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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1983

Dear Holmes:

Thanks very much for your suggestion about Fred Goldberg. I've passed it on to John Herrington. He was very glad to get it so evidently the spot is still open.

It was good to see you and Virginia but these affairs never allow for a visit. It's very frustrating.

Nancy sends her love and we both wish you a Merry Christmas.

Regards,



Mr. Holmes Tuttle
1237 East Mountain Drive
Montecito, California 93108

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RONALD REAGAN

To Holmes Tuttle

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1983

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Just a line to thank you for your card. Nancy and I appreciate the holiday message but also the very unique card itself. It's a little humbling, isn't it, to find small countries coming up with something like that. We are both having fun with it. It's quite a conversation piece.

Wang Yen-Chiu was correct. We had a fine tour of a steel mill and then the adjacent shipyard. Both were marvels of new technology.

We both wish you both a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mr. Roy Brewer
4230 Jubilo Drive
Tarzana, California 91356

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RONALD REAGAN

To Roy Brewer

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Sincerely
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1983

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I hope you won't mind my answering your letter to Maureen. She allowed me to do this because she thought I could better respond to the concerns you expressed. She asked that I tell you she remembers you very well and sends you her very best regards.

Mrs. Clark, I'm aware that a great deal of image-making has gone on about me. That is to be expected with regard to anyone in this position but, in my case, much of it has been entirely contrary to what I believe and to what my goals and purposes really are.

Would it surprise you to know I share your horror of nuclear weapons and am convinced there must never be a nuclear war? I know this brings up a question with regard to our program of modernization of our nuclear forces. Very simply, the answer to that is for some years back the only defense against these weapons has been a deterrent. An earlier Democratic administration named it the M.A.D. policy -- Mutual Assured Destruction. We must admit it has prevented a major war in Europe for some 40 years, now but it is a terrible threat hanging over the world.

In recent years the Soviet Union has engaged in the biggest military build-up in history both in conventional forces and in nuclear weapons. They now have superiority and are continuing to increase their margin. We still have a deterrent capacity but must replace our aging missiles with some that are comparable to theirs or face the reality of getting in the near future a surrender-or-die ultimatum.

Because of our change in policy the Soviet Union has grudgingly joined in disarmament talks with us to a greater extent than at any time since W.W. II. My hope, indeed, my dream, is that if we can once start down the road of reducing the number of missiles on both sides, they will be convinced of the wisdom of eliminating all such weapons. The U.S. has tried to interest the Soviets in arms control some 19 times since W.W. II without success. I believe we've caught their attention this time because they are convinced we'll re-arm to match them if they don't consider joining in a planned reduction.

As for Central America, 75% of all our aid has been in economic and social reforms. Only 25¢ out of each dollar has gone to military aid. The great economic inequities in many of those countries have made them ripe for subversion. We want to help correct this but, I assure you, we are not planning any military actions there. A very definite planned assault by Cubans as proxies of the Soviet Union is aimed at the Western hemisphere. It must be stopped if we are to have peace.

Forgive me for going on at such length. I hope I have eased some of your concerns.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Laurence M. Clark
1371 Oak Street
Redlands, California 92373

1371 Oak Street
Redlands, CA 92373
October 31, 1983

Miss Maureen Reagan:

You will probably not remember me, but I was your Sunday School teacher at Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church when you were in the third grade. Later I moved to Redlands and taught at the University of Redlands from 1949 to 1971 in its art department, teaching art education and art history. To strengthen my teaching of art history I have travelled widely in Europe, the Middle East, the Orient, and in Mexico, spending a total of more than two years in areas outside of the United States. I think that my contacts with individuals as well as with the general culture of many countries has given me an improved perspective in viewing our own country.

At present I am deeply concerned about America's place in relation to the rest of the world. I am writing you in the hope that you can have some influence on your father's thinking. When I heard you speak out on TV about Watt's apologies being enough to paper a wall, I felt you were thinking independently and courageously and that a letter might receive your attention.

