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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- PLEASE FORWARD TO
CALIFORNIA IF
APPROPRIATE -

March 1, 1983

THOMAS J. DONOHUE
VICE PRESIDENT, DEVELOPMENT

1615 H STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20062
202/650-8242
463-5310

The Honorable Craig L. Fuller
Assistant to the President for
Cabinet Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Craig:

The attached is a light note from Dick Leshar
to the President. It contains an article reporting
what some grade school students think of the
President and his job.

Please read it yourself, and then see if you
can get it to the President.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Tom -

attachment

*RGD: 3/7/83
Recommended that
Leshar's note go forward
... now that he and
the @ are talking
periodically
CF*

RICHARD L. LESHER

No Reply - I phoned
But can you make some
copies of the clipping. Ed M. wants one
for do & 8 single speechwriters
should have one ✓
Done 3/10

March 1, 1983

Dear Mr President:

I have very much enjoyed our several
conversations over the past few weeks. I'll
repeat: the economy is getting much stronger
fast!

I am writing to give you a light note
in your day. My home town paper carried some
interesting excerpts from first graders on how
they view your duties. They make great reading
with the kind of humor you like.

Have a good day. Best regards
Dick

Ever wonder what President Reagan does to earn his pay?

(Editor's note: First grade pupils in Corpus Christi School, Chambersburg, were asked by their teacher, Connie Kelton, to describe the duties of President Reagan. Here are some of their replies.

President Reagan studies the map. He knows the whole U.S. He works every day. He loves everyone.

Bryan Matonek

The president helps everyone. He wants everybody to be free. He helps the Army. He's honest, too.

Eric Krugh

The president does lots of thing. He helps people to be free. He loves all Americans.

Daniel Toomey

He cares about everybody in our country. Som times he is on TV and he tells us his plans.

Erich Brown

He works in the White House. He writes letters to us.

Ernest Waters

He types papers real hard. He almost died when he got shot.

James Truong

The president goes to meetings. He helps the animals. The president gets frustrated. He talks to other presidents.

Leah Kline

He keeps the United States alive. He makes laws for every state. He gives jobs for everyone.

Steven Thoms

He works in the White House and sometimes he works on TV. He is brave.

Yolanda Suarez

He cares about other people.

Javier Calderon

The president writes very good. He does good work.

Julie Martz

He tells us if the war is coming soon.

Britt Marie Sheffler

The president talks about people on TV and tells us about other people. He talks about jobs.

Michele Cooksey

He works and reads and talks. The president also helps us.

Sarah Scarlatan

He works with the missiles.

Ricky Lee Ramsey

He gives talks to all the world.

Jason Fish

The president writes letters and types. He helps people.

Theresa Ciccarelli

Our president got shot, but now he's better. He doesn't want anybody to fight.

Heather Fontaine



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1983

Dear Josh:

Nancy and I were more than pleased to get your letter of February 21 and I am truly grateful for your generous words. I, too, was raised learning the old hymns and the age-old truths in the Bible.

Now I've learned or relearned the importance of them. I understand what Lincoln meant when he said "many times I've been driven to my knees because there was no place else to go."

Nancy sends her love, and from both of us to Nedda. Again, thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mr. Joshua Logan
435 East 52nd Street
New York, New York 10022

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Joshua Logan

NYC

2.21.83

Dear President Reagan and (to me, still 12 y old) Nancy

It seems impossible as I recall it, for this letter, but it happened a few minutes ago: I saw you both on TV talking to a group of protestant ministers. As I turned on the switch (very early, on a holiday morning, for me at least) and you were quoting from the King James version of the Bible (I deeply feel all other versions should not only be outlawed but thrown in the garbage can) It turned out to be one of the Ten Commandments but it caught my attention because I had never heard a U.S. President with such an eloquent speech written. I was brought up a Methodist in Louisiana, sang all the hymns learned several thousand verses of both testaments to use in answering roll calls. Your beautiful words about the bible & about Jesus made the preachers so happy I found spurts of tears jet from my eyes. At first I thought you had recontacted me & then I realized you were doing what I try to do in the theater & that is please my audience. The difference is that yours is sincere, mine fabricated.

You left everyone with a hope for America even old Methodist me. And one preacher said he was glad to hear a U.S. President say the word "Jesus" and not as a curse word.

435 EAST 52 STREET / NEW YORK 10022 / (212) 355-0586

Your disciple
Joshua Logan
Husband of Frances Logan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1983

Dear Bob:

I sympathize and agree with your complaint. I, too, believe we should turn the speed laws back to the states where they belong. So far we just haven't been able to convince the troops in the Capitol it should be done.

Thanks for your words of support.

Best regards,

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Mr. Robert S. Niccolls
Suite 300E
4 Orinda Way
Orinda, California 94563

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Robert S. Niccolls, CLU
4 Orinda Way, Suite 300E, Orinda, CA 94563

Phone: 254-8877

2-25-82

President Reagan:

I fully support the thrust
of your programs, and strongly en-
courage your "staying the course."

My one complaint is the
failure to end the 55 MPH limit.
This failure recently cost me \$30
for driving 65 on Interstate 5 between

70+ MPH, driving a car getting 30 ~~MPG~~
MPG. This seems wrong, especially
to one who is self-employed
and to whom time is a contrib-
utor to the GNP!

Please continue the good
work, and continue spreading
the economic truth!

Bob Nicolls

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 3, 1983

Dear Karl:

Sorry we didn't get to see you this time but thank you very much for the photos of our visitor's footprints. Back when we first got the ranch we were on the circuit of a bear, but no signs for several years until now.

I showed your photos to Prince Philip when he and the Queen were here. He heads up the International Organization for the Protection of Wildlife. He was most interested.

I hope I get a glimpse of our bear one day, but not while on horseback -- say just as I come around a sharp curve.

Again, thanks.

Best regards,

Mr. Karl R. Mull
741 Calle De Los Amigos
Santa Barbara, California 93105

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KARL R. MULL
741 CALLE DE LOS AMIGOS
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93105

Feb. 18, 1983

President & Mrs. Reagan

Dear Bosses

I thought you'd enjoy these 35mm snaps that I took on Dec. 31, 1982 on the back side of Snake Lake Road.

"Mr. Bear" went through the "Ranch" via Snake Lake Road shortly after the rains and just prior to Dec. 31. He had a muddy track and left us some good prints.

You might want to show these to the folks in Washington and tell 'em "The California Bear is alive & doing well - particularly on rugged Rancho del Cielo. Happy birthday and wedding anniversary.

