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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1983

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WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

TRUST INFORMATION BELOW PLEASES YOU AS US. AFTER SPEECH LAST NIGHT
WE ASKED VIEWERS TO CALL OUR COMPUTERIZED POLL STATING WHETHER YOU
CONVINCE THEM USA SHOULD SPEND MORE FOR DEFENSE. OVER 900 RESPONDED
AS FOLLOWS: YES-88 PERCENT NO-12 PERCENT.

NEVER HAVE WE SEEN SUCH UNANIMITY OF OPINION. WE ARE CBS AFFILIATE IN

SOUTH TEXAS MARKET OF 500,000 OVER 80 PERCENT HISPANICS MAKING
RESULTS EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT. WHEN YOU TIRE OF POLITICS REMEMBER US
WE NEED GOOD SALESMEN.

BEST REGARDS

MCHENRY TICHENOR JR, PRESIDENT KGBT TV

1653 EST

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Dear Reverend Kent:

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I'm sure you realize that in my present position I have access to all the information available on this subject, in fact more than is available to almost anyone else. I make my judgements based on these facts. Again, I assure you I want peace. There have been four wars in my lifetime. I want also the total elimination of all nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Reverend Robert E. Kent
Director
Zionic Relations Office
Saints Church: World Headquarters:
The Auditorium
Box 1059
Independence, Missouri 64051

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

March 9, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to ~~express my dismay at your latest remarks regarding the~~ nuclear freeze movement here in the United States. I am an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam conflict, having served as a member of Air Force Intelligence in regard to our campaigns in Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. I also served at Headquarters--United States Air Force in Europe for three years in the late sixties and early seventies. With this experience, I feel that I know a little bit about national defense, weapon systems, radar systems, and the relationships between super-powers.

Since leaving the Air Force, I have served as a campus minister and am now serving as an Executive Minister with my denomination. Last April, my denomination's legislative conference passed a resolution calling for a reduction of nuclear arms and their eventual elimination. A copy is attached for your information. I and many of my associates are active in the Kansas City Interfaith Peace Alliance and the Kansas City Nuclear Freeze Coalition. I believe you do us and the rest of the American people a great disservice when you distort the truth of the "virtual parity" which now exists between the United States and the USSR with regard to their total amount of nuclear arms. Furthermore, I am saddened that you believe that we would advocate "military and moral inferiority" between the United States and the USSR. Quite the contrary, for me, as a minister and a Christian, the nuclear arms problem is the quintessential moral question of our day. For any nation under God to intentionally plot the destruction of millions of human beings is surely immoral and inhumane.

It is because the nuclear arms problem is of such potential harm to innocent human beings--men, women, and children--that many moral Christians have chosen to take an active part in movements like the Freeze movement. It is not communist inspired. It is inspired out of an earnest desire for peace. And yes, peace through strength, because we already have the means to destroy every person on earth several times over. Our own Department of Defense confesses this. Russia's capabilities are stronger in land-based ICBMs, where we counter this with airborne and naval based missiles. Theirs are bigger; ours, more accurate. In short, we have admitted--on the record--that virtual parity exists. Our military specialists have even said they would not trade our capabilities for Russia's. And to say that a freeze would leave America weak is just untrue. France's and England's missiles in Europe already give the NATO forces a counterattack capability against Russia's 500 some odd missiles deployed in Western Russia.

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CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS, INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

Finally, I resent your implications that those of us advocating a mutual, bilateral freeze are engaged in "simple-minded appeasement." But given a choice between this and "simple-minded militarism" and with it a continued escalation of cold war rhetoric and further polarization between peoples of the United States and the USSR, I would still take the former. I happen to believe that being a Christian nation means setting an example for peace and learning to reconcile our differences from others, rather than threatening them--and everyone--with complete annihilation, which we are doing. Producing "first strike" weapons, like the MX, is the most egregious sin of all, as it provides an inducement to bloody our hands first, with some naive hope that we can actually win such a war. And who would want that sin on their hands and on their consciences? If America is ever to be an "ensign" to the world and an effective influence for peace, let us find ways to sincerely stop producing weapons of mass destruction. Let us freeze the production, deployment and testing of all nuclear weapons now, and quit telling the American people that we will be weak if we do. Let's be honest with them and stand up for some of the moral principles outlined for us by our ancestors. Let us once and for all work for a sustainable peace, and not jeopardize the futures of our children and our earth.

I implore you to listen to your own conscience as a moral man and a Christian, and ask yourself if it is worth it to bankrupt your morality and the morality of the American people by continuing an arms race which robs the coffers of the poor and further destabilizes an already fragile balance in our world. And please quit discrediting many fine Christian citizens--who are far from simple-minded--by making remarks like you made yesterday in Florida. The freeze movement will not go away. Too much is at stake. Please listen to what it is saying. Please listen. . .

Sincerely,



Robert E. Kent, Director
Zionist Relations Office

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Enclosure

cc: Senator John C. Danforth
Senator Thomas F. Eagleton
U.S. Congressman Ike Skelton
Apostle Charles D. Neff, RLDS Church
Wayne Ham
S. Lee Pfohl

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
World Conference Resolution 1178
April 1982

NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTION

Whereas, We have been commissioned to "lift up an ensign of peace, and make a proclamation for peace unto the ends of the earth" (Doctrine and Covenants 102:11) and

Whereas, We have been instructed to obey our Lord's commandments and "be in the forefront of those who would mediate the needless destruction while there is yet day" (Doctrine and Covenants 150:7) and

Whereas, We have taken a stand against proliferation of instruments of mass destruction (WCR 1087) and have indicated a need to urge nations toward responsible reduction and elimination of such and,

Whereas, There are already enough nuclear arms stockpiled to destroy every major population center in the world several times over; and

Whereas, The stockpiling of instruments of mass destruction as a strategy for deterrence of war is increasingly questionable as more and more nations gain capability for mass destruction; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a church, through appropriate administrative representatives of every jurisdictional level (world, national, regional, district, stake, pastoral unit) shall inform the appropriate governmental officials of the need for responsible reduction and eventual elimination of nuclear armaments; and be it further

