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Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P-1 National security classified information [(a)(1) of the PRA].
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- P-5 Release would disclose confidential advice between the President and his advisors, or between such advisors [(a)(5) of the PRA].
- P-6 Release would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy [(a)(6) of the PRA].

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- F-8 Release would disclose information concerning the regulation of financial institutions [(b)(8) of the FOIA].
- F-9 Release would disclose geological or geophysical information concerning wells [(b)(9) of the FOIA].

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

Dear Estée:

I know words can be of little help at a time like this -- there are no such words. Just know that Nancy and I share in your sorrow and wish we could do more than offer our deepest sympathy.

We can only trust in God's infinite mercy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

God be with you.

Ran

Mrs. Joseph Lauder
45 East 70th Street
New York, New York

HANDWRITING FILE

NO MORE MR. NICE GUY

Mrs. Joseph Lander



Dear Esteemed

I know words can be of little help at a time like this - There are no such words. Just know that Nancy & I share in your sorrow and wish we could do more than offer our deepest sympathy.

We can only trust in God's infinite ~~over~~ mercy. You are in our thoughts & prayers.

God be with you.

Ron

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January 17, 1983

*Ed. M.
I've answered this -
pass it on re - last lines
p.2- RR*

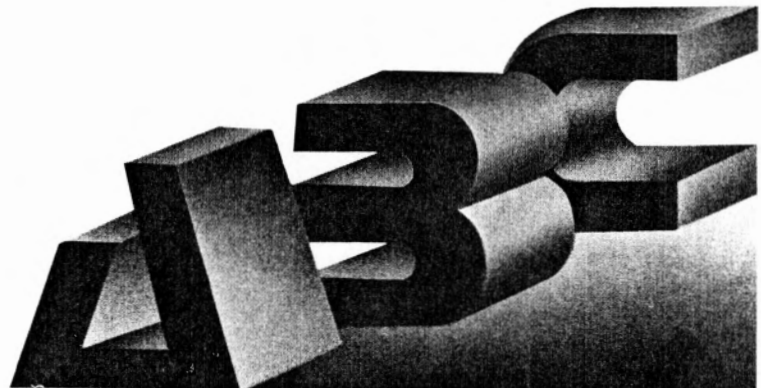
Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you know, the Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. has championed the cause of Free Enterprise for over a quarter century. We believe that the success of any business endeavor relies on a genuine partnership between labor and management. Without this partnership, productivity suffers, and so does our system of Free Enterprise.

This nation is in the throws of a persistent recession. Our own construction industry has borne the brunt of this storm of RED ink. Too many "partnerships" have failed. Too many voices in favor of protectionism are being raised. We believe however, that there are long term solutions to our fundamental problems of low productivity. We are forging a new kind of partnership. A partnership between Labor and Management that does not require the inclusion of a union. A partnership that depends on merit and the willingness to reward your partner for a job well done.

Two small events toward the end of 1982 tell a revealing story. The first, took place on a Canadian Chrysler Factory picket line. A television reporter was interviewing a striking Chrysler worker. The reporter pointed to the possible failure of the Chrysler Corp. due to the strike, and he drew this reply;



ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS INCORPORATED

REGIONAL OFFICE/CORPORATE PLAZA 4730 N.W. 2ND AVE. BOCA RATON, FL 33431

BOCA RATON (305) 994-2640 BROWARD 421-6503 DADE 949-4129 PALM BEACH 659-2866

DADE-MONROE OFFICE/ MICC 7855 N.W. 12TH ST. SUITES 202/204 MIAMI, FL 33126 (305) 949-4129

President Ronald Reagan
January 17, 1983
Page 2 of 2

We're not concerned about the Company, if we're going down we might as well take the Company with us. This is the story of a bankrupt partnership. The other event tells a different story. It is a story of hope for the future of our way of life. I am referring to the gesture of thanks that the employees of Delta Airlines gave their Company. A gift of a new airliner, paid for voluntarily, by the airlines employees. The success of Delta Airlines as a business endeavor is well-known. The reward Delta's employees gave to their Company highlights what is obviously a successful Labor/Management partnership. One that does not include a union.