Respectfully,

Karl Mull

Mr. Karl R. Muil 741 Calle De Los Amigos Santa Barbara

Dear Karl

Calif. 93105

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Again Thanks & Best Regards
RR

Mr. Joshua Rogan 435 East 52nd St. N.Y. N.Y. 10022

Dear Josh

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Sincerely Ron

To Mr. Robert L Niccolis 4 Orinda Way Suite 300E
Orinda Calif. 94563

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUMDATE: 3/9/83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: _____SUBJECT: FISHERIES NEGOTIATION WITH THE SOVIETS

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BAKER	☐	☐	JENKINS	☐	☐
DEAVER	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	ROLLINS	☐	☐
CLARK	☒	☐	WHITTLESEY	☐	☐
DARMAN	☐ P	☐ SS	WILLIAMSON	☐	☐
DUBERSTEIN	☒	☐	VON DAMM	☐	☐
FELDSTEIN	☐	☐	BRADY/SPEAKES	☐	☐
FIELDING	☐	☐	ROGERS	☐	☐
FULLER	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

Remarks:Note: Yesterday this letter was staffed to you for action.

Please note the President's comment. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
 Assistant to the President
 (x2702)

Response:

The President has seen _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 8, 1983

*We should look into
his proposal. RB*

MR. PRESIDENT:

Ken Duberstein and NSC are preparing an appropriate response to the attached letter from Congressman John Breaux. Having enjoyed his informal dinner with you, Breaux asked especially that his letter be brought to your attention. It is attached at this point for your information only.

Dick

Richard G. Darman

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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on
Merchant Marine and Fisheries
Room 1334, Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 23, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I truly enjoyed our informal dinner "with the boys" on Saturday evening. It was very enjoyable having an opportunity to get to know you better in an atmosphere like we had this weekend, and I would encourage you to do more of that type of function in the future. I was honored to be included, and I haven't had a better time in years!

I met with Vice President Bush this morning for breakfast to outline to him a set of suggestions relating to U.S.-Soviet relations on fisheries. I meant to mention it to you on Saturday, but we were having too good a time to get bogged down with serious business. After listening to my proposals, the Vice President agreed that you should be made aware of them.

I recently returned from a ten day trip to the Soviet Union with Senator Bob Dole and several other Members of Congress. During that visit, I had an opportunity to visit with a number of senior Soviet officials including the Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Kamenstsev. It is clear to me that fisheries is an extremely important matter to the Soviet government and I believe that the United States has an opportunity to make a gesture to the Soviets which would benefit both nations, but, most especially, our country.

As you know, President Carter's 1981 action to deny Soviet access to our 200 mile fisheries zone is still in effect with respect to direct allocations of fish to the USSR. The Soviets have a demonstrated track record in a joint fisheries venture with West Coast-U.S. fishermen which is superb. They would very much like to expand this joint venture to the East Coast of the United States and to renegotiate a particular fisheries agreement with us which would otherwise expire in June of 1983.

Feb. 23, 1983

From my discussions with the Soviet officials who are in a position to deliver a final agreement, I believe that in exchange for an approval of the pending East Coast joint venture application and a renegotiation of the existing US/USSR fisheries agreement (GIFA), the Soviets would be willing to a three pronged "quid pro quo" to the United States:

1. allow the first access to Soviet waters by U.S. fishermen for such species as king crab (which is becoming depleted in Alaska waters presently thereby causing serious economic harm to U.S. fishermen);
2. reconsider their position with respect to abiding by the International Whaling Commission's moratorium on commercial whaling; and
3. expand Soviet grain purchases from U.S. farmers for cash.

I have discussed the specifics of the above areas with the Soviets and I believe that we stand a good chance of achieving these U.S. advantages.

The bottom line is that the agreements which I am proposing to begin negotiations with the Soviets on have been viewed as providing benefits to U.S. industry at the fishery policy levels of our government. The problems preventing negotiations have been due to political opposition which I am asking your reconsideration of so that we may at least begin a productive dialogue. I would be available to be involved in this negotiation if you thought it would be helpful. I feel strongly that to do so is in our strong national interest.

The actions on our part from a fisheries standpoint would be extremely advantageous to our nation and would be seen by the Soviet Union as a very positive U.S. action. I believe that it is a natural for serious consideration by you and would appreciate your reaction. Naturally, I am available to discuss this further with you if you so desire. I am taking the liberty of enclosing my letter to the Vice President and to the Secretary of State so that your staff may know the contents of my entire proposal.

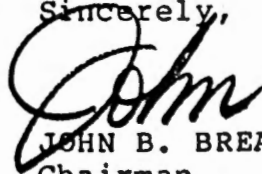
Honorable Ronald Reagan
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Feb. 23, 1983

Again, thank you for thinking of me the other evening. I had a great time.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John B. Breaux", written over the typed name.

JOHN B. BREAUX
Chairman
Subcommittee on Fisheries
and Wildlife Conservation
and the Environment

Enclosures

cc: Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the United States

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Alpha & Omega

15 1/2 LANZ LANE 203-872-0345
ELLINGTON, CT 06029

March 14, 1983

Handwritten signature

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

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan,

Rachel and I and all the children wish to thank you for your warm and sincere phone call. We are still reeling from the events of last week. All seems to be returning to normal now, children busy in school, dirty dishes and all the mundane things of family life.

I have enclosed a couple of articles which I thought you might enjoy and which will give you an idea of what we have been about over the past decade.

I have so many thoughts and feelings at the moment but am almost at a loss as to how to convey them. I suspect that the important message has come to all of us through Benjamin. When Ben was baptized the priest pronounced, "May Benjamin see with God's eyes, hear with God's ears, and speak with God's tongue--and may the presence of Benjamin be a sign to all of the presence of God." Truly I think that was Prophetic.

We are looking forward to our trip to Washington, but I must admit I feel the weight of such great responsibility. It is a difficult time, one in which there are strong feelings and much divisiveness on many issues. But out of it I am convinced we will all converge together much stronger and more able to face the great problems of today.

Well, so much for my lofty thoughts. We all send to you our warmest personal regards and respect.

Most Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Carl J. Rossow
Carl J. Rossow
"Papa"

P. S. The picture arrived and we share display it proudly in our home.



Concerned with the creative unfolding - - physically, mentally and spiritually - - of children with multiple handicaps. Contributions to Alpha and Omega Foundation, Inc. are tax deductible.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1983

Dear Miss Miller:

Thank you for brightening my day. It hasn't been pleasant to do some of the things the economic situation has demanded of us budgetwise and I appreciate your understanding of this.

