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FINANCIAL WORLD

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Editor-in-Chief

New address:
1250 Broadway
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December 7, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

I can well imagine how busy you have been prior to and since the election. I hope the editorials I wrote on the Administration's behalf were helpful to you.

I would very much like you to peruse the page proofs of the editorial that will run in the first issue of January in Financial World. It highlights two potential problem areas that I think must be guarded against at all costs if the country is to be served by the re-election of a Reaganite Administration in 1984.

I assume that you are aware of the discussions I have been having with Ed Meese. I am deeply grateful for your support and assistance.

Please know that I am fully supportive in every way of what the Administration is trying to do and in your leadership of it.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



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The President has seen _____

THE HIGH LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT REPORTED BY THE LABOR DEPARTMENT TODAY ^{Represents a continuing tragedy.} IS ~~IS~~ CLEARLY DISTRESSING. THIS NEWS MAKES IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT WE PRESS FORWARD IN OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE A SOLID, SUSTAINED RECOVERY.

WE HAVE ALREADY LAID A FOUNDATION FOR THAT RECOVERY. AND WE HAVE SEEN MANY SIGNS OF PROGRESS: INFLATION IS DOWN, INTEREST RATES ARE DOWN, AND THE LEADING ECONOMIC INDICATORS HAVE BEEN UP FOR SIX OF THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS. UNFORTUNATELY, UNEMPLOYMENT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN ONE OF THE LAST INDICATORS TO FALL, BUT AS THE RECOVERY COMES ON STREAM, WE CAN EXPECT TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THAT FRONT, TOO.

IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WORK CLOSELY AND CONSTRUCTIVELY TOGETHER TO HOLD DOWN SPENDING AND ENCOURAGE GREATER ECONOMIC GROWTH. I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS THIS WEEK ON MY TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL SEE SIMILAR PROGRESS IN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS ON OUR BILL CREATING ENTERPRISE ZONES.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words. Thank you, too, for your lovely card and the prayer you expressed so beautifully.

By the way, I don't usually get letters written in such artistic calligraphy. It is a talent few have the will to develop. I hope the goal you are presently seeking will soon be achieved.

Please give my regards to Margie, Mark, Marsha, Mary and grandson Joshua. And, again to you my heartfelt thanks. Nancy joins me in this.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Anna B. Alexander
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11 November 1982

President Reagan

Dear Sir,

On this Veteran's Day, the 27th Anniversary of becoming an american Citizen, and the oncoming Thanksgiving's Day, I feel compelled to write to you, to thank you for the great job you are doing as President of the United States.

I for one feel fortunate, proud and ever so thankful to be able to live in this land. It is still the best country to live in. I know your job is about the hardest one to have, for no matter what, you are never able to please all the people, but I know you are doing a tremendous job, of course those who have ridden the gravy train for many years holler when their benefits are cut, but you are on the right course. I listened to you this morning as you spoke to the Representatives of the Veterans, and you said only by being strong can we preserve the peace. I am so thankful we have a President who has this foresight. I was only a small girl during Hitler's Dictatorship, but I remer well the fear we lived in, in those Days.

I also admired what you said about the Veterans. My Husband served 22 years in the Air Force. He was a POW in WWII and suffered quite a bit. He received the Bronze Star Medal. My son was in the Navy and was several times in Vietnam. I have a daughter in the Air Force now. I do my share now to serve the Air Force as a Red Cross Volunteer I work at Scott Air Force Medical center. This I do stricktley for selfish reasons, to gain some experience, so I might find a paying job, as I am now a widow without any Income.

One other thing I would like to tell you. My late Husband was a Democrat all His voting life, but He crossed the Party line in your Primary for as did I, He admired you very much. We both knew you would make a great President. Regretfully He did not witness your Victory. But I know I speak for Him as well when I congratulate you on the fine job you are doing.

Wishing you and yours the very best Thanksgiving.

May God's Blessing be with you.

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Wishing you and Yours the very best Thanks
May God's Blessing be with You

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President and Mrs. Reagan
May you have much
to be
thankful for



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And may God's
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be Yours
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Devotedly

Anna B. Alexander
and Children
Margie, Mark, Marsha and Mary
and Grandson Joshua.

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December 6, 1982

Dear Mr. Blanche:

Thank you for writing about your brother as you did. Thank you, too, for your generous words.

I believe our country is at last acknowledging its debt to the men who fought in Vietnam. Certainly they deserve our gratitude and our respect. The cause they fought for was a truly noble one -- freedom for the people of a small country which could not protect that freedom by itself.

Let me assure you, I believe with all my heart the immorality of that war was in government asking men to fight and die for a cause they were not allowed to win. No, I will never allow such a thing to happen while I'm here, and I pray this country will never again do that.

Again, my thanks and my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Mr. President,

November 1, 1982

I realize you are a busy man and God knows you are not able to read all the mail sent to you. I feel I must however speak on a topic that troubles me and I'm sure a lot of other Americans.

My brother Glenwood was a Vietnam Veteran who served his country well. I just recently read a letter that he sent my Mom while he was on duty there. In it he says quote: "I'm writing by flashlight." He said he was crying because his buddy had been killed. He also said he just didn't understand why God allowed the war to go on, and why Uncle Sam didn't put a stop to it. Then he tells that a company (not his own) needed volunteers for a mission and that he was going to try and go. Why? Because he said quote: "I am an American." unquote.

He came back from Vietnam, but he was just not the same. He had been hurt over there and received a back injury. Although it has not been proved, he like many other Vets from that war tried to forget by way of alcohol.

In 1979 (I believe) he was hurt again on the job. This time things were different because he never worked again. He bounced from doctor to doctor (14 I think) until finally October 2, 1982 unable to stand the pain he took his life.

I cannot speak for his wife or family but I can speak from my own pain. In the name of God Almighty while you are president, never again send our fighting men into a war they cannot win. They deserve better than that. Also, please do all you can to get the remains of the M.I.A.'s home so we can lay to rest this gross part of our history.

What is so ironic about all this is that when we used to sit and talk, my brother would say to me: Jim, If I had to do it again or was called upon to serve again, I would because I'm an American. We all could use a little of that loyalty to our country now.

I do believe you are a good President and are on the right course. Thank you for your time and God bless and keep you.

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Sincerely,
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December 6, 1982

Dear Mr. Kemp:

Thank you very much for your letter and for copying the sailor's letter. Reading that young man's account gave me a lump as he says between "the chin and the belly button." God bless him and bless you, too, for taking the time and trouble to get this to me. I am most grateful.

I hope with all my heart that your own situation improves very soon. I realize our critics are trying to portray us as doing nothing about our economic mess, but please know we are doing what we think will bring a real recovery. My daily prayer is that we can make it possible for everyone who wants a job to have one.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary A. Kemp
1437 Glenview Drive
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

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November 13, 1982

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a copy of it back.
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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Gary A. Kemp
1437 Glenview Drive
Neenah, Wisconsin 54956

Dear Mr. President:

SUBJECT: State of the Union Message.

