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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1983

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I am sorry to be so late in answering your letter but it has only just now reached my desk. We did better in Hollywood, didn't we.

It was good to hear from you after these many years. I didn't know Charley Grimm was living in Scottsdale. I'll remember that.

Please give the Judge my best regards. I heartily approve of his judicial philosophy.

Thank you for your prayers and generous words.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Robert M. Jones
9110 West 104th Terrace
Overland Park, Kansas 66212

RONALD REAGAN
HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Wants copy
of proclamation
"Year of the Bible"

Dear Joe & Barbara

Charlie Trimmen dropped me a line to tell
me you were at this address and asked if
you could see a studio while you were here.

My phone is Crestview 69621 - the best time
to catch me is around 10 A.M. or between 6:30
& 7: in the evening. Give me a ring and
perhaps we can find a way to get you inside
a movie lot. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely
Ronald Reagan

P.S. If you call & there is no answer try again
I'm in and out a great deal.

Mrs. Robert M. Jones 9110 W.

From the desk of President Ronald Reagan: 104th Terrace
Overland Park, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Jones 66212

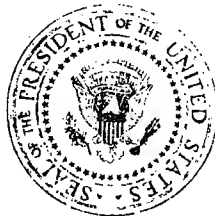
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Sincerely
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April 18, 1983

Dear President and Mrs Reagan,

I would like to re-introduce myself to you, since our meeting was a big part of my past, and I know a situation you probably won't even remember. It was the summer of 1949, and my sister and I were introduced to you via letter written to you by Charles Grimm, then manager of the Chicago Cubs. Charles had asked you to arrange a tour for us through Warner Brothers Studio. You were kind enough to write to us concerning the arrangements. (A copy of the letter is enclosed.). You not only followed through with the request, but you also came to the studio to meet us. You said you had been washing your car, and had decided to come over to meet the two girls from Union, Missouri. What a thrill! I still remember what you wore, Mr. President, a yellow tee shirt, black slacks, and a baseball cap. You also had broken your leg. You spent part of the afternoon with us, and you told us of places to go. As a point of interest, I still hear from Charles Grimm. He was and always will be my Santa Claus, so I talk to him every Christmas. His first wife died, and he remarried a darling lady who was Bing Crosby's first leading lady. He still plays the Banjo and they live in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Later in my life I wrote you to see if we could again go through a studio because my husband and I were taking the "in-laws" to California. You arranged for us to get tickets at Universal Studios. You at this time were making waves about running for Governor. I remember writing to thank you for the tickets and telling you that I would be praying for you. I also wrote that I felt you would go higher in office than Governor. God as always was right.in answering prayers.

I am now writing you the third time, and I must admit a bit hesitant because of your position and the fact that I am older and not as impulsive. I am not asking to go through a studio, but I do want you to know that I am still praying for you and your family. I was so thrilled when you made 1983 the Year of the Bible. That was truly an answer to prayer. The proclamation centered our great country back on its founding principals which is a great comfort to me during these adverse times. I have been inspired to read the Bible in total once again. I would like to know where I could get a written copy of the proclamation if possible.

Our whole family is very supportive of your policies and programs because we sense a sincerity behind your decisions. You always put the country above your personal goals and gains. In fact your personal goals are to do the best for the country even if the stance is unpopular politically.

My husband is a Judge of the District Court for the state of Kansas, and he is particularly supportive of your stance for the role of the Judiciary. "Judges are to interrupt the law, not make the law." Enclosed is a section from a ruling from the Supreme Court of Kansas on one of Bob's cases. You may find this of interest because it illustrates the fact that he not only agrees with your position for the Judicial, but he is in a position to put them into practice. He is also the past president of the District Court Judges of the State of Kansas. The Kansas legislature passed a law as a result of this verdict.

In closing, I would like to mention that two dear friends are going to be attending the tea that you are giving, Mrs. Reagan, on May 19. They are Mrs. Gary Bubeck and Mrs. Robert Rafferty. It sounds like a gala occasion, and one that has created much excitement. I am sure you will find them most delightful, and good representative of this area of Kansas.

Thank you for taking the time to read this epistle. It is my way of telling you that the Robert G. Jones family of Kansas are true supporter and prayer warriors for you both. God is with you.

In Jesus Christ's love,

Barbara Marshall Jones
Mrs. Robert G. Jones
9110 West 104th Terrace
Overland Park, Kansas
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No. 54,303

STATE OF KANSAS,

Appellant,

v.

BOBBY R. SEXTON, JR.,

Appellee.

SYLLABUS BY THE COURT

1.

All crimes in Kansas are established by legislative act. There are no common law crimes in this state, and there can be no conviction except for such crimes as are defined by statute.

2.

Rules of statutory construction of a criminal statute stated, and applied.

3.

K.S.A. 21-3301 and 21-3302, when read together, do not include the crime of attempted conspiracy and prior to May 13, 1982, no such crime existed in the Kansas Criminal Code.

Appeal from Johnson County district court, ~~JOHNSON COUNTY~~ JONES, judge. Opinion filed January 14, 1983. Affirmed.

Kevin P. Moriarty, assistant district attorney, argued the cause, and Robert T. Stephan, attorney general, Dennis W. Moore, district attorney, and Joseph E. Cosgrove, assistant district attorney, were with him on the brief for appellant.

Louis S. Wexler, of Wexler, Wingfield & Zemites, of Shawnee Mission, argued the cause, and William D. Wingfield and Donald L. Zemites, of the same firm were with him on the brief for appellee.

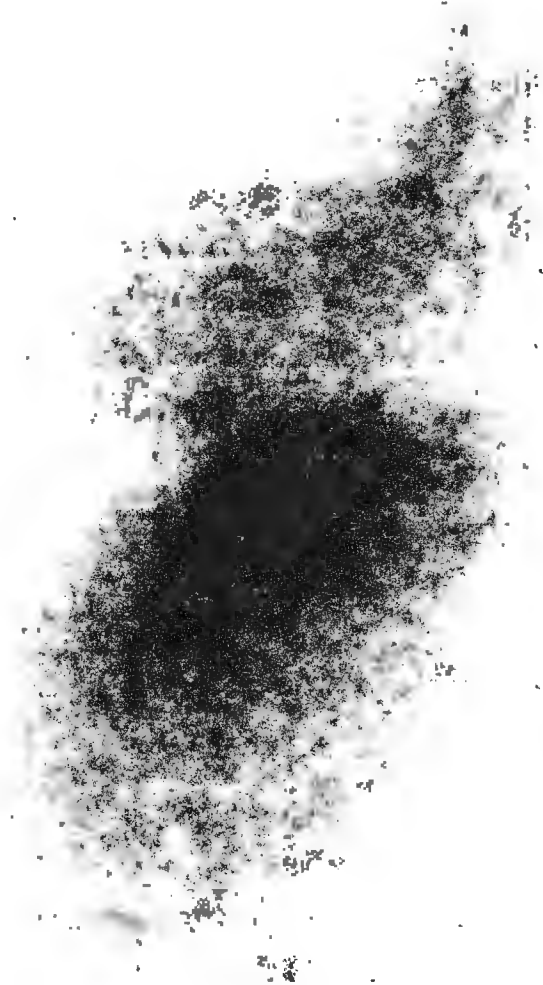
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The opinion of the court was delivered by

HOLMES, J.: This is an appeal by the State under K.S.A. 22-3602(b)(1) from the dismissal by the trial court, on motion of the defendant at the preliminary hearing stage, of criminal charges against Bobby R. Sexton, Jr. The defendant was charged with an attempt to conspire to commit murder. The trial court found there was no such crime as attempted conspiracy and therefore dismissed the action.

