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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 6, 1983

Dear Reverend and Mrs. Cotter:

Thank you for a warmly worshipful Easter morning. Thanks, too, for the friendly acceptance of us by your parishoners. We hope we didn't cause them too much disruption and inconvenience. When we go anywhere these days we are a group.

Those who make up the group were unanimous in their appreciation of the service and particularly of the sermon -- and so were we.

Again, our heartfelt thanks for your hospitality and for a real spiritual lift.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Reverend and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Cotter
Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church
1825 Alamo Pintado Road
Solvang, California 93463

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Rev. Jeffrey L. Cotter
Pastor (Patti Cotter - wife)
Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church
1825 Alamo Pintado Road
Solvang, California 93463

Dr. HUGO SACCHET
50 Irving Street
Washington DC 20422
is retiring as Chief of Staff
@ VA Hspt

A letter from the President to Dr
Sacchet would be
appreciated.

My congratulations to
you as you retire as
Chief of Staff of the VA
Medical Center in Washington DC.

Your distinguished medical
career which included
four years with the U.S. Army
Medical Corps and fifteen
years with the Veterans
Hospitals in Martinsburg
West Virginia and
Washington DC has
benefitted many people
who have served Their
Country,

By this letter, I thank you
for your contributions to
the welfare of those whom
you have served so
faithfully.

Sincerely yours

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To Rev. & Mrs. Jeffrey L. Cotter - Santa Ynez Valley
Presbyterian Church
1825 Alamo Pintado Road Solvang Calif.
93463

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WASHINGTON

April 6, 1983

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We are in agreement about the Christian revival in our land. For several years I have spoken of what I felt was a hunger among our people for such a spiritual revival. Now, like you, I believe it is beginning. Maybe our economic distress helped bring it on. Certainly there has been a great increase in charitable giving and volunteer effort to help the less fortunate. Neighbor helping neighbor has once again become the custom.

Again, my thanks to you and very best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Blake H. Steele
326 N.E. 63rd
Portland, Oregon 97213

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 7, 1983

Dear Mr. Lasko:

Your editorial comment on the fuel tax bill February 18, 1983, has only recently been brought to my attention.

I immediately had a report prepared with regard to the allegations that revenues from the fuel tax were to be used for purposes other than highways and mass transit. I assume that your editorial was based on an erroneous news story and thought you would want the true facts.

According to the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of Transportation, use of revenues from the fuel tax is indeed confined to highways and mass transit. Of the "odd" items mentioned in the editorial, only two are funded from the fuel tax, and these are related to highways or mass transit. The rest were either funded from existing sources or were dropped from the final bill before it reached my desk.

The following is a brief review of the specific items mentioned in your editorial:

Virgin Islands Ferryboat Study: This provision directs Congress' Office of Technology Assessment to study the use of high-speed ferryboats in the Virgin Islands, presumably using existing OTA funds; no funds from the fuel tax are involved.

Vending Machine "Study": This provision does not involve a study -- it simply authorizes states to permit vending machines at interstate rest stops. No Federal money is used in their installation or operation.

Tax Status of Religious Orders: This rider, attached by the Senate, required a study of the tax status of certain members of religious orders by Treasury. Though the rider was dropped in conference, Treasury has agreed to prepare such a report for the Congress (using current department funds).

Convict Labor "Study": The portion of the bill dealing with convict labor does not provide for a study of the "effects of convict labor on the job market." The provision amends a current law prohibiting the use of convict labor on highway construction projects to add a prohibition on the use of any materials produced by convict labor. No expenditure of funds is required by this provision.

Wave Erosion "Study": Under this provision, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to set up a demonstration project (not a study) at Devils Lake, North Dakota, to test construction techniques for preventing wave erosion of grade level highways that cross lakes and reservoirs. No more than 75% of this project will be funded by the Federal government. Federal funds will come out of the Highway Trust Fund at a cost of around \$4.5 million. This expenditure is, of course, highway-related.

Massachusetts Mass Transit Loan: Congress included a provision in the bill for giving two urban mass transit loans to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The loans, made in 1973 and 1976, were used to acquire rights-of-way. No fuel tax money will be required by this House-originated action since the loans have already been made.