Resolved, That we, as a church, urge the conversion of resources of war to productive forms of human development; and be it further

Resolved, That we, as a church, encourage our people to set aside one day per month to pray and fast for peace and disarmament; and be it further

Resolved, That we, as a church, join with other organizations that are constructively promoting a reduction of instruments of mass destruction.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vondy:

Just a line to acknowledge your letter and to tell you I intend to do everything I can to see that we continue to help the people of El Salvador. Thanks for writing as you did and thanks for your kind words and prayers.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Vondy
1121 East 7th Street
Long Beach, California 90813

Mr. Reagan:

We the Salvadorians love you. Thank you so very much for the help U.S. give to my country. The Dwarf of America, "El Salvador. We need your help Mr. President, our country is broke, you know how the communism destroy everything.

You not are alone God is with you, we praying for you always.

Love,

Julie Vondy

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1121 East 7th Street

Long Beach, California 90813

Mrs. Reagan:

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Lov.

Julie Vandy.

To Mrs. Reagan and
his beautiful wife

May this Anniversary
be filled with joy
From its start until
its end,

And may this year be
sure to hold

All the blessings life
can send.

Sincerely

Julie and Curtis Vandy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1983

Dear Mr. Puig:

By way of your son, Cadet Puig, at West Point I've learned something of your background and achievements. I hope you won't mind my writing to tell you of my admiration for what you have been able to do and my pride that our country made this opportunity possible for you.

But it was your doing and you have every reason to be proud. You can be proud also of your son and his feeling for you. You have his love, his respect and his admiration.

I'm glad a young Luis Puig left the land of his birth and came to the United States -- 21 years ago with his wife and son. Our country is better for their having come here.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Luis M. Puig
President, Searle Caribbean Inc.
Suite D 101-102
867 Munoz Rivera Avenue
Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 00925

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WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

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Cadet Luis E. Puig
P.O. Box 2076
U.S. Corps of Cadets
U.S. Military Academy
West Point, New York 10997

ADET LUIS E. PAIG
P.O. Box 2076
S. CORPS OF CADETS
S. MILITARY ACADEMY
EST POINT, NY 10997



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

24 March 1983

Dear Ms. Higgins,

I recently read an article in U.S. News & World Report in which I learned that you were the correspondence aide to President Reagan. For a long time now I have wanted to write to President Reagan, but I always feared that my letter would never reach him. However, after watching his classic speech on our nation's defenses I decided that I would write to him at all costs. I know that you are the one who controls the correspondence he sees, ma'am, so I please ask you to read my letter to him and bring it to his attention if you find it worthy for him to read. Thank you very much for your help.

Best regards,

Luis E. Paig

Luis E. Paig
CADET USMA



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK

27 March 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I wish to congratulate you on last week's speech regarding our nation's defense. It made me feel immensely proud to have you as my president. I admire your insistence on doing what is right even if it may take you down the road of harsh criticism and fierce adversity.

I am the son of Cuban political exiles who came to the United States in 1962. My father was one of the young idealists who supported Castro's rise to power. He came to regret this very quickly, but it was too late. He came to this country with absolutely nothing - not a dime in his pockets, no knowledge of English, very few clothes, and no college education. He had the burden of supporting a wife and child on top of all the rest. To any other man these might have been insurmountable obstacles, but my father is a man of iron will. He mastered the English language, paid his own way through college, and today he is president of a pharmaceutical company. His biggest source of pride is that his eldest son is a West Point cadet. He is a living example to me of what hard work and lots of sacrifice can achieve.

I know, sir, that nothing would please my father more than to receive a letter from you. He respects you deeply for having risen from humble origins to the Presidency of the United States, and for your strong

convictions which he very much shares.
I would be eternally grateful if you could
write to this man whom I love, respect and
admire so much and who I am lucky enough
to have as my father. His name and address
are as follows:

Luis M. Puig
PRESIDENT, SEARLE CARIBBEAN INC.
SUITE D 101-102
867 MUÑOZ RIVERA AVE.
RÍO PIEDRAS, PUERTO RICO 00925
TEL. (809) 765-7880

Thank you very much for your kind
attention, Mr. President. I wish you all
the best. May God's blessings be with you
always. I remain,

yours,

Luis C. Puig
Luis E. Puig
CADET, U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

P.S. Please give my family and me the
chance to vote for you a second time.

To Officer Joseph Schauf 29 Cabville Court Apt. 2-B
Pittsburgh Pa. 15220

Dear Officer Schauf

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To Rev. Robert E. Kent - Director, Zion's Relations Office

Saints Church: World H.Q.

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Independence Mo.

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Respectfully RR

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April 18, 1983
Fiddletown
PP California
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Dear Mr. President 4612
and Mrs. Reagan,

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Thank-you very much
for the picture and birthday
card. It's a great honor
to receive them.

Thank-you for
taking time out of your
busy day to sign and
send them.

Sincerely,
Heather Nittle Hw

HANDWRITING FILE



From the desk of President Ronald Reagan:

To Mrs. Diane Sisco Witte
El Centro
Star Route Box 12 C
Fiddletown Calif. 95629





THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Heather

I know it's quite a while until your birthday but I'm not always sure in this job, where I'll be several weeks from now. So I won't take a chance. I'll say Happy Birthday now and many happy returns.

Give my regards to your mother.

Sincerely

Ronald Reagan



To Heather Lee Witt - Happy 12th Birthday
& Very Best Wishes
Clare & Ronald Reagan



To Diane Sisco Witter - With Very Best
Wishes & Regards
Charles & Ronald Reagan

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1983

~~FOR THE PRESIDENT~~

MEMORANDUM TO RICHARD DARMAN

FROM: MICHAEL P. CASTINE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

SUBJECT: ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE.

*Thanks very much
RA*

The attached letter outlines many creative examples of private sector initiatives used to raise funds for the Buffalo Children's Hospital.

