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NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

December 8, 1982

President Ronald Regan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20502

Mr. President,

I received my National Committee Campaign Card today. It is with deep regret that I can not send you one penny. I have a note due at the bank this month, and the interest I still have to pay is %16, and now my burden will be made even heavier by the 5¢ per gallon fuel tax. My job forces me to drive over 50,000 miles a year, so you can see what this is going to do to me, financially.

I would have been glad to make these sacrifices, however your trip abroad has shown me that you are thinking like a Democrat, by pouring billions into foreign aid. For example: thirteen billion dollars for Beirut- while Americans have to come up with four billion for our own bridges. We can tell how much our foreign aid is appreciated by the Brazilians recent treatment of you and our flag.

If you continue to listen to your 'advisors' we will be assured of a Democratic Senate, Congress, and President in 1984.

Please let me hear from you on the matters of froeign aid and the new gas taxes.

Sincerely,

Lyle V. Frey
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11-24-82

Christopher Anthony Cameron

Dear Mr. President:

At this time, as you begin to consider a variety of jobs bills and employment programs, I write to commend you on the unique success of one such program.

As I am sure you know, one of the largest segments of unemployed are the inexperienced youth just out of high schools and colleges. No matter what his skills or training, the raw college student cannot compete in a labor pool which includes so many people with years of business experience.

This is why I write to commend you on the Targeted Jobs Tax Credit. Rather than government-run jobs of temporary or make-work nature, this program puts youth into positions where they are needed and will be trained for long-term careers in the business world of America.

I have a small position with Vogel Van & Storage, one of the nation's leading moving agencies, and the TJTC has made it possible for me to hire good, intelligent college students for part-time position at a time when hiring a full-time experienced secretary would be difficult. The TJTC is not only good for students but for business as well.

However, the eligibility for the TJTC for youth from 18-24 includes restrictive criteria regarding the financial status of the student's parents--and these restrictions deprive a large number of students from the TJTC opportunity while depriving business of the talents of these students.

So please, as you consider money for untried jobs bills over the coming weeks, keep in mind that you already have one which works brilliantly. Raise

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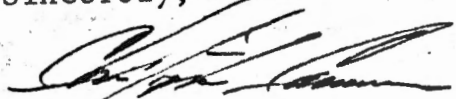
the ceiling on financial eligibility for the TJTC so more people can be put to work in the business world before you turn to government employment. Business needs these young workers to fuel an economic revival that will last a generation, and business needs the economic incentive of that tax credit to encourage and stimulate the rebuilding and revitalization of our greatest commodity: our people.

Employing Americans is the job of business, not government. Give us more programs like the TJTC and we'll eliminate unemployment in a meaningful and progressive fashion.

The tree of business has suffered a long winter, but its roots are healthy and it waits, anxiously, for the coming signs of Spring.

God Bless You.

Sincerely,



Christopher Cameron
7440 Miami Lakes Dr. #F106
Miami Lakes, FL. 33014

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December 27, 1982

Dear Mrs. Kelly:

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NEWS BUILDING, 220 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

December 15, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Personal Letter

My dear Mr. President:

You are 70 years old. I shall be 70 years old next August.

You will be able to keep your job. I shall have to give up one of mine. (I divide my time between United Press and Time, Inc.) UPI does not have mandatory retirement, Time does.

I am as vigorous as you are and as high-spirited. My job is not demanding. Yours is. Still I must leave.

I understand that you favor amending the retirement law to provide that people now holding jobs who become 70 will be able to stay on. I also understand that this is the least revolutionary of the proposals before the House and Senate.

While I favor abolishment of mandatory retirement entirely, couldn't you at least effect your proposal while the others are being considered? You could save me by the bell. I was saved by the bell when I was 65 and the luck of the bit of me that is Irish has always been with me.

Since we're both 70-ish and both Irish-ish, give it a go!

I doubt that you'll ever see this letter. It will be checked off under Letters Favoring Abolishing Mandatory Retirement. But then again, you may see it.

I wish you continued vigor and a year in which you can use it constructively.

Respectfully yours,

Catharine Howe Kelly
320 East 42 St. (Apt. 1814)
New York, N.Y.

Home address:

To Mr. Tyle V. Frey - 145 W. 12th. - Boyden-Kaplan Bldg.
Michele S. Dabbs 57301

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Love RR

To Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Over 1765 East 31st St.
Brooklyn N.Y. 11234

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Over

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December 27, 1982

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Tel. (212) 336-9726

November 24, 1982

WHITE HOUSE
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President Regan:

It is now Thanksgiving Eve here in New York, with millions of people out of work. I feel very strongly that you have to implement policies to create jobs and generate economic growth, instead of unemployment and slow economic growth. I have written and spoken with some of your predecessor's Presidents Carter, Ford, and Nixon. However I have been discouraged and disappointed that more and more of my fellow carpenters are out of work especially "THE BRONX". I am sadden that the hope we had for you did nothing except make matters worse.

President Regan, we in the Union Movement do not like to be Welfare Recipients, we want to be proud working Americans. What we hoped from you was a strong workable economical program.

In conclusion, I and my fellow carpenters form Local 17, would like to know what your intentions are to fulfill your promise you made concerning The South Bronx.