"Forgiveness" of Student Loans: Under certain Federal loan programs, all or a portion of the student's loan may be discharged by performing specified public service work. One example is that of medical students who later work as doctors on Indian reservations to pay off their loans.

While doing so, they receive special tax treatment, which the Senate version of this legislation would have extended for one year. However, the provision, which never involved fuel tax revenue, was dropped by the conference committee.

I hope this clears the air and reassures you that revenues from the fuel tax will be properly used.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan A

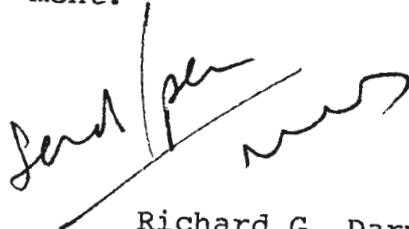
Mr. Ed Lasko
2nd Avenue at Fifth Street, S.E.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52401

✓ CC: Ken DWBERSTEIN
✓ JAMES CICCONE

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
April 7, 1983

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached letter to Ed Lasko, which you had previously edited, has the approval of OMB, Ken Duberstein, Fred Fielding and the Offices of Cabinet Affairs and Policy Development.


Richard G. Darman

Mr. Ed Lasker
~~To Mr. Ed Lasker~~

To KCRG-TV Editorial Board
 Cedar Rapids Television Co.
 Cedar Rapids Iowa

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Dear Mr. Lasker

Your editorial comment on the Fuel Tax bill Feb. 18th
 has only recently been brought to my attention. ~~I~~
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MR. PRES:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

YOU ASKED ABOUT A
REFERENCE TO THIS IN THE
NEWS SUMMARY LAST WEEK

Jim Baker

February 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: James A. Baker, III
FROM: Jim Ciccconini
SUBJECT: Allegations About Use of Fuel Tax Revenues

An editorial by KCRG-TV (see Tab A) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, alleged that revenues from the fuel tax are being used for purposes other than highways and mass transit. The editorial then listed a series of non-highway items included in the legislation.

The Office of Management & Budget & the Dept. of Transportation

According to ~~the bill~~ use of revenues from the fuel tax is indeed confined to highways and mass transit. Except in two instances, the "odd" items mentioned in the editorial are not funded from the fuel tax. Most were attached to the bill as riders when it appeared to be the only piece of legislation assured of passage during the lame duck session.

The following is a brief review of the specific items mentioned in the editorial:

1. Virgin Islands Ferryboat Study: This provision directs Congress' Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to study the use of high-speed ferryboats in the Virgin Islands, presumably using existing OTA funds; no funds from the fuel tax are involved.
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3. Tax Status of Religious Orders: This rider, attached by the Senate, required a study of the subject by Treasury. Though the rider was dropped in conference, Treasury has agreed to prepare such a report for the Congress (using current department funds).

Memorandum for the President
February 28, 1983
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4. Convict Labor Study: Though the editorial mentions a study "of the effects of convict labor on the job market," neither OMB nor myself can locate such a provision in the bill. However, if some such study has been requested, it would almost certainly be paid for with current agency funds and not from fuel tax revenues.
5. Wave Erosion "Study": Under this provision, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized to set up a demonstration project (not a study) at Devils Lake, North Dakota, to test construction techniques for preventing wave erosion of grade level highways that cross lakes and reservoirs. At least 75% of this project will be funded out of the Highway Trust Fund at a cost of around \$4.5 million.
6. Massachusetts Mass Transit Loan: There is a provision in the bill which forgives two urban mass transit loans to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The loans, made in 1973 and 1976, were used to acquire right-of-way. We cannot know for certain why this rider was included, though we know it originated in the House. Also, when similar loans have been forgiven in the past, it was because the projects for which rights-of-way were acquired had since been abandoned. Revenue generated by the fuel tax will presumably have to cover these loans.
7. "Forgiveness" of Student Loans: Under certain federal loan programs, all or a portion of the student's loan may be discharged by performing specified public service work. One example is that of medical students who later work as doctors on Indian reservations to pay off their loans. While doing so, they receive special tax treatment, which the Senate version of this legislation would have extended for one year. However, the provision, which never involved fuel tax revenue, was dropped by the conference committee.

