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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

To the Students of C. M. Russell High School:

Your Student Body President, Mike Jennings presented me with your gifts -- the very beautiful painting and the Charles Russell book. I know he has probably told you (I asked him to) how very much I appreciate your great kindness and your friendship.

But sitting here at my desk in the Oval Office looking at the message on the card signed by your Student Body Officers and Senior Senate Members, I felt the urge to also send a thank-you.

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But, again, my heartfelt thanks and best wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Student Body  
C. M. Russell High School  
Great Falls, Montana

830210

We, the students of  
C.M. Russell High School,  
would like to thank you  
for making this stop  
in Great Falls. It is  
a special opportunity for  
all of us and one that  
will remain in our memories  
for many years. We wish  
you success in your  
future as President of  
the United States.

Sincerely,  
Mike Jennings  
Student Body President  
Chuck Palmer  
Student Body Vice-President  
Jana Sturdevant  
Student Body Secretary



Dear President Reagan,

S.

Brian Loucks  
Ed Zachary  
John Maxwell  
James Duffy  
Robert Bright  
Tim Lachmann  
Andy Focher

Senior Senate  
Members



A DOUBTFUL HANDSHAKE

Charles M. Russell

Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

To Student Body - C.M. RUSSELL High School - Great Falls Montana

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Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Marjorie Flinn 1920 Heliotrope Dr. Santa Ana  
Dear Marjorie Calif. 92706

It was good to hear from you and I'm sorry about my own lack of writing. I'm afraid the days go by with me always thinking things will settle down. It's about time I guess for me to realize this is probably the regular pace & adjust to it.

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We have as many enlistees as we would require in a draft so, as you were hoping, we are already helping in reducing unemployment by about two million or more young people.

Best of all, there is an esprit de corps  
-- a spirit in the military we haven't had  
in years past. I'm so darned proud of them  
I could bust.

Well, again, it was good to hear from you.  
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Sincerely,

RON

Mrs. Marjorie Fluor  
1920 Heliotrope Drive  
Santa Ana, California 92706

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Marjorie Fluor  
1920 Heliotrope Dr  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

January 25, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

I was delighted to participate in the nationwide survey being conducted by Rear Admiral Dwight Johnson. I hope he will receive all the support he needs to enable him to stand before Congressmen and Senators and tell them he has positive results to the U.S. Military Conscription Survey. And because I mentioned your name to the Admiral I enclose a copy of my letter.

Mr. President, I wish someone had started this movement before now. I pray with your help Admiral Johnson will achieve the goal which will help to preserve our freedom.

It seems to me, we are desperately in need of a draft, however unpopular this concept may be. As our President you know what you must do to keep America strong, be it a popular decision or not!

Mr. President, I miss hearing from you and Nancy. When you were in California I saw you occasionally, and I feel fortunate to have letters which I treasure. But since you have been our President I have received not one letter! This is my third one to you.

There is no doubt in my mind that you have unbelievable demands on your time and insurmountable problems to solve. If there were only some way I could be of value. It's true, I pray for you and Nancy every day. I support the Republican party as much as possible. But there must be something more I can do to lighten your awesome burden! If there is anything, anything at all, I implore you, call me day or night!

With my deepest admiration and affection to you and Nancy, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Marjorie*

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Sincerely, Ron

T. Mr. George Burns - 1040 No. Las Palmas Hollywood Calif.

Dear George

90038

I just had to answer your letter knowing how  
concerned you are about Social Security. Now ~~that~~  
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assured I've done something about it. I've made sure  
it will ~~be~~ be on a solid basis for all you  
young fellows when your turn comes.

Feb. 6 was my birthday - I finally made ~~for~~ PAR-72  
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Nancy sends her love & so do I.

Sincerely Ronnie

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

RON

Mr. George Burns  
1040 North Las Palmas  
Hollywood, California 90038



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GEORGE BURNS

January 31, 1983

Dear Nancy & Ronnie-

Thanks for your thoughtful birthday wire. It was wonderful of you to think of me with all the problems you have to deal with.

And incidentally, I hope you get that Social Security thing straightened out. With my luck, when I get old and I'm supposed to collect there'll be nothing left.

Love,

George -

Marjorie L. Fluor  
1920 Heliotrope Dr.  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

January 25, 1983

Rear Admiral Dwight Johnson  
Council for Inter-American Security  
U.S. Military Conscription Survey  
Washington, C.C. 20070-2000

Dear Admiral Johnson:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 7, with regard to the U.S. Military Conscription Survey Project. And I am in complete accord with your views.