President Reagan, the Associated Builders and Contractors is forging new partnerships in the construction industry daily. Over 60 percent of construction in this country was built by Merit Shop contractors last year. We will continue to be the voice for the silent majority. Those Americans who still believe in pride in their jobs and their Companies. We will continue to be the voice of those who believe that hard work and high productivity are not ideas of the past. They are the building blocks of our future economic recovery.

Our Board of Directors has asked me to urge you to publicly commend the kind of positive contribution Delta's employees have made to our Free Enterprise System. Perhaps once a month, a Presidential recognition of this nature might encourage more of the same.

Sincerely,



Errol Bader
Executive Director
For the Board of
Directors of the
Gold Coast Chapter
of ABC

cc: file
United Communications
Mr. D. C. Garrett, President
Delta Airlines

End
case
File

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ME001-03

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

Dear Hornsby:

Just a line to tell you how happy I was to hear from you and to learn you are feeling better.

Thanks for the laminated card and the message. Mr. Lincoln was no socialist. Too bad these words aren't inscribed on his monument.

Best regards,

RON

Mr. E. Hornsby Wasson
Crocker Plaza, Suite 2525
San Francisco, California 94104

E. HORNSBY WASSON
Crocker Plaza, Suite 2525
San Francisco, California 94104

January 6, 1983

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

Dear Ron:

I deeply appreciated your thoughtful letter and am glad to report that I am feeling much better. I do have a mild case of angina, but no surgery is indicated for which I am very thankful.

A good many years ago when Roosevelt was President, Fred S. Carver (Eleanor's father) sent each member of Congress one of the enclosed laminated cards. I thought the statement by Lincoln might be of interest.

Finally, as we enter 1983, may I wish for you and Nancy good health and contentment in spite of the trials and tribulations that confront you. We miss you in California, but our loss is the country's gain.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hornsby".

Enclosure

111682
GI002

January 17, 1983

Dear Jack:

Thank you very much for the warm-up jacket. You are right -- I'll get more use out of this than the uniform although I'm happy and proud to have both.

The last time I was in uniform for baseball was in 1949 -- a charity game in Hollywood between Leading men and Comedians. I was tripped running out a bunt in the 1st inning and broke my right thigh in six places. I'll wear the warm-up jacket -- I think.

Again, thanks and best regards,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jack Buck
Director, Sports
KMOX-CBS Radio, Division CBS Inc.
1 Memorial Drive
St. Louis, Missouri 63102

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: EDWIN L. HARPER *EH*
SUBJECT: A Complement to Your Baseball Uniform

Jack Buck, the voice of the St. Louis Cardinals CBS Sports Announcer and my former next door neighbor, very much appreciated the autographed picture you gave him. The picture shows you holding the uniform of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals which Governor Bond presented to you.

As a token of his appreciation and admiration for the job you're doing, he asked me to convey to you an official St. Louis Cardinals warm-up jacket. You may find more opportunities to wear the warm-up jacket than you will the baseball uniform Governor Bond presented to you.

Mr President
This is the jacket
I mentioned to you this morning.
EH

* Director, Sports
KMOX - CBS Radio, Director CBS Inc.
Memorial Dr.

To Mr. E. Housley Wasson Crocker Plaza Suite 2525

Dear Housley

S.F. Calif. 94104

Just a line to tell you happy I was to hear from you & to learn you are feeling better.

Thanks for the laminated card and the message. Mr. Lincoln was no socialist. Too bad these words aren't inscribed on his monument.

Best Regards Ron

* Jack Buck - CBS Sports Annr. St. Louis Mo. 63102

Dear Jack

(~~Ed Harper should have his address~~)

Thank you very much for the warm up jacket. You are right - I'll get more use out of this than the uniform although I'm happy & proud to have both.

The last time I was in uniform for baseball was in 1949 - a charity game in Hollywood between Leading men & Comedians. ~~I~~ I was tripped running out a base in the 1st ~~inning~~ ~~inning~~ and broke my right thigh in 6 places. I'll wear the warm up jacket - I think.

Again Thanks & Best Regards

End
Case
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Mr. Light Thompson (We have his address)

Dear Light

Thanks very much for the calendars, pens, & the photos. I didn't know you were a shutter bug but you certainly had a variety there. I enjoyed seeing your home and all the family doings. And of course your Palomino. I didn't know there was a hundred mile ride in all.