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from the Fuel tax will be properly used.*

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We thought you might be interested in the following Editorial Comment by Ed Lasko, Vice President and General Manager of the KCRG Stations. This Editorial was scheduled on both KCRG-TV and KCRG RADIO on February 18, 1983.

WHEN CONGRESS
PASSED AND PRESIDENT
REAGAN SIGNED THE
BILL RAISING THE FUEL
TAX, WE WERE TOLD
REPEATEDLY HOW ALL THE
FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO
HELP REPAIR OUR
DETERIORATING HIGHWAYS.

WHAT WE WEREN'T
TOLD WAS THAT LARGE
CHUNKS OF MONEY WILL
BE SPENT ON NON-HIGHWAY
PROJECTS. THE
INDEPENDENT TRUCKERS
TRIED TO CALL THIS TO
THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION
DURING THEIR ILL-
FATED STRIKE EARLIER
THIS MONTH.

WE DO NOT EMBRACE
THE TACTICS EMPLOYED
BY THE TRUCKERS
DURING THE WALKOUT;
HOWEVER, WE CAN RELATE

TO SOME OF THE ISSUES
WHICH SPARKED THEIR
PROTEST.

(CHANGE CAMERA)

LISTEN TO JUST A

FEW OF THE WAYS
REVENUES FROM THE
HIGHER TAX WILL BE
SPENT OTHER THAN
FIXING OUR ROADS.

THE BILL PROVIDES

① FOR STUDIES OF THE
NEED FOR HIGH-SPEED
FERRYBOATS IN THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS

② VENDING MACHINES AT
INTERSTATE REST STOPS,

③ THE TAX STATUS OF
RELIGIOUS ORDERS,

④ PLUS STUDIES OF THE
EFFECTS OF CONVICT
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⑤ ON DEVILS LAKE IN
NORTH DAKOTA.

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⑥ PAY OFF AN EIGHT-YEAR-
OLD MASS TRANSIT LOAN

NEVER REPAID BY THE
STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS

⑦ AND TO FORGIVE MANY
STUDENT LOANS.

THESE ARE "PORK
BARREL" PROJECTS OF
THE WORST SORT...
AND BY INCLUDING
THEM IN THE FUEL TAX
BILL, OUR LEADERS IN
WASHINGTON HAVE
DECEIVED US AGAIN.
NO WONDER THE TRUCKERS
ARE ANGRY!

THAT'S TV 9'S VIEW.
LET US KNOW YOURS BY
WRITING TO THE KCRG-TV
EDITORIAL BOARD.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1983

Dear Guilford and Diane:

I'm sorry my trip was so short and that we didn't have more time together but I appreciate very much your warm welcome. Although brief, I enjoyed our chance to visit very much. You have every right to be proud of what you launched there in the Allegheny Center.

Incidentally, that fellow who gave me his resume has a job interview with Radio Shack. I called him last night to let him know. If this one doesn't pan out we'll try again.

I'll look forward to our paths crossing again soon and, again, thanks for all that you have done and are doing.

Sincerely,

Ron

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MEETING YOU
AT CONTROL
DATA INSTITUTE
TODAY -

April 5, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am simply delighted that you will visit our Allegheny Center tomorrow. The enclosed release is somewhat presumptuous, but it is our version of your visit.

I know you took some flack when you made the statement mentioned in the enclosed release. But now the very program to help the unemployed which you suggested is a reality. And it is the private sector, as you wished, that is doing it!

My wife Diane and I were at dinner last Friday night with Harriet and Arde Deutsch. I am in Arde's debt for his having told you of my role (Chairman of the company that owns Allegheny Center) in your visit to the Control Data School. Wherever you visit, you leave a warm wholesome feeling of confidence.