I was moved to write this letter to you as I feel it is time to awake the emotions for those of us in this country who still believe in Patriotism. I have been unemployed for 17 months, and while I was hailing our space program over my morning coffee, I read a letter published in the Appleton, Wisconsin Post Crescent. The basic title of the letter was "An unusual day". It was written by John Mooney, ordnance man first class, U.S. Navy, aboard the carrier Midway in the South China Sea - October 15, 1982. The letter was sent to his parents Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Mooney at Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

I feel in my heart that if at all possible you could find time in a speech to the nation including this heartwarming letter:

"Dear Mom and Dad"

"Our destroyer spotted a boat in the water, and we rendered assistance," Mooney wrote. "We picked up 65 Vietnamese refugees. It was about a two-hour job getting everyone aboard, and then they had to get screened by intelligence and checked out by medical and fed and clothed and all that.

"But now they are resting on the hangar deck, and the kids - most of them seem to be kids from what I've seen - are sitting in front of probably the first television set they've ever seen, watching 'Star Wars.' "Their boat was sinking as we came alongside. They had been at sea five days, and had run out of water. All in all, a couple more days and the kids would have been in pretty bad shape.

"I guess once in awhile, we need a jolt like that for us to realize why we do what we do and how important, really, it can be. "I mean, it took a lot of guts for those parents to make a choice like that to go to sea in a leaky boat in hope of finding someone to take them from the sea. So much risk! But apparently they felt it was worth it rather than live in a Communist country.

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"For all of our 'problems', with the price of gas, and not being able to afford a new car or other creature comforts this year or our petty harping on our elected officials - whom, unfortunately, most of us don't bother to vote for, only complain about - I really don't see a lot of leaky boats heading out of San Diego looking for the Russian ships out there. "And I don't see many of our sailors jumping ship in Hong Kong." "We must really have something going for us." "The last time I felt this way was on my last visit to Hong Kong and I went on the train to the Red Chinese border. I saw the guards and the guns and the fence and I knew it wasn't meant to keep me OUT."

"After the refugees were brought aboard, I took some pictures, but as usual I didn't have my camera with me for the REAL picture - the one blazed in my mind. I had taken about two rolls of film already, and I had just put my camera away and was going across the hangar deck, headed for the compartment. I looked out the aircraft elevator door and saw one of the last trips of many our motor waleboat made, bringing these people to the carrier.

"As they approached the ship, they were all waving and trying as best they could to say 'Hello America sailor! Hello Freedom man!'" "It's hard to see a boat full of people like that and not get a lump somewhere between chin and bellybutton." "And, It really makes one proud and glad to have been lucky enough to be an American." "People were waving and shouting and choking down lumps and trying not to let other brave men see their wet eyes. Alieutenant next to me said, 'Yeah, I guess it's payday in more ways than one.' (We got paid today.) And I guess no one could really say it better than that.

"It reminds us all of what America has always been - a place a man or woman can come to for freedom. I know we're crowded and we have unemployment and we have a real burden with refugees, but I honestly hope and pray we can always find room. We are a unique society, made up of castoffs of all the world's wars and oppressions, and yet we are strong and free. We have one thing in common - no matter where our forefathers came from, we believe in that freedom. "I hope we always have room for one more person, maybe an Afghan or a Pole or someone else looking for a place to rest, where he doesn't have to worry about his family starving or a knock on the door in the night...." and where "all men who truly seek freedom and honor and respect and dignity for themselves and their posterity can find a place where they can rest and work and finally see their dreams come true and their kids educated and become the next generation's doctors and lawyers and builders and soldiers and sailors."

Love, John.

Very Truly,


Gary A. Kemp

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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December 6, 1982

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you very much for your wire and for bringing to my attention the item in "The Bee." You have every right to be angry and, believe me, I join you.

Those of you who fought in Vietnam fought as bravely and as well as any American fighting men have ever fought. To those who insist that conflict was immoral, let me say the only immorality was in a government asking men to fight and die for a cause that government was unwilling to let them win. That must never happen again.

I see that Memorial in Washington as a final recognition of a sacrifice made in a noble cause -- the defense of freedom for people who could not defend it themselves.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

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WHITE HOUSE DC

THIS IS A COPY OF A TELEGRAM SENT TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
RE: DEDICATION OF VIETNAM MEMORIAL

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

[THIS COMING THURSDAY, ON THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY
(NOVEMBER 11, 1917) NOW REFERRED TO AS VETERANS DAY, YOU WILL BE
DEDICATING A MEMORIAL TO THOSE WHO GAVE THIER LIVES IN THE "CONFLICT"
IN VIETNAM.

REGARDING THE MEMORIAL, (THE WALL) I FIRMLY BELIEVE IT IS PROPER AND
RESPECTABLE. FOR IT SYMBOLICALLY DISPLAYS THE DIVISION OF NOT ONLY
THE CONFLICT BUT ALSO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

IN TODAYS SACRAMENTO BEE (SUNDAY FORUM FROM NETWORK NEWS SERVICE, BY
TOM WOLFE) I AM APPALED TO SEE THIS MEMORIAL REFERENCED AS A "TRIBUTE
TO JANE FONDA" LET US REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET THAT IF IT WAS NOT
FOR THE ACTION TAKEN BY THEN PRESIDENT JOHNSON, (ACTION EQUALS NO
FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR), MISS FONDA WOULD HAVE NEVER BEEN LEGALLY
PERMITTED TO DO THAT WHICH SHE DID.

MR REAGAN, I AM A VIETNAM ERA VETERAN. VIETNAM WAS NEVER DECLARED AN
OFFICIAL ACT OF WAR BY THE CONGRESS OF OUR COUNTRY. IT WAS LABELED A
CONFLICT AND SHOULD ALWAYS BE REFERRED TO AS A "CONFLICT", (UNLESS
THE PRESENT CONGRESS DECIDES TO MAKE AMENDS FOR THIER PREDECESSORS).
LET US NO LONGER WHITE WASH THIS NATIONAL INTERNAL PAIN BUT RATHER
ACKNOWLEDGE IT FOR WHAT IT IS AND WAS: A JOB THAT WAS NEEDED BUT WAS
TOTALLY AND INADEQUATELY EXECUTED FROM BEGINNING TO END.

YOUR SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

SINCERLY,

FORMER SGT. US AIRFORCE AND FELLOW REPUBLICAN

J E NELSON

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SACRAMENTO CA 95821

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To Mr. Gary R. Kamp 1437 Glenview Dr. Kenosha Wis.
54956

Dear Mr. Kamp

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Thanks again. Sincerely

R.R.

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To Mrs. Anna B. Alexander 208 S. Clinton, ~~New Baden Ill.~~
Dear Mrs. Alexander New Baden Ill. 62265

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Dear Mr. Blanche

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No I will never allow such a thing to happen while I'm here and I pray this country will never again do that.