There were no facts presented to the trial court and the parties have stipulated that for appeal purposes, the allegations of the information may be taken as true and are controlling. Greatly summarized, the information alleges that the defendant Bobby R. Sexton, Jr. attempted to conspire with two agents of the United States Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms unit for the agents to murder Sexton's wife. Several meetings were held in which a price for the murder was determined and details for carrying out the murder were furnished by Sexton, including the present whereabouts of his estranged wife.

It is undisputed that the two agents were working undercover after receiving a tip from the Olathe police department that Sexton was seeking someone to murder his wife. It is also undisputed that neither of the two agents ever had any intention of entering into an actual conspiracy to murder Sexton's wife. Based upon the information secured by the USATF agents, the defendant was charged with an attempt to conspire to commit the murder of his wife. He was not charged with attempted murder nor conspiracy to commit murder and the State concedes that under the facts alleged, such charges would not lie. The sole question before this court is whether under the Kansas statutes, as they existed at the time, there was any such crime as attempted conspiracy. The trial court found that no such crime, essentially the crime of solicitation, was included in our statutes. We agree.



The State contends that the facts alleged in the information support a charge of attempted conspiracy to commit murder in violation of K.S.A. 21-3301, 21-3302 and 21-3401. K.S.A. 21-3401 defines first-degree murder. The pertinent portions of K.S.A. 21-3301 provide:

"Attempt. (1) An attempt is any overt act toward the perpetration of a crime done by a person who intends to commit such crime but fails in the perpetration thereof or is prevented or intercepted in executing such crime.

(2) It shall not be a defense to a charge of attempt that the circumstances under which the act was performed or the means employed or the act itself were such that the commission of the crime was not possible."

K.S.A. 21-3302 provides in part:

"Conspiracy. (1) A conspiracy is an agreement with another person to commit a crime or to assist to commit a crime. No person may be convicted of a conspiracy unless an overt act in furtherance of such conspiracy is alleged and proved to have been committed by him or by a co-conspirator."

It appears to be the position of the State that conspiracy, unlike the crime of attempt, is a substantive crime which can be charged even when the object crime is completed, while an attempt merges with the object crime if that crime is actually consummated. As such, an attempt to commit the crime of conspiracy is a chargeable offense if the conspiracy itself is not completed. Appellant, on the other hand, makes several arguments, as pointed out in the trial court's opinion, to the effect there is no such crime as attempted conspiracy.

The learned trial judge in his order of dismissal stated:

"It is for this Court and all of our courts to uphold the law and protect the citizens of this State no matter who they might be. It is not the function of this Court to create new laws no matter how justified they appear. If this Court could create a good law today, there would be nothing to prevent this Court from creating a bad law tomorrow, and for this reason our founding fathers wisely created the separation [of] powers giving the legislature the power to make laws and the courts the power of interpreting those laws by filling in any gaps and clarifying ambiguities.

"This Court finds the facts stipulated to and the information to be disgusting and repulsive. However, the buck stops here and this Court must make its determination solely upon the law.

"The Court makes the following findings:

1. That for the purpose of this hearing defendant stipulates that the State could prove all of the allegations set forth in the information.

2. That there cannot be a criminal offense of attempting to commit an act which if completed was not a crime. This case is similar to State v. Crozier, 225 Kan.120. The Supreme Court held in that case that the acts of defendant of paying money to an individual to carry out the murder of her husband, transporting the hired individual to her husband's residence, and providing the gun and shells to shoot her husband, did not constitute the crime of conspiracy to commit murder since the person hired to commit the murder had never intended to commit murder. The Supreme Court in referring to State v. Roberts, 223 Kan. 49, stated that an agreement, by its very nature, requires a meeting of two minds;

meeting of the minds and no conspiracy to commit murder was involved. The Court finds that a person cannot be convicted of attempting to commit an act which even if committed was not a crime.

The Court further finds that the Kansas statutes categorize attempt and conspiracy under the heading of 'Anticipatory Crimes.' This Court finds that one anticipatory crime cannot be stacked or added to another anticipatory crime in order to arrive at a new crime.

The Court does not find from the facts in this case that there has been an attempted crime. For there to be an attempted crime under the statute, the Supreme Court has held that an accused must have taken steps beyond mere preparation by doing something directly moving toward and bringing nearer the crime he intends to commit. The Court cited 21 Am. Jur.2d, Criminal Law, Section 111, page 191, '. . . in a general way it may be said that preparation consists in devising or arranging the means for measures necessary for the commission of the offense and that the attempt is the direct movement toward the commission after the preparations are made. It has been held that even though a person intends to commit a crime, his procurement of the instrumentalities adapted to that end will not constitute an attempt to commit the crime in the absence of some further overt act . . . ', State vs. Gobin, 216 Kan. 278.

There is no question in the Court's mind but that the defendant, under the facts stipulated, solicited the murder of his wife, but under Kansas vs. Bowles, 70 Kan. 821, 838, the Court held, 'so long as the will of the person solicited is opposed to the corrupt conduct, there can be no attempt, in the legal sense. . . .'

It would appear to the Court that if there were a

Court could find probable cause to believe that the defendant had committed such a crime. However, there is no such crime in Kansas and this Court can make no such finding.

The Court, after giving full consideration to the matter pending before it, does not find probable cause to believe that a felony occurred in Johnson County, Kansas, as alleged, and the case is ordered dismissed and the defendant discharged."

We concur with the ultimate ruling of the trial court and much of what is said in the opinion. However, in view of our opinion in State v. Logan and Cromwell, (#54,775 and #54,776, consolidated, this date decided), we do not concur in the suggestion that legal impossibility, if it exists, is always a defense to a charge of an attempted crime. While it is true that it is an ultimate function of the courts to determine whether a statute or a combination of statutes actually proscribes certain conduct as criminal, great weight must be given to the intent and action of the legislature when it determines to establish certain conduct as constituting a new crime. The 1982 Legislature specifically adopted the crime of criminal solicitation. L. 1982, ch.132, sec. 1. The legislative history of the new enactment reveals that during hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 3, 1982, the Johnson County District Attorney advised the committee, inter alia, that:

"Kansas presently does not have a statute which makes solicitation of a criminal act a crime. I have adopted as a premise that for one person to solicit another to commit a crime, and particularly a heinous crime, (e.g., murder) is or should be illegal. If you accept that premise, presumably it was thought that either a charge of conspiracy (K.S.A. 21-3302) or attempt (K.S.A. 21-3301) would address those situations in which an individual solicited another to commit a crime. It appears that is not the case."

to the effect that S.B. 751 (subsequently enacted as L.1982, ch.132, §1) created "a new crime known as criminal solicitation." The positions of the Johnson County District Attorney and the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association were supported at the hearing by the Shawnee County District Attorney, who urged enactment of the new bill.

