
Savannah, Georgia 31406

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Mrs. Parker:

I'm late in answering your letter but sometimes it takes awhile before mail reaches my desk.

I want to thank you for your very kind letter and generous words. Believe me, my job seems easier now after reading your letter. Nancy thanks you also and just between us she doesn't spend as much as some columnists would have you believe. The truth is she isn't one to throw things away. Some of her dresses have been around quite awhile.

I'm glad things are going better for you and your husband. Give him my regards and God bless you for writing as you did.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. William C. Parker
1195-A Fairville Avenue
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112

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1195-A Fairville Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17112
October 28, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
6000 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

I have never gotten involved in any kind of political activity - support, voting, etc. - because I have never felt it has been worth the effort -- until now.

The Democratic Party must think the American people are absolute buffoons. We are not. We may be desperate, but are not fools. Any thinking person realizes the Democratic party leaders are the main cause for our current dilemma regarding the economy. It has been due to their flagrant mishandling of funds over countless administrations. The sad part of the story is, that if the Democrats succeed in gaining office in the next election, the economic up-sweep due to your dedicated efforts will of course be credited to the administration in office at that time. This is a pitiable, but well-established fact.

Just so you don't think I am a "have" rather than a "have not", let me tell you this: My husband drives a tractor-trailer for a living. In July of this year, we were to loose our "rig". Had it not been for the support of his parents lending us the money to get the payments caught up and my parents for caring, at no charge, for my son, we would have gone under. We had to contract to a new company, but are happy to report that we are now beginning to see daylight. We can both see the "light at the end of the tunnel" so to speak by the end of this year. Some concessions may have to be made by the people, but we are here to say, that it can be done. Why don't people band together right now to help each other and themselves - family, friends, etc. - instead of crying about whose fault it is. Things have been easy for so long we have lost our resourcefulness and resilience. It's time to get it back. The people of America have been through worse times than this and made it. The trouble is, it's been so long ago they have forgotten how. There are jobs out here, too, for the taking.

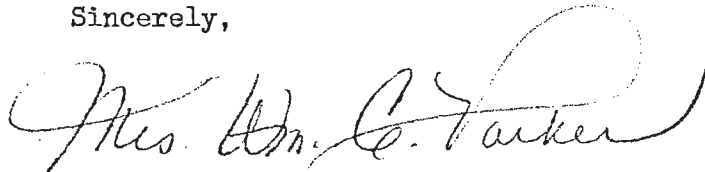
This letter is being written because we sincerely believe in what you are doing. When individuals get too far in debt, they don't keep spending, they have to tighten their belts. That is exactly how this country will get out of the hole. Your way is the only way to succeed in pulling us out. It's unfortunate that people are losing their houses and cars. My husband and I lost our car in February, and don't see any way of buying a house for a long time. But, when the day comes that we have it all, we will be stronger and appreciate these things alot more than if they came easily.

As far as Mrs. Reagan's wardrobe is concerned, I am certain the cost is not coming out of the Federal budget, and how you two spend your money is as much your business as anyone else in this nation. Besides, I am personally proud to have such a lovely, classy lady representing our country.

You have been extremely kind in not pointing the finger through all the accusations and fault-finding levelled. Why not remind the people how we got into this mess. Because the Democrats are comprised of a bunch of favour-bound puppets, who cannot fulfill any of their campaign promises due to the fact that they will be tramping on benefactors' toes. It certainly is refreshing to have an individual in office. Even (can I mention his name?) Richard Nixon made an attempt to resolve the problem. It was unrealistic and postponing the inevitable, but at least an attempt was made to control the economic disaster that I am sure he realized was impending. The past three democratic administrations have been more embarrassing than three Watergate scandals. The only difference is their scandals are intangible rather than tangible. And I consider bringing a nation such as ours to its knees economically a scandal of the worst kind.

Well, I guess I can get off my soap box for now. Just wanted you to know you are on the right track. We are behind you and so are millions of other Americans. If you run for office in 1984, I will vote for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mrs. Wm. C. Parker". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Mrs. William C. (Faith) Parker

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cc: File

P. S. - Please pardon lack of punctuation, this typewriter is on the fritz, half of it doesn't work.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 30, 1982

Dear Mr. Cross:

Your letter didn't reach my desk until after the election but believe me I'm most grateful to you. I'm also pleased to have the economic chart. I have been trying to point out that the hard times we're experiencing didn't start on Inauguration Day 1981. Now I'll make the point with more authority from now on.