Again my thanks & my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely

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December 6, 1982

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Dear Jim:

Your letter was a long time reaching my desk and, when it finally did, I'm sorry to say I was away.

You are absolutely right about the problem with the budget. The truth is that the Federal budget system as compared to our California system is a really "Mickey Mouse" operation. I don't know whether Congress would ever give up its pork barrel privilege -- certainly no Democratic Congress will. They like being able to hang a budget buster on a worthwhile bill you must have, knowing you have to take it.

The Dallas Times Herald never misses a chance to dump on us, so their editorial was no surprise. The fact that after all our budget savings, the deficits have gone up, is clear proof that our deficits are structural. They are caused by programs that automatically increase in cost because of the way the law reads.

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I've been talking up the idea back here of trying for the line item veto even if we fail. At least the public would learn something.

Give my regards to Ed and, again, I'm sorry about the late reply.

Sincerely,

Ron

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JAMES C. SCHMIDT
President and Managing Officer

October 6, 1982

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We're sure happy to have Ed Gray back although he misses all of you very much. It was great to see you looking so good at the party all of you gave for Ed in the Roosevelt Room.

The enclosed editorial from the "Dallas Times Herald" points out something that I think you should address immediately.

As you are more aware than anyone, the federal legislative procedures featuring committee bills without your right to line item veto makes it almost impossible for you to control the budget. In California, with the line item veto and no committee bills, you were able to turn things around and you could do the same thing in Washington in short order if you had the tools to do so.

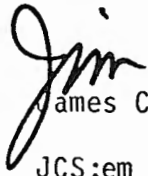
I suggest you talk more about this subject and go on TV and explain how the procedures tie your hands. The public and even newspaper editors don't understand just how the congressional procedures and the ability to borrow and spend adversely affects the economy, interest rates, etc. Something has got to be done as on overrides you will continue to face the situation where a congressman has a choice of voting against something for his district if he doesn't vote to override your veto.

In reviewing the Balanced Budget Amendment one of the two most important things in my mind is the "high visibility vote" whereby each congressman and senator must vote for deficit spending on that sole issue without the opportunity to hide the vote in a committee bill.

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
October 6, 1982
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The second thing is that borrowed money is not included in revenues for the purposes of determining whether the budget is balanced. The balanced budget amendment will be much more effective than many believe. Ed Meese and I talked about this subject on the phone the other day.

Best personal regards,


James C. Schmidt

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Enclosure

cc: Ed Meese

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Tuesday, October 5, 1982

Balancing the budget

President Reagan can express all the outrage and indignation he wants over last week's defeat in the House of Representatives of a constitutional amendment requiring that the federal budget be balanced. But no matter how much finger-pointing and hand-wringing the President is able to accomplish between now and the Nov. 2 general election, it will not alter the irrefutable fact that budget deficits have soared to record new levels during his 20 months in office.

Deficits, in fact, have been in the unacceptable triple-digit range both years Mr. Reagan has submitted a budget. In that context, for the President to rail on about the defeat of an amendment that would not have had any impact at all for perhaps as long as five years strikes us not only as rather disingenuous, but also an example of the kind of politics-first that Ronald Reagan claims to disdain.

The President wasted little time excoriating the Democrats after the amendment was defeated in the House Friday on a 236-187 vote that fell 46 votes short of the two-thirds margin necessary to send a constitutional measure to the states for ratification. The Senate had passed the measure, 69-31.

"This vote today makes clear who sup-

ports a balanced budget and who does not," Mr. Reagan said, rather grandly ignoring the record borrowing of his own administration. "Voters across America should count heads and take names." The President added that he shared the "deep burning anger" of millions of Americans on the issue, and he accused House Democrats of playing "politics with the will of the people."

But not all Republicans agreed with Mr. Reagan that the balanced-budget amendment was anything more than simply a symbol. Even former President Gerald R. Ford said he had "many reservations" about the amendment and cautioned that it was not the "panacea" it had been portrayed as.

"I would only vote for it as an absolute last resort," Mr. Ford said during a visit to Texas. "Our problem is more serious, and it's an acute one. Our problem is today. We can't wait five years for a solution. We have to do something about the solution today."

We badly want to see the federal budget balanced, especially in light of the fact that the government already is more than \$1 trillion in debt. But Mr. Ford is right: The country's economic problems are more immediate and must be dealt with in a more meaningful way.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Dear John:

Believe it or not, your letter has only just now reached my desk. I'm sorry to be so late in answering.

First, thank you for writing and for your encouraging words. Now, about the talk with our friend Chiang Ching-Kuo and with those Peking types, I'd love to have a report. To avoid something like this last delay, send the report to Kathy Osborne at the White House. That way it won't get caught up in the bureaucracy.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Ran

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John Morley

September 30, 1982

New York City

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your letter.

I was greatly encouraged with your Proposal on the Middle East...and very impressed with your last Press Conference. As a newsman, it was your best I have ever heard.

On this national speaking tour speaking to Universities, Conventions, Town Halls, etc., I continue my enthusiastic support to my audiences...and from the reaction when I mention your name, our Party will do better than predicted in November.

I recently had a long private talk with President Chiang Ching-kuo of the Republic of China in Taipeh...as well as with Peoples Republic of China officials in Peking.

If you are interested in what President Chiang told me about you, our policies...and the chances of compromise with Communist China, I will be glad to send you a confidential brief report, you may not be able to secure from your official sources. Also what I was told by the Communists in Peking, on the same subjects.

Officials in Taipeh are still praising you ever since your last trip there when you represented President Ford on Double Ten. You may recall our correspondence at that time when I alerted certain officials of my high regard for you and Nancy, that you met on your trip there.

I plan to return to the Far East again soon, as well as the Middle East, for the latest facts, too often ignored by the media.

Best Regards,

President Ronald Reagan

John

'AFTER HOURS' by John Morley

TV and the End of all Things

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Every now and then the TV and radio networks present some of their hired hands under the dubious title of "distinguished authorities," to tell us where we're heading in this unpredictable cosmos. More often than not, with pontifical pomp and presumption, these authorities predict the end of all things . . . nuclear doom and disaster.

Whether the end is near at hand depends on the opinions expressed by the determined Cassandra's of TV and radio networks who appear to draw from an exclusive inside track to every global influence capable of destruction.

To supplement these periodic forebodings of chaos and calamity the network media several times a year call in their sages from their global outposts to expedite our inevitable destruction. As they sit around the conference table their aura of authority is made crystal clear to the viewer by the master minds of the TV cameras as they pan and focus their lenses on the chain-smoking oracles for the kind of realism befitting the last days of the world, as they unanimously agree is only a matter of time.



JOHN MORLEY

Grimmest World Reports Ever

Over the past 10 years or so, when TV network profits soared to the point where it is advantageous to encourage expense deductions for tax purposes, the roving personnel is brought home to tell us how bad off we really are and don't know it. But this most recent global summation was the grimmest we have ever heard.