It has long been the rule in Kansas that all crimes are established by legislative act. There are no common law crimes in the state, and there can be no conviction except for such crimes as are defined by statute. State v. Young, 55 Kan. 349, 356, 40 Pac. 659 (1895).

It is also the rule in this state that a criminal statute will not be "extended by courts to embrace acts or conduct not clearly included within its prohibitions." State v. Doyen, 224 Kan. 482, 488, 580 P.2d 1351 (1978). Our criminal statutes are to be construed strictly against the state. State v. Kearns, 229 Kan. 207, 208, 623 P.2d 507 (1981).

It is a fundamental rule of statutory construction, to which all other rules are subordinate, that the intent of the legislature governs when that intent can be ascertained. Kansas State Board of Healing Arts v. Dickerson, 229 Kan. 627, 629 P.2d 187 (1981); State v. Seymour, 5 Kan.App.2d 95, 612 P.2d 1248 (1980). The 1982 Legislature, by the enactment of L.1982, ch.132, §1, has revealed that its intent in enacting the attempt and conspiracy statutes did not include solicitation as a crime. It is also a rule of statutory construction that older statutes are subordinated to newer enactments and it is the latest expression of the legislative will which controls if there is possible conflicting construction in a case. Farmers State Bank & Trust Co. of Hays v. City of Yates Center, 229 Kan. 330, 338, 624 P.2d 971 (1981); City of Salina v. Jagers, 228 Kan. 155, 169, 612 P.2d 618 (1980).

The legislature has now specifically made criminal solicitation a substantive crime by enactment of the following statute which became effective May 13, 1982:

"(a) Criminal solicitation is commanding, encouraging or requesting another person to commit a felony, attempt to commit a felony or aid and abet in the commission or attempted commission of a felony for the purpose of promoting or facilitating the felony.

(b) It is immaterial under subsection (a) that the actor fails to communicate with the person solicited to commit a felony if the person's conduct was designed to effect a communication.

(c) It is an affirmative defense that the actor, after soliciting another person to commit a felony, persuaded that person not to do so or otherwise prevented the commission of the felony, under circumstances manifesting a complete and voluntary renunciation of the actor's criminal purposes.

(d) Criminal solicitation of a class A or B felony is a class D felony. Criminal solicitation of a felony other than a class A or B felony is a class E felony."

L.1982, ch.132, §1.

This act appears to be a legislative recognition that prior to May 13, 1982, Kansas had no criminal statutes which covered the fact situation presented by the instant case and that the existing attempt and conspiracy statutes were inadequate to reach criminal solicitation.

The solicitation of the USATF officers by the defendant, in seeking to have his wife murdered, is not only morally reprehensible but constitutes totally unacceptable social behavior of a type ordinarily prohibited by the criminal statutes. It is unfortunate that Kansas did not have a solicitation statute which would allow this defendant's prosecution and it was only through the alert and

competent work of Olathe police officers and the USATF agents that a serious crime was prevented. Much as we might desire to do so, it is not our function to create a crime where the legislature has not done so. The members of the legislature are to be commended upon their speedy action in moving to fill an existing gap in our criminal code once it was called to their attention.

The judgment is affirmed.

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June 21, 1983

Dear Mr. Ramos:

Thanks very much for your letter, good wishes and generous words. You were kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful.

I have just pledged to President Magana who visited me here in Washington that I'll do everything I can to persuade Congress our help to El Salvador must continue. I'm glad that you are happy here and wish you success in your studies.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jose R. Ramos
Texas Military Institute
800 College Boulevard
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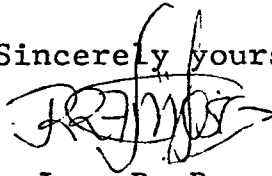
May 18, 1983.

Dear Mr. President:

I hope you are good in health, and I hope I do not take away much of your time with this letter, but I will try to make it brief.

I am a Salvadoran student, studying at Texas Military Institute in San Antonio, Texas. I am happy and proud of being in this country, but at the same time I am worried of what is happening in my country. I know that you are trying to do your best to help solve the problems of my country. I am thankful for your help, and I am sure God will keeps on shedding his light upon you; because I am - one of the millions of people who you have saved, because of your great help. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Ramos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jose R. Ramos.

June 21, 1983

Dear Dr. Harpen:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words. I am pleased and proud to have your support. I'm glad that you are registering your feelings with your Senators and Representative Hall. If only more people would realize they can influence their elected officials by making their feelings known we'd solve a great many problems. I repeatedly say this, but the press doesn't quote me on that subject, their excuse being that I've said it before.

You are so right about no agreement with the Soviets being better than a bad agreement. I've impressed this on our negotiators. I know how distressed you must be with the Bishops' message on the freeze but I'm sure you are correct about the rank and file. Any number of priests have gone out of their way to tell me of their disagreement.

Again, thanks for your letter. We'll keep trying.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Martin P. Harpen, M.D.
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May 5, 1983

Martin P. Harpen, M.D.
1018 Carlisle Ave.
Dayton, Ohio 45420

Ronald Reagan, President
of The United States of America
Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I'm taking this long overdue opportunity to write you this letter to support your courageous and rational approach to Central America. I watched your recent address to Congress and cheered through much of the speech. I guess I must admit, though, that I'm a bit skeptical that the United States can stave off the spread of communism throughout that region, which I attribute to the defeatism which has so long paralyzed (mainly our elected officials in Washington) our attempts to maintain our vital national interests.

With reference to your efforts at arms control negotiations, I feel that you have been more than fair with the Russians and frankly if no good agreement can be reached, then at least no agreement is better than a bad agreement. Please hold your ground.

I am a Roman Catholic and feel that the American Catholic Bishops are foolish and irresponsible in calling for a nuclear arms freeze. I don't believe the average Catholic agrees with the Bishops' position. I think that the Bishops will lose much of their influence with American Catholics. They goofed. Mr. President, I want you to know that you already appeal to many Catholics because of your stand on the abortion issue. Funny, but the Bishops don't really seem concerned about this issue anymore.