Respectfully,


Guilford Glazer

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P. S. - Al Spiegel and Diane and I were at the World Affairs Council last Thursday when you made an outstanding address. Al wanted me to tell you that he and I work together in the areas with which you are very familiar. Diane and I will be in Pittsburgh to help greet you. We are going to Washington afterward where I will meet with Ambassador Dobrynin (we meet often) to discuss Soviet Jewry.

REAGAN VISIT TO PITTSBURGH'S ALLEGHENY CENTER

President Ronald Reagan will pay a flying visit to Pittsburgh's Allegheny Center Control Data school on Wednesday, April 6th to personally observe American business successfully reacting to the world's changing economy, especially the problem of unemployment.

Reagan will visit the "Control Data" school where unemployed steel and other workers are being retrained with a computer skills program designed to re-position the former steel workers in jobs where their skills will meet the demands of a new decade. This program was precipitated by a Reagan policy statement in early 1982 when he observed that -

"The newspapers are full of help wanted ads. There are many unemployed. We must train the unemployed for the jobs that are beckoning."

Construction of the Control Data school in Allegheny Center was funded by Allegheny Center Associates, the new owners since early 1981 of the huge downtown Pittsburgh project with millions of square feet of high-rise office and apartment buildings, a regional mall, large plaza and park areas, several historic buildings and a garage holding 3,500 cars. This project is unique in that no cars

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are allowed in the project. All cars must drive around or park under the development.

The 80 acre project was built 12 years ago by the Alumimum Company of America in a declining redevelopment area immediately adjacent to Downtown Pittsburgh. The project planned by Alcoa in 1970, ⁱⁿ represented the highest state of the art/mixed use master planning together with prize-winning designs of the four buildings housing 810 apartment units, the two office towers, and the enclosed climatized mall. The Alcoa subsidiary owning the project was sold in April 1981 to a California based company headed by Guilford Glazer, a Los Angeles resident.

Guilford Glazer stated:

"In the fall of 1982, Control Data, one of the world's largest computer companies, came to us for a location for a school to be used to train Pittsburgh area unemployed in computer skills. Control Data had many questions about the viability of the school/ in this location. We felt that President Reagan's ideas had enormous merit and we wanted to be part of the President's program and to make whatever contribution possible. We told Control Data that we would expend 100% of the funds needed to build the school in Allegheny Center. We offered lease terms at far below market rentals. We agreed that if the school did not work out, Control Data could cancel the lease. The Control Data people invested a large amount of money in the school. They provided equipment and many of their top people. They very skillfully went about recruiting students. Because of Control Data's outstanding program and their very intensive and effective work, the school is a great success. The net result is that this project represents a most outstanding example of cooperation between private and industry/ state and federal government toward ameliorating unemployment and helping those who help themselves to move from the unemployed to positions where they fill urgent needs, command high wages, and regain the self-esteem which they richly deserve."

GLAZER WENT ON TO SAY:

"We are very happy to play a part in this exciting program. The major credit goes to the President, the Governor of Pennsylvania, and to Control Data."

President Reagan will arrive at Allegheny Center via the underground street system. He will see the park-like setting and historical significance of Allegheny Center buildings such as the Buhl Planetarium, Carnegie Library, Old Post Office Museum, and the Pittsburgh Public Theater. The thousands of Allegheny Center apartment residents, office workers, merchants, shoppers and visitors will see the President's motorcade as it circles the development before depositing him in the school itself, where he will meet with students and staff. Mayor Richard S. Caliguiri will be present along with other dignitaries. The Mayor has long been the major booster of the northside redevelopment area which surrounds Allegheny Center.

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~~To Mr. & Mrs. Hilford~~

To Mr. & Mrs. Hilford Meyer - HKT Industries
1901 Ave. of the Stars Suite 860 L.A. Calif. 90067

Dear Hilford & Diane

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1983

Dear Ward:

Thank you very much for sending the Tribune editorial on the nuclear freeze resolution. First, let me say the Tribune's philosophy has been such lately that I'm a little surprised to find it and me on the same side on something.

We're going to fight right down to the wire and hope we can stop the freeze resolution or change it so it can't do any harm. I really am grateful for the editorial and appreciate very much your getting it to me.