The draft is not only our choice for a strong defense, but it would alleviate the unemployment problem. And at the same time it would reduce the rampant crime we now have, because it gives the young people who have too much time on their hands something constructive to do. With the vast amounts of energy they have it is best to put it to good use or it becomes a destructive force. We need only to open our eyes to see what is happening today.

It seems to me when we did have a draft there was less crime committed and less drug abuse. I think our no-draft situation has created the disaster we have of crime, drug abuse, unemployment and a weak national defense.

This view is not a popular one with many people, but I wish our President would take a stand, however unpopular, and help with your cause. If he doesn't succeed he cannot solve the three problems we now face: Weak defense; high crime, and high unemployment. He will therefore be a most unpopular President because of these three existing causes. I hope he will take a strong stand on this matter before it is too late'.

I have heard the President state more than once, he is not out to win a popularity contest, but to make our wonderful country strong again. With our morals and our defense as weak as they are today, we are ready for an easy take-over!

I agree, "Who will defend America", must be addressed in Washington today!

Sincerely yours,

*Marjorie Fluor*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1983

Dear John:

Thank you for all three letters and for your masterful essays. I was especially taken by the ones on women. Did you know that Will Rogers once commented that if women kept on trying to be more and more like men -- pretty soon they wouldn't know any more than the men do. You've caused me to wonder what the result might be if we turned our arms reduction negotiations over to women -- both sides of course.

John, I've decided against a separate letter. I would greatly appreciate it if you would convey my warmest regards to President Chiang. I still recall our meeting with great pleasure. I'm sure he understands that we must continue to seek better relations with the Chinese on the mainland but we will never do so at the expense of our friends on Taiwan. Secretary Schultz on my direct order made this completely clear on his recent visit to Peking. He informed them we would continue to abide by the Taiwan Relations Act.

Please, if you will, tell my friend President Chiang Ching-Kuo that I asked you to assure him of my continued friendship for him and his people and that we shall not waiver in that friendship.

All the best to you on your trip and God be with you.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Morley  
758-C Calle Aragon  
Laguna Hills, California 92653

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 10, 1983

Dear Mr. Morley:

President Reagan has asked me to send you the enclosed photo which he has autographed for you.

It is sent with his very best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Kathy Osborne  
Personal Secretary  
to the President

Mr. John Morley  
758-C Calle Aragon  
Laguna Hills, California 92653



To John. With Very Best Wishes - Warmest  
Regards & Friendship.  
Ronald Reagan

*John Morley*

December 30, 1982

Dear Ron:

I know you enjoyed a well deserved rest.

Thank you for your comments and beautiful photograph which I will deliver personally to President Chiang Ching-Kuo in Taipeh, in a few weeks.

Your words will be reassuring to him and your friendly gesture I know will be appreciated.

I will report to you on my return.

I would appreciate a copy of your beautiful photograph for my den. I have them from President Nixon, President Chiang Kai-Shek and eleven others. Yours will get the place of honor.

Respectfully,

*John*

President Ronald Reagan

P.S. My brother in law is also a Reagan.





## 'AFTER HOURS' by John Morley



T V NEWS, AFTER EMOTIONS, NOT MINDS

T V News is a popular, dynamic force in our society. It has drama, shock, clout, excitement. It costs nothing and is easy to watch from your easy chair. It is also convenient, leaving both hands free to sip a drink and munch a snack.

It carries more drama than the most expert writer of prose...showing war, killing, fires, earthquakes, accidents, police shoot-outs in sound and color. And its all presented by young, handsome personalities who read their scripts well and almost throw kisses at you from the screen. Nothing wrong with that?

But there is. As a veteran reporter here and abroad, I like T V News only up to a point. The point where news becomes show-business and is after the emotions.

Van Gordon Sauter, President, CBS News, confirmed this reaction in Esquire Magazine recently. He wrote: " The kind of thing we're looking for in our T V News is something that evokes an emotional response. When I go back to the Control Room, I tell them, goddam it we've got to touch people. A lot of stories have an inherent drama, but others have to be done in a way that will bring out an emotional response in our viewers. "

" Emotional response", " reach out and touch people ", " done in a way ", meaning doctor-it-up when emotion doesn't exist? This is not news. Its show-business, group encounter sessions, psychodrama, intimidation and propaganda.