I'm returning your pen. It was used to sign the veto message of H.R. 3963 what we call the mini-crime bill. ~~We~~ We liked parts of the bill and will try for a more effective bill on the crime problems but this one would have created another layer of un-needed bureaucracy.

Again Thanks & Best Regards
Dutch.

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GI002

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1983

Dear Light:

Thanks very much for the calendars, pens and the photos, and especially the jelly bean jar. No, I didn't have one like that. I didn't know you were a shutter bug, but you certainly had a variety there. I enjoyed seeing your home and all the family doings and, of course, your Palomino. I didn't know there was a hundred mile ride in Illinois.

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Again, thanks.

Best regards,

RONALD REAGAN A

Mr. Light Thompson
R.R. #2
Princeton, Illinois 61356

encl. (pen)

The President has seen _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 19, 1964

*Diff - Once this has
been dated, please
get a copy to OPD -
Harper will come back
to us for Osborne.*

MR. PRESIDENT:

We had your draft response. Ben Hooks reviewed for accuracy by the Office of Development. They made factual changes. But your letter, Mel Bradley, Harper both suggested might be better if you were to phone Hooks.

Thanks -

Jan

A factually correct letter is attached for your possible signature. Harper's and Bradley's notes along with your original draft are at Tab B.

Richard G. Darman

Richard G. Darman

*Rec'd -
RR read
all of this
& decided to
sign it.*

*Sara -
can you
please send
me a copy.
Thanks etc*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1983

FOR: ED HARPER

FROM: MEL BRADLEY *MB*

SUBJ: Proposed Letter to Benjamin Hooks

Attached is an edited draft which corrects the figures, rounds out our record and seeks to leave open some room for reconciliation. The figures came from EEOC and our recent Issue Update on Economic and Legal Equity for Black Americans.

Attachment

K. Osborn

11/17/25

FG001

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 19, 1983

Dear Ben:

A short time ago you were quoted as having told the press that no administration in 30 years has "demonstrated as much determination as President Reagan to roll back hard won gains of Black Americans." You then described 1982 as the worst year in recent memory for Blacks because of my budget policies.

Ben, there are no facts to substantiate such charges and they are a distortion of the actual record as well as of my own position on these matters. Here are but a few factual items which belie those accusations:

- Funding for specific civil rights activities has increased during my Administration to over \$531 million in the current fiscal year.
- My Administration's level of activity in investigating and prosecuting those who would attempt to deny Blacks their civil liberties has exceeded the level of any previous administration.
- Since Inauguration Day 1981, we have reviewed a record of 9,000 electoral charges to determine compliance with the Voting Rights Act, participated in 27 relevant court cases and supported and signed into law a strengthened statute extending voting rights protection for an unprecedented term.

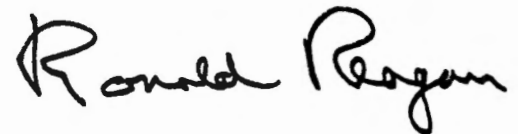
- The number of persons benefiting from EEOC's employment discrimination settlements in fiscal year 1982 was 51,795, an increase of 77 percent over fiscal year 1980, the last full fiscal year of the Carter Administration; and the amount of backpay and other monetary benefits collected totaled \$134,728,487, an increase of 72 percent over the amount collected in fiscal year 1980.
- Under plans developed by this Administration the Federal government will procure an unprecedented \$15 billion in goods and services from minority businesses during the three-year period from fiscal year 1983 to fiscal year 1985 and an additional \$6 to \$7 billion in procurement by recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements.
- My commitment to strengthen the vital role which historically Black colleges perform for Black Americans is reflected in Executive Order 12320 which strengthens federal and private support for these institutions.

Don't you have to admit that the first fruits of my economic policy -- the lowering of inflation by almost two-thirds -- has been of help to Blacks as well as to others? Even people on welfare or at the poverty level of earnings have several hundred dollars more in purchasing power than they would have had if inflation had remained at the 1980 level. Yes, I know there is economic distress in the land and that Black unemployment is exceptionally high. But nothing can hide the fact that this recession was caused by the high rates of interest and inflation which prevailed in 1980 and much of 1981 before our program was put in place. Now there are signs of recovery and I'm determined it will benefit everyone across the board. I hope that you will examine our record more closely and learn that your statements, as reported by the press, were unjustified.