I have long been aware of the significant contribution Meharry Medical College has made to our country. I'm happy we were able to lend a hand. Meharry must continue doing what it has done so well for so many years.

Thank you again for your kind letter and for what you yourself are doing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Rosetta I. Miller
404 James Robertson
Parkway Number 1820
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Get the picture framed for them.
+ send with letter to Miss Rosetta D.
Miller E.E.O.C. 404 James Robertson Parkway
No. 1820 Nashville Tenn.

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RR

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J. R. Miller
Meharry Medical College
Nashville, Tenn.



EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

404 James Robertson, Parkway No. 1820

Nashville, Tennessee 37219

AREA OFFICE

February 3, 1983

The President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my personal appreciation to you for some actions of your administration which have been extremely beneficial to my community.

I am the Director of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Nashville, Tennessee. As you may be aware many federal employees at present are not pleased with everything the government as a whole is doing. They are discouraged to find that deductions for Medicare are made from their paychecks without their consent; they are discouraged at the extremely low cost of living adjustment made to their pay last year and at the prospect of no such adjustment this year; they are discouraged by great increases in the amount they must pay for health insurance while the benefits they receive are decreased; and they are discouraged that in many cases their hard work and sincere efforts to carry out federal policies appear to be unappreciated on all sides.

It is against this background that I wish to express my gratitude for actions taken by your administration which I think are extremely positive and very heartening. I was fortunate to be able to attend the mortgage burning ceremony at Hubbard Hospital of Meharry Medical College on February 1, 1983. As you know the burning of that mortgage was made possible by your actions in forgiving a large amount of indebtedness of the institution and assisting in providing medical facilities at the nearby Murfreesboro VA Hospital for the doctors being trained by Meharry Medical College. I am myself a black female and I believe that I speak for the black community in expressing my thanks and gratitude for the leadership role you and your taskforce took in assisting this great, historically black institution which has gained both a national and international reputation. It was also gratifying to see that the audience of approximately 500 persons as well as the local media understood and appreciated the actions taken by the dedicated federal civil servants who helped bring about this momentous day for Hubbard Hospital and for Meharry Medical College.

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The President

Please accept my sincere thanks for helping brighten the day for me and for the rest of Nashville and the nation.

Finally, please send our staff here in Nashville an autograph framed picture of yourself.

Sincerely,


Rosetta I. Miller
Director

cc: Dr. David Satcher
President of Meharry Medical College
1005 18th Ave. N.
Nashville, TN

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March 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Lee:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of January 24th. It sometimes takes awhile for mail to reach my desk.

But I want to thank you for really brightening my day. I thank you for that and also for your very generous words.

You could be excused if you had sat down and complained about a bum rap -- but you didn't. You took on the doom criers and showed them up for the cry babies they are. Thank you for telling me your story and thank you for your service to and faith in our country.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Augustus R. Lee
2301 Jefferson Davis Highway
Apartment #1405
Arlington, Virginia 22202

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RR Dictation

To Mr. Augustus R. Lee 2301
Jefferson Davis Hwy. Apt. 1405
Arlington Va. 22202

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our country.

God Bless you
Sincerely
R R

Phil

AK

(202) 521-0397

2301 Jeff. Davis Hwy.
Apt. #1405
Arlington, Va. 22202

24 January 1983

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. President:

I know you are an extremely busy person running our country, but I hope you have an opportunity to read this letter. Much has been said about the so called recession and the scarcity of employment. Please allow me to recount my own experience.

I arrived in Washington, D.C. from Philadelphia with ninety-four dollars and no prospects of employment, in April 1982. After paying for a one week stay at a roach infested hotel, I had fifteen dollars to eat with and use for transportation. I walked all over D.C. looking for employment as a waiter (I had experience in this area). After six days of searching and eating potatoe chips and water, I found a position at a downtown hotel. This position was a far cry from the luxurious hotels I worked at in San Francisco, or the Maitre d'hotel position I had in Las Vegas, but it was a job and I gladly took it.

The living conditions from the hotel, to the Alexandria YMCA (walking sometimes four miles a day to save transportation cost to work) and to my present apartment has been enlightening. Even then I had to sleep on the floor for two months, until I saved enough for my first new bed. Thru all of this, I continued to go to work on time and give one hundred percent while I was there.

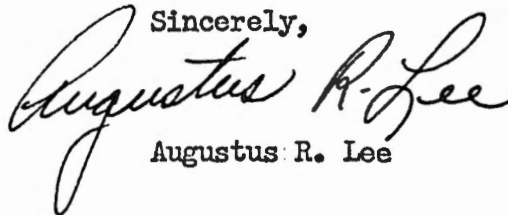
Sir, I have been led to share this experience with you because of the many articles on how hard times are and the view held by some, there isn't any opportunity in our country anymore. Yes; times are difficult but I beleive as you have stated countless times; the opportunity is there if you are willing to work for it. I feel you are a great President and know it has taken tremendous courage and conviction to take the stand you have chosen. Oh-I am Black, from a very poor background, a Vietnam Veteran and thirty-five years old.

Mr. Ronald Reagan
24 January 1983

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Mr. President I wrote this letter to say thank you for helping all of us Americans realize, the strength we need to remain the great country we have been, is inherent. May this letter give you the inspiration you have given me and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Augustus R. Lee". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Augustus" being the most prominent part.

Augustus R. Lee

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March 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Morgan:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of January 26th but sometimes it takes awhile before mail reaches my desk. I have only just received your letter.

I wish I could say there is some quick, easy answer to problems such as the one there in the Mahoning Valley. We both know there isn't. I believe recovery is beginning nationwide but I'm also aware there will be areas where the problems won't be solved as quickly as in others.

We are asking Congress for a package of measures involving training for some of the newer type jobs that are available and will become increasingly available as recovery takes place. We are also planning help in relocation. I know this latter isn't appealing to you with all your roots there in Mineral Ridge. And we're asking that many kinds of government construction, repair and maintenance scheduled for 1984 and beyond, be moved up and started now. I hope Congress will act quickly on these and other matters.

Believe me I understand how you feel. I was a new entrant in the job market back in 1932 in the very depths of the great depression. My father was out of work and my mother went to work for \$14 a week. I only say this because our country survived that and it will survive this. No the American dream is not dead and Americans like yourself will continue to make this country great.

As I said earlier I wish I could tell you there is an instant cure but you know better than that. I'd say, "hang in there," but I also know you are doing that. God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Albert L. Morgan, Jr.
1681 Rosalyn Drive
Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440

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RR Dictation

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Mineral Ridge Ohio 44440

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I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of Jan. 26th. But sometimes it takes a while before mail reaches my desk. I have only just received your letter.