Present day news commentators do not appear interested in free world gains . . . just losses. They are a bottomless source of international doom and disaster. They appear unconcerned for their profound responsibility to the public to present both the pleasant and the painful news. Instead, hour after hour and day by day, they pour out their true or imaginary images of human tragedy and catastrophic forebodings . . . hysteria, horror, carnage, fear and nuclear cremation.

Our Annual Demise

Almost the same group of prophets have been sitting around the same TV conference table at year's end for the past 12 years . . . and each year the same predictions of doom and disaster are prophesied. Not one of them has offered a ray of hope in any direction in all these past 12 years. To recall their previous reports, the U. S. should have fallen to the reds at the time of the Berlin air lift in 1948 . . . the hammer and sickle has been flying over Buckingham palace since 1951 . . . Chiang Kai-shek's mutilated body has been hanging on a Peiping lamp post since 1956.

Fear Inspired Commercials

The same fear and hysteria are expounded in various degrees of volume and velocity in TV and radio commercials, with pseudo-doctors and pseudo-scientists extolling ridiculous and far-fetched claims of laxatives, pills, deodorants and sagless girdles and bras.

Few products are offered as products of normal use and convenience . . . but instead presented from shouting pitchmen in an atmosphere of urgency and hysteria, pyramiding fear over frustration until the brain-washed listener is prostrate with exhaustion and incapable of either reason or restraint.

Having planted the seed of our coming destruction via communism or the wrong brand of cathartics . . . having dissected us limb from limb and brain cell from brain cell by hours on end . . . having assured us how sick and helpless we are against the forces of evil . . . the TV and radio prima donnas will soon be offering us the choice of a loaded gun, vial of poison, a hangman's rope or a stick of dynamite, all appropriately gift wrapped (plus Blue Chip stamps) for a quick way out of our misery.

But none of these birds of ill omen believes what he preaches. None of them, having an inside track to the day of destruction, is known to be preparing his potion of cyanide, or shooting himself after his broadcast. But the damage they create is incalculable, in a world too busy or too lazy to think for itself.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Dear David:

Thank you for your good letter and for brightening my day. I have an opportunity to see young people of your generation every now and then and know what you say is true. I'm convinced when it comes time for all of you to take over, the country will be in good hands.

I hope it will never be necessary for any generation of young Americans to go to war. I promise I'll do my best to keep the peace, but I admire and respect you for saying what you did.

Again, thanks and very best regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. David Berry
#16 Sundown Parkway
Austin, Texas 78746

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October 13, 1982

The President of the United States

The White House

Washington D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

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On my eighteenth birthday this June, I will register without hesitation, thereby supporting my country, government, and values which I hold so dear. I am very much frightened at the thought of going to war, but if the situation requires, I will proudly render my service. I would like to end by simply asking you to have faith in us. America has survived over two hundred years. We're not about to let it end.

Respectfully yours

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To Mr. James C. Schmidt - Great American Federal
600 B Street, San Diego Calif. 92183

Dear Jim

Your letter was a long time reaching my desk & then when it finally did I was away. Sorry.

You are absolutely right about the problem with the budget. The truth is the Fed. budget system as compared to our Calif. system is a really mucky mouse operation. I don't know whether Congress would ever give up it's pork barrel privilege - certainly no Dem. Congress will. They like being able to hang a budget basket on a worthwhile bill you must have knowing you have to take it.

The Dallas Times Herald never misses a chance to dump on us so their editorial was no surprise. The fact that after all our budget savings the deficits have gone up is clear proof that our deficits are structural. They are ~~the~~ caused by programs that automatically increase in cost because of the way the law reads.

I've been talking up the idea back here of trying for the line item veto even if we fail. At least the public would learn something.

Give my regards to Ed. & sorry again about the late

reply.

Love, Roy

To Mr. John Morley - 758-C Calle Aragon Laguna Hills
Calif. 92653.
Dear John,

Believe it or not your letter has only just now reached my desk. I'm sorry to be so late in answering. First thank you for writing & for your encouraging words. Near about the talk with our friend Chiang Ching-Kuo & with those Peking types, I'd love to have a report. To avoid something like this last delay, send the report to ~~the~~ Kathy ^{OSBORN} ~~Osborne~~ - The White House. ~~That way it won't get caught up in the bureaucracy.~~

Again thanks & Best Regards Roy
(over)

To Anne Bagnal One Marshall street
Winston-Salem N. Carolina 27102

Dear Anne

I'm awfully late with this but just want you to know how sorry I am about the way things turned out on Nov. 2nd. The voters were terribly wrong and the country is the loser in not having Anne Bagnal here in the Congress.

I know you did all you could - maybe the rest of us didn't try hard enough.

Bless you for trying Sincerely RR

To Mr. David Barry #16 Sundown Parkway - Austin Texas
Dear David 78746.

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Again thanks & very best regards,

Sincerely
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December 6, 1982

Dear Judge Hitchcock:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 20 and forgive me for being so late in answering. Sometimes it takes awhile for mail to reach my desk. I appreciate your generous words.

You are right in your perception of the tax increase. And, you are right about the need to get at the structural changes needed to get control of the budget once and for all.

As for our friends on Taiwan, believe me, I have no intention of abandoning them. There has been a great deal of misinformation and distortion about this in the press and elsewhere. We have made plain to the Mainland Chinese that while we are ready to improve relations with them we will not throw aside our friends on Taiwan to do so.

I thank you for the Lincoln speech. I have many Lincoln quotes, but not that one. Thanks, too, for calling my attention to the Spanish Language press.

Best regards,

RECEIVED HILLMAN

The Honorable J. Gareth Hitchcock
Judge, Court of Common Pleas
Paulding County
Paulding, Ohio 45879

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
PAULDING COUNTY
PAULDING, OHIO
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October 20, 1982

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of The United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear President Reagan:

You have my forgiveness for supporting passage of the recent Senate initiated revenue measure but only because I perceive it as perhaps a practical necessity toward a current reduction in general interest rates when the present plethora of federal legislation, chiefly enacted by Democrats, provides for constantly increasing government expenditures mostly tied to the flexible "cost of living" index; the general hostility of most spokesmen of the news media for any sane fiscal policy; the refusal of the house Democrats to abolish the Departments of Energy and Education; the countless "entitlement" programs; the cowardly refusal of Congress to tackle the job of placing the Social Security System on a sound actuarial basis; and its continuing refusal to repeal many of the federal acts or regulations burdening local businesses having annual gross revenues under \$5,000,000. Nevertheless, expenditures by the federal government must be reduced if true freedom under law is to be preserved in the U.S.A.--for it cannot exist in any land where the government is not truly fiscally responsible.