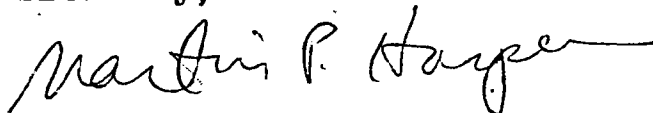
Mr. President, lately I have been writing to my Senators Glenn

and Metzenbaum and Representative Tony Hall asking them for support of your administration's positions on all of the above issues. I don't really think that my voice alone does a whole lot of good, but I do know that if you continue to drive home your views again and again with the vim and vigor of your last speech on Central America, that you can arouse the sleeping silent majority to contact their respective senators and congressmen. That is one point you do need to drive home in you addresses is that the average guy on the street needs to write his elected officials repeatedly to ask for support of your administration.

Mr. President, you are called The Great Communicator and I believe you are indeed. The issues facing our nation and the free world are enormous and the threat to our very survival is great. I believe your programs, if enacted, will ensure peace, prosperity and freedom, but we need more speeches and more Communication from you. I believe that you alone can rouse the masses and I feel you will.

Mr. President, thank you for your time. You got my vote in 1980 and you'll get it again in 1984. Please do run again. America needs you badly. Thanks for all your effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin P. Harpen". The signature is fluid and extends to the right.

Martin P. Harpen, M.D.

P.S. Pardon my typing. By the way, I liked your "Star Wars" speech. Keep up the good work. *MPH*

You have already suggested several positive steps to support our friends in Central America, and those steps are deeply appreciated and widely supported in Central America. There are other items which you might also want to consider. I will set forth below a combination of steps which I feel could strengthen freedom in Central America.

1. The Congress should enact, without delay, your Caribbean Basin initiative with emphasis on more open trade with the United States.
2. Consideration should be given to a greater expansion of the Peace Corps in Central America with total emphasis on health, education and nutrition.
3. Since no Army Officers from Guatemala have been trained in the United States since 1977, I would urge that this policy be reviewed. Human rights arguments could actually be supported by including that subject in training given within the United States.
4. You must continue your strong approach to continued military support for El Salvador. With several thousand Russians and Cubans in Nicaragua, the Congressional debate should be focused on what the Russians and Cubans are doing -- not on 55 military advisers in El Salvador.
5. Economic assistance must be greatly accelerated. A "Marshall Plan" for Central America should be enacted as soon as possible.
6. A greater effort must be made to mobilize public opinion in support of your policies within the United States. Educators, and labor and business leaders all have a stake in Central America, and could help with public awareness to counter those who are trying to thwart your policies through naivete or political intentions.

If El Salvador is not stabilized, the many people I talked to in Honduras are concerned that Honduras would also become destabilized. It would be a matter of time before the instability

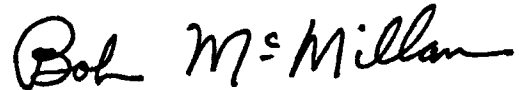
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House

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would flow to Guatemala and Mexico.

You may be sure that I will express these views to members of Congress and other business people. I believe that "staying the course" in Central America is as important as it was in your Economic Recovery Program.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob McMillan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Robert R. McMillan

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June 21, 1983

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Thank you very much for your letter and for sending me the snapshot of Miss Ballesteros. I enjoyed the inscription on her T-shirt.

I'm thinking of trying to send her a photo in return. I assume it would reach her c/o Bayly Corp., Allende, Mexico.

You are so right that what we need is more of the kind of economic cooperation you have with our neighbor to the south. I'm hopeful we can soon get our Caribbean Initiative so as to make a start.

Again, thanks.

Best regards,

RONALD REAGAN

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President

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May 3, 1983

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On April 28, the day following your address to the Joint Session regarding Central America, I visited our factory at Allende, Mexico for a celebration of our success in that town. We raised the Mexican flag, the flag of the state of Coahuila, and our company flag.

Our company operates five factories in the United States, and the one at Allende, Mexico. The Mexican plant employs approximately 25% of our total employment using raw materials manufactured in the United States, with the finished product coming back into this country under Section 807 of the Tariff Act. The factory is a splendid example of the type of economic cooperation that can benefit Latin American countries, as intended by your Caribbean Initiative.

During the ceremony, all 600 plant employees were in attendance, as were local city officials and the high school drum and bugle corp. The Mexican national anthem was sung by all in attendance.

During the ceremony, I noticed a young worker from the plant wearing a T-shirt that said "Eat Your Heart Out Russia." A picture of that young lady is enclosed as evidence to you that the programs you advocate can be successful in promoting the spirit of democratic capitalism.

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
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May 3, 1983

Our employees in Mexico, including a former Nicaraguan,
believe that your speech of Wednesday night was appropriate and accurate. You have our support.

Best wishes for continued success in your efforts to keep our country, and our hemisphere, strong.

Respectfully,



C. O'Donnell

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Enclosure

June 21, 1983

Dear Mr. Wright:

Unlike you I had never met Al Schaufelberger but I share your sorrow. I knew of him, of course, and his record -- one of the best -- and I feel a great sense of rage at the cowardly terrorists who took his life. You are right. Our way of life is under attack, and we cannot falter in the fight. But I bleed for those fine young Americans who man the ramparts.

I phoned Al's mother and father, and to you his friend I offer my heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James F. Wright
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Carmel, California 93921

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26 May, 1983

THE PRESIDENT
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I've just heard of the murder of A.A. Schaufelberger in El Salvador and I'm stunned, for this fine young man who rented my Carmel cottage was not only my friend, but was the finest example of an American in the military that I know. I admired him greatly.

He knew his job was dangerous, yet said he would go where he was supposed to and would do his best. This was not empty bravado. He was not some self-adulating soldier of fortune making devil-may-care statements on the drama of his life. He looked forward to continued life, like the rest of us, planning after his tour to do further graduate work at Stanford. And he looked forward to returning here to Carmel.

About 5'9", built like a linebacker, he was of brilliant mind and strongest character. He graduated near the top of his class at Annapolis, and was tops in Spanish at our Defense Language Institute. A Lt. Commander in the SEALs, he seemed more than just one man. He was a one-man army, (or navy). He was the sort of guy who makes you proud to know him, proud that he's on our side, and damned glad that he is. He was the special sort "out there" who made you sleep better at night.

By comparison, those who murdered him are miniscule. Such is the ironic demise of patriots.

Our way of life is at war. Right now. I grieve for my friend Al Schaufelberger, and send my deepest respects to the other Americans "out there" who are protecting my rights to express thoughts such as these.