Mr President Regan, please help us to fulfill my dream to see America proud and working again. I wish to help you in whatever way possible.

"Please", don't let us down again.

Sincerely,

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December 27, 1982

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Believe me I join you in your prayer (daily) that God will help me be an instrument to right what is wrong.

Again thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Mrs. Nan Milliken
Rt. # 1, Box 104
DeWitt, Arkansas 72042

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November 3, 1982

Rt One Box 104

DeWitt, Arkansas 72042

Dear Mr. President,

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I am a member of a share group - Bible study at Bayou Meto, a small, rural community in Southeastern Arkansas. All of our share group has been praying for the Lord to help us get out of this seemingly impossible situation that the family farmer finds himself in. After finishing my morning devotions about three weeks ago, I found myself writing out the basis of the "farmer's wife" letter. I do not type well and you can see that my penmanship leaves much to be desired. So I called my friend, Janis Sellars, to help me with this letter. She called implement dealers to get accurate prices on machinery prices ten years ago and today's costs. We called and got the bean market report of quotations and the rice prices were bids that local farmers were getting at that time. We wanted to be as truthful and accurate as possible.

After deciding to share our letter with the share group, we soon discovered that there were many other people wanting copies. Even those not married to farmers wanted copies of a letter they could send explaining how they, too, were affected by the farmer's dilemma.

I am the wife of a fourth generation rice and soybean farmer and we do not want to lose what our parents grandparents and great-grandparents worked so hard to accumulate. It is sometimes said that the current conditions will weed out the inefficient farmers, but it will also eliminate many who simply cannot pay 17% for their money and take a dollar a bushel or more loss on their crops.

This letter is written in red ink to symbolize the way the farmer has been forced to operate the last several years.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story and I pray that God will use you as one of the instruments to help the farmer. I truly feel that if America's farmers are put back on their feet, America as a nation will return to her feet.

We did all need to be brought to our knees, though, didn't we? I kept the clipping from the newspaper stating that you took the oath of office with your mother's Bible opened to 2 Chronicles 7:14. I too, believe this is true.

Sincerely,

Nan Milliken

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Sincerely,
Jan Miliken

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December 27, 1982

Dear Tammy:

Bless you for what you are doing and thank you for writing. We are going to organize another dozen task forces nationwide similar to the force used in Florida. However, I'm convinced the most effective thing is getting the users to stop being customers.

What you are doing is most important - keep it up. Again my thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Miss Tammy Treider
7341 Wood Knot Court
Orlando, Florida 32811

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11-18-82

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Reagan,

My names is Tammy and I am 18 years old, I have recently 7-stepped the drug rehabilitation program in St. Petersburg, Fla. Straight Inc. The one that your wife visited. But I just wanted to write and say I appreciate the "cracking down" you are doing on the drug problem in the U.S. we need it. My program was 22 months long and I learned alot and one thing I learned was to quit looking at the World and myself through lies. I think the work you did in Florida is great and I support you 100%! I do speaking engagements in Orlando and have done fund raising in , Orlando to get an Orlando program by March of 1983 which I then plan on being a staff member of Straight. I support you all the way and please be careful cuz there's alot of people into drugs and other such mess and I want the work you do to really help us! But I think you know you have to be careful. If your mail is censored or whatever I hope they don't look at this letter as unimportant cuz I know you are busy, but it means alot to me! Have a Happy Thanksgiving and God bless you all!

Love,

Tammy Treider

7341 Wood Knot Court
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Love,

Tammy Trexler


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Sincerely RR

To Mr. Sol Polk - North Ave. at First Ave. Melrose Park Ill,

Dear Mr. Polk

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I guess this calls for one of those "small world" remarks. Thank you for your letter but even more for the morale boost it gave me. I had just read a different kind of letter from an ill. businessman who is on the edge of coming in.

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Again my thanks to you for what you are doing and what you plan to do. Let's spread the word.

Smiley RR

To Mr Ellen Barnett - W. Va. Taxpayers Union.

Route 2 - Box 342 Charleston W. Va.

Dear Mr. Barnett

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Thank you for your letter of Dec. 10. You are right about the battle we are waging with those who want to turn to more spending & govt. intervention. I am having the mine inspector situation you mentioned looked into.

I do differ with you on the recently passed gas tax. Over a year ago we had learned of the near emergency situation nationwide with regard to deteriorated highways and bridges. I held off for a year but felt we couldn't wait any longer. In a great many places school buses halt & make the children walk across bridges then the driver picks them up on the other side.

Our interstate system is such that many companies have had to increase their shipping costs (which the taxpayers pay) because of re-routing trucks to avoid badly deteriorated stretches of road.

But I'm sure you'll be pleased to know we have reduced the congressional proposals for Truck Taxes to about one fourth of what had been proposed.

Incidentally you are correct about the Congress adding several hundred million dollars to ~~the~~ aid for Israel - much of which was taken from aid proposals for other countries.

Again thanks for writing Smiley RR

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December 27, 1982

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Area Code: 312
Chicago: 287-1011
Suburban: 345-3200

November 12, 1982
Our 47th Year

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

Dear Mr. President:

As I write this, it is the end of another long business day for me. The dark is settling earlier now and the wind is picking up a chill to remind those of us in the Chicago area that winter is fast approaching and bringing the new year with it.