Obviously, not a priority but I thought the President would be interested in reading about private sector initiatives at work.

Thanks.

cc: J. Coyne

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: April 18, 1983

NOTE FOR: MICHAEL P. CASTINE

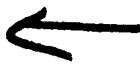
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the attached; and it is forwarded to you for your:

information ☒
action ☐

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

cc: original to files 



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DOLPH (Cy) MARTER

March 4, 1983

Mr. Michael Castine
Office of Private Sector Initiative
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Castine:

Private sector initiative is alive and well here in Western New York! The story of the Variety Club of Buffalo and its 21 year tradition of caring for sick and handicapped children is one of dedication and dynamic volunteerism, recently in the face of severe economic stress.

The men and women of Variety's Tent No. 7, through their annual Telethon have, since 1962, raised some \$9 million to support programs and facilities at Children's Hospital of Buffalo and its Rehabilitation Center. Some \$2.5 million of that total has been raised in the past two years. While the funds have been critically important to the health of the region's youngsters, even more extraordinary is the almost universal community response to and participation in the Telethon effort.

The 1983 Variety Club Telethon--Tent No. 7's 21st consecutive and the oldest locally produced telethon in America--is evidence that the human spirit continues to transcend adversity and that a willingness to share--no matter how difficult the circumstances--is an inherent part of the fabric of this community. Gifts and pledges of \$1,307,747 were received, a sixteen percent increase over 1982. This was achieved despite Buffalo's 19 percent unemployment and the general economic debilitation affecting the entire Western New York economy. The money came from

both the general public and the business community.

However, the real beauty of this project is the breadth and depth of such total participation. There are major special events which raise hundreds of thousands of dollars; there are door-to-door solicitations by boy scouts; there are spaghetti suppers and pancake breakfasts; there are aerobic jazz marathons, skate-a-thons and run-a-thons. There are companies big and small, retail stores, food chains and bars, taverns and restaurants involved; United Auto Worker locals, Masons, Knights of Columbus, VFW Posts, church groups and countless social, fraternal and service clubs all raise money for the Telethon. It is truly a celebration of the life and health of our children. The events listed below should give you a better flavor of this unique effort.

- Some 2,500 children and adults participated in KIDS BOWLING FOR KIDS, which raised over \$100,000. Fifty-eight individual bowling proprietors donated their alleys!
- Four major food chains put together a common promotion involving per unit allowances from vendors and suppliers which raised over \$115,000. Some 180 supermarket products from more than 50 different companies were involved in the promotion.
- Our daily newspaper, The Buffalo News, organized some 3,000 volunteers who braved the cold of a February morning to sell, for a \$1 donation a special edition of the newspaper, featuring a cover section on Children's Hospital--on street corners, expressway ramps, at bus stops, in shopping malls, supermarkets and fast food restaurants. This project raised over \$85,000.
- A local penneysaver initiated a door-to-door solicitation by its 700 carriers and raised some \$20,000.
- Thirty-four volunteer groups called "satellites" organized raffles, dinners, sales, dances and solicitations in communities throughout Western New York, northwestern Pennsylvania and southern Ontario to raise some \$125,000 for the kids.
- Some 75 schools from throughout the area conducted an array of events and projects and students brought in over \$65,000.
- Residents of a senior citizens' home held a four hour Rock-A-Thon, raising some \$500.
- More than 50 night spots and coffee spots put together two raffle promotions among their patrons and raised \$58,000. This promotion

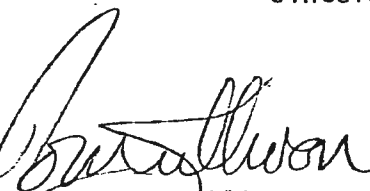
- involved hundreds of volunteers among the members of the Erie County Liquor Licensees Association.
- A group of aerobic jazz dancers danced for four hours and raised \$12,500 from sponsors.
- A handicapped adult suffering from cerebral palsy collected \$500 over two weeks.
- A group of volunteers in Attica, an outlying town, sponsored a Haunted House in October raising \$2,300 for Telethon '83.

This catalogue of events could go on, but through what has been briefly described you should have a general picture of the nature and extent of the project. It all culminates in a 21-hour live television show telecast on the area's top-rated station, WKBW-TV (Capital Cities Communications, Inc.), which donates all of the air time and the time of its many personalities. During the show there is a virtual parade of people and organizations who have raised money for the Telethon; live entertainment featuring nationally-known and local talent occurs; and most importantly, an additional \$300,000 is raised on the pledge phones.

The Variety Club Telethon in Buffalo epitomizes private sector initiative and because it is people in an economically depressed region rising above their problems to assist sick and handicapped children--and because they do it in such a generous and selfless way and have fun doing it!! It is a great cooperative venture involving people, businesses, and organizations.

Should you need more information, don't hesitate to call either of the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Sullivan
General Chairman
Telethon '83

Vice President
Community Relations
Children's Hospital
(716) 878-7713



Philip R. Beuth
Vice President &
General Manager
WKBW-TV

Trustee
Children's Hospital
(716) 845-6100

cc: Congressman Jack Kemp

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Al:

Thank you for your letter and your visit.
I'm turning our political types loose on
Willie Davis. Tell Cynthia your letter
aroused a lot of nostalgia and we'll have
to do some reminiscing soon.

Nancy sends her love to you both.

Best regards,

R. Dutch

*P.S. I almost slipped up on that
signature.*

Mr. Albert E. Schwabacher, Jr.
Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc.
101 California Street
San Francisco, California 94111

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15 April 1983

DEAN WITTER REYNOLDS INC.
101 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94111



ALBERT E. SCHWABACHER, JR.
Vice-President
Investment Banking

Dear Dutch

It was so special seeing you - just like old times. After I left thought of half a dozen things which we should have discussed -

Perhaps the most important and impressive of your many accomplishments as your Presidency has been your "steady as we go" conduct - Resolute Determined and Consistent. It's great and commands respect -

Idea #1 - was not surprised but a paucity of blacks attended the Luncheon Circle. My new friend of 6 years Willie Davis is a remarkable guy - On the board of M&M (courtesy Art Linkletter) Fireman's Fund - formerly Schlitz - should be involved with our Party - ex Green Bay Packer Capt in the Hall of Fame.