I wish I could say there is some quick, easy answer to problems such as the one there in the Mahoning Valley. We both know there isn't. I believe recovery is beginning nation wide but I'm also aware there will be areas where the problems won't be solved as quickly as in others.

We are asking Congress for a package of measures involving training for some of the newer type jobs that are available & will become increasingly available as recovery takes place. We are also planning help in relocation. I know this latter isn't appealing to you with all your roots there in Mineral Ridge. And we're asking that many kinds of govt. construction, repair & maintenance scheduled for 1984 & beyond ~~be~~ moved up and started now. I hope Congress will act quickly on these & other matters.

Believe me I understand how you feel. I was a new entrant in the job market back in 1932 in the very depths of the great depression. My father was out of work and my mother went to work for \$4 a week. I only say this because our country survived that and it will survive this. Now the American dream is not dead and Americans like yourself will continue to make this country great.

As I said earlier I wish I could tell you there is an instant cure but you know better than that. I'd say, "hang in there", but I also know you are doing that. God bless you. Sincerely RR

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Albert L. Morgan Jr.
1681 Rosalyn Drive
Mineral Ridge,
Ohio 44440
January 26, 1983

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Mr. Ronald Reagan
The President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President, Sir;

I have never before written to a President, but feel compelled to do so at this time. Last evening I like most other Americans watched as you presented the State of the Union Address over National television. It was a hopeful message. One full of promise and optimism. I feel certain that most people were inspired by your speech and look forward to the achievement of the goals set forth by you and your administration.

✓ Unfortunately, on the economic front I fear the long awaited recovery of our country's industrial strength will arrive too late to help many of us who have lost our livelihood due to the current recession. Plant closings and widespread lay-offs have taken thier toll on the industrial heartland of this great nation. Unemployment in the Mahoning Valley is among the highest in the country which I am sure you are painfully aware of. A once proud and productive community has been reduced to a place of despair and depression. People who have worked all of thier lives, paid thier own way, and placed thier faith in the future here in this Valley have now been forced to accept welfare and public assistance.

✓ The nagging question that is foremost in all of our minds is where do we go from here? We want to contribute and work, but there are ~~no replacement industries~~ prepared to fill the void left when tens of thousands of us lost our jobs and futures as the steel mills shut down permanently. Regretfully, there are no jobs to return to even when the recovery arrives. Even if, years from now, new industry finally does revitalize this area what is to become of the families, and the homes they worked hard for in the interum? Being an economically depressed area we cannot expect to sell our homes for there are no buyers. For the most part, these homes represent a lifetime of hard work. It would be devastating to lose them now, but many of us are facing that prospect at this very moment.

✓ We are not the spongers or welfare cheaters of which you speak of from time to time. We are proud, hard working people who want employment, no handouts. At present, we have no other options. Sadly, our skills and knowledge are not in demand in other parts of the country, so relocation is not a viable choice. This experience has truly been a nightmare, and many of us do not know where to turn.

To give you some insight about the author of this letter, I am a white, middle-class American citizen, 33 years old, and male. I was born and raised in the Mahoning Valley. I was instilled with good, old fashioned American values by my parents. I am married, with one son, and have never committed a crime. My family has always believed in working to earn a living.

✓ Recently, I was laid off from the third job I have managed to find in three years. My father was forced into early retirement after U.S. Steel Corp. closed down the steel mills it operated here in 1980. My brother, who was also employed by U.S. Steel, has been unable to find employment due to his lack of skills, education, and age for nearly three years. He is currently on the welfare rolls. Another brother, and a younger sister have been forced to leave the state to find jobs. As you can see the recession has hurt our family very much.

✓ We are only a few of the thousands displaced by the economy, who want to work, but cannot find a job that would pay enough to support our families. One cannot imagine the devastating effect being unemployed over an extended period of time has on a person's life without experiencing it first hand. The condition the whole country is in is tearing at the very fiber that made this country great. It threatens to destroy the spirit of our most valuable resource....Our people.

Let me add at this point that I do not put responsibility for this recession on you, or your economic policies. As you have stated, it was a long time in the making. I am also confident your recovery plan will succeed, and the nation will return to greatness. However, in your own words it will not be a "quick fix" solution. Therefore, those of us who are balancing on the very brink of financial disaster will see little benefit from any strides made in recovery. What I would like to know is, what hope do offer us? A slow recovery will not help this area at all. Who will pick up the pieces of the shattered lives, and families, and who will replace the homes that we worked our whole lives to own? It is disheartening to think that we have made the great sacrifices for the good of all, and now, seem to be forgotten, and have the least to be optimistic about for the future.

✓ We need to see something more positive, something brighter on the horizon to inspire our faith in the future. Your message merely fortified our belief that we can only look forward to more suffering and disillusionment. Please don't tell us like the cynics do that the American dream is dead. I have believed in it all of my life, and still do. But lately, it has become tarnished, and I would like to see it restored, and preserved. I have faith in your strong leadership, as do many of my fellow unemployed neighbors, and family members. I pray you will not abandon us in our greatest hour of need. Please give us something to be hopeful for. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully yours;

To Mr. Mickey Rooney De Vinga Dr. L.A. Bldg 90046

Dear Mickey

I'm late in saying thanks for your warm birthday greeting. Forgive me. It was good to hear from you.

I appreciate your suggestion about the C.C.R. camps project but we've come down on the side of a training program to catch particularly those younger people and bring them up to the new technology. Even with all our unemployment you'd be amazed at how many unfilled jobs there are in electronics & such simply because not enough people are trained for that work.

Nancy sends her love & give our very best to May Jan. Again thanks. Sincerely Ron

To Mr. Theodore Paul Koman & Mr. Mark H. Benter

P.O. Box 7013 M.I.A. Philippines #3120

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT,
MAY JAN AND I WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST AND HEALTHIEST OF BIRTHDAYS AND
WISH YOU MANY, MANY MORE, GIVING YOU STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO LEAD OUR
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Sunday, January 23rd, 1983

Santiago, Isabela RP

The President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Reagan,

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The easiest way to get to Santiago is to go directly to Pantranco Northbound Express, Inc. on Quezon Blvd. in Quezon City, and catch any northbound bus going to Santiago, Tuguegaras, or Sparri, getting off in Santiago. Once in Santiago hop on any tricycle and ask to go to "the white man's place in 'the village'." Don't pay any more than 60¢ for the tricycle, and only P44 for the busfare).