Intentionally eliciting emotional response is a legitimate function of the T V Soap Operas, the opera, movies, theatre, novels, sports and political speeches. But journalism, reporting? Never. Manipulating minds and hearts belongs to the editorial page, or editorial comments on T V. If journalism becomes a quest for emotional effect, than reporting becomes manipulation. The pursuit of emotional responses involves editorial judgements. These do not belong in a news program.

The T V news camera has an important part to play in portraying news. But it becomes deficient when it is used, for the most part, not to transmit information, but to convey scenes with the greatest emotional effect. Scenes, of course, can be informative. But its one thing for emotional effect to be a consequence of reporting and something else for an emotional response to be the aim of reporting.

Given the T V camera's capacities and T V News time limitation...22 minutes out of a 30 minute newscast, there is a temptation to make the most of the emotional wallop on every one of the 22 minutes. And that leaves out important news that do not have emotional clout.

T V News has an important role to play, so long as it reports significant news... and let the emotional response remain where it belongs...in " show-business ".

T V News has no equal in reporting exciting events here and abroad. It is a miracle of our time. And it can be used to inform dramatically and well.



# *This I Believe . . .* by John Morley



## PRINCIPLES THAT MADE AMERICA...GREAT

Four principles that made America great...The principle of freedom and free choice  
...the principle of the dignity of the individual...the principle of common decency  
...the principle of justice under law.

Some people appear to owe allegiance to the South...some to the North...some to the East...and some to the West. But there is only one allegiance...to America.

To Americans...the whole world is America.

We love our Country because its great. But we also love it because its our own.

The more I see and report from other nations, the more I learn to love my own.

If you can't love your Country, you can't love anything.

Love of country is like love for a woman. He loves best who seeks to bestow on her the highest respect.

No one can appreciate daily life in a free country until he lives where it is not free.

The happiness of the people should be the goal of government...and the happiness of the individual should be the goal of man.

Its the people's government...when made for the people...made by the people...and answerable only to the people.

Government is a trust. All officials of government are trustees. All are accountable to the people, not to each other and not to any foreign alliances.

Few of us realize the sacrifices of our countrymen just in our generation to preserve our freedom. And then you have the cowards who hide behind technicalities.

We must prevent government from wasting the labors and the money of the people under the pretext of taking care of them.

## INSCRIPTION ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free air,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,  
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed, to me;  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

( Less we forget)

Patriotism...is still and always will be, a noble affection which impels us to sacrifice everything dear, even life itself, to our Country.

## 'AFTER HOURS' by John Morley



### CELEBRITIES AND U. S. FOREIGN POLICY

U. S. Foreign policy, nuclear power in particular, is being debated by movie stars and celebrities who don't know what they're talking about.

This is no put down of actors who want to discuss our policy on the Middle East, El Salvador or South Africa...or even whether or not we should continue to expand our nuclear arsenal. As citizens they have the right to dissent. Many sincerely believe in their causes. Because we place a special status to film stars for their acting excellence, we have a tendency to accept their views on other varied subjects. Even their endorsements on automobiles, perfumes, shave lotions and medicines for the control of headaches, stomach aches and dandruff.

The truth is they know little or nothing about the control of nuclear power or the control of dandruff.

Some are viewed on T V across the country espousing their views. Interviewers keep asking them for "their positions". On what grounds of authority film stars can express their positions. When it comes to a nuclear debate I prefer Edward Teller and Randell Forrester who are authorities on the subject but have different points of view. I would not ask Messrs. Teller and Forrester to debate on the cinema.

I am not doubting the sincerity of movie stars on any subject they choose to discuss. Sincerity is not under discussion. Expertise on the subject is. And because they influence the public who idolize them as actors, they should refrain from using their film popularity into the real world of critical and strategic subjects.

The problem with professional performers is that they have the tendency to perform. It's difficult for the public to distinguish what they hear as fact or, a rehearsed dialogue before shooting the film.

We are not so much concerned about what actors know on the subject of foreign policy, but on what they don't know. It's troubling. They cannot read foreign policy from a prepared script. The background is not there. So they talk in the fringes of the subject, expressing personal emotions, ideological leanings and the like without any professional experience whatever.

What inevitably happens is that actors and actresses are frequently heeded not for the words they speak, but for the characters they've played on the screen, or for their popularity.