Idea #2. Re the Bank opposition to with holding -
Sell it on the grocery counter

concept of sales Tax — but
somehow simplify the record keeping
that's the bug a boo.

Cynthia asked if we'd reminisced
Told her No time —

Just a little nostalgia —
Our sporadic correspondence during
WW II when I was in Europe and you
out here and in the Pacific.

Early in the war the March Field
160th Infantry football game when both
teams wore the same uniform and
the 1st Quarter lasted 26 min.

The trip on Dad's yacht Peg Espodath
your super stories which he loved
so much — "Once more double or nothing"

The many (4) speeches you made for
the Investment Bankers' Assoc
Dinner at your home with The
Arlington Broughs (Robert Taylor)

And much much more —

Phone when we can help

Big Love for Nancy

be

Special thanks for 'heads up' by
Kathy Osborne —

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Jerry:

Just a line to let you know we've followed up on your recommendation of Colonel Lousma. Ron Mann of our Personnel Department has had a meeting with him and is greatly impressed and shares your own feelings about him.

The ambassador situation is very tight right now. We may have to put him on a presidential board until something opens up. We'll keep after it.

Nancy sends her best to you and Betty as do I.

Sincerely,

Ron

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Rancho Mirage, California 92270

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GERALD R. FORD

April 11, 1983

Dear Ron:

It is my understanding that Colonel Jack R. Lousma, the astronaut, has decided to retire from the Marine Corps and from the NASA program. Jack has told me he has written you requesting to be considered for an ambassadorial assignment.

I have known Colonel Lousma because he comes from my old Congressional District in Michigan. Naturally, I have followed his fabulous career as an astronaut in NASA. Jack has a superb record of achievement in anything he has ever undertaken.

Because of his past accomplishments, because of his first-class, worldwide image, and because of his desire to continue to serve our government, I believe he would be a fine ambassador.

I am not familiar with any appropriate assignments that might be available, but I hope you will consider him as opportunities develop. He would do a superb job.

Betty and I wish Nancy and you our warmest, best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY OSBORNE

FROM: HELENE VON DAMM

SUBJECT: Jack R. Lousma

Helene v. Damm

Mr. Lousma met with Ron Mann on my staff yesterday and he was very favorably impressed. We will certainly give Mr. Lousma every consideration for an ambassador post; however, there are fewer and fewer available now. In the meantime, we may put him on a part time presidential advisory board.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Fickling:

Thanks very much for sending me your message to the Bipartisan Appeal. I must confess I've been disappointed by the action taken by so many I had believed were supportive of what we're trying to do. I'm deeply grateful to you.

Right now the Congressional resistance to our proposed budget threatens the recovery we've all worked for. I refer to the budget resolution adopted by the House of Representatives which calls for a massive tax increase. At the same time it cancels many of the savings we adopted over the last two years and eliminates all the spending cuts we have proposed for '84.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. William A. Fickling, Jr.
Charter Medical Corporation
Post Office Box 209
Macon, Georgia

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PETERSON

~~PLEASE WITHDRAW MY NAME FROM THE BIPARTISAN APPEAL ADVERTISEMENTS AS~~
~~I HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING~~

AS YOU KNOW I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT SPEND MORE
THAN IT TAKES IN FOR INCOME. I FURTHER AM IN FAVOR OF MAINTAINING A
STRONG DEFENSE AS OUR FIRST SPENDING PRIORITY AND I DEFINITELY FEEL
THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S PORTION OF GNP SHOULD BE REDUCED RATHER THAN
INCREASED. INITIALLY I RELUCTANTLY AGREE TO AN APPROACH WHICH WOULD
MODERATELY RAISE TAXES AND MODERATELY REDUCE DEFENSE SPENDING
"PROVIDED" THAT CUTS IN THE REST OF THE BUDGET ESPECIALLY SOCIAL
PROGRAMS WOULD TAKE PLACE

~~UNFORTUNATELY THE ISSUES THAT HAVE RECEIVED POPULAR MEDIA, AND~~
~~CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL SEEM TO BE TAX INCREASES AND DEFENSE CUTS-BOTH~~
~~OF WHICH I DO NOT AGREE WITH-AND BECAUSE OF THIS I WOULD APPRECIATE~~
~~YOUR REMOVING MY NAME AS A SPONSOR OF THE BIPARTISAN APPEAL~~

WILLIAM A FICKLING JR
CHARTER MEDICAL CORPORATION
MACON GEORGIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Gordon:

I'm sorry we are on opposite sides on this one but I can't back away from it now. I'm puzzled because this measure rolled through Congress before the last election. There was no mention of it then. But suddenly a lobby appeared -- with, I might say, a pretty effective job of distorting the situation. A great many people think this is a new tax. Few of them realize the great majority are exempt from withholding. And more will be exempt in 1986 when our '81 tax program makes interest for individuals of \$450 tax free.

We've studied every possible alternative for catching the non-payers and this comes up as the only practical way.

You know, Gordon, I like to dream of a happy day when we're out of the swamp when we could do more of the thing we'll do in 1986.

I've told our people to send you the 100 copies of the report you asked for.

Best regards, Ron

P.S. Since starting the letter I've learned of an effort to modify the present law. I've agreed to the compromise -- so we'll see.

Mr. Gordon C. Luce
Great American Federal
600 B Street
San Diego, California 92183

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Great American Federal



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GORDON C. LUCE
Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer

April 13, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I can no longer "hold my peace" concerning the withholding issue. There must be a better way to come up with \$2 to \$5 billion annually (depending on the estimates you read) to help solve your very important budget problem. I recognize it is difficult now for you to change your direction on this subject and hopefully your advisors will develop a reasonable compromise.