We on our part will supply a steady stream of Filipino food delights. We will provide good music, witty conversation, and the chance to view the world through a Peace Corps Volunteers eyes.

We hope you will seriously consider our invitation. We would appreciate if you were to give us at least two days notice to properly prepare for your arrival.

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Theodore Paul Norman

Mark H. Fenter

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March 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Hammer:

Thanks very much for sending me the income tax form of 1913. What a small beginning for the monster we know now.

I recall reading that one of the advocates of the income tax said at the time, "We must have such a tax not for government's needs but for government's wants." Well government seems to keep on wanting more. I hope we've started down a road to fix that.

Again, thanks and my regards to Mrs. Hammer.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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President Ronald Reagan

White House

Washington D.C. 20082

Jan 20, 83

Dear Sir:

I thought that you would get a kick out of looking at a copy of the first U.S. income tax form in 1913.

This form involves

- 1) one sheet of paper vs the 137 different income tax forms presently printed this year.
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- 4) 2% from \$50,000 to \$75,000 and so on.
- 5) Special exemption of \$3,000 and or \$4,000 as the case may be.

How about this?

Wouldn't some sort of flat tax like this simplify the whole complicated and sophisticated business of collecting income taxes - not to mention the millions saved for Uncle Sam?

Sincerely,

Ed Hammer

Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Hammer

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Ed Hammer

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March 14, 1983

Dear Henry:

Forgive me for being so late in acknowledging your letter of February 16th. I'm going to take your suggestion up with the appropriate cabinet members and I thank you for sending it. There is no question but our sterling bankers seem to have gotten themselves in a mess. I wonder if their hanging on to interest rates that are still too high is born of desperation? When I think what another couple of points drop in the rates would do for recovery.

Nancy sends her love and from both of us to Gracie.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. Henry Salvatori
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Los Angeles, California 90067

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1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS
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Don Ragan
Give me after
February 16, 1983
Give this
back to me after
arriving
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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

I recently have been in touch with Congressman Jerry Lewis and I agree with him that the large Banks should be made to write off partially their potential losses in the foreign loans which they made so indiscriminately without regard to the risks involved.

Obviously, it is essential that our banks must be bailed out of their future financial plight in one way or another. However, they must be made to make partial retribution for their greed and folly.

My suggestion is that they be compelled to write off and set up yearly reserves equal to 15% of their earnings until they achieve reserves equal to 50% of their total foreign loans.

If this is done no new regulations will be necessary since this penalty will be sufficient to insure that they will adopt a more sensible loan policy.

I enclose an article which appeared in the Wall Street Journal by George Champion the former Chairman of Chase Bank who recommends a similar action.

I hope you will take the lead on this important matter and not be dissuaded by the pleas of the fatuous Chairmen of the large banks whom you know well.

My warm regards.

Most sincerely,

Henry
Henry Salvatori

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Foreign Debts: A Proposal for U.S. Banks

By GEORGE CHAMPION

The press has for months increasingly criticized American banks' lending to developing and Iron Curtain countries. It is difficult to fault this concern as the total of these loans, as presented by the Treasury and the Federal Reserve, has increased to alarming proportions.

Many bankers and others share my view that lending to foreign governments isn't the function of a commercial bank. Furthermore, the banks failed to adhere to one of the fundamental principles of credit extension, which is to have an understanding with the borrower as to the maximum debt he will incur.

Certainly you are not helping a company or a country if you participate in extending credit beyond its ability to pay without disrupting its financial and economic program. Indeed there are many who believe that money isn't the primary need of these countries and that true progress will be made through improved education and training; the strength of a nation is a multiple of the character, energy and ability of its people, not its natural resources. Suffice it to say that we have a major problem which has developed over recent years and we must recognize that it can't be solved quickly or easily. Success will require financial statesmanship by the banks, the International Monetary Fund and the examining authorities, together with the cooperation of the borrowers.

A Proper Balance

The International Monetary Fund was set up in 1944 to assist member countries readjust their monetary and financial programs when they had transgressed in the world marketplace. Advances were made on a relatively short-term basis only after the borrowing nation had agreed to spe-

cific changes in its economic, fiscal and monetary programs—changes the IMF thought were needed to restore a proper balance.

This program worked, and it should still be the basis of negotiations with all countries in need. It would be a great mistake to assume that the IMF should take over

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existing governmental obligations or underwrite the deficits of any country unwilling to make the necessary adjustments. Any change in this philosophy would put great stress on the monetary stability of the world.

The American banks that participated in the lending to the developing and Iron Curtain countries are primarily responsible for the current problem, but it would be unrealistic to suggest that the examining authorities responsible for appraising the soundness of the loans and investments of the banks have lived up to their responsibilities. The Comptroller's office, with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., examines the national banks; the state member banks are examined by state authorities as well as federal agencies and the FDIC. Instead of criticizing these foreign loans, we have in recent months seen statements by senior officials—most notably Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and Treasury Secretary Donald Regan—suggesting that the banks increase their present position.

A solution, and I firmly believe that the problem can be solved, involves major changes in present policies that would

leave the banking fraternity in a much stronger position over the years to come.

I propose the following:

1) Immediately discontinue any further bank loans to the developing and Iron Curtain countries, unless they are fulfilling a specific commitment.

2) The examining authorities should

suggest that for the next five years the banks dedicate at least 50% of their pre-tax earnings toward writing down their nonconforming loans to no more than 50% of the face value. It is my understanding that basically the nonconforming loans reported today are domestic customers, even though it is apparent that over the years to come there will be many in that category from the developing and Iron Curtain countries (if indeed some should not already be placed in such a category).

3) The examining authorities should suggest that dividends not be increased and should look with disfavor on any purchase by the banks of other institutions that would further lower their ratio of capital to total assets.

4) At present, American banks are allowed to have a reserve for bad debts only equal to 1% of their loans on a tax deductible basis. The days of the Real Estate Investment Trust problems clearly indicated this was completely inadequate; indeed one needs no further evidence that this allowable reserve should be increased. It is my suggestion that the law be changed; the banks should not only be allowed but be encouraged by the examiners to increase their reserve by 0.25% of their total

loans on an annual basis until they reach at least 3%, preferably 5%.

Obviously this program isn't essential for all banks, but it certainly should be adopted by those who have loans to the developing and Iron Curtain countries equal to or in excess of their net worth in order to strengthen their capital structure. We the U.S. have the only truly competitive banking system in the world, and its strength and independence are vital to the country's welfare. Commercial banking is the lifeblood of our free economy.