I have been thinking a lot of late about our economic goals for the new year and our company's response to them. And as my eye wandered around my office a few minutes ago, it paused at a picture on the wall - a picture of you, then General Electric spokesman, presenting me with an award. I couldn't help but think back to those days, a few more years ago than we both like to remember, and compare them with now.

And as I made the comparison, I made an interesting personal discovery about today's economic climate. I discovered that it isn't as dismal as we would have ourselves believe. And that set me to thinking about ways to improve it. So I decided to write you and share some observations on the situation today and what this company, for one, is doing about it.

As you well know, Mr. President, it seems as if we can't read a newspaper or turn on a television set nowadays without being bombarded with another doom and gloom report about the American economy. Economic indicators that are encouraging are everywhere



around us, yet they always seem to be downplayed. For instance ...

- . the dramatic drop in interest rates
- . the 15% cut in income taxes, with another 10% still to come in the next few months
- . the rate of inflation cut in half and then cut in half again to a new 6-year low
- . the stabilization in price increases for most major goods over the past 4-months
- . record harvests for most crops, indicating hold-the-line prices for food in 1983
- . average weekly paychecks climbing to new highs
- . the recent giant rally in the stock market which expressed investor confidence in the future
- . the increasing strength of the dollar against other major currencies in the world
- . the millions more who have joined America's expanding work force
- . trade agreements with other nations which will re-vitalize America's basic industries and help put our workers back to work

All of this, and more, far outweighs the bad news, yet it is the bad news that gets all the attention, causes increasing worry on the part of our citizens, and holds our society captive, making us think that forces are at work which are beyond our control.

And, once we start believing that we can't do anything about it, it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. I think that's a big part of what is wrong with our economy today. The way we perceive events and our reaction to them has somehow been bent all out of shape.

Recently, for instance, the Dow Jones average dropped 36 points in one day, from a 2-year high of 1034 to a mark of 998. It was widely reported as the second greatest one-day loss in stock market history, unequalled except for the loss in October, 1929 that triggered the great depression. Much was made of that fact on all the news programs, causing needless worry in the minds of Americans over a return to bread lines and soup kitchens.

Just one calm voice of logic could have eased the sense of panic on the news reports by simply pointing out the difference in the two situations. In October, 1929, the Dow Jones stood at 200 and dropped 38 points in one day - a 19% drop that wiped out many investors who had bought stocks with just 10% down. In October, 1982, the market dropped 36 points - a modest 3-1/2% drop from a high of 1034. Economists shrugged it off as a simple adjustment in the market -- but it kept people uneasy for days.

The moral of this story and a possible solution to our current problems goes back to the Presidential inaugural address of 1932, when Franklin Roosevelt viewed an economic climate far worse than we have today and proclaimed: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

I mention all of this because it strikes me - and the facts support it - that we aren't as bad off as we keep telling ourselves we are.

It seems to me that the time has come for businesses and individuals alike to ignore the so-called "experts" and go out ourselves and meet the world head-on, one-on-one. We have to take the initiative ourselves and make things happen in the marketplace.

And I don't doubt for a minute the power of individual performance in effecting change. Our history is replete with the examples of people who stood up to be counted when the counting stopped at one.

One man, Nathan Hale, stood up to be counted and chose death rather than renounce his country. His sacrifice served as a rallying point for others that only had to endure bitter cold winters during the darker days of our fight for independence.

One man stood up to be counted and cast the deciding vote that kept us from killing compulsory military training four months before Pearl Harbor.

One man, unknown today, fired "the shot heard round the world", and he wasn't even paid to do it - he just did what his conscience told him to do for his country.

We are, each of us, only one -- but so was Carrie Nation, Paul Revere, Patrick Henry, Robert E. Lee, Thomas Jefferson, and Joan of Arc -- and she was just a girl of 14 who couldn't even read or write.

Walt Disney was just one man, but he had a dream for the future and wanted to share that dream with the world, so he set about making that

dream a reality by planning EPCOT Center, which not only gives us a glimpse of the marvels in store for us in the near future, but also pours billions of dollars a year into the economy by creating jobs.

As I walk through my store at night, I look around at the myriad products existing today that weren't even dreamed about when you presented me with that award, Mr. President. Products that are built better to last longer. Products that bring the world into our living rooms to entertain us and educate us. Products well within the means of the poorest among us that would have been worth a king's ransom just a few short years ago when we were boys. Products that have increased our standard of living, lengthened our lives, and given us more leisure time. Products that are a tangible sign of an America on the move, and the direction is up.

After reflecting upon this, Mr. President, my thoughts naturally turned to the efforts of my own company, Polk Bros, the largest independent retailer of brand name products in America. Have we been doing our share in brightening the economic climate? Is there more that we can do?

Polk Bros is just one company in one American community, yet just consider for a moment, as I have, the contribution we make as a company, and our employees make as individuals, to the growth and prosperity of the economy - locally, nationally, and world-wide.