A recent poll indicated that only one out of four Americans support the idea and my experience leads me to believe that those "ones" are hard to find. I have enclosed a typical letter from a bank to a customer which, of course, invokes the thought of bureaucracy, red tape, penalties, problems, etc.

Mr. President, what you agreed to last year is not what withholding is today. There is confusion and disarray in both the amount of revenue that will be raised and in how the system will be implemented. For example, I understand the U. S. Treasury has exempted itself for six months.

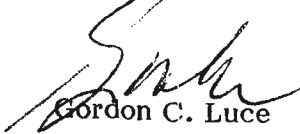
Some years ago, when Jimmy Carter's people thought of this idea, we all complained. Now we are asked to support a bad concept. Our company will gladly cooperate with any proposal you request (we can certainly afford an additional \$1 million in expenses after having lost \$40 million during the last two years). Our problem is not the computers, the cost, the extra work, but the reaction of the public.

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
April 13, 1983
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Mr. President, your friends don't like withholding, maybe because you have been a foe of this kind of thinking for so many years. Members of the financial community would be glad to work with you to achieve a solution to this problem.

Please listen to the average saver who needs encouragement. The results from that encouragement could well offset the loss to the Treasury.

Best regards,


Gordon C. Luce

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Enclosure

D. O. Davis

P.S. Thank you for the special copy of "The Reagan Presidency —Two Years of Progress". Please send me 100 more copies for distribution to some of our mutual friends.



FIRST CHICAGO
The First National Bank of Chicago

One First National Plaza
Chicago, Illinois 60670

March 21, 1983

Dear Security-Holder:

As a result of the passage of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) of 1982, beginning July 1, 1983, The First National Bank of Chicago as dividend or interest disbursing agent will be required to withhold 10% of each of your payments as Federal Income Tax. Any amounts withheld can be claimed by you as taxes paid when you file your Federal Income Tax Return.

The law allows for several categories of exemption from this withholding. If you meet one of the tests shown on the enclosed Certificate of Exemption, simply check the appropriate box, enter your Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number, date and sign the Certificate and return it to us in the envelope provided. Each Certificate of Exemption applies only to the account covered by that Certificate. If we do not have your Social Security or Tax Identification Number, we will be unable to exempt your account from withholding. Your exemption will remain in effect until revoked by you or the U.S. Treasury Department. If you do not qualify for an exemption, you need not take any action. For further instructions, please refer to the Certificate of Exemption.

To expedite the processing of Certificates of Exemption we are refusing to accept any Certificates not provided by us as dividend or interest disbursing agent. It is therefore necessary for you to complete the enclosed form and return it to us to be exempt from withholding.

If you file a Certificate of Exemption when you are not entitled to do so, or if you willfully fail to revoke an exemption when you are no longer entitled to one, you could be subject to both Civil and Criminal penalties. If you have any questions about withholding on your account, please call us at 312/732-8100.

Very truly yours,

The First National Bank of Chicago
Corporate Trust Group

To Mr. Albert E. Schwalbach Jr. - Dean Witter Reynolds
101 Calif. St. S.F. Calif. 94111 Inc.

Dear Al

Thank you for your letter & your visit. I'm
turning our political types loose on Willie Davis.
Tell Cynthia your letter aroused a lot of nostalgia
& we'll have to do some reminiscing soon.

Nancy sends her love to your brother.

Best Regards

Sam

To Pres. ^{Donald R.} Ford - Rancho Mirage Calif. 92270

Dear Jerry

Just a line to let you know we've followed
up on your recommendation of Col. Louima. Ron Mann
of our personnel dept. has had a meeting with him
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feelings about him.

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until something opens up. We'll keep after it.

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Sincerely Ron

To Mr. Wm. A. Fickling Jr. Charter Medical Corp.
P.O. Box 209 Macon Ga.

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believed were supportive of what we're trying to do.

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massive tax increase. At the same time it cancels
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~~eliminates~~ eliminates all the spending cuts we
have prepared for '84. ~~Continued~~

Thanks again.

Sincerely RR

90 Mr. Gordon C. Luce - Genl Am. Federal
600 B. St. San Diego Calif. 92183

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Best Regards Ron

Kathy his P.S. asks for 100 copies of our 2 yr. progress report. I told Ed M. about it but maybe you'd better check a seal of someones doing it.

RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear John:

It was good to hear from you and I appreciate your generous words.

I think your proposal to honor Brunel Christensen is great. I am, of course, in no position to actively participate in furthering your proposal but, believe me, I heartily endorse the idea. I wish you all success. Bru is certainly deserving of such recognition.

Sincerely,

R. M.

Mr. John J. Baumgartner
T.O. Cattle Company
San Juan Bautista, California 95045

From the desk of President Ronald Reagan:

To John J. Baumgartner
T.O. Cattle Co.
San Juan Bautista Calif. 95045

Dear John

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and I appreciate your generous words.

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Bernal Christensen is great. I am
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heartily endorse the idea. I
wish you all success. Bernal
is certainly deserving of such
recognition.

Sincerely
Ron



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHLEEN OSBORNE
PERSONAL SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter from John J. Baumgartner
Requesting Presidential Support
for Naming Brunel Christiansen
to National Cowboy Hall of Fame

Thank you for forwarding the materials you received in connection with the above-referenced request.

We, too, were unable to locate any previous Presidential correspondence with Mr. Baumgartner. His name does appear, however, in the "first name" file, presumably as a result of earlier correspondence. As to Mr. Christiansen, who is evidently deceased, the library found no information on him in a check of standard biographical and other source materials (including the computerized "NEXIS" service covering major publications). No derogatory information was located on the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Based on the foregoing, I think the decision whether to comply with Baumgartner's request is basically a personal one for the President, probably depending primarily on his relationship with Baumgartner (whom Assistant Secretary of Agriculture William McMillan describes, as you may have noted, as a "long and consistent supporter"). I would only note that the negative results of the checks we have been able to make (i.e., we haven't found anything bad) does not provide complete assurance that the individuals and organizations in question have not been involved in anything potentially embarrassing. Also, one obviously has to weigh the general issue of how much the President wants to get involved in things of this sort; as you know, requests like this tend to mushroom whenever anyone receives a favorable response.