A Political Grab Bag

There is a growing fear that the federal government will monetize bad debt rather than face the political and economic consequences of allowing marginal or uncompetitive businesses to fail. Indeed, suggestions have been made that the government reestablish a Reconstruction Finance-type of organization. In addition, central banks throughout the industrialized world are beginning to commit themselves as lender of last resort because of their concern over the effect that restrictions on monetary and fiscal policies might have on the developing countries.

A Reconstruction Finance Corp. might be a political grab bag, providing capital and loans to support inadequate management, as it frequently did in the 1930s. The mere fact that these ventures are being considered is cause for great concern due to the inflationary impact they would have. There is nothing more important to the Free World than a strong U.S. economy backed by sound fiscal and monetary policies. If this philosophy isn't pursued, our freedom and independence are indeed in great jeopardy.

Mr. Champion was chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank from 1961 to 1969.

March 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Erickson:

I share your concern about the drug and alcohol problem among our young people and believe, as I'm sure you do, that the answer lies in taking the customers away from the drugs not the other way around. I'm old enough to recall when heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, refused to endorse a cigarette because of the effect it might have on youngsters. When I was sports announcing, no professional athlete would do a beer ad.

As you know, Nancy is very much involved in working with kids on the drug problem. At the government level we are having some success in intercepting the peddlers and the drugs, but as I said, the more practical approach is to turn the customers off.

I wonder if any progress could be made with the team owners regarding commercial endorsements? I remember a time in Hollywood when there was a morals clause in every one of our contracts. The studio could cancel the contract of any performer who violated commonly accepted moral conduct standards. Maybe something like that could work in pro-sports.

Well believe me I share your concern and appreciate your offer of help.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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February 2, 1983

John Erickson
National President

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Dear Mr. President!

Greetings and blessings to you this day. I am personally grateful for your leadership and steadfastness.

A year ago you and I spent a few minutes together in the Oval Office talking about the work of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes across America. We mutually shared our concerns and the work of FCA in the alcohol abuse area with young people.

Since our deep involvement in drug abuse over two and one-half years ago, we have encountered some successes but far fewer than we would desire. It is a most difficult task.

Our work has discovered some new truths which I believe our nation must recognize. Athletics are no longer a part of the solution to drug use concerns but rather they are now a part of the problem. Secondly, we have discovered that America's youth are receiving badly mixed signals from society about drug abuse. Example: A real concern about drunken driving but little concern for the promotion and sale of alcoholic beverages to and for youth. The sports beer commercials are devastating right now to youth. All are designed with one message: if you want to be successful and happy, drink beer.

I've attached copies of two articles which speak to the concern. I could send literally dozens of others.

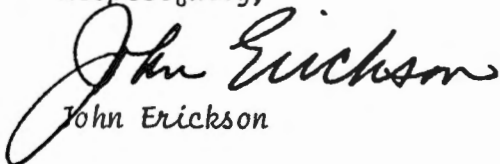
In summary, it is my feeling that we must get to the very heart of the problem and make certain American youth hear one ungarbled message: drug use, including alcohol use, is dangerous and can be habit forming; misuse and abuse will lead to only two results: institutionalism or premature death one way or another.

February 2, 1983

|| Mr. President, America needs our best American models
to convey this message. I'll do anything to be helpful
to you in this battle.

Thanks for listening.

Respectfully,


John Erickson

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



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TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1983

Sports and drugs

The fact that drug and alcohol abuse continues to plague professional sports is no surprise. What is surprising are the dithering, who-me? responses from people who could do something about it.

Take, for example, the disclosures by two pro football coaches, one a Super Bowl winner only a year ago, about the use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol among their players.

Neither Coach Bill Walsh of the San Francisco 49ers nor Coach Ed Biles of the Houston Oilers provided any specifics. But, in the wake of disappointing seasons for their teams, both acknowledged the seriousness and extent of the problem.

They conveyed the impression that it is beyond their ability to handle the situation, and that nothing much could be, or would be, done by anyone else in the football hierarchy.

Their words had barely been uttered when, almost as if to illustrate them, two Houston players were arrested — one charged with possessing cocaine, the other accused of drunken driving.

That follows a summer of stunning revelations about cocaine peddling and use among professional football, baseball and basketball players, and the sentencing of a

former New Orleans football player to three years in prison for cocaine dealing.

He contends that he is a sacrificial lamb, that others who did the same — and he has named many names — are still collecting six-figure salaries while he languishes in the lockup.

Perhaps they are. But interest in pursuing the investigation cooled as the football season got under way. No one was disciplined or even threatened — a far cry from the days when pro athletes were permanently banned for misconduct.

The attitude seems to be that the athletes are reflecting a not-uncommon lifestyle.

There is something seriously wrong with that attitude. Professional athletes serve as heroes and models for many younger people, including high-school and college athletes.

Pro players who turn to drugs threaten their own well-being and the lives and careers of younger athletes who may be lured to emulate them.

It is time for the National Football League and other professional groups to face up to this spreading problem — and to start cleaning their ranks of the coke sniffers, the potheads and the pill-poppers who are undermining the integrity of pro sports in the United States.

Sportsbeams

Compiled by Cindy Boren

sportswriter

On Dec. 23 . . .

1952—Jim Thomas scored a game-high 30 points to lead Drake to a 77-57 victory over Missouri in a college basketball game played in Des Moines, Iowa.

1962—Tommy Brooker's 25-yard field goal after 17 minutes, 54 seconds of sudden-death overtime gave the Dallas Texans a 20-17 victory over the Houston Oilers in the American Football League championship game.

1972—Pittsburgh's Franco Harris caught a fourth-down pass deflected by Oakland's Jack Tatum, returned it 42 yards for a touchdown with only 5 seconds remaining, and the Steelers won a 13-7 NFL playoff victory over the Raiders in Pittsburgh.

1977—Bob Lanier and John Shumate combined for 47 points, 23 of them from the foul line, in Detroit Pistons' 108-107 victory over the Chicago Bulls in a National Basketball Association game in Chicago.



In 48 years, 41 different colleges have played in the Orange Bowl, yet only four have appeared in the game as many as five times. Of the following, name the teams that have appeared the most times and the fewest in the Orange Bowl. (a) Alabama, (b) Georgia Tech, (c) Miami, Fla., (d) Nebraska, (e) Oklahoma.

Olympics may be one big Happy Hour

A California alcohol abuse expert has warned the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to prepare for "significant increases" in drunken driving, alcohol-related crime, public intoxication and drunken rowdiness during the 1984 Olympic Games.