T V talk shows, moreover, have long been guilty of setting up celebrity guests as authorities on critical and complicated subjects around the world. And they allow them to blab on at will as if they wore wisdom and experience as easily as makeup. We watched a talk show interviewer ask a movie star, "How do you assess now, U. S. military power as compared to the Russians." Can't you imagine the K G B agents in the U. S. deployed in front of their T V screens, red-recorders in hand, awaiting the movie star's assessment.

*John Morley*

*No Reply*

December 22, 1982

Dear Ron:

I am indeed grateful for the compliment of your call and your comments on Taiwan.

I will convey them to President Chiang on my coming visit to Taipeh.

Thank you also for writing me your reaction to my letter and my appraisal of the situation. I have such respect for you that your remarks will update your friendly attitude on Taiwan over the years for my bulging Reagan file. ( Enclosing one of the photos on your visit to Taipeh, welcomed by the Premier Yen and Vice Premier Chiang.)

I will welcome your comments.

I will continue my effort privately...and publicly in my international lectures...to support your policies at home and abroad, to at least help neutralize some of the politicized ballyhoo in the media and from the Congress.

The Nation needs you another four years.

Your friend,

President Ronald Reagan

*John*



# 'AFTER HOURS' by John Morley

Our favorite column  
in any language...



*"Peace on Earth to Men of good will"*

French	<i>Paix sur la terre, aux hommes de bonne volonté!</i>
German	<i>Friede auf Erden und den Menschen im Willensfall!</i>
Russian	<i>Мир на земле, доброжелателям.</i>
Polish	<i>Pokoje, dobra wola dla ludzi dobrej woli.</i>
Finnish	<i>Rauha maassa ja ihmisille hyrää tahtoa.</i>
Italian	<i>Pace in terra agli uomini di buona volontà.</i>
Czech	<i>Mír na zemi. Dobrá vůle všem.</i>
Swedish	<i>Frid på jorden och vänskap för alla.</i>
Dutch	<i>Vrede op aarde aan de menschen van goeden wil.</i>
Chinese	<i>天下和平、友善於人、</i>
Japanese	<i>地上平和、人々友好。</i>
Spanish	<i>Paz en la tierra y a los hombres buena voluntad.</i>
Armenian	<i>Երկրի վրայ բարեկամության և հարգանքի հոգով համայնություն.</i>
Lithuanian	<i>Ramybė pasaule dėl žmonijos.</i>
Turkish	<i>Her uygarınca selamet ve adamlarda huzur i riya.</i>
Romansh (Swiss)	<i>Pasch sin tierra e biinfulientscha dentur ils cristians!</i>
Greek	<i>Εἰρήνη ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς καὶ ἀγαθὴ ἐννοία ἀνθρώπων.</i>
Korean	<i>세상에 평강을 주시고 인류에게 친익을 주시라</i>

*John Morley*

## **'AFTER HOURS' by John Morley**



### ***One Man's Wish for the New Year . . .***

- That all men who yearn for freedom shall attain it.
  - That all peoples of all faiths, all races, all nations shall have their greatest human needs satisfied.
  - That the scourge of disease, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, exploitation, ignorance may be substantially reduced in our world.
  - That those who are indifferent and insensitive to the needs of others learn the real meaning of charity . . . and being our brother's keeper.
  - That the good of mankind will make itself felt in the decisions of political leaders . . . who must find a way to settle international differences by any other means than war.
  - That in our time, or the time not too distant, people will come to live together in peace . . . if not in peace, at least without hate.
  - That this peace will be guaranteed by the binding force of humanity, of mutual respect, justice under law, freedom to choose and by the abiding doctrine of the brotherhood of man.
  - That those who want freedom will also assume its heavy cost, sacrifice and responsibilities.
  - That those denied opportunity in the past shall come to enjoy it to their full capabilities.
  - That racial strife, intolerance, dog-bite-dog may be recognized for the evil that they are by more men of good will.
  - That political leaders, while not ignoring the needs of the indigent, will not equally ignore the creative incentives of our society . . . and find the true balance between reliance on self and reliance on government.
  - That all-out support be extended to those who work for a world of reason and understanding.
  - That the good buried in every man's heart be recognized and rewarded.
  - That people come to see more clearly the good which unites us, not the jealousies, pettiness, selfishness and bad, which divide us.
  - That each day of the new year may bring us closer to the final victory . . . not of nations . . . but of man over his own evil-doings. For today it is in the hands of less than a dozen men in the world . . . not of millions of people in the various nations . . . that the fine line of calm or crisis is in the balance.
  - That in the battle of good and evil in which all of us are engaged . . . each of us has a significant responsibility.
  - That as teachers, ministers, statesmen, leaders, artists, writers, producers, playwrights, columnists, influencing public opinion and conduct, we join in a common effort to bring a cleansing wind into the stench, futility and despair of sensationalism, lewdness, greed, corruption.
- For the world is craving for the inspiration of a realism reflecting not the dirt and human weakness alone, but the divine strength and inspiration buried in men's hearts that needs awakening.
- To allow the Power, which is greater than all men, to guide our teaching, writings, plays, films, music, conduct, that can set a new standard toward the road to man's final victory over the scourge of hate and war.
- May God find an effective and reliable instrument in the President of the United States as he begins a new year of fateful decisions.
  - As for the personal wish of this reporter . . . I know that I shall pass through this marvelous, magnificent and sometimes tragic world but once . . . if, therefore, there be any kindness I can show to anyone, especially loved ones, friends, the needy and the searching young . . . or any good, wholesome and helpful thing I can do . . . to self-generate the power and the will to do it now, and not defer or neglect it . . . for I may never have a second chance, nor shall I pass this way again.