Let me know if you have any questions; thank you.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

To U.O.
P/S. use your
own judgment
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February 8, 1983

Ms. Helene von Damm
Assistant to the President
for Presidential Personnel
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

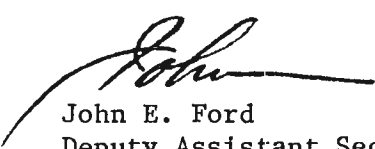
Dear Helene:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. John J. Baumgartner, San Juan Bautista, California, a friend of Assistant Secretary Bill McMillan's. Mr. Baumgartner knew the President when he was Governor of California, and has been a long and consistent supporter.

Secretary McMillan would appreciate it if you would see that the letter gets personally to the President.

Helene, I congratulate you on your Diplomatic appointment to Austria. It must make you very proud to return to your homeland representing the President of the United States. It is an exceptionally wise appointment, and I wish you every possible success.

My warmest regards,


John E. Ford
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Marketing and Inspection Services

Enclosure

JOHN J. BAUMGARTNER

T.O. CATTLE COMPANY

San Juan Bautista, Ca 95045



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

January 21, 1983

Dear Ron:

You agreed with me when you were a trustee of National Cowboy Hall of Fame regarding the honoring of Hugh Baber after he passed away.

I am now a director of the N.B.H.F. and want the name of Brunel Christensen honored because he was a great individual and contributed very much to the state and national livestock industry, as well as the condition and use of public land.

If you agree with me in regards to the honoring of Brunel Christensen by the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, kindly drop me a note, as you did before.

Respectfully yours,



P.S. The United States of America is very fortunate to have you as President. You are accomplishing much in straightening things out for us.

Send cc: Chuck R. Tyson

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Light:

The Toxic Waste Dump in Sheffield is being evaluated by EPA. While it is not a "superfund" site it is possible it will be closed within the next year.

Contrary to what the press says the EPA has been and is doing it's job. We have to remember no one knew anything about the hazards of so-called "toxic waste" until a short time ago. Now we are checking literally thousands of sites which may or may not be a health threat.

You know it was only a decade or so ago that American scientists gave their highest award to the scientist that discovered lead in gasoline would reduce engine knock.

Regards,

Dutch

Mr. Light Thompson
Mystic Metal Mover, Inc.
R.R. 2
Princeton, Illinois 61356

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 18, 1983

→ Kathy O.
Please see
Craig's note.
Dick D.

NOTE FOR: DICK DARMAN
FROM: CRAIG FULLER *Craig*
SUBJECT: Toxic Waste Dump/Sheffield, Illinois

EPA advises that the Toxic Waste Dump in Sheffield, Illinois referred to in the note to the President from Light Thompson is a hazardous waste site which EPA is now evaluating. It is not a superfund site. EPA also advises that, as Mr. Thompson suggests, the site may be closed within the next year.

I would suggest that correspondence prepare a letter indicating that the Sheffield hazardous waste site is being studied by EPA and have them reply with more information.

A copy of the President's reply should be sent to Lee Thomas at EPA who will follow-up on the matter as appropriate.

[Note: no action of any kind was requested of EPA--this was an information request only.]

Dear Light

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Dick Darman

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE
Personal Secretary
to the President

DATE: 4-4-83

Although Light Thompson is an old,
close friend of RR's, do you have
any info on the toxic waste dump at
Sheffield, Illinois before RR answers
Light???

*Craig's
amusing info?
Suggestion Dick D.*

Dear Dutch:

3/17/83

This should be a must for you. This
fellow thinks MUCH of you and it wouldn't
hurt to drop him a note.

ALSO: The toxic waste dump at Sheffield is
still in use and is saposed to be closed.
Folks are saying you won't do anything about
it. The Press is sure trying to wipe you out.
Don't let them.

Light



Now here's Norman Hill
with a commentary on
Alan Sayer's analysis of
Harrison Gilby's inter-
pretation of Ford Burton's
look at the political scene.

Mr. D.K. Thompson
RR 2
Princeton, Ill 61356

Forreston, Ill
3-15-83

Dear "Light"

The speech of Ronald Reagan arrived here safe and sound. I have treasured this copy for many years and will never forget the Television speech he made for Barry Goldwater in 63 in the closing week of that campaign. Needless to say its with deep appreciation to you that it now has 9 handwritten words on it by the President. I know you accomplished this strictly as a friend, but please accept this small token of gratitude to cover any expense you might of had in that task

Yours truly
Bob Ellis

P.S. Below is the copy of the promisory note my grandfather volunteered to sign at the organization meeting of the IAA. This was lifted from the March 1950 IAA Record that is in the Library. A full page was devoted to these 100 men with foresight. He was Secretary of the Stephenson County Board and the only one from that County to attend

Robert Ellis
RR 2
Forreston, Ill.
61030

January 1, 1919.

The undersigned promises to pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), each year, for a period of three years, to the Treasurer of the Illinois Agricultural Association.

It is distinctly understood that the above sum or any part thereof is to be paid whenever called for by said Association to defray any deficit in the Treasury of said Association caused by the payment of the legitimate expenses of said Association. It is further understood that the undersigned shall not be required to pay more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100) in any one year.

Name Theo. F. Ellis
Address Elena.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Sheriff Donaldson:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 20th and for your generous words. Nancy has asked me also to relay her thanks for your kind words about her TV appearance. She was very pleased to hear of your approval to the drug problem.

What you are doing and what we are trying to do with regard to national defense are part and parcel of a shared responsibility in which we are partners. Our goal is the security and well-being of our people.

