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THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON

March 16, 1984

Dear Mr. Madsen:

Thank you for writing and thank you even more for your help as a member of the Grace Commission. I think Barrons February 6 article is inaccurate. The final commission report has been delivered to us. It contains almost 2500 specific recommendations. About 70% of these will require legislation. We have a task force working on the report now.

By coincidence, I have just announced to the press that the Republican Congressional leadership and I have reached agreement on a downpayment on the deficit of \$150 billion over the next three years. Part of that \$150 billion is made up of Grace Commission savings.

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We know the \$150 billion downpayment is not the final answer, but it does set the next three years' deficits on a downward glide. We intend to go on to the structural reforms which will then bring us to a balanced budget a few years down the road.

Again, thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN ^A

Mr. Gregory E. Madsen
Bank of America National Trust
and Savings Association
Box 37000
San Francisco, California 94137



BANK OF AMERICA

SAN FRANCISCO HEADQUARTERS

February 21, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
United States of America

Dear President Reagan:

As a member of the Grace Commission, I spent 2 months in Washington D.C. in 1982 working with government agencies as a private citizen to find ways to reduce federal expenses. To date I have not had any feedback as to whether these recommendations will be implemented.

The total Grace Commission report identified nearly \$113 billion in total annual savings and according to a February 6th Barrons article "...that report appears likely to disappear without a trace...".

Your proposed budget for FY 1985 shows a projected deficit of \$180 billion, which in my opinion is ludicrous. I, for one, am truly shocked at the apparent lack of implementation of Grace Commission recommendations and fiscal irresponsibility that you and your colleagues are showing toward the federal deficit.

One way to change this perception and begin obtaining results would be to issue instructions to your appointees to implement the Grace Commission recommendations, no questions asked. I am confident any really unsound recommendations will be reversed by Congress soon enough.

Re-elections aside, it is up to you to bring the federal deficit under control. No one else even stands a chance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Gregory E. Madsen'.

Gregory E. Madsen
Vice President

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Again thanks for writing.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Thank you very much for your letter and your generous words. I'm most grateful.

I share your frustration with regard to the inconsistencies of our legal procedures. Right now we have a comprehensive crime package before the Congress to tighten up laws and eliminate the technicalities which are used to turn criminals back out on the street.

Of course with our separation of powers our proposals would only apply to federal crimes and courts. My hope is that if we can get passage it might encourage our states to follow suit. Speaking of separation of powers which I believe in, I'm afraid Washington can't do anything about the case in the clipping you sent me but I'm going to check it out. I share your feeling about it and believe it is a violation of our fundamental freedoms.

Again thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Bruce E. Jackson
9922 62nd Avenue Court East
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9922 62nd Ave. Ct. Ea.
Puyallup, Washington 98373
February 18, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

Never before have I been motivated to write a letter to the President of the United States of America. On this occasion I am so prompted for two reasons.

First, to express gratitude and support for your decision to seek re-election. More than ever this nation needs your confident and sensible style of leadership.

Second, to relate an area of government that I have great concern for. I refer specifically to our state and federal court systems. As a police officer for 12 years I have seen many hardened and dangerous criminals set free to seek new victims by courts more concerned with procedural perfection than the obvious guilt of the accused based upon the facts presented at trial. Numerous times voters of this state have been frustrated by federal judges who have invalidated laws ranging from control of pornography to the death penalty. These acts had been mandated by initiatives and ratified by an overwhelming majority of the voters, yet were swept aside by the decision of a single man. Seemingly, the "will of the people" fell victim to the "will of the courts".

Enclosed is a short news article that I read yesterday. It tells of a judge who ordered a father to give four of his sons into state custody because he and his wife had violated that state's compulsory education act by teaching them at home. As a father, I can think of no more cruel or unusual punishment than to take away one's children. Surely this offense, if any, cannot justify such a terrible penalty.

These incidents, combined with the insight gained due to my professional involvement with the judicial system, give rise to a genuine fear of the power assumed by our federal and state judges. They seem immune to whatever check and balances our administrative and legislative branches attempt, and are unresponsive to even the expressed will of the voters.