Further, again permit me to beseech you not to desert the great people of Taiwan or of all the other more than 100 independent nations which know communism, like slavery, is utterly incompatible with anything that can honestly be called "freedom under law" and is wrong because wherever it exists more than 95% of the people are tyrannized by less than 5% of them.

Over 122 years ago, Abraham Lincoln ended what I believe is the greatest political speech (yours in October 1964 only the second greatest, sorry) at Cooper Union with these words:

". . . Demanding what they do, and for the reason they do, they can voluntarily stop nowhere short of this consummation. Holding, as they do, that slavery is morally right and socially elevating, they cannot cease to demand a full national recognition of it as a legal right and a social blessing.

"Nor can we justifiably withhold this on any ground save our conviction that slavery is wrong. If slavery is right, all words, acts, laws, and constitutions against it are themselves

wrong, and should be silenced and swept away. If it is right, we cannot justly object to its nationality--its universality; if it is wrong, they cannot justly insist upon its extension--its enlargement. All they ask we could readily grant, if we thought slavery right; all we ask they could as readily grant, if they thought it was wrong. Their thinking it right and our thinking it wrong is the precise fact upon which depends the whole controversy. Thinking it right, as they do, they are not to blame for desiring its full recognition as being right; but thinking it wrong, as we do, can we yield to them? Can we cast our vote with their view, and against our own? In view of our moral, social, and political responsibilities, can we do this?

"Wrong as we think slavery is, we can yet afford to let it alone where it is, because that much is due to the necessity arising from its actual presence in the nation; but can we, while our votes will prevent it, allow it to spread into the national territories, and to overrun us here in these free states?

"If our sense of duty forbids this, then let us stand by our duty fearlessly and effectively. Let us be diverted by none of those sophistical contrivances wherewith we are so industriously plied and belabored--contrivances such as groping for some middle ground between the right and the wrong; vain as the search for a man who should be neither a living man nor a dead man; such as a policy of 'don't care' on a question about which all true men do care; such as Union appeals beseeching true Union men to yield to Disunionists, reversing the divine rule, and calling, not the sinners, but the righteous to repentance; such as invocations to Washington, imploring men to unsay what Washington said and undo what Washington did.

"Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from its menaces of destruction to the government, nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end do our duty as we understand it."

Substitute communism for slavery, world for nation or national and worldwide for nationality in the foregoing words and you will have an appropriate foreign policy toward the communist world, I think. Also, for God's sake, and the sake of the western hemisphere, please have some truly bilingual or trilingual person brief you on the news currently appearing in the Spanish language newspapers such as "Diario Las Americas" published by the free Cubans in Miami for over 20 years and other great Spanish and Portuguese language papers enjoying the blessings of freedom in great, if not perfect measure. Since January 1977, I have been reading Diario Las Americas, and their editors and authors convince me that in them you have no better friends in the journalistic world. For me, these devotees of Jose Marti understand the true meaning of the blessings of liberty and the tyranny of communist rule as do far too few in the U.S.A. today.

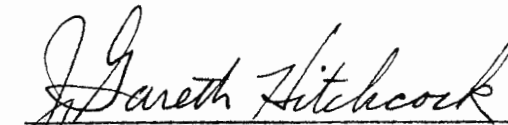
Expressing continued confidence in your leadership and loyalty even if it ever falters, this note urges you to be steadfast in advancing the cause

of "the blessings of liberty" everywhere; at home, in latin America, and throughout the world. And please make it clear to the unschooled that a great, 'if not perfect measure of freedom exists in the lands of our non-communist latin neighbors while it is non-existent in the communist world. As Chang Ta told his questioner, an old friend, in the 50's in the heart of Red China re "co-existence": "If you can believe in the co-existence of muddy and clear water in one bowl, you will have no trouble in believing in the co-existence of communist and non-communist countries in one world. To the communist, co-existence is just a smokescreen to be used when they are not quite strong enough to liquidate their enemies. If they honestly believed in this doctrine why would they put up an iron curtain?" See Secret Diary From Red China, 1961, S. T. Tung, Bobbs-Merill Company, Indianapolis p. 192.

Yes, we should make great effort to avoid war, or any true arms "race," but something honest men and women can call "freedom under law" cannot be surrendered to the eternal slavery that communism always produces although they constantly refer to their subjects as "liberated." I know that you, like Lincoln, a product of youth in Illinois, are a man of peace but please, like him, refuse to quail before those who claim a slavery they call "liberation" as their price for peace. This creates an eternal war where, until overthrown, only the tyrants are the winners. Contrarywise, in a free world you win some and you lose some and it is truly a poor dog who never has "his day."

With kindest personal regards and best wishes always, I am

Very sincerely yours,


J. Gareth Hitchcock
Judge

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Dear Mr. Adams:

Thanks very much for your letter and words of support. Thanks, too, for sending me that sample letter -- I had not seen one of those before. You were very kind to do this.

Best regards,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Danny Adams
Route 2, Box 309
Boones Mill, Virginia 24065

Dear President Ronald Reagan,

I really appreciate what you are doing for America. I'm glad you're not a democratic. I believe all they are worrying about is their back pocket book. I have a sample letter that was given to me at Fisherville, Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center. I think you're doing the right thing and please don't pay no attention to that dumb letter. I'm not going to that school anymore. That school really needs someone like you to rewrite the 1978 HEW guidelines. I have epilepsy, and I get all the help I need from the Government. I truly believe anyone that really needs help, will get it. I agree with what you are doing, but I don't think Freeloaders do.

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Dear Susan:

Please forgive me for being so late in answering your letter. It evidently got held up in some of the bureaucratic tangles here and has only just reached my desk. You were very kind to pick me to write to in National Letter Writing Week, and I'm most grateful.

I'm pleased to hear about your father and how you all worked together. He must be very proud of you.

Please know you brightened my day very much. Thanks, again, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Miss Susan "Niki" Gish
5666 Epworth Road
Newburgh, Indiana 47630

Sept 24, 1982

Dear Mr. President,

I am a fourth grade student in Newburgh, Indiana. As this is National letter writing week, I thought I would write to you and maybe brighten your day. I would like for you to know that I am proud to be an American following your leadership. My father has been unemployed for five months but he just got a job bank and all through the five months we never once blamed you. We just all learned to work together and we made it.

I know you're very busy, Mr. President, but do you think you could take a few minutes out and write back to me? That way, every body could know how much you care about all of us. I will be waiting for your letter.

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Newburgh, Ind. 47630

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Dear Miss Rickey:

Thank you very much for your letter and for sending the material you were given in school. I agree with you, this is a shameful thing to do. We all know the horror a nuclear war would bring. That's why we are doing our best to prevent such a war while, at the same time, we are trying to negotiate a reduction of nuclear weapons with the Soviet Union.

The material you sent is designed to frighten people -- to sell the nuclear freeze idea which, at this time, would increase the chance of nuclear war. It is true the Soviets favor a freeze because they have a greatly superior nuclear force compared to ours. A freeze would be fine and we could all support it if, first, we get a reduction in weapons to where we are even.