Again, my thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Patrick H. Cross
Kidder, Peabody & Company
3939 1st International Building
Dallas, Texas 75170

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PATRICK H. CROSS
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PATRICK H. CROSS
VICE PRESIDENT

October 25, 1982

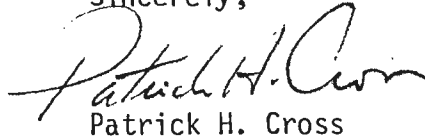
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your administration has been accused of causing the current economic demise of this country, and this will obviously be the focal point during the upcoming elections. In your defense, I am enclosing a chart of the Forbes Index, a good measure of just how well the economy is doing. The Wellington Letter, which is published by Mr. Bert Dohmen-Ramirez, uses the Forbes Index to demonstrate that the economic peak was reached in 1979. Mr. President, regardless of what the Democrats say, the economy started its decline two years before you took office. The rise between 1979 and 1980 was short lived and due to inflationary pressures already in force.

I hope that it is not too late to put this information to good use in your behalf.

Sincerely,

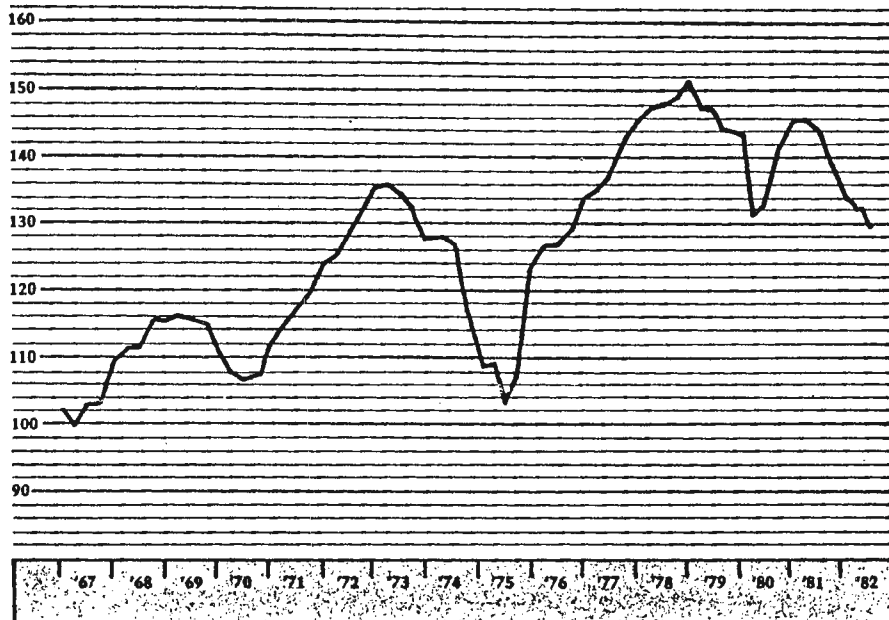

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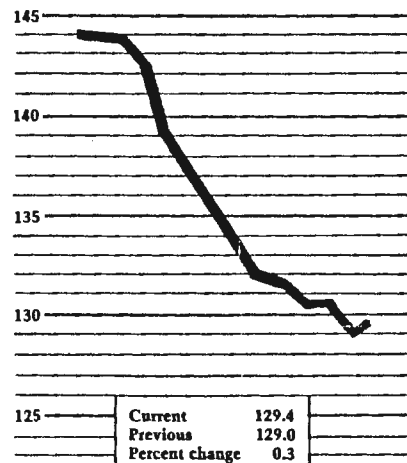
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The Forbes Index

Forbes Index



12-month close-up



Up, up but not away. The Forbes Index has once again posted a gain. Its choppy path in recent weeks indicates that the economy is searching for solid footing. Once that is established, the recovery should get under way.

Although none of the recent news is spectacular, it is almost all good. Personal income rose 0.5%, up from 0.1% a month earlier. This shows that the July 1 tax cut is having a definite impact on the economy. The psychological