Nancy sends her best.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ward L. Quaal
Suite 3140
401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60611

P.S. There was another editorial suggesting we unilaterally reduce our tactical nuclear weapons in Europe to see what the Russians response would be. We've already removed more than 1000 such weapons.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 12, 1983

Dear Bob:

It was nice to get your letter and the news of your trip. Thank you very much.

I like your idea about having your European counterparts here in June and having them get together with Bill. I hope I'm not out somewhere in the hustings at the time. I'd like to meet them myself.

When you have the dates write me (through Kathy), that way I'd be sure to get it and we can set something up.

Thanks for your generous words. I share your wish about some of our conservative writers -- we've tried but apparently they are convinced we travel separate roads. We're still fighting on the Defense Budget but some of our friends have tunnel vision.

Best regards,



Mr. R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr.
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THE AMERICAN SPECTATOR.

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4 April 1983

Ms. Kathy Osborne
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Osborne:

I would be most appreciative if you would pass along the enclosed letter to the President. Thank you.

Yours faithfully,


R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr.

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Enclosure

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4 April 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I have just returned from a USIA sponsored journey to Europe wherein I put together meetings in Paris, London and Rome with a group of our National Review-Commentary-American Spectator writers and their European equivalents. In June we will bring the Europeans here. My idea was to fortify lasting relationships between like-minded young writers on both sides of the Atlantic so as to strengthen the NATO alliance at its foundations. Serendipitously, I find that according to a front page story in today's New York Times this is what Charles Wick is trying to do and I have written him. A lot can be done.

I wonder if, when I bring these Europeans to America in June, they could meet with William Clark for a discussion of our mutual strategic aims? We actually have a surprising number of good friends in Europe who support us. Our problem is to cultivate them and encourage them. Things are never as bad as the American press says they are, as you know. I also wonder if there is anything I could do for you. When one is in Europe one sees America at a distance and fills with hope that he can do more. You are doing a great job, and as you know I want to help you in every way I can.

While in England, I spent a couple of days with Malcolm Muggeridge who asked me to send his great thanks to you for wiring him on his birthday and for your great speech to the evangelicals down in Orlando. It may have upset a few idiots, but you can be sure that men like Muggeridge and Solzhenitsyn were grateful. We are all with you. Let me know what I can do to further our mutual goals and continue the fine job you are doing.

Yours faithfully,



R. Emmett Tyrrell, Jr.

P.S. I wish that we could get those conservative writers back with you. There has not been much follow-up, but hang in there on the

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defense budget it's too old to fight in the trenches!

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Assistant Managing Editor
William McGurn

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April 12, 1983

Dear Bill:

Just a quick line to acknowledge your good letter and recommendation of Neal Freeman. Justin is stepping down for health reasons.

Apparently there is heavy competition for the spot but I'm passing the word to Helene about Neal and indicating I think he'd be a fine choice.

Nancy sends her love. By coincidence, a National Review arrived on my desk today -- courtesy of one William A. Rusher. Thank you.

Best regards,

Ron

Mr. William A. Rusher
National Review
150 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016

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WILLIAM A. RUSHER
Publisher

Send to Helene right away.
RR

April 8, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

You know how seldom I have bothered you personally about possible appointees to positions in government--partly because, as I discovered when you asked for suggestions just after your election, I haven't all that long a list of obvious candidates.

One of those I recommended to you at the time, however (though only for a job on a transition team), was my old friend Neal Freeman. As I believe you know, Neal's first job after graduating from Yale was as Bill Buckley's right-hand man. From there he went on to the executive vice presidency of King Features Syndicate, and appointment by President Nixon to the board of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (when he was, I believe, not yet 35). In recent years he has had his own communications business in suburban Virginia, and I am confident that you are broadly aware of his very high abilities.

I note that, according to the papers, Justin Dart may be stepping down for reasons of health from his membership on the board of Comsat. If so, I submit that Neal would be a really splendid designee for the unexpired term.