Thank you again and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Earney Paul Donaldson
Undersheriff
Cherokee County Sheriff Department
Columbus, Kansas 66725

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CHARLES E. SHARP
Sheriff

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

EARNEY DONALDSON
Undersheriff



CHEROKEE COUNTY
Phone 316-429-3992
COLUMBUS, KANSAS 66725

March 20, 1983

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

Dear President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan:

I want to take this time to tell you how pleased I am with your strong stand against Drug Abuse in Our Country. Mr. President I feel your action to involve The F.B.I. in the enforcement of Drug Abuse Violations is going to be a great tool to fight this problem. Special Agent, Lawrence Nolan informed our office of the involvement a couple weeks ago and we already have started to organize a plan to make arrest in our area. Our Sheriff's Department has a very good working relations with our F.B.I. in Joplin, and we have received a lot of good education through The F.B.I. Special Training Schools.

I have been in law-enforcement for 17 years, and in the past few years it has seemed that the laws of Our Country were being made to protect The Criminal more than The Victim. I am impressed with the stand you have taken against crime and I really believe you are doing a lot to change this problem of protecting the criminal, and forgetting the victim. We in law-enforcement thank you for this needed change.

CHARLES E. SHARP
Sheriff

OFFICE OF SHERIFF

EARNEY DONALDSON
Undersheriff



CHEROKEE COUNTY
Phone 316-429-3992
COLUMBUS, KANSAS 66725

I am impressed with your strong solid stand you take on The Policys that you beleive in that are going to make our Country strong again. I think President Kennedy was the Last President that took this stand so strongly, I beleive he honestly had Our Country at heart and he was a man you could beleive in, as you are. We have the best Country in The World, and it is up to all of us to support it and to support our President. Mr. President I know we can beat this Drug Abuse Problem if we all pull together.

Mrs. Reagan, my family watched you on Different Strokes Saturday Night, and really enjoyed seeing you involved with the show the way you were. That was a very important message in that show and I beleive that many young people will benefit from this program. Mrs. Reagan, you and President Reagan make a very big impression on our young people.

Mr. President I know that Our National Defense Budget is one of your most important issues, as it is also important to me. I also feel we must spend our money wisely with-in our Country on good law-enforcement to protect our people and to make our streets safe again from crime. We must all work together to keep This Great Nation the best in The World. Thank you Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan for being concerned about our young people. If in any small way our department can be of help please call.

Yours truly,

Earney P. Donaldson

Earney Paul Donaldson
Under Sheriff
Cherokee County Sheriff Department
Columbus, Kansas 66725

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Josoff:

Thank you very much for a real morale boost. Your letter of March 20th brightened my day considerably. I'm more than grateful for your generous words.

Let me assure you we intend to "stay the course." We'll resist with every means at hand those who pressure for a return to the policies that brought on our economic problems.

Thank you for sharing the information about the upturn in business and my congratulations on all that you have done and are now doing. We'll "hang in there" and do so with more determination after reading your kind letter.

Sincerely,

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Mr. James M. Josoff
Vice President & General Manager
William Ernest Brown, Ltd.
Sur House, Coastlands
Big Sur, California 93920

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William Ernest Brown

Limited

Fine Stationery Stores

Sur House, Coastlands

Big Sur, California 93920

(408) 667-2383

*Could have this on
a city book.
RR*

James M. Josoff
Vice President & General Manager

March 20, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. President:

The recession is over ... thanks to you.

Inflation is under control ... thanks to you.

Life in this country is a whole different ball game ...
thanks to you.

Nothing major is gained without pain and hardship. No one, you least of all, took any pleasure in the unemployment of so many Americans while the economy was being straightened out. I do think most of us realized that it had to be endured if ruinous inflation was to be halted. Down deep, I think even some of those most hurt by the recession have realized or will realize that what your policies were doing was preventing an economic collapse, and a depression the like of which we have never seen.

We have a chain of twenty-six stationery shops. We lost one, in part because of the recession, but only in part. Perhaps the turn-around came too late for that shop ... perhaps it would not have survived in any case. Almost all of our shops are now achieving higher grosses than ever before. That means, of course, that our customers know that the recession is over.

I am sure that the economic indicators you see are different and vastly more inclusive than the ones we see, but perhaps you would be interested in our perspective: The recession ended for us in November. Lenders who provide our franchisees with construction and opening loans saw the end of the recession coming and in the last quarter of the year we opened four new

William Ernest Brown
Limited

The Honorable President of the United States
March 20, 1983
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shops ... all of which are doing very well. Most of our older shops caught up with the previous year in November and December, to end the year with higher grosses than in 1981. Even two poorly managed shops came out ahead.

And then came 1983 ... and by February the majority of our shops were hitting all time highs ... one up a whopping 96-1/2%. Again, that means that our customers are spending because they know the recession is over.

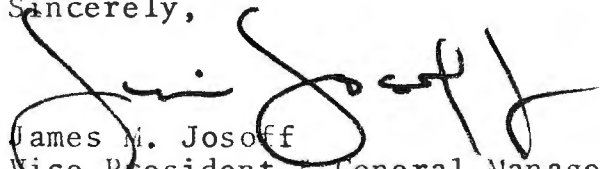
The pressures on you are unending but the knowledge that you have achieved what you set out to do for the economy, should help balance your regrets as to the inevitable price to be paid.

As we pull further and further from the recession, the pressures on you to have more government programs for this and that and everything will be enormous. Yet what this country needs is more of what you have been doing, not less. We need the tightest possible hand on the purse strings so that government infusions into the economy do not stimulate and, indeed, cause another inflationary spiral. Hang in there! And hang tough!

You have been more, as President, than we ever dared hope of any man taking your office at such a terribly difficult time. You have saved this country from an economic collapse that would undoubtedly have been followed by a social collapse.

You are an extraordinary man, and the right man in the right place. Don't you dare consider not running again.

Sincerely,



James M. Josoff
Vice President & General Manager
William Ernest Brown, Ltd.