Ben, if only it were possible to look into each other's hearts and minds, you would find no trace of prejudice or bigotry in mine. If that's hard for you to believe it's too bad because together we could do more for the people we represent than either of us can do alone.

Prejudice is a failing which can exist in all people. It takes individual effort to root it out of one's heart. In my case, my father and mother saw that it never got a start. I shall be forever grateful to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Mr. Benjamin Hooks
President, NAACP
186 Remsen Street
New York, New York 11201

T. P. Benjamin Hooks (Exec. Dir. of NAACP)

Dear Ben

A short time ago you were quoted as having told the press that no admin. in 30 yrs. has ~~"demonstrated"~~ "demonstrated as much determination as President Reagan to roll back hard won gains of black Americans." You then described 1982 as the worst year in recent memory for blacks because of my budget policies.

Ben there are no facts to substantiate such charges and they are a distortion of the actual record as well as of my own position on these matters. The number of cases involving civil rights litigation ~~was~~ ^{were} 753 for only 9 months of 1982 as against ~~only~~ 656 for all of 1980. In just 8 months of '82 ^{\$}9.7 mil. ^{in back pay} ~~was collected~~ & other monetary benefits compared again to the full year 1980 when the figure was less than half that, ^{\$}4.6 mil.

as collected

The results of ~~complaint~~ ^{complaint} processing for victims of discrimination show appreciable gains. The number of persons benefitting from E.E.O.C.'s voluntary complaint settlements was 32,790 in the 1st 6 mo. of '82 a 53% increase over ~~the~~ fiscal 1981 which includes 3 months of the Carter admin. The figures for investigations, settlements etc. show similar gains for our nearly 2 yrs. here.

As for our budget cuts, ec. policy etc. hasn't the lowering of inflation ~~to~~ by almost two thirds been of help to blacks ^{as well} as to all others? Even people on welfare or at the poverty level of earnings have several hundred dollars more in purchasing power than they would have had if inflation had remained at

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in the land and that black unemployment is exceptionally
high. But all the political demagogery in the land
cant hide the fact that this recession was caused by
the high interest rates (the result of ~~the~~ inflation) which
prevailed in 1980 & ~~the~~ much of '81. Our program was
not yet in place when the bottom fell out. Now there
are signs of recovery and I'm determined it will benefit
everyone across the board. I hope that ~~pol.~~ ^{political} prejudice will
not keep you from really looking at our record ~~to~~ & learni
~~ing what it was possible for you to think in my~~
~~heart against this. You wouldn't see a trace of bigotry~~
~~or prejudice. Can you say the same for yourself?~~
~~Prejudice isn't a flaw peculiar to any one race or ethnic~~
~~group, it is a human weakness & failure that can infect~~

~~anyone~~
how unjustified your attack ~~was~~ was.

Even if ~~it~~ only it were possible to look into
each others hearts & minds. You would find no trace
of prejudice or bigotry in mine. I know that's hard
for you to believe and that's too bad because ^{TOGETHER} we
could do more for the people you represent than either
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Samira
Rm

DRAFT

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Ben, if only it were possible to look into each others hearts and minds, you would find no trace of prejudice or bigotry in mine. I know that's hard for you to believe and that's too bad, because together we could do more for the people you represent than either of us can do alone.

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Sincerely,

RR

Rev. Benjamin Hooks

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- When funds ^{specifically} for non-civil rights activities are abstracted; my budget shows an increase in ^{Funds specifically} civil rights ^{activities have increased} expenditures from ~~having my administration to over~~ \$511 million in FY 1980 to \$531.4 million in the current fiscal year.
- My Administration's level of activity in investigating and prosecuting those who would attempt to deny Blacks their civil liberties has exceeded the level of any previous administration. ~~---over six new cases charging criminal violations of civil rights laws and over 50 trials.~~
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Does this relate to minorities?

Let's start Ref. Howard H. benefit.