## The World of Christmas... Prayers for Peace

Even in Russia . . . the 150,000,000 Christians will celebrate the *Kolyada* and the eve of Epiphany . . . the five piles of grain, this Christmas. There will be more of the faithful . . . Christian, Moslem, Jew, going to church inside the Iron Curtain than at any other Christmas in history.

Even in Hungary . . . Christ will rise around the candles and the tears in defiance of the atheist.



Russia . . . eye-witness today

JOHN MORLEY

and happiest of all Swedish words.

In Switzerland . . . Christmas and the prayers for peace are around the *Samichlaus*, the Saint himself, the land of Santa Claus and the spirit of Christ.

In Norway . . . Christmas is the *Jul* . . . the remembrance that God made man and the creatures of the air, the farm and the sea.

In Denmark . . . they celebrate Christmas with the *Jul-nisse* . . . when the great Viking and the Norse roared their approval of the *Winter Solstice*.

In Holland . . . Christmas began December 5 with the *Saint Nicklass Avond* . . . the eve of St. Nickolas, where the fireplaces and window sills were studded with the wooden shoes of the children stuffed with hay and carrots to "feed the Bishop's horse".

In England . . . Christmas will again bring in the *Boar's Head*; the old medieval spirit of English Christmas to an accompaniment of an old Latin carol.

Even in Poland . . . under the whip of the Communists . . . the Christian millions will celebrate Christmas with the *Willea*, the Christmas supper and festival of the star that led to Christ.

In Sweden Christmas will begin with the *Julafton*, Christmas eve, the richest

In France . . . it's the *Nuit de Noel* . . . Christmas night, and the traditional Christmas cake, *Le Gateau des Rois*, which is cut with songs and prayers and wishes for all that is good in the world.

In nearby Mexico . . . Christmas means the *Posada* . . . the resting place . . . and the children's Christmas joy in the *Pinata*, the jar with the tinsel and bright colored paper to resemble faces.

In Germany . . . Christmas will be celebrated around the *Tannenbaum* . . . the Christmas tree, filled with gilded nuts, candies, sweets and gift boxes . . . and the immortal strains of *Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht* . . . Silent Night, Holy Night . . . and *Kris Kringle*, the Christ King.

And in the United States . . . it's our midnight carols . . . the message of the angels . . . and our adopted *Silent Night, Peaceful Night* . . . darkness, flies, all is light; shepherds hear the angels sing, hail to the new born King.

### The Greatest Story Ever Told

The Greeks called him *Zeus*; the Hebrews called him *Yahweh*; the Egyptians called him *Amon Ra*; the Babylonians called him *Marduk*; the Mohammedans called him *Allah*; the Romans called him *Jupiter*; the Hindus called him *Vichnu*; the American Indians called him *Manitou* . . . and the Christians called him *Jesus Christ*, as a part, yet the whole of a triune God. These names and many others illustrate the inescapable fact that man of all ages, all eras and period of time, has always sought to worship in a materialistic fashion a God . . . the God of his own creation. It is the greatest story of our civilization that even primitive man recognized the power of faith in things he could not see or could not comprehend.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1983

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*Gift*  
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Thanks again for sending the pictures.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

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Mrs. Arnold Steele  
8053 Calle de la Plata  
La Jolla, California 92037

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**NO MORE MR. NICE GUY.**



Tap Mike  
Ward @ road - will call.