The father deprived of his children wonders, "...if there's any authority to counter what this man has done." In search of an answer to this question that I have so often asked myself I discovered the following verse in my Bible. Ecclesiastes 5:8 states, "If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of justice and righteousness in a province, marvel not at the matter; for He that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there are higher than than they."

Seeing this in my daily work it is difficult for me at times not to "marvel at the matter". Nevertheless, as one in authority, I shall do all possible at my station to reduce such "oppression of the poor and violent perverting of justice and righteousness", but I'm convinced that efforts must be made at the highest possible levels of our government to reduce the focus of power held by these individual judges.

While maintaining faith in "He that is higher than the highest" I encourage you, Mr. President, to study and invoke whatever remedies may be most beneficial to restoring some balance of power in the judiciary. I believe this will help to insure for the people of this great nation the freedom and liberty we hold so dear.

Thank you for your time and may God continue to bless you and Mrs. Reagan in your next term.

Most sincerely yours,


Bruce E. Jackson

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March 19, 1984

Dear Miss Taber:

Thank you very much for your letter, your kind words and your prayers. I'm most grateful.

I know for all of us the matter of the missing is a terrible burden but nowhere near what it is for those who have a dear one in that category.

We'll continue to do everything we can -- and for all of us that includes prayer.

Again thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Judie Mills Taber
1421 Brighton Street
La Habra, California 90631

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bcc: Dick Childress w/copy of incoming. 392

Fri., Feb 24, 1984

Dear President Reagan,

I am writing to thank you for sending the delegation to Hanoi headed by Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage and N.S.C. Staff member, Dick Childress. My sister, Ann Mills Griffiths, the Executive Director of the National League, is the representative of the families and I want to thank you for allowing her to go along. I know her presence at the meetings was a real comfort to the families.

As we await the return of the delegation, we are continuing to pray for successful results in the days, weeks, and months to come.

I appreciate too your willingness to stand up for your beliefs in the face of real opposition on this and many other issues such as abortion, prayer in schools, etc. We are thrilled to have a President who is not ashamed of being a Christian and who is willing to advocate what is right even if it's not popular.

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With Love through Christ Our Lord,

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NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS & MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
March 19, 1984

Dear Mr. Nielsen:

Thank you very much for writing as you did. Needless to say, we are in great agreement. We can't turn to the "quick fixes" that have been the response to the previous recessions since WW II. They have also been the cause of each succeeding recession.

I'm sure you know by now that we've made a proposal to the Congress for what I've called a downpayment on the present deficit. Of course, this is only a start. Much more must be done in the next year or two to bring about structural reforms and get us once and for all back to a balanced budget policy. This will include securing passage of a Constitutional amendment to require balanced budgets.

Our downpayment calls for some additional revenues but no change in tax rates. I've asked the Treasury Department to bring me a plan for overall tax simplification which could be taken up in '85. Some of the loopholes we presently propose closing would probably have been part of that simplification. However, we must not yield to those who are demanding surtaxes and increased rates. The answer to our persistent economic problems is less government not more, and certainly less redistribution of earnings.

Thanks again for your words of support.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. William D. Nielsen, Jr.
5311 West River Road, North
Lorain, Ohio 44055

Telephone: 216-277-1226

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Western Reserve Manufacturing Co., Inc.

5311 West River Road, N.

Lorain, Ohio 44055

February 9, 1984

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

Dear Mr. President:

According to the average stockbroker, the recent heavy selling in the stock market can be laid to concern about the federal deficit and its effect on interest rates in the future. My congressman, Don Pease, in so many words hinted at the impending turn in his last questionnaire for his constituents. In one question he made first the statement that taxes would have to be raised and then asked, again in so many words, how we wanted to take the medicine (income taxes, surtaxes, etc).

Frankly, I am puzzled that people have been so startled to realize that the deficit is real; disappointed that the Federal Reserve is not going to roll the presses they are now rushing to sell. The federal deficit has been staring at my grandparents, my parents, and now me and my wife for fifty years. In my opinion the policies of the past guaranteed the fiscal condition of the government. Your policies have averted disaster.

But once again comes your opposition telling us that higher taxes- to which we are assumed to be accustomed- will fix everything by balancing the national budget. My common sense tells me that more taxes will solve nothing but the problems of the House of Representatives.