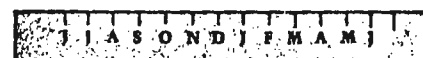
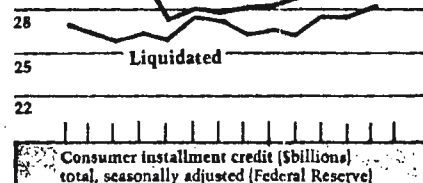
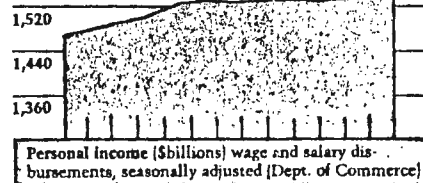
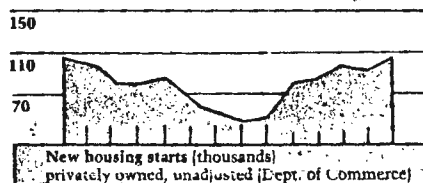
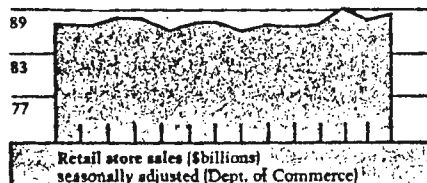
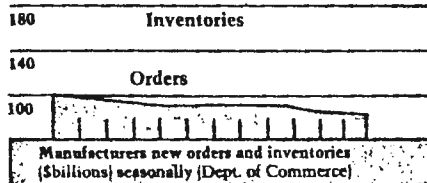
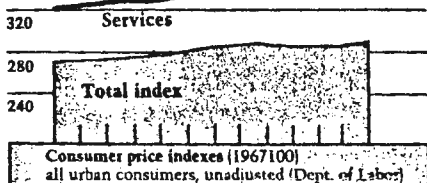
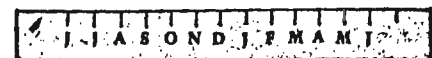
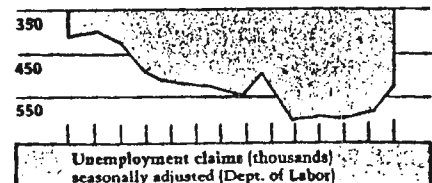
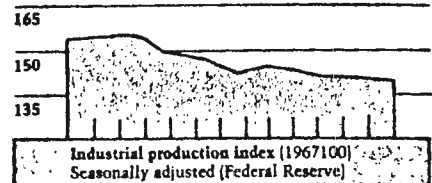
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To measure these eight elements, FORBES monitors 11 series of U.S. government data. The last 14 months' data for each series is presented at right.



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Oct 12, 1982

AK Dear Mr. President:

The news of unemployment, I know, is very discouraging to you and all of us. I would like to tell you about a group of men in Plano, Illinois who are trying to help this problem.

A little over a year ago the factory they worked at in Plano sold out and the new owners set about selling off most of the equipment which resulted in many lost jobs. Among them my brother-in-law Ralph Whitcotton who was the plant superintendant. Ralph is 53 years old and worked in this plant all his life except for his stint in the Marines during the Vietnam War. Ralph worked his way up from a buffer & polisher to the job as superintendant.

The firing, which most people consider devastating did not affect Ralph this way. He and several friends immediately started devising plans to get back to work and to create some jobs for the others who were also fired. With very little capital,

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To Miss Menden Wiggins P.O. Box 553 U. of Dallas
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Dear Miss Wiggins

I regret me for being so late in answering your letter of Oct. 15 but somehow it takes a while before mail reaches my desk.

You were very kind to write to you and I'm most grateful for your generous words. Nancy thanks you also. Kind me one last grateful for your prayers. I share your feeling about the tragedy of abortion and promise you I'll keep trying to correct this sad situation.

Again Thanks Lovingly RR

To Mrs. Patti Turner Viter 1220 Apache Ave.
Lawrenceburg Georgia 31406

Dear Mrs. Turner

Thank you very much for your very kind letter and generous words. You make me very proud & I'm deeply grateful. It was good of you to write to you and send some how the chimes seemed lighter after reading your letter.

I promise I'll ~~not~~ not let the beauty of this land of ours be destroyed. I'm inclined to think our Soc. of American has been the victim of some distortion by the press, in fact a great deal of distortion & exaggeration.

Rest again my heartfelt thanks to you.

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To Mrs. Wm. C. Parker 1195-A Fairville Ave.
Harrisburg Pa. 17112

Dear Mrs. Parker

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I want to thank you for your very kind letter & generous words. Robert and I are very grateful to you also and just thought we should send you some columnists words have you Robert's "The Truth is the last one for those things away, line of her" which I've been around quite a while.

I'm glad things are going better for you & your husband. Give him my regards and God Bless you for writing as you did.

Sincerely RR

To Mr. Patrick H. Cross - Kidder, Peabody & Co. 3939 1st International Bldg.

Dear Mr. Cross

Dallas Texas 75270

Your letter didn't reach my desk until after the election but believe me I'm most grateful to you. I'm also pleased to have the ec-chart. I have been trying to point out that the hard times we're experiencing didn't start on inauguration day 1981. Now I'll make the point with more authority from now on.

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but with determination they were able to rent a former factory building in Plano. This building is owned by a remarkable business woman who has faith that Ralph and his friends can be successful. She has been a big force in helping getting Plano Metal Specialties started.

The fellows worked cleaning up the old foundry building, then scoured the surrounding states for the necessary equipment at a price they could afford.

Today Plano Metal Specialties is in operation. The contracts are beginning to come in.

Ralph and his associates are beating the bushes for any and all work, large or small, so they can prove to those needing their services that they can do quality work at a decent price.

I hope this kind of news will encourage you and the many other talented people who are willing to go to work without government assistance and create jobs for all of us.

Mr President, your programs
are working. We all are
making some sacrifices to
get the country moving again.
Please don't let the "big
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