Dear Ron:

Jan. 27, 1983

Am enclosing this copy of your letter to refresh your memory as to Mark's pictures. As I told you in the letter I left with the pictures at the Hotel del Coronado, Mark is an underwater photographer whom we are very proud of and have a personal interest in because he has been going with our youngest daughter, Laurie, for over a year and has endeared himself to us by his consistent gentlemanly demeanor, as well as his outstanding talent. He did some of the work on the National Geographic special on sharks which had the largest TV rating on Public Television ever. If you know of any channels (no pun intended) where he could further his career we would be deeply grateful. Hope you enjoy these pictures for your personal use. Again - thanks, & God Bless you! Always - Jean

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 7, 1982

*No Reply*

Dear Jean and Arnold:

Thanks very much for your letter and for the photograph. I've never had that picture and am delighted to have it and to add it to our family album. Thanks, too, for your warm Thanksgiving message. Above all, I hope you realize how much it means to me to have your prayers.

Things do get bogged down or delayed in the bureaucratic processes back here. I'm starting a hunt for the things you say were delivered in San Diego. I have no doubt they are making their way toward me -- I'll hurry the process.

As for the underwater photos, if it isn't too much of a chore, maybe you could send duplicates as you suggested in case my search doesn't turn them up. Send them to the White House in care of Kathy Osborne. That way we'll avoid the bureaucracy.

*Att: Kathy  
Thanks!*

Again, thanks and a Happy and Merry Christmas to you both.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1983

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When you are next in Washington, give Mike Deaver here in the White House a ring and I'm sure (if I'm here) we can have that five minutes you mentioned.

Best regards,

Mr. Ward L. Quaal  
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February 9, 1983

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

My dear Mr. President:

This note is all too tardy, necessitated, however, by a West Coast business trip and attendance at truly great meetings of your Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Needless to say, I'm proud to be on your "team" with our mutual good friend of "100 years", George Allen!

At the special reception prior to the Chuck Percy dinner, I had hoped to have a brief visit with you. However, with all the ladies surging forward to see "our handsome and youthful-looking President" (as many stated in one phrase or another), I stepped aside.

Your talk at the reception was excellent and at the dinner you were truly great!

As I travel across our lovely land, I feel the people are with Ronald Reagan! They wish you well; they know you are trying; they realize someone had to get our nation on the correct course and return America to true greatness again!

As to jobs, over the long term, Mr. President, re-training of men and women is basic! As a nation, we have experienced in our economy, the industrial revolution and the agricultural revolution. Now, we find ourselves in the technological revolution! Many "routines" of the past will be no more! If we are prepared for this new "revolution", America's greatest years lie ahead of us.

I'm in Washington about every ten days. I hope to have the pleasure of just five minutes with you in the near future.

Dorothy joins me in sending our love to you and Nancy.

Respectfully,

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

Ward L. Quaal

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February 10, 1983

Dear Irene and Pete:

Thank you very much for my birthday gift "Horses and Americans" -- I love it and will treasure it. Thanks too for your good wishes.

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Again, thanks to you both.

Sincerely,

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January 31, 1983

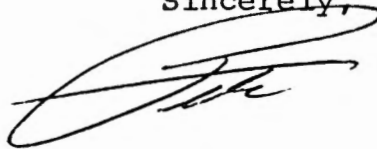
The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

In case you haven't seen it, this article about Herman Kahn, the futurist, contains some interesting -- and positive -- predictions about the times ahead. He has had a good batting average.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'PDH', written over a horizontal line.

P.S. You were right about the corporate income tax;  
there must be a better way than the present one.

PDH:ss  
Enclosure

February 10, 1983

Dear Eddie:

It was good to hear from you and I appreciate having the full quote you sent me. I've known of that quote but didn't have it in it's entirety. It will be useful.

Your words about it being too late to play politics are right on target and I must say there are signs that our opponents are aware of that. There may be a little sounding off now and then but I believe we're going to have some unaccustomed bipartisanship on a number of matters having to do with the economy.

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February 1, 1983

Dear President Reagan:

On the attached sheet you will note an observation made by Professor Alexander Tyler many years ago which I think applies to the situation that this nation is facing today. Also, quoting from another philosopher "those who learn not the lessons from history are doomed to repeat the failures of the past."