We employ 1500 workers at 15 stores throughout the Chicagoland area. Many of our workers, both men and women, have grown with us over the years, advancing from within the company. 1500 families, 6,000 people directly depend upon the company for their livelihood.

We and our employees pay taxes which are used for the benefit of our nation, state, and local communities. Our paychecks are spent locally, which has a multiplying effect in benefiting others - the grocery store, dentists, restaurants, banks, utilities, and others that provide us with goods and services.

But that's only part of our contribution, because we are also in the business of selling products from a host of manufacturers. Every time we sell just one product, even something as basic as a vacuum cleaner, we provide employment for scores of job categories throughout the nation -- from the designers to the men on the production line to the sales force to the delivery team. And that doesn't even count the vast number of people involved in getting the raw materials to the manufacturer. All keep working away because of us, and thousands of other retailers like us nationwide.

And just think how many more workers we help keep employed when we sell more sophisticated products like microwave ovens and refrigerators. Multiply that vacuum cleaner by the thousands of products we sell daily and you can get an idea of the importance of our work and the thousands of other workers counting on us to do the best job that is humanly possible.

That is why it is so important for our organization to sparkplug consumer sales by fostering confidence in our economy. A fear-psychology seems to be gripping consumers. They have the money to spend but seem reluctant to part with it for fear of what tomorrow will bring. What is needed in America is a confidence in the future, generated by government, investors, manufacturers, entrepreneurs, and consumers alike.

What can one company such as ours do? All it takes is one. One company. One individual. And it all starts with our relations with our customers - on the telephone, in our ads, on our sales floors, in their homes. It's not particularly doing anything new. It's really doing what we already do, but better.

The nation, therefore, has my pledge, Mr. President, that Polk Bros, and all 1500 of its employees, is going to work even harder at instilling consumer confidence at all levels, particularly going into this holiday season. And I'm going to take it upon myself to communicate with all businessmen with whom our company comes in contact, to help spread this message of confidence.

Within our own company, building consumer confidence begins simply enough, by treating each and every customer with the respect that is his or her due. Courteous treatment of a customer is as important at all levels of our business as is the price tag, even more important in these uncertain times when the customer has reservations about parting with hard-earned dollars in the first place.

We will therefore all remember that the customer is the lifeblood of our organization - and just as others depend on us for their jobs, so we depend on our customers for ours.

We will also remember that we have a moral responsibility to help keep our suppliers at full employment. To do this, we are dedicated to sell at an ever-increasing volume. Not only because we represent a major factor in our marketplace and want to maintain that position, but also because we can play a part in solving the nation's unemployment problem by meeting and breaking sales goals, since every product we sell keeps people working to replace the products we sell.

We can also work toward full employment by supporting new technology. We are very fortunate in America to have a technological advantage through inventiveness and individual desire for success on the part of our people. To prove it, you just have to look at the record number of new businesses that are formed each year. This improved technology, manifested in newer and better products of all kinds, can vastly increase our country's productivity. It can lead us to find superior substitutes for dwindling resources. And it can create entire new industries that will reduce unemployment through the growth it provides. It is up to all of us to make sure that America never loses its creative spark.

As a corporation, we are increasing our advertising and promotional efforts to record levels in order to stimulate consumer interest in our merchandise. For instance, we are currently offering a free year's supply of car washes with the purchase of a major product both to stimulate employment in our area's car wash companies, and as an added incentive for consumers to buy now. And you have my assurance that similar promotional events will be part of our sales stimulation efforts throughout the year.

In closing, Mr. President, let me again assure you of this one organization's commitment to brightening our nation's economic climate, a commitment that is backed by each and every one of our employees. Together, I know that we can do it.

Warmest personal regards,

Sol. Polk
Sol Polk

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December 27, 1982

Dear Mr. Barnett:

Thank you for your letter of December 10. You are right about the battle we are waging with those who want to turn to more spending and government intervention. I am having the mine inspector situation you mentioned looked into.

I do differ with you on the recently passed gas tax. Over a year ago we had learned of the near emergency situation nationwide with regard to deteriorated highways and bridges. I held off for a year but felt we couldn't wait any longer. In a great many places school busses halt and make the children walk across bridges, then the driver picks them up on the other side.

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Sincerely,

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December 10, 1982

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

Dear President Reagan:

As an organization of working, taxpaying citizens of West Virginia, we are concerned with recent developments in our federal government. These developments have a direct and possibly severe effect on our lives and livelihoods. I ask the administration and the West Virginia Congressional Delegation to closely monitor these matters and protect our welfare (that is, the interest of the working people and not the "giveaway" program) and our future.

As taxpayers, we have been most encouraged by the initiative and efforts of the Reagan administration. It has been dedicated to streamlining the inefficient and unresponsive federal bureaucracy. It has attempted to give incentives to the productive citizens of America. Overall, it has been refreshing.

However, every time the administration attempts to do something that would benefit this country's industrial base and working public, it is stopped by Congress. They (Congress) apparently want to continue uncontrolled social programs that waste tax dollars and do nothing to stimulate the abilities of American people. Rather than help the private sector stimulate employment and provide a tax base, Congress is inclined to create artificial quick fixes through another public jobs program. This, of course, is with taxpayer's dollars and offers no opportunity for further recouping the "dead" expense.