Most respectfully,



James F. Wright
P.O. Box 4861, Carmel

Enclosure

DEAR JIM,

25 Aug 82

LCDR A.A. SCHAUFELBERGER

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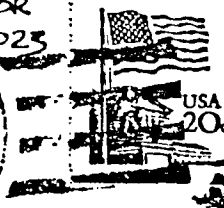
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JAMES WRIGHT

P.O. BOX 4861

CARMEL, CA

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I'M FINALLY SETTLED IN. THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY FULL OF FRIENDLY ENERGETIC PEOPLE. THERE ARE SOME SIGNS OF AN ONGOING WAR, BUT THE OVERWHELMING IMPRESSION IS THAT LIFE GOES ON. THERE ARE ROADBLOCKS AND OCCASSIONALLY GUNFIRE AND EXPLOSIONS ARE HEARD, BUT SAN SALVADOR IS BUSTLING, - PLENTY OF COMMERCE, NIGHT LIFE, ETC. THE EASTERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY IS TRANQUIL, WHEREAS THE EAST AND NORTHERN MOUNTAINS ARE UNDER GUERRILLA CONTROL, BARRING SOMETHING STUPID BY THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE GOV'T FORCES SHOULD WIN - THEY'RE IMPROVING EVERY DAY. THIS PLACE IS NOTHING LIKE THE E.S. PORTRAYED IN THE U.S. MEDIA. I LIVE IN A BEAUTIFUL HOME (COMPLETE W/ 2 MAIDS AND A GARDENER) NEXT DOOR TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE E.S. ARMY AND 1 BLOCK FROM THE U.S. AMBASSADOR. Oceano Pacifico y Veranera en Flor NEEDLESS TO SAY, I SLEEP EL SALVADOR C.A. WELL. MY JOB IS AS INTERESTING AS I HAD IMAGINED. I'VE GOT TO GO. 79 129.65 204.897 Adios
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To Mr. Jose R. Ramos ? Texas Mil. Inst. - San Antonio Texas
Dear Mr. Ramos

Thanks very much for your letter, good wishes & generous words. You were kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful.

I have just pledged to Pres. Magana who visited me here in Wash. that I'll do everything I can to persuade Cong. our help to El Salvador must continue. I'm glad that you are happy here and wish you success in your studies.

Sincerely, RR

To Dr. Martin P. Harpen H.O. 1018 Carlisle Ave. Dayton Ohio

Dear Dr. ~~Harpen~~ Harpen

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Thank you very much for your kind letter & generous words. I am pleased & proud to have your support. I'm glad that you are registering your feelings with your Senators & Rep. Hall. If only more people would realize they can influence their elected officials by making their feelings known we'd solve a great many problems. I repeatedly say this is but the press doesn't quote me on that subject, their excuse being that I've said it before.

You are so right about no agreement with the Soviets being better than a bad agreement. I've impressed this on our negotiators. I know how distressed you must be with the Bishops message on the freeze but I'm sure you are correct about the rank & file. Any number of priests have gone out of their way to tell me of their disagreement.

Again thanks for your letter. We'll keep trying.

Sincerely, RR

To Mr. Robert R. McMillan Avon Products Inc. 9 W. 57th St.

Dear Mr. McMillan

N.Y. N.Y. 10019

Thanks very much for your letter of May 27. Needless to say I am in quiet agreement with you on the importance to us of Central America.

Lovey

I intend to take up a number of the specifics you mentioned with our people. It was good to have your views based on your experience there. You were able to see things in a way not always available to official visitors.

I'm glad you are communicating with members of Cong. & your friends in the business world. There is a great lack of awareness about Central America & it's importance to our own security. And there are those in Cong. still infected with the Vietnam syndrome who resist any & all efforts to offer aid where it is needed.

Again Thanks.

Best Regards RR

To Mr. ~~Bob~~ Canton O'Donnell Bayly Corp. P.O. Box 5148

Dear Mr. O'Donnell

Denver Colorado 80217

I thank you very much for your letter and for sending me the snapshot of Miss Ballesteros. I enjoyed the inscription on her T-shirt. ~~It had her full name~~

I'm thinking of trying to send her a photo in return. I assume it would reach her c/o Bayly Corp. Allende Mexico.

You are so right that what we need is more of the kind of economic cooperation you have with our neighbors to the South. I'm hopeful we can soon get our Caribbean Initiative so as to make a start.

Again Thanks & Best Regards RR

To Mr. James F. Wright P.O. Box 4861 Carmel Calif.

Dear Mr. Wright

93921

Unlike you I had never met Al Schaufelberger but I share your sorrow. I knew of him of course & his record - one of the best, and I feel a great sense of rage at the cowardly terrorists who took his life. You are right, our way of life is under attack, and we cannot falter in the fight but I bleed for those fine young Americans who man the ramparts.

I phoned Al's mother & father and to you his friend I offer my heartfelt sympathy. Sincerely

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June 21, 1983

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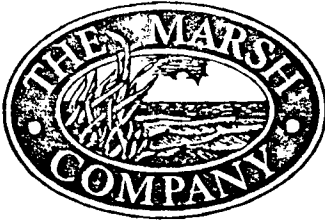
Best regards,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Richard P. Marsh
110 Gough Street, Suite 301
San Francisco, California 94102

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THE MARSH COMPANY

May 3, 1983

Mr. Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. President:

I am unaccustomed to writing letters to public figures, but up until now, I have not felt this strongly about a situation. I have only believed strongly in one former Presidential candidate, Barry Goldwater, but I was too young to vote when he ran. I don't think I have voted in a presidential election, except maybe once for Nixon, but I must confess, my 1984 vote will be for you.

Your speech on the computer industry about a month ago was inspiring, but unfortunately came off poorly because your speech writers did not do their homework. But that aside, I believe your intentions were in earnest.

I am in the computer biz and have been a guest speaker and lecturer at civic groups and technical gatherings, as well as on radio. I have spoken on everything from "Stop Worrying and Learn to Love the Computer" (my sequel to Dr. Strangelove), and "Computer Crime" to "Dealing with People Who Deal with Computers." In all of my presentations, I informed my audiences, "The Computer is here to stay; you might as well accept it."

This brings me to my point. For the past five years, I have told people that computers and automation were going to replace them, and to get on the bandwagon early. They listened and applauded politely, but they didn't hear the warning. Automation replaced some people little by little, until the unemployment slide started. The slide became an avalanche and before long, millions of people lost their jobs. Some because of automation, some because those who became unemployed stopped buying the products that others produced. You know the rest of the economic spiral.

May 3, 1983

I recall a lady on a call-in radio show I was doing who said, "You and your damn computers stole my job. Now how am I going to feed my babies?" I replied, "The same way I feed my three babies; find a job that is needed and forget about what used to be. Progress must move forward, and those who fail to keep up with it will be left behind."

Jesse Jackson, in one of his speeches for Harold Washington in the Chicago Mayorial race said, "We want it All, we want it Here, we want it Now." This, of course, is not unlike The Grasshopper telling the industrious Ants, "The world owes me a living."

When my grandfather immigrated to this country, he said, "I want a chance to earn a living to support my family." My father, with his high school diploma in hand said, "I want a chance to give my family a better life." Unfortunately, members of my generation want the life of leisure and are not willing to go the extra mile to have that better life.

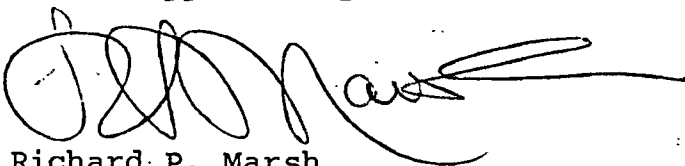
The freedom my grandfather left Italy for, the freedom my father, my brother and I fought for in World War II and Viet Nam is not only being taken for granted, but may someday be given up for free room and board "cuz the world owes me a livin'".