Mr. President, I sincerely believe that our nation today is facing as grave a situation as this nation faced after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. If my memory serves me correctly, President Roosevelt immediately declared a state of emergency, asked Congress for special powers, and brought into Washington authorities from the business world who could help him solve his problems.

I feel our situation is serious enough today for you to go before the public on radio and television and declare that a state of emergency exists. Then, you could appoint a President's council made up of all living former presidents and all living former secretaries of treasury. This council should immediately go to work on solving our budget and financial problems. This could and probably should call for a considerable restructuring of both our tax system and our budget system. It could perhaps bring about a lot of changes in the way we run our government, which changes I think are long over due.

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given hope that we can still save our form of government if we move soon enough and decisive enough.

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Please, if you will, tell my friend President Chiang Ching-Kuo that I asked you to assure him of my continued friendship for him and his people and that we shall not waiver in that friendship.

All the best to you on your trip and God be with you.

Sincerely,

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*John Morley*

January 31, 1983

Dear Ron:

Following up my letter of January 29, regarding my newstrip to the Far East.

I received a phone call from Taipeh inviting me to visit with President Chiang Ching-Kuo on February 19-20, among my other appointments in the Far East.

I will be leaving on China Airlines on Friday, February 18, direct to Taipeh.

I plan to present your autographed photo to him when I see him. If you would like for me to deliver a letter from you...or a written statement about your feelings toward the Republic of China...I know he will appreciate it and would encourage him a great deal in these difficult times. This would be more personal than my relaying your encouraging words in the letter you wrote me.

I understand that I will be bringing back an autographed portrait of President Chiang to you with a letter of appreciation for your goodwill.

Best Regards, Ron...

President Ronald Reagan  
% Kathy Osborn  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*John*

P. S. Hurray for the Redskins!



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WASHINGTON

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In checking with our Mail Room and Central Files, we have no record of ever receiving a letter from Dina Merrill to you.

Mrs. Reagan suggests you write Dina Merrill explaining that you never received the letter and the Mrs. Reagan brought to your attention the article in Womens Wear mentioning that she wrote and you didn't reply, and indicating that you were very disturbed at this since you are old friends, etc.

*Mrs. Cliff Robertson*

*870 U. H. Plaza*

*NY NY 10017*  
*20028*

*check ↑*

February 10, 1983

Dear Dina:

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Well enough of that. I really set out to explain  
I hadn't received your letter. Nancy sends her  
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Sincerely,

Ron

Mrs. Cliff Robertson  
820 United Nations Plaza  
New York, New York 10017

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Plaza  
(Kathy check this zip code) N.Y. N.Y. 200 48  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1983

Dear Mackey:

Your very nice letter just arrived with the copies of the Union Leader. Thank you for your kind words and for taking the taste of the Washington Post out of my mouth.

I promise I'll "stay the course." How I wish I could have -- just once -- a legislature of my own party. During eight years as Governor of California I only had one year in which we controlled both houses. Do you realize that all of the Republican Presidents since WW II had Democratic Congresses except for one two year term under Ike? If memory serves me correctly there was no inflation and solid prosperity in those two years.

Again, thanks and all the best to you.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mrs. William Loeb  
35 Amherst Street  
P.O. Box 780  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

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That's par. So from here on I'll just keep  
score like they do in the golf tournaments - next year  
(the Lord willing) I'll just be 1 over par.

(No letter on this one)  
Nancy sends her love as do I.

Sincerely Ron

To Margie Bachman E. 407 1245 Fourth St. S.W.  
Dear Margie Bachman Wash. D.C. 20024

Thank very much for your birthday greeting &  
for the lovely little vase. You were very kind to  
do this & I'm most grateful. I thank you too  
for your good wishes.

You know having this many birthdays isn't  
so bad when people like yourself do such nice things.

Sincerely

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To Mrs. Wm. Loeb 35 Amburst St. P.O. Box 780 Manchester N.H.

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NACKY SCRIPPS LOEB  
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

February 2, 1983  
(tel. dict.)

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Ron:

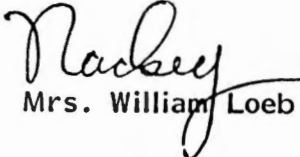
First of all, thank you so very much for the time you took last week with me. I really appreciate the opportunity to talk to you.