It is amazing to our group that our politicians are always talking about the "nationalized" industries of other countries. They blame them for our inability to compete in world markets. Would it be so bad for them to consider doing something helpful for private industry and business? We do not advocate "nationalization". However, we simply think they could give the employers of this country a little more consideration. They have literally confiscated the tax base through increased giveaway programs, accelerated benefit levels for those not working and every protection possible to insulate the worker from being directed by management.

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The previous administration (Carter) had become famous for its "cancer" programs. Those were federal programs that were disincentives for Americans to work and pay taxes. The "giveaway" notions of that regime reached catastrophic levels. The bureaucracy reached unbelievable numbers. We were pleased when the present administration reduced many of these. We hope they are not getting back into the "cancer habit".

For instance, take the Mine Safety & Health Administration. It had been reduced to reasonable levels for adequate enforcement of our mining industry. Recently, it has been built back to a point where safety inspectors must be "falling over one another" in southern West Virginia offices. The industry is extremely depressed, with many mines shut-down, yet there are more MSHA inspectors than ever in the southern part of our state. It makes absolutely no sense, particularly when our tax dollars are being wasted and the deficit increased.

Another example for our administration and our Congressmen. The so-called highway tax now "flying" through Congress. It is extremely penal to our nation's trucking business. Washington speaks of so many new jobs as a result of the revenues being dedicated to highway construction and maintenance. Perhaps that is true, but they do not say how many trucking companies will go out of business and how many in that industry will become unemployed. This is particularly critical to our state, since we depend on coal as an economic foundation and our coal depends on truck haulage to reach market. It will assuredly inflate the price of West Virginia coal and further erode any advantage coal offers compared to other boiler fuels. West Virginia certainly does not need that!

We hope the bill will not be approved in the form in which it passed the House. It does, however, seem to be on a "fast track". If it does pass, then every West Virginian should know that 20% of that revenue will be given to help mass transit systems. That is ridiculous. How many mass transit systems are there in our state? In other words, the major portion of this revenue will come from the trucking industry that services the remote areas of our country and at least one-fifth of the money will then be given to the big cities. Not only that, but the remainder of the tax would be paid by people who buy gasoline and they don't ride mass transit! It is wrong, and I hope our representatives in Washington will protect our interests.

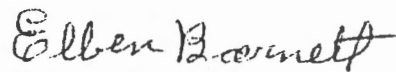
One other area developing in Washington of concern to us is the large amount of money being given to Israel. We do not object to United State's support for the Jewish nation, but we

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strongly feel that such assistance should not make slaves of American people. If that amount of money was put into the Social Security System, its worries would be over. The concerns of the elderly would be over. The working public would not have to look forward to yearly increases in Social Security taxes. It makes sense that we need to take care of America first and give what is left to the nations we trust.

With the economy in such drastic shape, tax revenue becomes more important than ever. What we are used to must be changed to get more for the dollar, not merely increased by more deficit dollars. The few working people should not be further taxed to take care of those that are not working or don't want to work. We must do away with waste and extravagance. We must encourage productivity. We ask those in our nation's capitol and our state capitol to take particular note and protect the interests of our membership, taxpaying West Virginians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elben Barnett".

Elben Barnett
President

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December 27, 1982

Dear Padre:

Thank you very much for your letter which only reached me after my return from Brazil. I didn't have an opportunity to do some of the things you suggested and am afraid I wouldn't have even if I'd had your suggestions before the trip. They had a very full schedule for me. However, I do believe that I was fortunate enough to get more of a view and sense of Brazil than just that of officialdom.

I can say also that I really did go to listen. I've felt for many years that no matter how well-intentioned our efforts in the past, we were the great colossus seeking to impose our plans on them. This time I asked them what were our differences and how did they think we could resolve them. The response was most rewarding. Incidentally, my impression was that President Figueiredo truly does want democracy and better opportunity for the people.

Thank you for your prayers and your blessing.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON

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Nov. 14, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President,

I heard recently that you are coming to Brasil at the end of November for a visit. I was glad to hear that. I believe that you have a great opportunity to convey to the Brazilian people the feelings of the people of the United States. Although you will meet only a few people during your visit, and perhaps will speak directly to several thousand, your words will be carried by television and radio to millions of Brazilians thruout this great country.

Until I came here two years ago to work as a volunteer priest with the American Franciscans in the Diocese of Santarém, I had no idea of how much influence the United States has on Brasil. Just on the cultural and educational levels, there is a great deal of interest on the part of the people here in what Americans do and think. They play American songs on the radio. Most of the school children will study English before they complete the eighth grade.

For me, the experience of working here has enriched my life, and certainly broadened my concept of the world. I've been introduced to a people, who, although for the most part are poor, have great pride, work hard, and hope for a better tomorrow. But problems exist, as you well know, in all areas of life. The country is gradually developing democratic ways of resolving problems and making decisions. I serve some 16 small farming communities as a sort of circuit-riding priest. My people work hard to survive, and hope for a better future for their children.