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Benjamin Hooks
President, NAACP
186 Remsen Street
New York, New York 11201

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD G. DARMAN

FROM: EDWIN L. HARPER ^{EH}/_{NA}

SUBJECT: Draft Response to Benjamin Hooks, President of the NAACP

While we are checking the numbers and may have some minor editorial suggestions, it would be our recommendation that the President not make a written response to Hook's comments. Perhaps a phone call from the President to Hook might be a better way to handle the immediate situation.

From a longer term point of view, what we should do is take the offensive with our own civil rights policy statement. Tentatively, we would suggest that such a statement be issued in March.

Attached are Mel Bradley's comments supporting this point of view.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1983

FOR: ED HARPER

FROM: MEL BRADLEY *7/46*

SUBJ: Proposed Letter to Benjamin Hooks

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Attachment

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: January 17 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. TODAYSUBJECT: DRAFT RESPONSE TO BANJAMIN HOOKE

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	FULLER	☐	☐
MEESE	☐	☐	GERGEN	☐	☐
BAKER	☐	☐	HARPER	☒	☐
DEAVER	☐	☐	JENKINS	☐	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
CLARK	☐	☐	ROLLINS	☐	☐
DARMAN	☐ P	☐ SS	WILLIAMSON	☐	☐
DOLE	☐	☐	VON DAMM	☐	☐
DUBERSTEIN	☐	☐	BRADY/SPEAKES	☐	☐
FELDSTEIN	☐	☐	ROGERS	☐	☐
FIELDING	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

Remarks:

The attached draft was prepared by the President. Could you please edit as appropriate by c.o.b. today.

Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

OFFICE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT

STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/17/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: COB TODAY
SUBJECT: DRAFT RESPONSE TO BENJAMIN HOOKS

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
HARPER	☐	☒	DRUG POLICY	☐	☐
PORTER	☐	☒	TURNER	☐	☐
BARR	☐	☐	D. LEONARD	☐	☐
BLEDSON	☐	☐	OFFICE OF POLICY INFORMATION		
BOGGS	☐	☐	HOPKINS	☐	☐
BRADLEY	☐	☐	PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD	☐	☐
CARLESON	☐	☐	OTHER		
DENEND	☐	☐		☐	☐
FAIRBANKS	☐	☐		☐	☐
FERRARA	☐	☐		☐	☐
GALEBACH	☐	☐		☐	☐
GARFINKEL	☐	☐		☐	☐
GUNN	☐	☐		☐	☐
B. LEONARD	☐	☐		☐	☐
LI	☐	☐		☐	☐
MONTROYA	☐	☐		☐	☐
ROCK	☐	☐		☐	☐
ROPER	☐	☐		☐	☐
SMITH	☐	☐		☐	☐
UHLMANN	☒	☐		☐	☐
ADMINISTRATION	☒	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

MEL BRADLEY, MIKE UHLMANN FOR ACTION

May I please have any edits by COB today 1/17.

Judy Johnston

Edwin L. Harper

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: January 17 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. TODAYSUBJECT: DRAFT RESPONSE TO BENJAMIN HOOKS

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	FULLER	☐	☐
MEESE	☐	☐	GERGEN	☐	☐
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DEAVER	☐	☐	JENKINS	☐	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
CLARK	☐	☐	ROLLINS	☐	☐
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Remarks:

The attached draft was prepared by the President. Could you please edit as appropriate by c.o.b. today.

Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Dick

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 1-13-83

Can you please take a look at
this before I type it because
of the facts and figures. Thanks.

K

DRAFT

Dear Ben:

A short time ago you were quoted as having told the press that no administration in 30 years has "demonstrated as much determination as President Reagan to roll back hard won gains of black Americans." You then described 1982 as the worst year in recent memory for blacks because of my budget policies.

Ben, there are no facts to substantiate such charges and they are a distortion of the actual record as well as of my own position on these matters. Here are but a few factual items which belie those accusations:

- Funding for specific civil rights activities has increased during my Administration to over \$531 million in the current fiscal year.
- My Administration's level of activity in investigating and prosecuting those who would attempt to deny Blacks their civil liberties has exceeded the level of any previous administration.
- Since Inauguration Day 1981, we have reviewed a record of 9,000 electoral charges to determine compliance with the

Voting Rights Act, participated in 27 relevant court cases and supported and signed into law a strengthened statute extending voting rights protection for an unprecedented term.