I beseech you to not give into this "Jobs Program" nonsense, but rather support a Jobs Training program for those who are willing to invest in their future. The economy will heal itself and the "Grasshoppers" of my generation will have to pull themselves up and start over again. Don't weaken to "FDR types and their "WPA mentalities".

Don't tax Hi-tech and Software Development; hi-tech is our only real edge over the rest of the world, and if you discourage innovation, our last chance of survival may be shot down. (See forbes, April 11, 1983, pg. 120).

Finally, don't be swayed by detractors, pollsters and whisperers. You have taken some hard stands, put some doom-sayers in their place and have tried to heal a failing nation. I believe the American people will see the light when the time comes and you will be re-elected. Though I hate the triteness of your slogan (where do you get these writers?), "Stay the Course", or as they say on the street, "Hang in There".

Yours Supportively,



Richard P. Marsh
President
THE MARSH COMPANY

June 21, 1983

Dear Ms. Lanning:

Thank you for your mailgram and for giving me the chance to comment regarding the Washington Post article on racial quotas. First let me say the Post is hardly an unbiased source with regard to my Administration.

But I share your concern about bigotry and racial prejudice. You have been frank with me about your upbringing in an atmosphere of segregation with all its evils. My own background was quite the contrary. My mother and father raised my brother and me to be intolerant of only one thing -- intolerance, and, although we did not live in the south, prejudice was commonplace everywhere in those days.

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Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Ms. Judy Lanning
7410 Van Noy Court
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PRESIDENT REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

I AM A SOUTHERN WHITE WOMAN A PRODUCT OF A HOME WHERE AS A CHILD I LEARNED ABOUT "INFERIORITY" IN TERMS OF COLOR AND NOT MERIT. I CAN STILL RECALL THE ABSOLUTE HORROR I FELT ON THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER AND ROBERT KENNEDY. I WAS "CONVERTED" TO THE CAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD, BECAUSE I HAD TO FIRST BE MADE AWARE OF THE "SINS" OF THE SEGRATIONIST SYSTEM I GREW UP IN, AND WHEN I "REPENTED" IT WAS WITH DEEP AND GENUINE SORROW FOR THE INJUSTICE THIS SYSTEM HAD GIVEN OTHER HUMAN BEINGS, I AM NOT AN "ACTIVIST" IN ANY CAUSE, BUT NO PERSON WHO FEELS DEEPLY ABOUT THE CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM OF THE JOHNSON ADMINISTRATION CAN LET PASS THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE PROGRAM WITHOUT PROTEST. THE WASHINGTON POST HEADLINE ARTICLE, "STOP JUSTICE AID CALLS RACE QUOTAS MORALLY WRONG", IN THE SATURDAY APRIL 30 ISSUE MUST BE AN INDICTMENT OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION. IT WOULD BE JUST AS IF THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT RELEASED A STATEMENT THAT NOW ITS OK TO HATE JEWS BECAUSE RACIAL CLASSIFICATIONS ARE WRONG. AS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN AND VOTER I WILL NOT TOLERATE A REGRESSION ON THIS ISSUE. QUOTAS WERE NECESSARY TO CORRECT AN AMERICAN INJUSTICE. QUOTAS ARE STILL NECESSARY BECAUSE MEN IN HIGH PLACES HAVE FORGOTTEN.

JUDY LANNING

7410 VAN NOY CT
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June 21, 1983

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Mr. William B. Boyd
The Johnson Foundation
Racine, Wisconsin 53401-0547

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RACINE, WISCONSIN 53401-0547

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 27, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20501

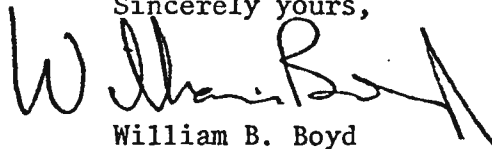
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Congratulations on having appointed the Commission on Excellence in Education. I am delighted with the recommendations and hope that this Foundation can be of assistance in working for their adoption.

On the MacNeil-Lehrer Report which was devoted to the Commission's findings (Tuesday, April 26), a question was raised as to the federal government's role in funding the costs that some of the recommendations will lead to. Secretary Bell indicated that your administration was dealing with that by cutting the income tax on individuals. This would leave money in taxpayer's pockets and thus available to the states to tax and make available for schooling. I hope that is not the view in the White House. Federal tax cuts cannot help national recovery if their consequence is countervailing state tax increases. That simple shifting of taxing and spending from one locus of government to another would make a mockery of all the fine ideas and rhetoric that surrounded the Tax Reform Act.

Even though I do not expect the idea will be popular with you or Secretary Weinberger, I think a strong case can be made for spending some of our defense budget on schooling. When the federal government became heavily involved in education in 1958, the act which produced the action was entitled the National Defense Education Act, recognizing the connection between our security and the effectiveness of our educational system. That connection is even greater today, what with high tech ordnance and more complex manuals. Well-educated soldiers are just as vital as well-armed soldiers. The education will persist long after the arms are obsolete. I urge you to let the defense budget provide appropriate support for our presently inadequate educational system.

Sincerely yours,


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To Mr. Richard P. Marsh 110 Gough St. Suite 301
S. F. Calif. 94102

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Thanks again

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PMS MR. EARLE JORGENSEN
C/O MRS. TOM JONES, (DLR DONT DWR)
1050 MORATA DRIVE
LOS ANGELES CA 90049
?WH?

EARLE:

THE ONLY THING WRONG ABOUT YOU HAVING A BIRTHDAY TODAY IS
THAT TODAY WE HAVE TO BE IN WASHINGTON, HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

NANCY AND RON

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June 22, 1983

Mr. Earle Jorgenson
c/o Mrs. Tom Jones
1050 Morata Drive
Los Angeles, California 90049

Earle:

The only thing wrong about you having a birthday today is that
today we have to be in Washington, Happy birthday.

NANCY AND RON

Anne Higgins
456-7610

RR:AVH:KCS:pps

bcc: Kathy Osborne

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Charley:

Can you please send a wire to Earle
Jorgenson in care of Mrs. Tom Jones,
1050 Morata Drive, Los Angeles, Ca. 90049.

Date 6-22-83

Dear Earle,

The only thing wrong about you having
a birthday today is that today Nancy and
~~we~~ I have to be in Washington. Happy
Bir5hday.

Nancy and Ron

Earle

[Signature]

Thanks Charley.

Kathy

DRAFT/Date 6/21/83

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N.B. RR WROTE THE ATTACHED. HE WANTS
IT SENT TODAY, BUT DATED TOMORROW, 6/22,
AND IT IS TO BE SIGNED AS INDICATED.

bcc: K.O.