I hope that you will come prepared to listen carefully as well as to

... speak the aims, programs and intentions of the American government. First of all, I think that Brazilians need to hear that American people, although they enjoy a higher standard of living, share the same concerns, values and problems that Brazilians have. They need to hear that we, as a people, do not wish to exploit them, that the United States is not a country where everyone is wealthy, that Americans suffer from inflation, worry about the possibility of nuclear warfare, and want to pass on a better world to their children.

I believe that you need to hear more than just the views of Brazil's president, Joao Figueiredo, and other government officials. I hope that while you are in Brasilia you will have the opportunity to speak to some representatives of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (Brazilian), whose offices are not too far from the American Embassy. Of perhaps you might have the opportunity to speak to the Cardinal Evaristo Paulo Arns of Sao Paulo, a religious leader of the largest archdiocese in Brasil. From them you will learn the concerns and problems of the great majority of people who are poor. In the 1979 conference in Puebla, Mexico, the bishops of Central and South America made a 'opção preferencial pelos pobres' (a preferential option for the poor). The Church of Brasil is totally committed to helping the poor in their struggle to achieve dignity, a decent life, and a representative voice in the government.

Again, thanks for coming. I will be praying for you and your advisers, as well as the Brazilian officials with whom you will confer. After all, I voted for you in November, 1980, before I came here. I want you to be a great President, noted in history for your leadership in developing mutual aid, respect and understanding between the United States and developing nations like Brasil. Good luck, and may God bless you.

Pe. João Tupper
Padre John Tupper

(Diocese of Gaylord, Mich.,
on leave to the Diocese of
Santarém, Pará, Brasil)

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TR 062-01

December 27, 1982

Dear Mr. Linder:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 6th. It was kind of you to write and I'm pleased to learn your assessment of our visit. We came home with a good feeling among ourselves but it's nice to have substantiation.

Thanks again and best regards.

Sincerely,

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São Paulo, December 6, 1982

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The President of the
United States,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

Mr. President :

As an American working overseas, heading an American corporation,
I would like to sincerely thank you for your speech in São Paulo
on December 2, 1982.

The overall trip was certainly something that Brazil needed and
I compliment you for taking the initiative to make such a rigorous
visit.

My best wishes for your continued success.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. R. Linder", written over a horizontal line.

Douglas R. Linder,
President of Cargill Agricola S.A.

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December 27, 1962

Dear Reverend Triplett:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. It was good of you to write as you did and I'm most grateful.

I want very much to establish a relationship between our country and our friends and neighbors of the South. It must be one of partnership between equals based on mutual respect and not the sometimes demeaning "big brother" approach of the past.

We all came home with a feeling that we had made a good beginning. I assure you we'll continue this effort.

Again my thanks.

Sincerely,

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December 15, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

God's blessings to you and yours!

I write to express my sincere appreciation for your attention given this week to Latin America. I feel sure your demonstrated interest in our part of the world is a signal of hope to millions.

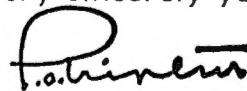
I was in Costa Rica, meeting with our Central America missionary staff, and noted the preparations being made for your arrival. I felt a deep sense of pride, recognizing that the gentle people of Costa Rica, the proud participants in democratic processes for many years, would welcome you with genuine enthusiasm and appreciation. I am pleased now to discover that is exactly what happened.

Thank you for meeting with the Central America leadership most interested in freedom. I served as a missionary for twelve years in Nicaragua and know that the harsh realities of Central America are extremely complex for you. I am praying God shall provide you the wisdom to respond wisely and justly in this moment of crisis. In my opinion, the Nicaraguan tragedy need not have happened. Your more realistic approach to what is really happening in Central America provides hope for us all.

Incidentally, twice this year I have arrived at the Managua airport with a proper visa and been denied entry into that land I love dearly. In the first instance, soldiers simply hurried me back aboard the plane on which I had arrived. In the second case, I was detained under armed guard until the next commercial flight arrived on which I was sent to Panama. I am presently awaiting permission from the Sandista government to be allowed to again visit the leadership of our more than 300 Assemblies of God churches in that land. I pray I shall not be denied that privilege.

Let me thank you again for your "Good Neighbor intentions" for a part of the world where the great majority of the masses love and appreciate North America. I hope you can "reach toward us" often.

Very sincerely yours,



Loren Triplett
Director for Latin America
and the West Indies

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December 27, 1982

Dear Mr. Lyon:

Thank you very much for your good letter and for sharing your story of the uprising in Bogota with me. I intend to get a little mileage out of the "Sons of Bogota" story. I wonder if the General ever re-called or knew what kind of an S.O.B. you were calling him.

Thanks again and best regards.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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December 14, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your letter of November 17, 1982. It was thoughtful of you to write. You may rest assured that I shall continue to support you in every way I can and shall be happy to "stay the course."