I visited Japan for the first time in 1964, spent three months there in 1971, but did not visit Hiroshima until my most recent visit in June of this year, after a visit to China. I have long been concerned about danger to the total earth in the event of nuclear war, but that visit to Hiroshima made me even more concerned. True, the city is functioning well now, after tremendous reconstruction, but a visit to the Peace Museum showed me metal pots which had been melted down by the heat of the blast of only one bomb, and glass pitchers and other vessels which had melted. Even granite bars had warped out of position and had melted surfaces. Photographs of burned victims, a diorama of children whose skin was hanging from their arms in ribbons, and the ruins of the one shattered building allowed to remain as a reminder, all bore terrifying testimony. When I realize that one of our trident submarines carries bombing power equal to three times that of the bombs used on Japan including both Hiroshima and Nagasaki, I am overwhelmed. And when I read that the bombs in existence in today's world are equal to four tons of TNT for every man, woman and child on earth, I am even more awed, and horrified.

But when I see the results of our nuclear bombing of Japan and then realize the friendly feelings for Americans which are displayed so warmly and readily in Japan, I hope that the animosity between Russia and the U.S. can also be dispelled in a few years, without the agony of war. We must seek trust and build trust, but we must act to warrant that trust. From personal contact with friends who have visited Central America recently I fear that our policies there are more harmful than helpful to the cause of justice. First-hand reports are available if you would want them.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret D. Clark
Mrs. Laurence M. Clark

To Mr. Alan Brown Box R-4526 A.P.O. N.Y. 09283

Dear Alan

It was good to hear from you and may I say your letter got here quicker than much of our domestic mail from much closer locales.

I was more than happy to learn of the grass roots support abroad for our ~~Theresa~~ rescue mission, as well as our situation in Central America. As for some of the unfriendliness I'm amazed how much they get away with. For example they automatically ban turned the rebels in El Salvador and against those in Nicaragua. The difference is that in El Salvador the govt. has elections & is trying to be democratic while in Nicaragua the govt. has embraced Carter & the Soviets.

You know Carter & the Nicaraguan govt. have both claimed over & over that Cuba only has 200 mil. advisors in Nicaragua. Now without any apology both have announced that 1000 of that 200 are returning to Cuba.

It reminds me of the Chinese girl whose salary was 50 a week and she sent 200 of it home to her folks.

Well again, thanks for your good letter. Nancy sends her very love as do I.

Sincerely Ron

To Mrs. Lawrence M. Clark 1371 Oak St. Redlands Calif.
92373

Dear Mrs. Clark

I hope you won't mind my answering your letter to Marion. She allowed me to do this because she thought I could better respond to the concerns you expressed. She asked that I tell you she remembers you very well and sends you her very best regards.

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stopped if we are to have peace.
I hope we are going on to make progress. I hope I have saved
some of your concern. Jimmy R.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

16 de Diciembre 1983

Querido Amigo:

Fue un inmenso placer el haber tenido la oportunidad de visitar con usted en la Casa Blanca y fue un gusto conocer a su encantadora esposa y sus hijos. Espero que nos encontremos mas a menudo en los proximos anos.

Le deseo a todos ustedes un Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo. Hasta que nos volvamos a ver, Que Dios le tenga en sus manos.

Sincerramente,

Mr. Antonio Aguilar
Siracusa 58
Lomas Estrella
Mexico 13, D.F.

1983

Dear Amigo

It was such a great pleasure to have you here at the White House and to meet your beautiful wife & fine sons. I hope our paths will cross more often than they have in these past few years.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until we meet again may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Sincerely
RR

(TAPED)
See if we could get the above translated into Spanish.



THE RITZ-CARLTON
Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom:

My Beloved's Lvs.

Antonio Aguilar

Siracusa # 58

LOMAS ESTRELLA

Mexico 13, D.F.

Phone. 905/5826746 + 5826746
and 6709682.

Thank you for Todo

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1983

Dear Bob:

Just a line to reply to your good letter. This undoubtedly will not arrive before Christmas so I'll say I hope you had a Merry one and have a Happy New Year. Thanks for your kind and generous words.

Bob, I've handed in the name of Colonel Frank to our John Herrington. There isn't anything in the diplomatic line on tap right now but we'll see that he isn't overlooked when there is.