- The number of persons benefiting from EEOC's employment discrimination settlements in Fiscal Year 1982 was 51,795, an increase of 77 percent over Fiscal Year 1980, the last full fiscal year of the Carter Administration; and the amount of backpay and other monetary benefits collected totaled \$134,728,487, an increase of 72 percent over the amount collected in Fiscal Year 1980.
- Under plans developed by this Administration the Federal government will procure an unprecedented \$15 billion in goods and services from minority businesses during the three-year period from Fiscal Year 1983 to Fiscal Year 1985 and an additional \$6 to \$7 billion in procurement by recipients of Federal grants and cooperative agreements.
- My commitment to strengthen the vital role which historically Black colleges perform for Black Americans is reflected in Executive Order 12320 which strengthens federal and private support for these institutions.

Don't you have to admit that the first fruits of my economic policy -
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lowering of inflation by almost two-thirds ~~it~~ been of help to Blacks as well as to others? Even people on welfare or at the poverty level of earnings have several hundred dollars more in purchasing power than they would have had if inflation had remained at the 1980 level. Yes, I know there is economic distress in the land

* d that Black unemployment is exceptionally high. But nothing can
hide the fact that this recession was caused by the high interest
rates ^{of interest and} ~~the result of~~ inflation² which prevailed in 1980 and much
* of 1981 ^{before} ~~our~~ program was ^{put} ~~not~~ in place. Now there are signs of
recovery and I'm determined it will benefit everyone across the
board. I hope that you will examine our record more closely and
learn that your statements, as reported by the press, were
unjustified.

Ben, if only it were possible to look into each others hearts and
minds, you would find no trace of prejudice or bigotry in mine.
If that's hard for you to believe it's too bad because together
we could do more for the people we represent than either of us
can do alone.

Prejudice is a failing which can exist in all people. It takes
individual effort to root it out of one's heart. In my case, my
father and mother saw that it never got a start. I shall be
forever grateful to them.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Benjamin Hooks
President, NAACP
186 Remsen Street
New York, New York 11201

DRAFT

Dear Ben:

A short time ago you were quoted as having told the press that no administration in 30 years has "demonstrated as much determination as President Reagan to roll back hard won gains of black Americans." You then described 1982 as the worst year in recent memory for blacks because of my budget policies.

Ben, there are no facts to substantiate such charges and they are a distortion of the actual record as well as of my own position on these matters. The number of cases involving civil rights litigation were 753 for only 9 months of 1982 as against 656 for all of 1980. In just 8 months of '82, \$9.7 million in back-pay and other monetary benefits was collected compared again to the full year 1980 when the figure was less than half that, \$4.6 million.

The results of complaint processing for victims of discrimination show appreciable gains. The number of persons benefiting from E.E.O.C.'s voluntary complaint settlements was 32,790 in the 1st six months of '82, a 53% increase over fiscal 1981 which includes 3 months of the Carter administration. The figures for investigations, settlements, etc. show similar gains for our nearly two years here.

As for our budget cuts, economic policy, etc., hasn't the lowering of inflation by almost two-thirds been of help to blacks as well as to others? Even people on welfare or at the poverty level of earnings have several hundred dollars more in purchasing power than they would have had if inflation had remained at the 1980 level. Yes, I know there is economic distress in the land and that black unemployment is exceptionally high. But all the political demagogery in the land can't hide the fact that this recession was caused by the high interest rates (the result of inflation) which prevailed in 1980 and much of '81. Our program was not yet in place when the bottom fell out. Now there are signs of recovery and I'm determined it will benefit everyone across the board. I hope that political prejudice will not keep you from really looking at our record and learning how unjustified your attack was.

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Prejudice is not a failing peculiar to one race, it can and does exist in people of every race and ethnic background. It takes individual effort to root it out of one's heart. In my case, my father and mother saw that it never got a start. I shall be forever grateful to them.