Earle:

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Wire - June 22-83

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 20, 1983

Mr. President:

Wednesday is Earle Jorgenson's birthday. Mrs. Reagan sent him a cute birthday card from you both, however, his California friends are having a party for him on Wednesday night, so we'll need to send a wire out tomorrow to make sure it will be there in time.

Mrs. Reagan thought you might want to personally write out what we should say in the wire. Thanks.

Kathy

Dear Earle

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Happy Birthday

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June 24, 1983

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter, your generous words and your suggestions. We see eye to eye on a number of issues. You'll be pleased to know that our Caribbean plan which we're waiting for Congress to pass is aimed at improving the economy and widening trade with 28 countries in the Caribbean and Central America. About 3/4 of our help to El Salvador is non-military and aimed at helping improve the living standard of their people.

We are also engaged in a world wide effort to teach the developing nations about democracy, how it works and how to practice self rule. We are also expanding an exchange system among students. I know many of these things don't get much press attention and that's too bad.

I'm very sorry to hear about your illness. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Again, my thanks for your letter and very best wishes. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gary A. Anderson
3508 W. Erie Street
Chandler, Arizona 85224

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RR Dictation

3508 W. Erie Street

Chandler, AZ 85224

May 15, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

Overall, I think you're doing a wonderfully, successful job at getting the United States out of its economic woes. Please just remember when you said from California that taxpayers should have to pay taxes, not have them withheld. That way we'd know what government costs us and we'd be more likely to be involved. It was and still is a good notion. Let's get to a straight percentage income tax, please. Chop off the loopholes in one fell swoop. I've told my representatives, but hear little about the idea.

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If you'd like more of my thoughts on this matter I'm ready to help out, but please hurry. I found out in February I have a malignant melanomy cancer. I'm trying to spend my time addressing things I've always wanted and intended to do. I know one man can't change everything overnight but I want to survive the cancer having set some better directions in life or at least leave this world having tried to be an influence for love and kindness.

Good luck in '84. I'm hoping you'll run and I'm talking you up.

Yours truly,

Gary A. Anderson

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Thursday, May 5, 1983

U.S. to seriously consider

Republic Wire Services

WASHINGTON — President Reagan said Wednesday the United States will give "serious consideration" to a new Soviet proposal to reduce the number of nuclear warheads in Europe.

The president acknowledged the offer contains a condition, rejected by the United States, that British and French forces be counted along with U.S. missiles set for deployment in Europe. He added that it will take time to determine whether Kremlin chief Yuri Andropov is sincere or advancing the East-West propaganda war.

"The encouraging thing," Reagan said, "was that he made a proposal and it was a proposal aimed at something that has been a consideration of ours, and that is that we should be negotiating warheads and not just missiles."

"He said the sincerity of the Soviet Union will be determined only when negotiations over the extent of medium-range nuclear weapons resume May 17 in Geneva, Switzerland."

Reagan's comments on the offer were his first since Andropov made his proposal in a speech Tuesday in Moscow.

The Soviet Union previously said it was willing to cut the number of missiles aimed at Western Europe. But Andropov's proposal suggested for the first time a mutual ceiling on warheads as well as missiles deployed on land and in submarines and

airplanes by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Andropov's previous offer, made Dec. 21, was opposed by the United States because one missile can carry several warheads.

"We're going to give this (new proposal) serious consideration, as we do any proposal that they make," the president said, adding that he will review it with arms negotiator Paul Nitze before the Geneva talks resume.

At the same time, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told a Pentagon news conference that Andropov's offer to count warheads instead of missile launchers "is a good thing."

But, he said, the Soviet emphasis on including British and French missiles in the negotiations bothers him.

"I wouldn't think that that is going to be a very useful path to pursue if we really want arms-reduction results," he said.

NATO countries generally welcomed Andropov's proposal, but France remained skeptical and joined Britain to insist that French and British warheads be kept out of negotiations.

The British Foreign Office gave a typical reaction, saying the Andropov proposal "is a step in the right direction and is to be welcomed if, as we hope, it is a signal that the Russians will now begin to negotiate seriously at Geneva."

The Foreign Office added, however,

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May 19, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20010

Dear Mr. President:

Recent actions by and your administration prompted this letter.

I am extremely grateful for the actions of the Health and Human Services Department in their efforts to prevent the withholding of food or medical treatment from handicapped infants. The starvation death of "Baby Doe" in Indiana was tragic.

This new medical ethic of "quality of life" has me particularly concerned. I was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer at the age of 5 months. I had only one lung, was paralyzed from the waist down, and the cancer was headed for my heart. If I were born today would I be a candidate for starvation? Today, however, I am 33 years old, a graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in mathematics and psychology, and have been employed in private industry over ten years.

I was also encouraged by your actions at a recent Republican Congressional Women's meeting in which you offered your silence on the Equal Rights Amendment for their support of a Human Life Amendment. I am not a Republican, nor even conservative, but I voted for you in 1980 because of your pro-life position. This recent incident proved to me that stopping abortion is truly one of your top concerns.

Currently pending on the Hill is legislation that I feel is the greatest hope for the pro-life movement; the Respect Human Life Act (S. 467 by Sen. Jepsen and HR 618 by Rep. Hyde). I do hope you will put all the forces of your office behind this most important piece of legislation. This comprehensive pro-life bill will end tax subsidized abortion and prohibit withholding food, water, or medical treatment from handicapped infants. Numerous times during your administration it was said it could never pass (such as your reduced budget), but your personal intervention proved the experts wrong. Please give this matter your personal attention.

Sincerely,



Robert G. B. Powell, Jr.

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June 24, 1983

Dear Mr. Powell:

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I am supporting the legislation you mentioned and will not forget the cause. We have a case in the news today which exposes the fallacy of the abortionists' case. A pregnant woman was shot, she survived the wound but her unborn child was killed. The assailant has been charged with murder. Yet she could have killed the unborn by abortion and that would have been legal.

Thanks again for your letter and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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Dear Reverend Mackensen:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words. I am most grateful and -- yes -- humble, hoping I can be worthy of them.

I feel I've been blessed beyond anything I've earned for myself. I thank you for your prayers and I believe very much in intercessory prayer.

Sincerely,

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Mr. President:

Ursula and Ed Meese and family have been and are still associated with our church.

I know you must get many letters with complaints.

The many fine things you are doing so often seem to go unnoticed.

I want to thank you personally for that touch of kindness and thoughtfulness that was so evident from you and your wife when Ed's and Ursula's son was married in February.

Some of us were there when they opened your gift to them.

I've noticed you doing such things as this, going out of your way at different times . . . You make room for others in a way that shows by word and deed you have the "common touch" for the people of this nation.

God bless you for it.

We keep you in our thought and prayers. May our Lord lead you as you lead our nation.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1983

Dear Mrs. Shreffler:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your most eloquent letter. I wish every American could hear of your experience and realize how blessed we are in this "nation under God."