No response to this note is needed or expected; I can imagine how many pressures there are on you in matters like these! I just thought I would pass along the suggestion. My love to Nancy, and my very best wishes to you--

As always,

Dear Helene

Bill

William A. Rusher

*I don't know where we
are on this but I believe
Neal Freeman would be an ideal replacement
for Jus Dart. I agree with everything Bill
says about him.* *RR*

To Mr. Ward L. Quaal 401 No. Michigan Ave.
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To Mr. William A. Rucker - Nat. Review East 35th St.
N.Y. N.Y. 10016

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Thank you, Bill. Best regards,

Don

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EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MEXICO

The President has seen _____

OFFICE OF THE AMBASSADOR

No Reply

Dear Mr. President,

My sincere thanks to you and
Nancy for your kind Birthday
Telegram.

Connie and I warmly reciprocate
your good wishes and look forward
to seeing you again soon.

Jack

11 April 1983

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Meldrim Thomson, Jr.
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General Services Administration

Administrator

April 6, 1983

TO: Mike Deaver

FROM: Jerry Carmen

Gov. Thomson gave me a copy of an editorial he had written for the Union Leader that he thought the President might be interested in reading. I pass it on for your consideration.

I would appreciate it if Gov. Thomson received an acknowledgment in a personal way.

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his address
from Jerry
Carmen.
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DANGER IN THE CARIBBEAN

by

Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

*Dear Mr. President
Herewith my 2¢ note
in support of your
defense effort. This is
scheduled for Union -
Leader March 28th.
My best to you &
Nancy -
Mel Thom*

President Ronald Reagan's presentation of his proposed defense budget on national TV March 23d was magnificent! It portrayed a beleaguered American leader standing boldly before the forces of cynicism and ignorance in a desperate effort to fight the aggressive worldwide military buildup of the Soviets.

Among these Congressman who chose not to heed the President was New Hampshire's First District Representative Norm D'Amours. His vote was for more wheat and circuses for the masses at the coliseum and forget the ravaging Visigoths at the outer walls. It was D'Amours who was against the B-1 Bomber several years ago.

And yet, the Soviets and their surrogates in Cuba, Grenada and Nicaragua are already viciously gnawing at the soft underbelly of the United States that rests along the Caribbean.

What will it take to awaken the Congressional "D'Amours" to the grave danger to our national security that is rapidly building in the Caribbean Area?

The President in his talk showed three reconnaissance photographs of Grenada, Cuba and Nicaragua which pinpointed the Soviet buildup in the Caribbean.

In emphasizing the magnitude of the Soviet presence just south of the United States, President Reagan said that "in the past two years the level of soviet arms exports to Cuba can only be compared to the levels reached in the Cuban missile crisis."

The level of Soviet arms exports to Cuba twenty years ago was so unacceptable that it prompted President Kennedy, a Democrat, to impose a blockade around Cuba and confront the Soviets with their evil machinations -- all without the approval of Congress. All of which must make patriotic Americans wonder whether the D'Amours of today's Congress are more concerned for their political turf than the security of the nation.

The President's statement as to the level of Soviet export of arms to Cuba and his failure to move against the Soviets as aggressively as did Kennedy twenty years ago eloquently emphasizes the frightening fact that we are not as capable of standing up to the Soviets now as we were then.

President Reagan merely exposed the tip of the drifting palm in the Caribbean in his TV talk of the 23d.

For example, he mentioned the ten thousand foot modern airstrip built on the tiny island of Grenada in the Outer Antilles. Perhaps it was a shortage of time that prevented him from saying more than that, "The Caribbean is a very important passageway for our international commerce and military lines of communication. More than half of all American oil imports passes through the Caribbean".

In the Caribbean Sea, now running red in Marxist Doctrine, the Soviets and their surrogates have in two short decades built a dangerous triangle of power and influence which in time of war could turn that Sea into a boiling inferno of destruction.

The base of this triangle reaches from nicaragua easterly along the 12th parallel some 1,500 miles to Grenada, and from Nicaragua north-

easterly for 600 miles to Cuba and thence southeasterly for a thousand miles to Grenada. This Triangular shaped branding iron bearing the letters U.S.S.R. blankets more than half the Caribbean.