Sincerely,

RR

Rev. Benjamin Hooke
Exec. Director of NAACP

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1983

MR. PRESIDENT:

There is no Senior Staff objection to these recommendations -- except in the case of Rich Williamson whose note is attached at Tab A.

There is no Cabinet objection to these recommendations -- except in the case of the Department of Labor whose comments are attached at Tab B.

Dick

Richard G. Darman

*We should take note of
Sec. Donovan's idea that we
feature the catastrophic coverage.
RR*



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

JAN 10 1983

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Secretary Schweiker *W. F. Schweiker*
SUBJECT: Health Care Incentives Project

OMB Director Stockman and I are proposing several changes in the package of Medicare and Medicaid proposals that you approved after the Cabinet Council meeting on January 6. We believe these changes will make the Medicare and Medicaid proposals more compatible with the bipartisan Social Security compromise that has just been reached. As you will see, several of the proposals entail delays or freezes in scheduled Medicare reimbursement increases -- steps which are fully consistent with our new broad-based freeze approach to reducing the deficit. In addition, the proposals reduce the economic burden placed on beneficiaries.

The budget estimates in this memorandum were prepared by OMB staff, and they are subject to revision by the HHS actuaries.

The option numbers in this memorandum refer to options described in the decision memorandum dated January 6.

Reduce the Coinsurance Charged Under Option 1

- o Rather than paying 10 percent coinsurance (about \$35 per day) on hospital days two through fifteen in a spell of illness, Medicare beneficiaries would pay 8 percent coinsurance (about \$28 per day).
- o All other features of Option 1 would remain the same.

Effect on Federal Benefit Outlays
(in billions)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	5-Year Total
Revised Proposal	-0.6	-1.1	-1.3	-1.4	-1.7	-6.1
Increased Outlays Over Presidential Decision	+0.3	+0.5	+0.5	+0.6	+0.6	+2.5

WFS Approved
____ Disapproved

Delay and Reduce the Increases in the Part B Premium Under Option 2

- o The increase in the Part B premium scheduled under current law for July 1, 1983, would be postponed. On January 1, 1984, the Part B premium would be set at 25 percent of the projected Part B outlays for the aged. Future increases in the Part B premium would take effect on January 1 of each year so that they are on the same cycle as cost-of-living adjustments in Social Security.
- o On January 1, 1985, the Part B premium would increase so that total premium income equals 27.5 percent of projected outlays for the aged. In each subsequent year, the percentage of projected outlays covered by premiums would increase by 2.5 percentage points until premiums cover 35 percent of projected outlays on January 1, 1988. The percentage of projected outlays covered by premiums would thereafter be held constant.

Effect on Federal Budget Deficit
(in billions)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	5-Year Total
Revised Proposal	\$+0.2	-0.2	-1.0	-2.1	-3.5	-6.6
Increased Outlays Over Presidential Decision	\$+0.7	+2.0	+2.0	+1.9	+2.0	+8.6

 LPR Approved

_____ Disapproved

In order to restore some of the budget savings lost from the foregoing changes, the following changes would be made in Medicare payments to hospitals and physicians and in Federal payments to the States for Medicaid.

Reduce the Target Increase in Hospital Costs Per Case Established by TEFRA

- o Under the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 (TEFRA), each hospital has a target increase in allowable costs per case. The target is equal to the previous year's cost per case (or after the first year, the previous year's target) increased by the percentage increase in the hospital market basket (a measure of the inflation in hospital input costs) plus one percentage point.
- o This proposal would reduce the target increase to the rise in the hospital market basket without the added one percentage point. This restriction would be effective only from October 1, 1983 to September 1, 1984.

Effect on Federal Benefit Outlays*
(in billions)

FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	5-Year Total
\$ -0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-1.1

- * Includes effect on the prospective payment system that will replace TEFRA's hospital reimbursement provisions on October 1, 1983.

RR Approved
_____ Disapproved

Freeze Medicare Physician Reimbursement for One Year

- o Medicare reimbursement to physicians would be frozen from July 1, 1983 through July 1, 1984.
- o As under current law, physicians would be free to bill Medicare beneficiaries for that portion of their fee not covered by the Medicare reimbursement.