You have strengthened my determination to continue working for a strong national security and the preservation of our freedom. Yes, we shall "keep our light of freedom burning strong and bright for the oppressed peoples of the world." We have a rendezvous with destiny.

My heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Betty Shreffler
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President Ronald Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Copy for me ✓
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May 13, 1983

Dear Mr. President,

After my recent return from visiting relatives in Poland (my first to that country), I felt that I owed you this letter. Until three weeks ago I supported a nuclear freeze, arms reduction, and the Conference of Catholic Bishop's weighty statements.

How I wish people of our great country, including the Catholic clergy, could have been with me during my two week tour of Poland with a side trip to the U.S.S.R..

Poland is a concentration camp. Encircled by the same double strands of barbed wire that is displayed at Auschwitz and Buchenwald; camps so atrocious they have been preserved so that we shall never forget, and never permit this sort of thing to happen again ...it is happening today, in the great nation state of Poland.

The fear in the faces of men, women and children is also a reminder of things past. People speak in whispers, look over their shoulders constantly, and a few brave young persons will tell you that people still disappear daily from their jobs and their homes. As an American observer I see little difference between the Gestapo and the KGB.

Long lines form for any meager thing that may find its way into the shops. Two shoe coupons a year buy nothing, if there are no shoes, and no money with which to buy them.

Young married couples must wait approximately 20 years (as it is now projected) for their own small poorly constructed apartment. And the convenience of a telephone is something they may never know in their lifetime.

Our American dream is owning a home of one's own. Can you imagine the sacrifices that are being made by these people who are living two and three families to a single unit. Our convicts are shown greater human freedoms here in America, than Russia is allowing the Polish people.

Water cannons are turned into churches, and priests openly talked with me of the fear and oppression that has fallen heavily upon the Catholic Church. Would any statement made by the Council of Catholic Bishops be heard in the Soviet Union ?

Polish school's have become Russified, with the glorious past of Poland and her hero's being removed from its history. Polish culture is being liquidated. Printed religious materials are almost non-existent, and purchased at great personal risk.

Few Americans, in our great country today, are unaware of the Bill of Rights and the work of the A.C.L.U., and, I feel, that it is a good thing that a free society exercise its rights by protesting, marching and certainly all faiths are free to issue statements regarding such complicated matters as nuclear warfare, but I wonder where the logic of these protestors would take them, if they were trying to express these same thoughts in Poland today, under a Communist government.....confronted with guns, secret police, barbed wire, police dogs, and never knowing when, for any out-spoken or overt act against the government, they may be taken from their homes or jobs and simply disappear.

I too support human rights, Mr. President, but my question to these well meaning protestors and clergy would be, where does the responsibility for the protection of such rights lie? If I, and my grandchildren are being spared a nuclear holocaust, so that we might possibly end up oppressed and in bondage, as the Polish people live today, I responsibly say, No thank you!

I was ask in Warsaw, Katowice, and Krakow, if people in America understood what was happening in Poland under Russian domination.

I said, no. No, because we do not know fear, oppression, religious censorship, we have never know the hopelessness that comes from living under a dictatorship. If there could only be one protest march in Poland today, Mr. President, it would not be for arms reduction, jobs, or food, or even clothing, but rather for the most prized and valued fundamental right of every living soul in this universe.....Freedom.

I cannot give to every American, now enjoying this wonderful gift of freedom in our great country, my traumatic and frightening experience of viewing a country existing under communist control, but I can give to you my vote of confidence in your nuclear and space programs for a stronger and safer America. I can speak out in support of what I now know to be the only way possible to deal with a country like Russia....defense.....a strong national defense.

Our responsibility to the future, it would seem to me, is that we should keep our light of freedom burning strong and bright for the oppressed people's of the world. Certainly the Polish people are looking for that light across the Atlantic...their only ray of hope.

Wasn't it Patrick Henry who said, "Give me liberty or give me death".....nothing seems more applicable in the struggle for world peace and FREEDOM.

I am (now) behind you 100%, Mr. President.

Red, White and Blue ,
(in Oklahome)

Betty Shreffler
-Mrs. Betty Shreffler

To Mr. Gary A. Anderson 3508 W. Erie St. Chandler Ariz.
Dear Mr. Anderson 85224

Thank you for your letter, your generous words & your suggestions. We see eye to eye on a number of issues. You'll be pleased to know that our Caribbean plan which we're waiting for Congress to pass is aimed at improving the economy & widening trade with 28 countries in the Caribbean & Central Am. About $\frac{3}{4}$ of our help to El Salvador is non military & aimed at helping improve the living standard of their people.

We are also engaged in a world wide effort to teach the developing nations about democracy, how it works & how to practice self rule. We are also expanding an exchange system among students. I know many of these things don't get much press attention & that's too bad.

I'm very sorry to hear about your illness. You will be in my thoughts & prayers. Again my thanks for your letter and very best wishes. God bless you.

Smiling RR

To Mr. Robert B. B. Powell Jr. 208 Barracuda Ave.
Dear Mr. Powell Galveston Texas 77550

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My heart best thanks - Sincerely RR

I have the letter. This is an answer to. I'll bring it in tomorrow.

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June 21, 1983

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Thanks very much for your letter of May 27.
Needless to say I am in great agreement with
you on the importance to us of Central America.

I intend to take up a number of the specifics
you mentioned with our people. It was good to
have your views based on your experience there.
You were able to see things in a way not always
available to official visitors.

I'm glad you are communicating with members of
Congress and your friends in the business world.
There is a great lack of awareness about Central
America and it's importance to our own security.
And there are those in Congress still infected
with the Vietnam syndrome who resist any and all
efforts to offer aid where it is needed.

Again thanks.

Best regards,

RONALD REAGAN

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Office of the
Vice President

May 27, 1983

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May I have
a copy of this?

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

Dear Mr. President:

With each passing day, Central America is geography which more and more Americans are becoming familiar with; and, yet, with all of the increased attention by the media, our knowledge about that part of the world is appallingly shallow. During the last few days, I had the opportunity to be in Central America on business and spent considerable time talking to businessmen in both Guatemala and Honduras. In addition, I talked to taxi drivers, hotel workers, Indians and U.S. Embassy personnel. While it was very clear that none of the Guatemalans or Hondurans I talked to wanted a Communist takeover, it was also clear that one's personal point of view about Central America could soon be lost in confusing and conflicting facts. I did have a point of view prior to going to Central America and that view was substantially reinforced by my visit. The United States must continue to support our friends in Central America -- both because of the area's strategic importance and because our nation's moral values mandate that continued support.

I want to make it absolutely clear that the conclusions I have reached are personal and have no relationship to my company's small investment in Guatemala and Honduras. In terms of the size of Avon Products, Inc., sales and profits in that region are infinitesimal. I am concerned, however, as an American that the Congress must become more realistic in its approach to supporting your foreign policy objectives in Central America. There seems to be a continuing knee-jerk cadence from certain members of the Congress who completely shut their eyes and ears to the struggle of millions in that region who only want to live in peace and freedom.