Thank you again, and give my regards to your parents.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Miss Mary J. Rickey
12227 Southeast Boise
Portland, Oregon 97236

Dear Mr. President

As a person and a citizen of the United States I want you to be very well informed on what the Public Schools are teaching us the American kids. I am very very afraid because of the scare tactics the public schools are teaching us.

I and my parents firmly believe that the Nuclear freeze is a movment that is backed by the Communists.

Why don't you send your people or your self to our schools to tell us the truth their trying to brainwash us kids to tell our Parents to have a Nuclear freeze. As a Christian and a Republican I hope you will respond to my letter.

I am in 8th grade and I go to Alice Ott Middle School in the David Douglas School District Portland Oregon.

Thank you very much

Yours

Mary J. Rickey

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Thank you very much
M. T. N.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Dear Mrs. Hinman:

Thank you very much for sending me the clipping. I didn't find out until later that Irene was there, and then I phoned her. You were very kind to send the story and I enjoyed reading it.

Give my regards to your son and, again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Earl Hinman
815 Doolin Avenue
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

24 Oct 82

Dear President Reagan

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Mother of an Army Officer

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Reagan's visit drew special visitor to the Tillage Expo

By BILL KILBY
Farm Editor

CONCORD — For Irene Reynolds of the Barton W. Stone Christian Home, President Ronald Reagan's visit to the wind-swept pasture south of Concord was a bittersweet affair. From a vantage point of next to the picket fence which separated some 5,000 spectators from the guest of honor, Miss Reynolds had a good view of the president as he begged his listeners to "stay the course" with his plan for economic recovery.

But for the 84-year-old retired treasurer of Eureka College, she had hoped for something more. She quietly hoped that the President of the United States would have noticed that she was there. A lack of communication prevented that, and he was whisked away before the message could get to him.

Those close to Miss Reynolds, who has resided at the beautiful retirement home on Grove Street in Jacksonville for the past 16 years are sure that had President Reagan known she was in the audience, he would have recognized the fact in a hurry. Advanced age has slowed her reflexes that would have brought forth a "Hey, Dutch" that would have brought the president over to the fence Wednesday afternoon.

A visit with Irene Reynolds several years ago at the retirement home was quite enjoyable as she recounted several events dealing with then-candidate Ronald Reagan. As she sported a large Reagan campaign button, Miss Reynolds told of attending a rally for her favorite candidate, hoping to get a short visit with him. As she told this writer, "By golly, the minute he stopped speaking, his campaign helpers started moving him away in the opposite direction from where I was standing, and in desperation I yelled, 'Hey, Dutch,' as loud as I could.

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MISS IRENE REYNOLDS, a 16-year resident of Barton W. Stone Christian Home, is shown in the above photo, bundled warmly against the chilling winds, as she awaited the visit of President Ronald Reagan to the Werries farm Wednesday afternoon. Miss Reynolds, retired treasurer of Eureka College, knew Reagan as a student at the college over 50 years ago and had been his supervisor at the college's bookstore. Reagan graduated from the college in 1932.

employee, due to shortage of funds, held more than a single job. For Miss Reynolds, she found herself presiding over a number of generations of confused college students as supervisor of the college bookstore.

Two of her first student employees at Eureka were Ronald and Neil Reagan of Dixon, Illinois, both working their way through school. Ronald was the outgoing one; Neil was the quiet one. They, according to Irene Reynolds, were both good workers. For those Eureka's familiar with the workings of that particular college bookstore, the Reagan brothers had to be good workers. The slovenly didn't last long working for Irene Reynolds.

Kept Close Touch

Former Eureka College students seem to be

When inclement weather hit the county the day before the President's arrival, it became apparent that determination was going to be needed. Hiscox explained the situation pretty well, "Did you ever try to push a wheelchair through the mud? If it hadn't been for Russ Morris (who helped carry the chair and Irene), we never would have gotten to where we were headed."

Hiscox had wrangled the front row position for the Reagan speech from Expo officials and commented that "everyone cooperated when they found out what we were up to. I confidently thought that President Reagan would get the message because he really is fond of Irene Reynolds.

"Last summer, just a few days

He (Reagan) spun around, started grinning and came over to where I was standing. First thing he said was, 'I'd know that voice anyplace.' "

But events of last Wednesday unfolded so quickly that no one had presence of mind to holler, "Hey, Dutch." Besides, Ronald Reagan was no longer the outsider looking in. The tables had been reversed.

A Former Employee

Miss Reynolds, a graduate of Eureka College herself, went to work for the college over 50 years ago as its treasurer. As is the case with all small colleges, an em-

Former Eureka College students seem to keep reasonably close touch after leaving school, and the Reagan Brothers were no exception. Irene Reynolds, throughout her 16-year residency at Barton Stone Home, has kept close touch with students as well.

Last summer she suffered a fall which slowed her some; but, according to officials at the home, she is progressing well, thanks to her well-known determination. When she learned that the president was going to visit Morgan County, she started hoping that she might get to see him.

She had some close confederates to help gain entrance to a front-row seat. Don Hiscox, director of development of Barton W. Stone Home; Russell Morris, a Morgan County farmer who serves as chairman of the board; and Tresa Anders, assistant director of nursing, all shared Irene Reynolds' determination to see the president.

"Last summer, just a few days after she had fallen, a note from him arrived in the mail. We still don't know how he got word that she had been hurt. That note, however, really pepped her up," Hiscox continued.

Miss Reynolds recently told Mary Catherine Fernandes, director of public information, that Ronald Reagan "was still working for me as President," in answer to the question "Did Ronald Reagan really work for you?" According to Miss Fernandes, Irene Reynolds is quite a celebrity at Barton W. Stone Christian Home on her birthday and the holidays when she receives hand-written notes from President Reagan.

With the 1984 presidential election a little over two years hence, Ronald Reagan has not as yet announced his intention as to whether he intends to run for re-election.

Perhaps he had better check with Irene Reynolds first. If she happens to be wearing her Reagan button, he's in luck. Even though Mr. Reagan didn't get to check personally with his "boss" last week, she was mighty pleased he came to Morgan County.

For Irene Reynolds, it was well worth the trip to the country last day. For those who helped her, they shared her

To Judge J. Gareth Hitchcock - Court of Common Pleas
Paulding Co. - Paulding Ohio 45879

Dear Judge Hitchcock

Thank you very much for your letter of Oct. 20th and forgive me for being so late in answering. Sometimes it takes a while for mail to reach my desk. I appreciate your generous words.

You are right in your perception of the Tax increase. And you are right about the need to get at the structural changes needed to get control of the budget once & for all.

As for ~~the people~~ ^{our friends} on Taiwan believe me I have no intention of abandoning them. There has been a great deal of misinformation & distortion about this in the press and elsewhere. We have made plain to the Mainland Chinese that while we are ~~not~~ ready to improve relations with them we will not throw aside our friends on Taiwan to do so.