Effect on Federal Benefit Outlays
(in billions)

FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	5-Year Total
-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-1.2	-1.3	-5.1

RR

Approved

Disapproved

Reduce Federal Medicaid Payments to States by 4.5 Percent Under Option 10-A

- o Under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Federal payments to the States were reduced by 3 percent in FY 1982, 4 percent in FY 1983, and 4.5 percent in FY 1984. In the package you approved earlier, Federal payments to the States would be reduced by 3 percent in FY 1985 and all subsequent years.
- o This proposal would maintain the 4.5 percent reduction established by the Reconciliation Act for FY 1985 and all subsequent years.

Effect on Federal Benefit Outlays
(in billions)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	5-Year Total
Revised Proposal	\$ 0	-0.9	-0.8	-0.9	-1.1	-3.7
Reduced Outlays Below Presidential Decision	\$ 0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-1.7

Approved

Disapproved

*Would like to talk about this.
RR*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO CRAIG FULLER

FROM: RICHARD S. WILLIAMSON

RE: MEDICAID



This memorandum provides my comments on Secretary Schweiker's January 18, 1983 memorandum on the Health Care Incentives Project.

Specifically, one of the proposals in Secretary Schweiker's memorandum provides that federal payments to the states for Medicaid be reduced by 4.5% in FY 1985 and all subsequent years. The President should be advised that:

1. The Governors will oppose this proposal strongly. They feel they made their deal with Congress on Medicaid in 1981 and will oppose any further budget hits in this area.
2. Considering our limited success on the Hill with Medicaid in 1981, it is unrealistic to expect that we will have any greater success in 1983.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

SECRETARY OF LABOR
WASHINGTON, D.C.

JAN 19 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: CRAIG L. FULLER

FROM: RAYMOND J. DONOVAN

SUBJECT: Decision Memorandum on Health Care
Incentives

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Raymond J. Donovan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "D".

I think it is extremely important that we highlight the provisions in Option 1 concerning catastrophic illnesses. A primary concern among the elderly is the devastating financial consequences of a catastrophic illness. Option 1 directly addresses this concern.

Any controversy generated from the coinsurance proposal will be little affected by whether the amount is 8 percent or 10 percent. Since 10 percent generates more revenue, I think we should stay with it.

I concur in full with the rest of the proposed changes.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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

Dear Mr. President:

I thoroughly enjoyed my evening with you on Sunday. It was refreshing and stimulating to discuss so many issues that are of national importance.

Of all the subjects we covered, the most important is continuing high interest rates. We must move the needle downward if we are going to have a broad economic recovery.

In the past three years we have used every plan man has devised to sell cars and trucks. The good results only come when the buyer can get lower interest rates.

Reduced interest rates are the key if we are to get the consumer to spend his hard-earned money. With lower rates we can be on the leading edge of a vigorous economic recovery. That's the only quick and sure way to bring people back to work again.

Thank you again for a wonderful evening.

Continued best wishes to you and Mrs. Reagan.

Sincerely yours,



P.S.-I really enjoyed the 1952
Chateaux Latour (from California).

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 24, 1983

Dear Art:

In trying to cover the range of subjects this morning in our meeting I left one out. You had mentioned the five cent gasoline tax in discussing our tax increase. I intended and then overlooked commenting on that. I realize it is a tax and yet I would never have held still for that as part of a tax package simply to raise revenues.

Here is a brief history of how it came about. More than a year ago Drew Lewis came to Cabinet with a very disturbing rundown on our deteriorating highways and bridges. He had some frightening figures on bridges that school buses refused to cross without making the children walk across, etc.

I was concerned but faced with our budget battle and asked him to wait a year -- which he did.

As you can imagine, when he came back a year later his report was even more frightening. I agreed to the tax as purely a user fee for the purpose of restoring the system and that it would expire once that was done. If I'm still around, I'll see that it does. I'm not only against taxes -- I never want to see a gasoline tax used for general revenue.

It was good to see you.

Best regards,

Ron

Professor Arthur Laffer
608 Silver Spur Road, Suite 229
Rolling Hill Estates, California 90274

NO MORE MR. NICE GUY

I'm sure we have
his address.



To Prof. Arthur Laffer

Jan. 24

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Best Regards

Ron

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