The Olympic committee, which already has signed a reported \$10 million promotion deal with the brewers of Budweiser, refused to discuss the committee's plans to deal with the potential problem.

A former official of the California state Alcoholic Beverage Control Department said the committee is an "ostrich with its head in the sand."

A 1979 state survey that identified where drunken drivers drank before driving home found the most common point of origin was Dodger Stadium.

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March 14, 1983

Dear Mrs. Manace:

I can't tell you how much your letter has meant to me. In these times of economic distress and worldwide trouble, when native born Americans sometimes cynically downgrade our country, you remind us of how much we have to be thankful for.

Believe me you have strengthened the traditional bond of friendship between Canadians and Americans -- certainly as far as I'm concerned. I'm very proud you have become a citizen of the United States. And I'm overjoyed at your choice of party. Welcome.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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San Francisco, California 94118

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San Francisco, CA 94118.

February 22, 1983.

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

Dear Mr. President,

On November 30, 1982 I became a citizen of the United States of America. As President of this nation, you welcomed all of us that morning with a letter to commemorate a very grand occasion.

I would like to respond.

I was born in Toronto, Canada, and moved with my husband to San Francisco in 1974. We were drawn here by the beauty of one of the world's great cities, by the warm spirit of the West Coast and by the vitality of the American experience.

In the United States, we found a country where the individual is still the most important element in the social and political structure, yet a country where the unity of such individuals in pursuit of common goals has provided a continuing strength.

We believe there is a wellspring of goodness in this nation which is self-renewing and from which Americans are able to champion what is just, to honor what is meaningful and to encourage the finest in human endeavor.

Here there is a spirit, a sense of flair balanced by humility, and a sense of humor evident in the ability to laugh at our own shortcomings--and the wherewithal to change failings into achievements.

Here is a country where Thanksgiving is a cause for national celebration.

As a newly registered voter in the party you head, but even more important, a voter in the country you lead, I want to thank you for continuing the traditions of service which have contributed to the greatness of America.

Greatness has preceded us; greatness lies ahead. But as you yourself have done, each of us who lives here and calls this country home must be prepared to serve, in ways humble to profound. I am proud of the United States of America. I am grateful for the opportunity this country has afforded me. And it is with joy that I have chosen to commit myself to the course of this nation and serve her as a citizen.

God Bless America.

Most sincerely,

Kathy Cole Manace

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back the copy.
Kathy*

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March 3, 1983

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Mike - I've
answered Mrs. Manace
letter - Ron*

Dear Mike:

The attached letter is marvelous! If I do not miss my guess, I think that The President and Mrs. Reagan would enjoy reading it.

I met Mrs. Manace at a party in San Francisco recently and she told me about her excitement at becoming a citizen just before Christmas. She also mentioned that she was so grateful she wanted to write a letter to The President but didn't have the nerve. So I told her that if she did write to please send me a copy. Here it is.

With warm regards,

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dennis L. Bark".

Dennis L. Bark
Deputy Director

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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March 14, 1983

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Regards,

RON

Mr. Thomas M. O'Brien
6560 N. Scottsdale Road
Building J, Suite 202
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253

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To Mr. Ed Hammer Sun Valley Estates Lot 315
1340 Highway 19 So. Tarpon Springs
Dear Mr. Hammer Fla. 33589

Thanks very much for sending me the income tax form of 1913. What a small beginning for the monster we know now.

I recall reading that one of the advocates of the income tax said at the time, "We must have such a tax not for govt's. needs but for govt's. wants." Well govt. seems to keep on wanting more. I hope we've started down a road to fix that.

Again thanks & my regards to Mrs. Hammer.
To Mr. Henry Salvatori 1901 Ave. of The Stars
Dear Henry L.A. Calif. 90067

Forgive me for being so late in acknowledging your letter of Feb. 16th. I'm going to take your suggestion up with the appropriate cabinet members and I thank you for sending it. There is no question but our sterling bankers seem to have put themselves in a mess. I wonder if their hanging on to interest rates that are still too high is born of desperation? When I think what another couple of points drop in the rates would do for recovery.

Nancy sends her love & from both of us to Grace.

Sincerely Ron
To Mr. John Erickson - 3701 Leeds Rd. K.C. Mo. 64129
Dear Mr. Erickson

I share your concern about the drug & alcohol problem among our young people and believe as I'm sure you do that the answer lies in taking the customers away from the drugs not the other way around. I'm old enough to recall when H.W. Champion Jack Dempsey refused to endorse a cigarette because of the effect it might have on youngsters. When I was sports announcing no professional athlete would do a beer ad.

As you know Nancy is very much involved in working with kids on the drug problem. At the govt. level we are having some success in interesting the peddlers & the drugs but as I said, the more
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practical approach is to turn the customers off.

I wonder if any progress could be made with the team owners regarding commercial endorsements? I remember a time in Hollywood when there was a morals clause in every one of our contracts. The studio could cancel the contract of any performer who violated commonly accepted moral conduct standards. Maybe something like that could work in pro-sports.

Well believe me I share your concern and appreciate your offer of help.

Sincerely RR

To Mrs. Kathy Cole Manace 3957 Sacramento St.
Dear Mrs. Manace S. F. Calif. 94118

I can't tell you how much your letter has meant to me. In these times of ec. distress & world wide trouble when native born Americans sometimes cynically downgrade our country you remind us of how much we have reason to be thankful for.

Believe me you have strengthened the traditional bond of friendship between Canadians & Americans - certainly as far as I'm concerned. I'm very proud you have become a citizen of the U.S. And I'm overjoyed at your choice of party. Welcome.

God Bless you.

Sincerely RR

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

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Regards Ron

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March 14, 1983

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Thank you for your letter and I'm glad the way things turned out for you businesswise.

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Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Donald T. Fritz
Mays Chapel Road
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

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DONALD T. FRITZ

MAYS CHAPEL ROAD • LUTHERVILLE, MARYLAND 21093

February 1, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your plea to business to try to hire one additional worker is a creditable effort to alleviate a tragic situation. As a small businessman for thirty years, I believe the idea, though well intentioned, will have difficulty flying.

I remember not long ago, after what appeared on the surface a tolerable year for my construction related company, I received from my accounting firm the devastating news that our net worth had decreased \$100,000.00 in one year. Thinking myself a typical businessman with average intelligence, having built my business slowly but solidly over three decades to over a \$600,000.00 net worth, the numbing thought occurred to me, I really could not put my finger on any single major reason for this dilemma. That was the frightening part.