Today the Red Triangle of the Caribbean is patrolled by Soviet surrogates using Soviet MIG 23's, helicopters, and Soviet gunboats armed with Stix missiles any one of which could blow a tanker into fiery bits.

There is a daily parade of tankers criss-crossing the Caribbean. Most of them fly between some 43 oil refineries around the Caribbean and United States ports. Large quantities of Venezuelan oil moves to these refineries and on to United States ports or directly to American ports. Also, most of the Alaskan oil from Prudhoe Bay either enters the Caribbean from the Panama Canal or by way of pipeline across the Isthmus to the Atlantic port of Grand Cherokee.

America is still a long way from being energy independent. So vulnerable are we to an oil cut-off in the Caribbean that we could face an energy disaster in any war in the Caribbean.

Until utterly destroyed the Cubans could with their MIG's and gunboats bring oil shipments across the Caribbean to a halt.

And Panama, should it decide to cast its lot with the Soviets, could destroy the Canal or for a period of time make it unuseable by American ships. And the oil pipeline that crosses northern Panama transiting Prudhoe oil for eastern United States ports would be vulnerable to terrorists bombings from Nicaragua.

All of which is not a very pretty picture, but unfortunately it is one that grows daily worse.

The President rhetorically asked in his defense speech why the 10,000 foot runway on the tiny island of Grenada where there is no air force and less than 110 thousand people?

"Who is it intended for?" the President asked of Grenada.

Obviously, it is intended for the use of the Soviets and their surrogates.

The Marxist Prime Minister of Grenada, Maurice Bishop, came to power in a night coup supported by Cuban soldiers. He promptly moved this tiniest nation of the Western Hemisphere into the camp of the non-aligned Third World and proceeded to hurl verbal denunciations and epithets at the United States.

Grenada is an ideal eastern pillar for the Red Triangle of the Caribbean. Here the Soviets will be able to land large planes with their death-dealing cargoes of armaments, munitions and machines of war for distribution throughout Central and South America.

Two nights after President Reagan's defense speech ABC's Ted Koppel on a Night Line interview with Grenada's Prime Minister Maurice Bishop tried to discredit the President's reference to Grenadas and came off looking like an ashecan that had spent the winter at the dump.

Bishop vehemently maintained that the 10,000 foot runway was for domestic and tourist use only. This smart, lying dictator knows full well that the U.S. Virgin Islands has two large commercial airstrips, neither of which is more than 7,000 feet long and both of which together accommodate more than ten times the number of tourists who annually visit his spice island. And in the free Virgin Islands no military barracks are needed at the airports, as apparently they are in Grenada.

In the 1982 volume, Freedom In The World, the statement is made that in Grenada, "In 1979 a major opposition party came to power by force--the new leaders have increasingly monopolized power and have now postponed elections indefinitely." As in Cuba and Nicaragua political and civil liberties are nonexistent in Grenada. Like the two former nations it is rated "not free".

The ^{free}blind media and some politically selfish Congressmen may not agree with the President's assessment of the lurking dangers to national security beneath, on and above the Caribbean Sea but their motives can only be explained by ignorance or failed patriotism.

Many of these detractors of the Reagan Caribbean policies greeted the political emergence of Fidel Castro as the return of George Washington and the blood-thirsty, terroristic Sandinistas of Nicaragua as agrarian reformers. Some Washington! Some reformers!

Costa Ricans must rue the day they permitted their former Marxist-loving leadership to use their country as a conduit of Cuban and Soviet men and war equipment bound for the Marxist battlefields of Nicaragua. Now Costa Rica the most democratic of all the nations of Central America and a country that prides itself on having no standing army must live in awe and terror of the Frankenstein it helped to build on its northern border.

All patriotic Americans need to rally round and support President Reagan's call to defensive arms. During the next two weeks we must let our Congressmen and Senators know that we expect them to support the President's defense budget and thus provide the means for eliminating the Red Menace in the Caribbean.

To Hon. Melvin Thomson Jr.

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To Col. Barney Oldfield - Little Industries 360 N. Crescent Dr.

Dear Barney

Beverly Hills Cal. 90210

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