I thank you for the Lincoln speech. I have many Lincoln quotes but not that one. Thanks too for calling my attention to the Spanish Language press.

Best Regards RR

To Mr. Danny Adams Rt. #2 Box 309 Boones Mill Va. 24065

Dear Mr. Adams

Thanks very much for your letter & words of support. Thanks too for sending me that sample letter. I had not seen one of these before. You were very kind to do this.

Best Regards Sincerely RR

To Miss Susan "Niki" Hsieh - 5666 Epworth Rd.

Dear ~~Niki~~ Susan

Newburgh Ind. 47630

Please forgive me for being so late in answering your letter. It evidently got held up in some of the bureaucratic tangles here & has only just reached my desk. You were very kind to pick me to write to in National letter writing week and I'm most grateful.
over.

I'm pleased to hear about your father and how you all worked together. He must be very proud of you.

And you did brighten my day very much.

Thanks again & Best Regards

Sincerely RR

To Miss Mary J. Rickey 12217 S.E. Boise Portland Oregon
Dear Miss Rickey 97236.

Thank you very much for your letter & for sending the material you were given in school. I agree with you this is a shameful thing to do. We all know the horror a nuclear war would bring that's why we are doing our best to prevent such a war while at the same time we are trying to negotiate a reduction of nuclear weapons with the Soviet U.

The material you sent is designed to frighten ~~you~~ people ~~and is exaggerated~~ and to do so for only one purpose - to sell the nuclear freeze idea which at this time would increase the chance of nuclear war. It is true the Soviets favor a freeze because they have a greatly superior nuclear force compared to ours. A freeze would be fine & we could all support it if first we get a reduction in weapons to where we are even.

Thank you again & give my regards to your parents.

Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Earl Hinman 815 Doolin Ave. Jacksonville Ill. 62650

Dear Mrs. Hinman

Thank you very much for sending me the ^{clipping} ~~clipping~~. I didn't find out til later that there was there & then I found her. But you were very kind to send the story & I enjoyed reading it.

Give my regards to your son and again my thanks.

Sincerely RR

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Dear Bill and Jean:

I'm returning these unmarked. I talked to Moon on Thanksgiving. He had a set of these and I'm convinced his memory is better than mine on the furniture. He was two and a half years older -- I'll lay it to that -- rather than admit to poor memory.

I do remember the ice box. You raised the top and lowered the ice into the top compartment. My memory of the mahogany rocker in the parlor was that it had arms and a lower back than these catalogue pictures.

But, I'll stand by Moon's memory.

Best regards,

Dutch

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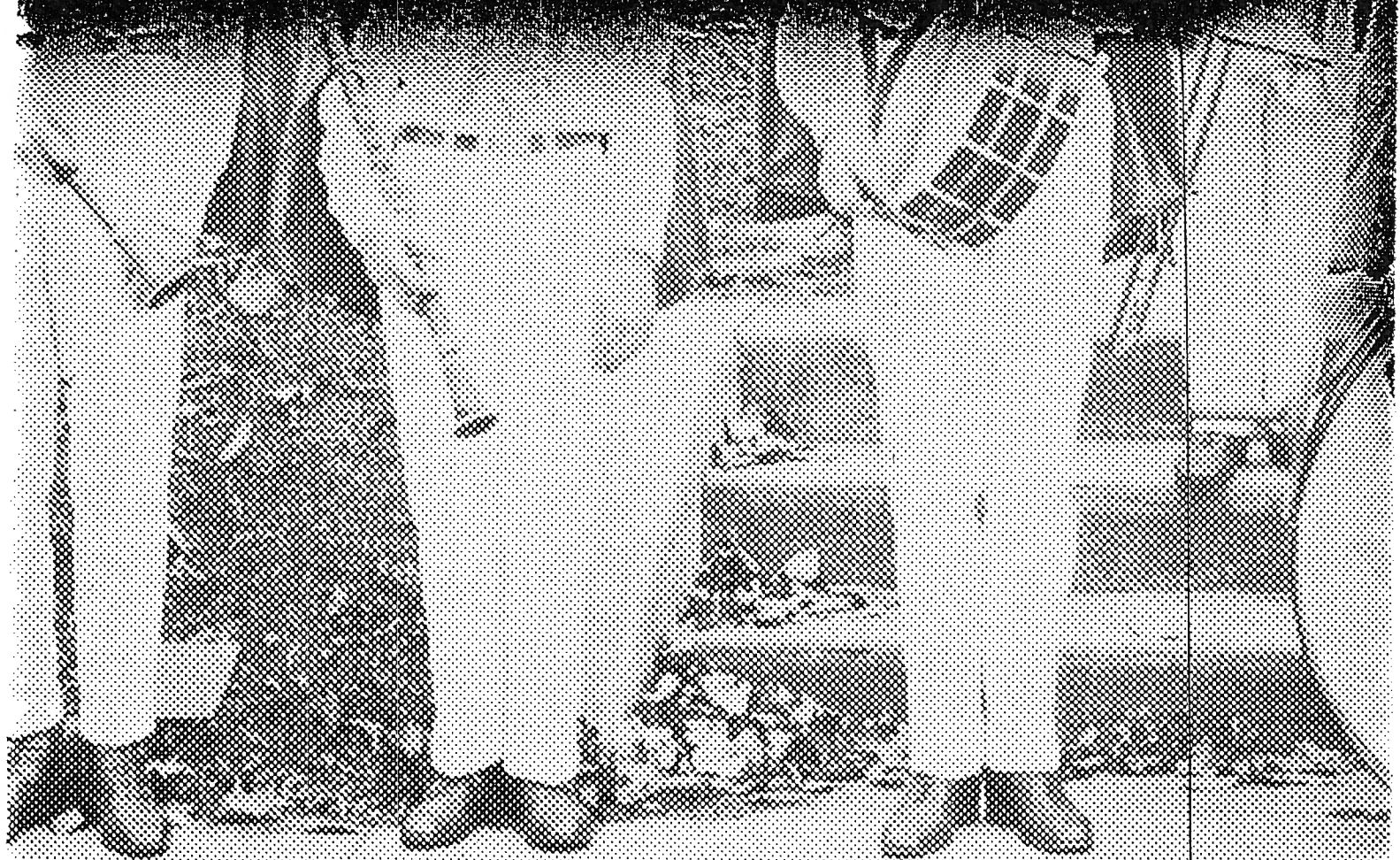
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517 Brinton Avenue
Dixon, Illinois 61021

Photographs

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RR Dictation

Encl: Pictures of household furniture.



I'm the left shoulder you see
there - I was drum major.