JMJ:bvp

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Mr. Vogel:

There are no words to properly express my appreciation for your warm letter and generous words. Just know that you brightened my day, warmed my heart and made the job seem a little easier.

I thank you and Nancy thanks you. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Theodore F. Vogel, Jr.
759 N. Milwaukee Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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Vogel & Associates

759 N. MILWAUKEE ST.

T. F. VOGEL

MILWAUKEE, WIS. 53202

AREA CODE (414) 273-7111

March 8th, 1983

President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan,

Whether you ever see this or not, I shall always have the pleasure of having written it. By way of introduction, I am 63 years old, a WW II Navy pilot, and a Republican whose roots go back to Wendell Wilke's campaign.

Never since I've been old enough to read history have I so deeply admired and liked a man and woman in your positions. You, Mrs. Reagan, bring an unequalled charm and dignity to the White House. And you, Mr. President, tell the American people the truth. You are the only President, with the exception of Dwight Eisenhower, who has accurately understood the danger of the Soviet threat and had the political courage to tell it to the American people. Since other issues pale by comparison, your perception and honesty do our country a great service.

Coming from someone who is a cousin of George Kennan's and a friend of Don Kendall's, such a statement may seem heretical but DNA similarities and friendship don't insure agreement. I pray that this country survives the decade and that most of it will be under your wise stewardship.

Many Thanks to You Both,

TEO VOGEL

Theodore F. Vogel, Jr.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Becky:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the picture of Ben. Thank you, too, for your kind words. I'm delighted that Ben is riding and that he likes it. I'll do some checking to see if I can locate a pony.

Again thanks and very best regards.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

P.S. Please give my regards to your mother.

Becky Hill
473 Janice Street
Paso Robles, California 93446

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Hope your birthday...

Mrs. Becky Hall
473 Janice St.
Paso Robles Calif. 93446

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Love
 Hill



LOOK ON BACK OF BEN'S PICTURE



Re Hill
Optical Center Child
Myself my friend

President Reagan
wanted us to look
into horse back
riding for Ben —
we did & he loves
it! Great for
handicapped children.
If he know of a good
way we could get for
Ben, let us know!
Thanks
LINDY HILL

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 19, 1983

Dear Ms. Brandeberry:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and for sending me the picture of Miss Lettie and Mark. Would you please give my thanks to Miss Lettie and Mark for what they are doing. Theirs is a story that should be told as an inspiration to others and as a reward for the millions of Americans who are doing volunteer work all over this blessed land.

You know, maybe we can take some pleasure from the fact that a newspaper won't print their story. News is the unusual happening. Perhaps there is so much good being done that the press no longer considers a good deed news.

I say that but I really agree with you. The people of Louisville should know about this gallant lady and this fine young man. And I'm glad to know about the gracious lady who took the time and trouble to write me -- thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Brandeberry
The Meadows-East Inc.
2529 Six Mile Lane
Jeffersontown, Kentucky 40220

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2529 Six Mile Lane, Jeffersontown, Ky. 40220

March 8, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you would like to know that Mary Lettie Kelly, who is 101 years old, is still volunteering for her country.

On February 27, 1983, "Miss Lettie" raised \$10.00 for the American Heart Association by rolling in her wheelchair in the Rock 'N Roll Jamboree held at Meadows-East Nursing Home in Louisville, Kentucky.

Knowing your interest in Volunteerism, I felt you would like to "meet" Miss Kelly and her younger volunteer counterpart, Mark, who is a 7th grader at St. Raphael School in Louisville,

Also, Mr. President, I tried twice to get this story about Miss Kelly and her volunteering into our Louisville Courier-Journal Newspaper and they refused me space because the story was not important to them. However, they did print the sordid details of a local pornography "king's" sex life for several days.

Thank you, Mr. President, for caring.

Sincerely,

Barbara Brandeberry

Barbara Brandeberry
Social Service Coordinator

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Enclosure -- photo picturing: Barbara Brandeberry, Social Service Coordinator
Miss Mary Lettie Kelly - 101 year old Volunteer
Mark Black - 7th grade Volunteer at Meadows-East
Nursing Home



pictured:

Barbara Brandeberry, Social Serv. Coor.

*Mary Lettie Kelly - 101 year old
Volunteer for
American Heart Assoc.*

*Mark Black - 7th grade volunteer at
Meadows-East Nursing Home
Louisville, Kentucky.*

To Under Sheriff Earney Paul Donaldson - Cherokee Co. Sheriff Dept.

Dear Sheriff Donaldson: Columbus Kansas 66725

Thank you very much for your letter of March 20th and for your generous words. Nancy has asked me also to relay her thanks for your kind words about her TV appearance. She was very pleased to hear of your approach to the drug problem.

What you are doing & what we are trying to do with regard to national defense are part & parcel of a shared responsibility in which we are partners. Our goal is the security and well-being of our people.

Thank you again and God Bless you.

Sincerely R.R.

To Mr. James S. Joess - Wm. Ernest Brown Ltd. Sun House Coastlands

Dear Mr. Joess Big Sur Calif. 93920

Thank you very much for a real morale boost. Your letter of March 20th brightened my day considerably. I'm more than grateful for your generous words.

Let me assure you we intend to "stay the course". We'll resist with every means at hand those who pressure for a return to the policies that brought on our economic problems.

Thank you for sharing the information about the upturn in business and my congratulations on all that you have done & are now doing. We'll "hang in there" and do so with more determination after reading your kind letter.

Sincerely R.R.

To Mr. Clarence F. Vogel Jr. 759 N. Milwaukee St. Milwaukee Wis.

Dear Mr. Vogel 53202

There are no words to properly express my appreciation for your warm letter & generous words. Just know that you brightened my day, warmed my heart and made the job seem a little easier.

I thank you and Nancy thanks you. God bless you.

Sincerely R.R.

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To Miss Bechy Hill 473 Janice St.

Dear Bechy Paso Robles Calif. 93446

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Sincerely R.R.

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2529 Six Mile Lane Jeffersonton Ky.

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