Reading a few days ago in the press of your visit to Bogota and what occurred there and having long appreciated your fine sense of humor, I venture to tell you of my experience in Bogota in 1948. I was then a Foreign Service Officer on duty in the State Department as Special Assistant to the late Norman Armour, an Assistant Secretary of State. We were both members of our delegation to the InterAmerican Conference at Bogota. General Marshall, Secretary of State, headed our delegation. Although the Colombian Government had gone to infinite pains to assure the success of the Conference, on the second day after the Conference began a leftist labor leader, called Gayetan, was assassinated and all Hell broke loose. The crowds went wild, turned over and set fire to street cars and automobiles, broke into the bodegas and stole all the pisco and other alcoholic beverages on which they could lay their hands. Their next move was to ransack hardware stores and steal a vast quantity of machettas with which they really went to work.

With Mr. Armour and most of the staff of our delegation I spent the night of the outbreak marooned in the chancery of the United States Embassy which was situated on the fifth floor of an office building in the center downtown Bogota. The drunken mob roamed the streets all night, smashing shop windows, looting, fighting among themselves, and even killing one another for a plundered wine glass, a camera or a mere bauble. Human life was being sold short on the night of April 10 in Bogota. Police and military proved totally ineffective in quelling the drunken, marauding masses.

We had been told that there were never any serious fires in Bogota, due to the high altitude. There was so little nitrogen in the air that fires wouldn't burn. However, as night fell we watched flames all around us leaping high into the sky.

At one point the mob succeeded in breaking into one building but were stopped on the fourth floor by an iron grille across the stairhead. Later with incendiary bombs they set fire to one building, with a view no doubt to igniting a paint shop located on its ground floor. Fortunately their plans failed and we were not forced out onto the street to be greeted by the crazed, drunken mob.

At dawn Norman Armour and I stood at a window as daylight, like a dreadful hangover, crept over the city. Never have I witnessed a more desolate scene. All store windows were shattered, the shops' contents or what remained of them were strewn about the streets; a cold, gray drizzle was falling. At several corners there were piles of human bodies, victims of the street fighting we had witnessed the previous afternoon and throughout the night. About ten o'clock that morning we were liberated by the Colombian military forces and driven through the streets to the tranquil suburbs, in open trucks, reminiscent of French aristocrats being carted to the guillotine.

Mr. Armour, whose fine sense of humor was similar to your own, Mr. President, told me later that he was establishing a new organization: "The S.O.B.'s," the Survivors of Bogota. He added though that he dared not tell General Marshall, who as I mentioned headed our delegation, that he was honorary president of the "S.O.B.'s."

The organization did nevertheless include a number of distinguished members of our delegation, such as Averell Harriman, Bill Martin, General Ridgeway and others. This caused me trouble some years later when I was Deputy Commandant in Berlin, a civil position in a military world.

General Ridgeway then Supreme Commander of NATO came on a visit to Berlin. All the brass was lined up on the tarmac of Templehof airfield for his arrival. I, the only civilian, in my blue suit, stuck out like a sore thumb among the solid line of military uniforms. Escorted by the American Commandant, General Ridgeway proceeded along the receiving line shaking hands. When he reached me and the Commandant said:

"Do you know General Ridgeway?" I replied, "Yes, I know that S.O.B."

My Commandant blanched and quickly moved the Supreme Commander on before I had a chance to explain.

Mr. President, you are faced with so many grave problems, I trust that these light reminiscences may add a moment of cheerful relief from your heavy tasks.

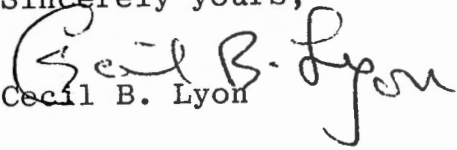
The President

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December 14, 1982

Mr. President, I repeat that I am entirely in favor of all that you are trying to accomplish.

Sincerely yours,


Cecil B. Lyon

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King's Highway
Hancock, New Hampshire 03449

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December 27, 1962

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God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Vinh Thanh Tang
11 Welwyn # 30
Great Neck, New York 11021

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 27, 1982

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11 Welwyn #3D

Great Neck, N.Y. 11021

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing this note to thank you for really working hard for the peace of the world. I am from Vietnam and my first four years living in the U.S. has been the best of my life. I am about to begin my fifth year and I think you should know how thankful you and the government of the U.S. should be. Without your mercy, I could have been left alone enjoying the communist propaganda and have been starved until my bones would have no skin to hide. I feel bad that not everybody who refuged in the U.S. can write a note like this in English to you to thank you for your time and effort in immigration from South East Asia. Please continue your goodness, God bless you.

Affectionately

Vinh Thanh Tang

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AFFECTIONATELY
Vinh Thanh Tang

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To Rara John Tupper C. P. 191 68, 100 Stanton Park
Bragg D. C.

Dear Rara

I thank you very much for your letter which only reached me after my return from Bragg. I didn't have an opportunity to do some of the things you suggested and am afraid I won't have even if I had your suggestions before the trip.

I lay had a very full schedule for me. However I do believe that I was fortunate enough to get some of a view & some of Bragg ~~last~~ than first that of officials.

I can say also that I really did go to listen. I've felt for many years that no matter how well intentioned our efforts in the past, we were the great obstacle looking to improve our plans on them. This time I asked them what were our differences & how did they think we could resolve them. The ~~response~~ ^{response} was most rewarding. Incidentally ~~from~~ my impression was that Pres. Fitzgerald truly does want democracy & better opportunity for the people.

Thank you for your prayers & your leaving.