Ronald Reagan

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Hi Jean -
All the Best
"Dutch"

Dear Jean & Bill
I glad you were here.
Ronald "Dutch"
Reagan



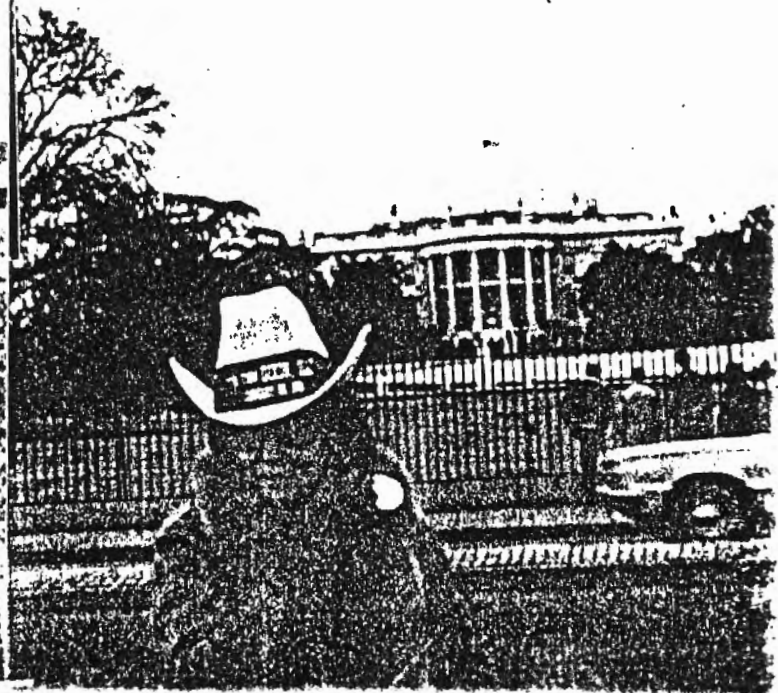
Dear Jean & Bill
It was a great
day for all of us.
Ronald "Dutch"
Reagan



To Jean & Bill
RONALD REAGAN
CLASS OF 1932
Ronald Reagan

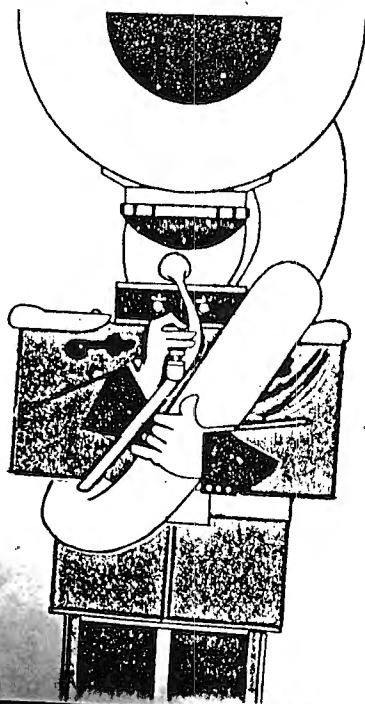
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Dear Jean,
I'm sorry we didn't
know you were there.
Ronald "Dutch" Reagan



To Carl & Kay Fischer
With appreciation & Best Regards
Ronald Reagan

To Fred & Helen Poff - With
Very Best Regards
Ronald Reagan



To Jean & Bill
With Every Good Wish
Ronald "Dutch" Reagan





ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

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Nov. 24, '82



THE THOMPSONS (JEAN & BILL)
517 BRINTON AVENUE
DIXON, ILLINOIS 61021
PH (815) 288-1878
"HOMETOWN OF
PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN"

Dear Dutch ~

Rec'd. your note of Nov. 18th telling me to send the catalogues of house furnishings circa 1920 era. to try & verify types - styles etc of furniture that were in your home when you lived in the Reagan house in Dixon, years 1920 - 1923 - etc. so here they are.

Hope you don't have too much trouble & also hope it brings back some fond memories & some fun & enjoyment in looking over these old pictures.

Take your time & do this at your own convenience & when you are through you can return them to me with any comments you might want to make that will help Jim Hickey in lining up the furnishings to be used later on.

I am certain that Jim will appreciate any help you can give him.

I have enclosed a photo - (snap-shot) which was taken in 1941 at Walgreens - shows your mother talking to Ed. "Baskets" Mahan. I think you were signing an autograph for Mayor Slothower to the right.

You may keep this if you like -

It was in my photo album ~
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As you will note, I took the opportunity
& have enclosed a few photos & mementos
for you to autograph for Jean & I
for our Reagan corner & later on for
the Reagan house or Reagan Country
Museum, or whatever.

At your convenience would you mind
autographing these for us & returning
them.

No thank you so much.

Note - large YMCA Band photo, it
will be interesting when I can
find the time to identify those in
the photo & label them.

Can you help? if so - indicate
same?

Thank you for all your help -
Jim Hickey & all concerned really
appreciate it.

Jean joins me in sending our love
& best wishes to both you & to Nancy

Regards,
Bill

Dutch ~

This was sent to us by a friend, and we thought it would be great to have it autographed for our Reagan corner.

Would you be so kind as to autograph it to Sean + I.

Thank you so much

Bill

Dutch ~

This picture of Sean was taken just following your Inauguration, and what a thrill it was for all of us that were fortunate enough to be on hand to see our friend + neighbor from Dixon Ill. become the 40th President of the United States.

Would you please autograph it to Sean + I (you will have to write it in the sky, which is also very appropriate)

Thank you ~ Bill

Dutch

This photo is for Carl + Kay Fischer - Carl is the Architect from Springfield working on the Reagan house restoration project.

Sean + I thought it would be nice to have them for dinner + present them with the photo in thanks for his help in the restoration project.

You can, if you will, sign it to Carl + Kay Fischer etc

Thank you so much,

Bill

Dutch ~

Good shot of Sean waiting for the great Day! Taken the day before the Inauguration. Too bad the Illinois float was not in front of the Capitol.

It will be a nice addition for the Reagan corner.

Would you mind autographing it to Sean.

Thank you so much

Bill

Would probably show up better in upper right hand corner

Dutch ~

Here is another great photo taken of Sean just following the Inauguration.

We came over to the house to visit you + Nancy + extend our best wishes, but the gate was locked and the fence too high. Maybe someday.

Would you autograph this picture to Sean, and return it to me. (okay to write in the sky)

Thank you - Bill

Dutch ~

This photo is for my immediate boss + his wife - he is vice pres of the Co.

This will smooth things over for all the time I take off for the Reagan house work.

Would you autograph it to ~ FRED and Helen POPE

Thank you so much ~

Bill

Dutch -
We all enjoyed the
wonderful concert by
your own President's Marine
Band - It was superb!
This will make a nice
extra for our Reagan
corner -

Would you please
autograph it to Sean
& I.

Thank you -

Bill
I think I sent you A copy before

Dutch -
This picture was taken just
prior to lighting the tree
signaling the "Release of the
Hostages" & Following the
Inauguration.

What a Day to Remember!
Would you be so kind as to
autograph this memorable
photo to Sean & I in
memory of this great day.

Thank you -
Bill

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