Our economy needs some new real growth businesses. Our trading partners in the free world, having borrowed a significant portion of our available capital, have now been entrusted to perform a lot of the work our country once did. This is necessary not just so they can pay back our banks but more importantly because these free people want a better life. Why do our citizens think they borrowed the money in the first place? Besides, these developing economies perform this work for a lot less and make quality goods.

In my view these events embody the only strategy we who love liberty can hope to provide protection against the dangerous competitors we all have in common- namely the tyrants of centralization. Not all of them call themselves communists. Someday perhaps free people can do more business in good faith with these oppressive systems. But for now there is apparent great risk in this plan.

To see a great investment made in the "emerging" free economies by our citizens subsequently confiscated by groups like the communists would be tragic and dangerous. Likewise, aggressively limiting the ability of centrally planned economies to operate can result in a perfectly natural but equally dangerous retaliatory response. In my opinion these are the overriding risks that require us to spend unfortunate sums on weapons and soldiers. Nobody likes it. But nobody could live the way Americans want to live if we do not spend this money now.

Printing exorbitant amounts of money and raising taxes was the past method of trying to accomodate all things at once. It was a means to soothe the conscience of the prosperous or prejudiced when they had been forced to see the needy and outcast. This was a substitute plan for real change that only parents can teach children. But it was the easy way out. In my opinion, the quality of the result delivered to those this plan was supposed to uplift was a "ripoff" best described as hypocrisy. When capital formation opportunities better than our own economy's grew out of the zeal of our trading partners, the task of the Federal Reserve to keep the lamp lit around the globe became ridiculous. Gradually people realized it was unwise to save money or invest capital here. Every person I knew then had borrowed money to the hilt, expecting to pay later with inflated money. I personally suspect that many members of the House in particular, perhaps aware of the eventual outcome, doled out via legislation vast sums to their constituents while hoping for a magical answer to appear. Unfortunately it seems our government can no longer afford this sort of anesthetic- unfortunate for the Congress perhaps, but a blessing for the American people.

I am grateful to you and Mr. Volcker for recognizing the somewhat threadbare economy we have been wearing around for the last fifteen years while imagining it to be the emperor's new clothes. There is no long-run benefit that the federal government can generate with the kind of capital money our economy is requiring to develop less energy intensive, more productive lines of work. Only people at work trying to make a living by making something out of something else can do this job, unless of course, the government wants to go into business and try to make a profit. I would not be surprised to learn that many in Washington would favor the latter path to the former. Then Uncle Sam could raise taxes and prices too without having to wait for inflation.

Members of the Congress will now have a second chance to answer the same questions asked of them four years ago. The American people have grown wise to their plan of raising taxes and prices for the sake of concentrating greater amounts of our labor's fruits in some town on the Potomac River. How would the legislators like to go about stopping it? Would they rather shrink the government or stop the economy? I stand with you, Mr. President. I think higher taxes are a burden and exorbitant money growth little short of a lie.

These are exciting times- watching so many tough questions answered by our democracy. I hope you got the job of President in time to help us. I want you to know that I will vote for you in 1984- with great admiration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Nielsen". The signature is written in dark ink and has a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William D. Nielsen, Jr.

0 new to Mrs. Bruce E. Jackson 9922 62nd Ave. Ct. Ea.
Pasadena Wash. 98373

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To Mr. Wm. D. Nielsen Jr. - Western Reserve Mfg. Co. Inc.
5311 W. River Rd. N. Lorain Ohio 44055

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

Dear Murph:

Just time for a line in response to your query of March 15. A few days ago -- last week -- I approved reappointment of James Quello to the F.C.C.

I share your good opinion of him and am happy to have such a man on the team.

All the best.

Ron

The Honorable George Murphy
100 Worth Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida 33480



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GEORGE MURPHY

100 Worth Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida 33480
March 15, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

A good client of mine who is also a strong supporter of yours, along with many other friends of mine who are interested in the future of broadcasting, have asked that I bring to your attention once again the name of Commissioner James Quello. His term as commissioner on the Federal Communications Comm. will terminate June 30 of this year and all concerned suggest his re-appointment would be greatly desired and from the record it would seem that it has certainly been well earned. You will recall that both yourself and President Nixon sponsored James Quello's appointment in the past and from all available evidence it would appear he has done an excellent job.