I am enclosing some items which might interest you—first, my recent letter-editorial to you which was written before the visit; then a picture of the two of us conversing, and finally, my editorial written after our visit. I thought you would be interested in seeing these.

Please remember that there are a lot of people throughout this country who believe very strongly in what you have been trying to do and they want something in which they can continue to hope and believe in. I know I am repeating myself, but I do hope you will continue to personally bring your message to the people, as you have been doing so well recently. This is the only way to circumvent the folks who will never be your friends, namely, the Washington press, the NEW YORK TIMES, and others in the media.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. William Loeb

NSL-Miss M. Grady  
Encs.

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*Ronald Reagan*

Margie Bachman  
1245 Fourth Street, S.W.  
E. 407  
Washington, D.C. 20024

*not sent per George Saunders*  
*2/11/83*



To Thomas M. O'Brien 6560 N. Scottsdale Rd. Bldg. J.  
Suite 202 Scottsdale Ariz.  
85253

Dear Tom

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To: Hon. George Murphy Apt, 1706 - 1200 S. Flagler Dr.  
W. Palm Beach Fla. 33401

Dear Murph

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Ronny sends her love.

Regards Ron

February 14, 1983

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Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable George Murphy  
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1200 South Flagler Drive  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

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GEORGE MURPHY

January 27, 1983

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

Dear Nancy,

Here is the suggestion which I mentioned during our phone conversation for your best fellow's consideration.

It is believed that if the amount involved could become tax deductible when you hire a maid, nurse, governess, gardener, chauffeur, laundress, security guard, handyman or just plain companion for the elderly as is your business secretary, accountant this would be very helpful.

We know that there are thousands of these people who are presently being paid in cash, illegally, under the table. Those on the receiving end, furthermore, are not on any tax rolls, are not paying taxes on millions of dollars in the prevalent underground market brought on by the liberals starting back in the days of the New Deal. It is my belief that two things can be accomplished immediately by the adoption of this suggestion: As soon as this is publicly known there will be created, voluntarily and legally, two to possibly four million new jobs. Also, those operating illegally will not only ease their conscience but this change will give them respectable standing with the Internal Revenue Service.

I hope your fellow will adopt the news report to be known as "The Reagan Report" to the people so he will have a forum from which he can talk directly and positively without interruption by Sarah McClendon or attempted entrapment by Sam Donaldson.

I would also immediately enjoin whoever the communicators are at your house to stress the results of the ABC polls in every conceivable manner. I might even suggest

that a call to Howard Cossell might prove beneficial since he is so avidly engrossed in details and percentages. He also has an affinity to be with the winner.

Stay cool, calm, and determined and we, too, shall overcome.

Love,

"Muph"

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 14, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN *KMD.*  
SUBJECT: Correspondence from Representative Connie Mack, III (R-Florida)

The attached hand-written letter was sent to you from Representative Connie Mack following a breakfast meeting with him last week.

*Ken - I know a Thank you  
for a Thank you is usually  
not deemed necessary but I'd like  
your opinion as to whether I should  
drop a line to Connie.  
If you think so - send the letter  
back & I'll ~~write~~ answer.*

*KR*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/15/83

NOTE FOR: KEN DUBERSTEIN

The President has

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

information ☐

action ☒

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

cc: Central Files - Original 

*Note: Original Correspondence To  
Dubenstein*

Dear Mr. President:

Never in my dreams did I think I would be having breakfast with the President of the United States. It is a moment I will cherish forever. Thank you for that moment.

I listened to you tell how you became involved as a supporter, then a speaker and then as a candidate for office. The experience is similar to my leaving the business community to enter politics and follow my convictions. The belief that our country must return to the principle of reliance on the individual and the need to move away from the idea that the answers lie within a large centralized federal government has been my motivation to get involved. Your victory in 1980 gave me hope that it was not too late to change the direction in which our country was headed. With your leadership more people will follow and get involved. Then the new direction will be set and America will be on her way.

It is hard to imagine what you have gone through in the two years you have been in office. The task must be overwhelming and lonely. Because of that it must be difficult to look forward to a tough campaign in 1984. This morning you said the people will tell you if you should run again. I couldn't let this opportunity pass without saying the people of Southwest Florida want you to run again and so do I. We need you, your leadership and your strength.

Again thank you for the breakfast and your most cordial and gracious welcome to Washington.

Sincerely,

Connie Mack, III





HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

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