In retrospect three years later, the problem appears a stealthy and dangerous one. There is no way a business can circumvent it. It amounts to fear of government or government demanding too much. Examples:

Dread when hiring people creating incomplete screening of applicants caused by the intimidation of recently enacted employee rights laws. Fear someone you have not hired filing suit for some imagined discrimination.

The subtle but steep risk in employer's contributions toward unemployment insurance and worker's compensation benefits.

The same with employer contributions toward Social Security.

Mandated minority business set asides that, despite their good intentions, are decimating many established firms in nonsophisticated trades.

These government taxes and mandates drastically limit a small business's capacity to produce new jobs.

Most of my company's problems traced back to the government. My company apparently did not stand alone experiencing this difficulty. Our largest competitor merged in a conglomerate takeover, another major competitor recently went bankrupt, and other competitors liquidated.

The knee jerk reaction to such an apprehensive situation is to enact action assuring immediate economic efficiency.

This means not hiring anyone, allowing attrition to whittle down your workforce and getting more out of the employees remaining.

I don't believe many small business owners, and they are the ones to whom you directed your plea, can with good conscience in today's unstable economy risk disaster by hiring another person. I read that, annually, employee benefits average well over \$6500.00. They amount to 37% of a business's payroll. This sum, often, is the difference between profit and loss to hundreds of thousands of small businesses.

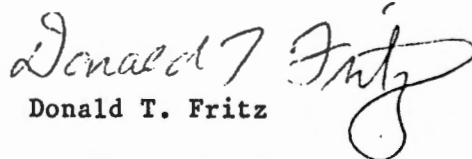
Mr. President, small business wants to help you through this uncertain period in our country's history. Nevertheless, business has got to be economically viable; ~~it is not a philanthropy.~~

I am fortunate. A large contractor, seeking diversification, offered to buy my company. I sold it. Now I am affiliated with a contractors trade association. I continue to monitor small business's problems. I firmly believe, with government's cooperation, your goals could be met without putting one's business in jeopardy.

Please understand the problem of small business.

✓ We stand four square behind you, yet survival remains a strong aspiration.

Respectfully,


Donald T. Fritz

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March 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Rea:

The feeling is mutual. I developed a feeling of respect and friendship for the people of Monroe several years ago when I was there on a speaking engagement. My most recent visit only enhanced and added to that feeling.

Thanks for your kind letter and your invitation. I know you'll understand why I can't comment on that.

Best regards,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. John Rea
P.O. Box 2442
Monroe, Louisiana 71207

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MONROE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

P. O. Box 2442
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JOHN REA
President

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February 17, 1983

President Ronald Regan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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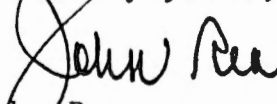
Dear Mr. President:

As we began our February Board of Directors' meeting, I was handed a copy of your handwritten letter to Mr. Jerry Jones, the sixth grade teacher at Drew Elementary School. This letter (plus your handwritten comments to the students) was shared with our Board in a very touching recap of our visit to your office.

In your radio broadcast from Monroe, you mentioned that trying circumstances have a way of bringing neighbors together in a unified effort and, Mr. President, I can honestly say that our circumstances and your visit enabled us to turn a negative media impression into a very positive, spirit-building community effort. We are pleased that you were able to pull out of us what we knew we had all along.

Mr. President, thank you for visiting with us. Again, if you would like to announce your decision to seek re-election in a community that truly loves you, please consider Monroe, Louisiana. We would love to have you come back.

Sincerely yours,



John Rea

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CC: Congressman Jerry Huckaby

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March 14, 1983

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Thank you very much for your letter but even more for your kind words. I'm not surprised that the press turned away when you offered those kind words. They have their own agenda and it's based on controversy.

With regard to appointments I think (and hope) you'll be agreeably surprised about Margaret Heckler. I'm confident she'll carry out my policies and be personally loyal. She recognizes the difference between representing a single, quite Democratic congressional district and a national constituency.

I can understand your concern about the jobs bill but again I put that down to a pretty distorted picture presented by the media. I don't believe we've called for excessive additional spending although we have had to recognize the need for extended unemployment compensation for hardship cases.

I'll keep up the fight and again, thank you and thanks for your prayers.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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March 1, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I recently returned from the CPAC Conference in Washington where I had the pleasure of hearing you talk. I was pleased at the turnout and I want to thank you for coming to speak to us and for the assistance of your cabinet members in making it a successful event.

I am troubled, however, by the way the press handled this event. I know from personal experience that they were not interested in reporting my own remarks in support of you when I was interviewed. They abruptly withdrew the microphone and walked away. I recall though seeing an excerpt of M. Stanton Evans' critical remarks three times within the limited coverage that was provided.

I want you to know that I agree with some of what Mr. Evans said but I also agree with William Rusher that you are the best President we ever had and are deserving of our support and encouragement. The press did not like my saying so.

I am also concerned, as Stanton Evans is, that many of your recent appointments, including Margaret Hatcher, appear to be counterproductive to what the American public had hoped from you.

The Jobs bill seems to be another case in point where it appears you have given up in your efforts to fight the pork barrel budgeting of the Democratic Congress and the

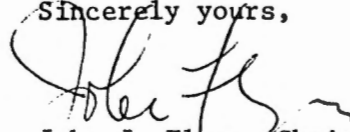
spiraling increases on spending do not appear to coincide with the promised reductions in budget increases which you promised.

From hearing the speakers who were steadfastly in support of you, I know that you must cope with a number of problems and the largest appears to be the inertia of the incumbent holdovers who continue to push their programs and ignore yours. This is a fact which the general public cannot understand and I, too, though I am somewhat familiar with politics find difficult to accept.

Please continue in your fight. Do not become discouraged and remember that you are the answer to our prayers. If you can't do it, there isn't anyone else who can.

You have my prayers for continued good health and success.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John J. Flynn", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John J. Flynn, Chairman
Westchester County
Conservative Party

JJF/cw

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March 14, 1983

Dear Dr. Smith:

Believe me you did more than prescribe two aspirin and a good nights sleep with your letter written on that Sunday afternoon. By coincidence I'm reading it on a Sunday afternoon at Camp David with a fire going. I'm reading it to Nancy and we both thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

You were very kind to write as you did and we're grateful for your generous words. Please give our regards to Mrs. Smith -- and pat that boxer puppy on the head.

Again, thanks.

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RONALD REAGAN

J. Rutherford Smith, M.D.
P.O. Box 1173
Walterboro, South Carolina 29488

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13 Feb 1983

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21093

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