Truly YR
To Mr. Douglas R. Linder P.O. Box 9333, 01000 Braintree
Bragg D. C.

Dear Mr. Linder

I thank you very much for your letter of Dec. 6th. It was kind of you to write and I'm pleased to learn your assessment of our visit. We came home with a good feeling among ourselves but it's nice to have substantiation.

Thanks again & Best Regards
RL

To Rev. Doran Triplett - 1445 Boswell Ave.

Springfield Mo. 65802

Dear Rev. Triplett

(over)

Thank you very much for your kind letter,
It was good of you to write as you did and I'm most
grateful.

I want very much to establish a relationship
between our country and our friends and neighbors
of the South. It must come of partnership between
equals based on mutual respect and not the
sometimes demeaning "big brother" approach of the
past.

We all came home with a feeling that we had
made a ^{good} beginning. I assure you we'll continue this
effort.

Again my thanks Sincerely RR
To Mrs. Cecil B. Lyon - Kings Highway
Hancock N.H. 03449

Dear Mr. Lyon

Thank you very much for your good letter
and for sharing your story of the uprising in
Bogota with me. I intend to get a little mileage
out of the "Sons of Bogota" story. I wonder
if the General ever recalled or knew what kind
of anti-O.B. you were calling him.

Thanks again & Best Regards
RR

To Vinh Thanh Tang 11 Welwyn #30 Great Neck N.Y.
Dear Vinh Thanh Tang 11021

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God Bless You
Sincerely RR

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From Joy Hodges
Schiess



December 13th,
1982

OLD FRIEND?

Yes

President Ronald Reagan:
Dear Mr. President:
Dear "Dutch":

I have just finished watching the TV Special,
"CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE"..wonderful!
Nancy looked gorgeous, as usual, and you read
beautifully. You could stand-in for Billy
Graham any-time. Kidding aside, it was all
very touching and graciously done in every
way.

As I watched, my thoughts flew back to 1938
when we were on tour with Louella Parsons.
What a Christmas that was!! Louella gave us
a party after the show at Loew's State and
we all got gifts she had been given the year
before. She did give me some lovely chrystal
as I had just married Gil Doorley, but when
I opened the gift containing a darling little
gold purse and raved on and on about it, she
TOOK IT BACK... When I think of the beat up
planes we flew in..well, we made it!

You and Nancy are doing a superb job in all
ways. It is obvious that the Country loves
you both, in spite of political differences.
I want very much to see you in your Oval
Office one day..I'll remember THAT picture
the rest of my life. All best, Joy-

12/12/82

Mr. President:



Dear Dutch:

Have just watched the
TV Specimen "Christmas at the
White House" - Wonderful!!!!

My thoughts flew back
to Doreen's Troupe in '38"
when we played Jesus
State - at our Christmas
Party. She gave me a
lovely gold purse and I
ruined it about its beauty -
She took it BACK! HA!

Thank you for your
Christmas Card - Joy Hoops
600 West 1st St. - 83. Series

*With
Best Wishes*
FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Wendell and Mrs. Rogers
JOY AND GENE SCHISSL
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December 27, 1982

Dear Mr. Metzinger:

Thank you very much for the very beautiful tie. You were very kind. With this I certainly won't be telling any seasonal jokes about Christmas neckties. This really is a most handsome addition to my tie rack.

You were very kind and I'm most grateful. I hope you've had a happy holiday season.

Again thanks and best regards,

Sincerely,

A

Mr. John Metzinger
P.O. Box 464
Rancho Santa Fe, California 92067

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To Mrs. Gene Schiess R.D. 2 Katonah N.Y. 10536

Dear Jay

Thank you for your kind words about the Christmas show. I've always had a yen for show business - or didn't you know? That's right I told you that in 1937 and now look what's happened. And you started it all with an introduction to Bill Micklejohn.

Joy if ever you and Gene are in Wash. let me have
a little morning time and I'd love to have you see the
Oval office. The reason I need the morning is because
there is some character I haven't found yet who tells me
by way of a daily schedule what I'm doing every 15 min's,
all day.

all day,
~~For~~ I remember Christmas at ^{LOEW'S} Loomis State. On one
a couple of years later she sent me one and kept the card
in the box of the person who'd sent it to her.

Give love my best and I hope your holidays were
merry & bright. Friends to

Review Sketch

(over)

December 27, 1982

Dear Joy:

Thank you for your kind words about the Christmas show. I've always had a yen for show business - or didn't you know? That's right, I told you that in 1937 and now look what's happened. And you started it all with an introduction to Bill Meiklejohn.

Joy, if ever you and Gene are going to be in Washington let me have a little warning time and I'd love to have you see the Oval Office. The reason I need the warning is because there is some character I haven't found yet who tells me by way of a daily schedule what I'm doing every 15 min's all day.

I remember Christmas at Loew's State. On one Christmas a couple of years later she sent us a gift and left in the box the card of the person who'd sent it to her.

Give Gene my best and I hope your holidays were merry and bright.

Sincerely,

Dutch A

Mrs. Gene Schiess
R.D. # 2
Katonah, New York 10536

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Again Thanks + Best Regards

Sincerely
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