All the best to you.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. Robert A. Hornby
810 South Flower Street
Los Angeles, California 90017

ROBERT A. HORNBY
810 SOUTH FLOWER STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90017

*Send this to John Harrington.
RAH*

December 6, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 16691

Dear Mr. President:

On November 30 I wrote you about the qualifications of Colonel Milton Frank for an ambassadorial post. On page 2 I said "... it would be my pleasure to present him to you at some informal meeting during one of your next trips to San Diego or Los Angeles." Whereas I had carefully read the text of the draft, for some inexplicable reason, San Diego was substituted for Santa Barbara. I regret the oversight.

In the November 30 letter I offered my congratulations for your strong stand in the Grenada containment. I add my support for the retaliation against the attacks on United States reconnaissance planes.

From the incidents thus far in Libya and Lebanon, I have no hope for improvement by the discursive route unless accompanied by the threat of retaliation. Thus, my position, which has been confirmed by two World Wars, is not likely to be moderated. I don't expect the Marxists to adopt a conciliatory position or to urge anything other than futility by those who oppose their form of government and their ruthless contempt for a bona fide peace.

You are a wise man devoted to your patriotic position, and we citizens are fortunate that you are in office.

Respectfully,

Bob Hornby

RAH/jmc

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 21, 1983

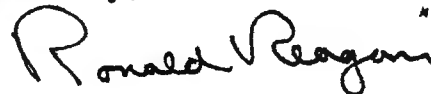
Dear Landon:

Thank you very much for your kind and thoughtful letter. I will always remember your loyal service and the wonderful, witty lyrics you gave me to sing.

The memories of people's laughter, or of sharing a warm moment that brought tears to their eyes, are treasures I reflect on in quiet moments. You made so many of these possible, Landon. And, by the way, Nancy fully shares my appreciation and asked me to include a heartfelt thanks of her own.

I am sorry to lose your services, but I know you will be a great asset to Ambassador Price in London. Nancy and I send our best wishes to you and Alice for every future success and happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. Landon Parvin
American Embassy
Box 40
FPO New York 09570

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/20/83

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 12/21/83

SUBJECT: LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE OF LANDON PARVIN'S RESIGNATION

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DEAVER	☐	☐	MURPHY	☐	☐
STOCKMAN	☐	☐	OGLESBY	☐	☐
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HERRINGTON	☐	☐	ELLIOTT	☒	☐
HICKEY	☐	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Ben, per your conversation with Kathy Reid, please prepare an appropriate Presidential response.

Thanks.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

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The President has seen _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAVID R. GERGEN *DR*

SUBJECT: Letter Draft

*OK on letter
as per RR*

Attached is a resignation letter to you from Landon Parvin, one of your most talented speechwriters who recently left to accept a post in London as Executive Assistant to Ambassador Price. (As you know, Landon also drafted several speeches for Mrs. Reagan.)

Landon would greatly treasure it if you could write a few lines for him, and we have drafted the attached as a suggested response.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

'1-23-83

Dear Mr. President,

Before I left the White House I wanted to say my goodbye and tell you what an honor it's been to be one of your speechwriters. I will still be serving you but in London as the executive assistant to Ambassador Price.

I have learned so much from you about the power of simple words when backed with conviction and decency. I think, rather than communicate, you telegraph -- right to a person's heart and values.

The deep respect I carry for you will never fade. My grandfather has always been my role model in life because of integrity and faith and all the qualities he symbolized to me. Now, sir, I have two people to guide me. God bless you and all you represent.

Sincerely,
London Furrin

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LEONARD GARMENT
2101 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20037

December 21, 1983

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. President:

I thought your press conference last night was superb. Some of the questions were smart, some were stupid; a few were clear and tough; others were incomprehensible or nasty. Through it all, you maintained the poise and good humour for which you are justly praised. But much more important to me was the solidity and clarity of your views on the tough questions--terrorism, race, Lebanon, war and peace generally. Some of your and my good friends who are prepared to do all kinds of verbal battle in defense of hardline abstractions, flinch from the use of force in those regional areas where the fuses of big power confrontation are actually being lit.

On this crucial issue, you were a one-man deterrent last night; and in a perverse world this counts among the bravest of peacemaking functions. It made me think of the New Year as a hopeful if not particularly happy time.

Sincerely,

Leonard Garment

Leonard Garment

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

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