Added to that I recall that my old boss, Louis Mayer, used to tell me at least five times a day, "Murphy, remember this! There is no substitute for experience."

With my special prayers and best wishes,

George Murphy
George Murphy

P. S. Thank you for your note. I'll have it framed for my grandson so he'll know I was once a "class act."

Love to both.
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G. M.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date:

To:

K.O.

*Here's his
address -*

DAVID SANTOY

4602 CADISON ST.

TORRANCE, Calif.

90503

ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
Room 94, x7610

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

Dear Mr. Santoy:

First let me offer my deepest sympathy for your great loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

And now let me tell you how very much I appreciate your letter telling me of those magnificent young men of the second platoon including your son. I have written to the Sergeants you named and all the platoon of my great pride in them. Nothing in my present job has made me so proud as I am of the young men and women in our Armed Forces.

Back in WW II General Marshall was once asked if we had a secret weapon. He replied, "Yes, the best d-m kids in the world." We can use that line again about today's military. And I can testify also about some Vietnam Vets. "Semper Fi." And again thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. David Santoy
4602 Cadison Street
Torrance, California 90503

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

Dear Mr. Cornelison:

Thank you for writing and giving me an opportunity to respond. In view of the partisan demagoguery and the constant drum beat in much of the media -- especially the TV news I can appreciate why you feel as you do about military spending. May I present a few facts which have been overlooked?

First, there is no question about the need to balance the budget. I've been making speeches about that for 30 years. Our country has been following a policy of deliberate deficit spending for half a century. It is true I said I would set about balancing the budget. I also said I would restore our defenses which were in total disarray.

We had ships in our Navy which couldn't leave port for lack of men to man them. Half our planes on any given day couldn't fly for lack of spare parts, and for those that could, flying time was so limited to save fuel that our accident rate was on a steady climb. Officers and non-commissioned officers were leaving the service in such numbers we couldn't properly staff many units. The active reserve was virtually non-existent. Incidentally, our strategic nuclear weapons were at their lowest point in 25 years.

Well enough of that. Our buildup still leaves the defense spending at little more than one-fourth of the total budget. Historically defense has been around half of federal spending. In Kennedy's term it was 47.8%.

Those stories about waste and simple spare parts costing a hundred times more than they should are true. But we are the ones who provided those figures. We discovered these extravagances and have turned this around. There have been hundreds of indictments and millions of dollars in rebates.

So far Congress has given me less than half the spending cuts I asked for in the entire budget. If we had continued on the budgets projected by the previous Administration the present deficit would be \$191 billion bigger than it is. I've been trying for more than two years to get an amendment to the Constitution requiring a balanced budget, without success.

Again thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. J. R. Cornelison
4509 Classen Boulevard, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

Balance budget

February 2, 1984

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Mr. President:

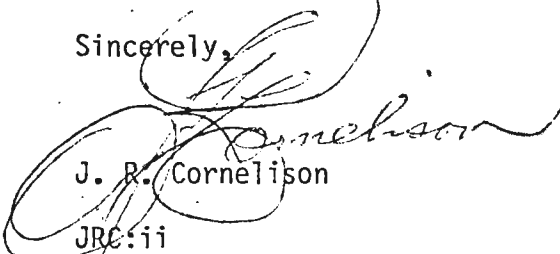
I have recently seen a graph of the national debt and the deficit expressed as a percentage of GNP. It is frightening to see the increase in the deficit. I do realize that some of it is built in and that it cannot be altered over night, but it must be stopped. It is certainly time for a constitutional amendment to require the government to live within its means as all of us must.

Although I realize we need a strong military in the real world, we cannot afford the kind of military spending we have been doing. If we become economically bankrupt military strength will be beside the point. I supported you strongly in the first election. But you promised to bring down the deficit. Even expressed as a percentage of GNP it is the highest ever! I also realize that congress plays a part in this, but you have been successful in keeping the military spending disproportionately high and I feel you dismiss your responsibility in that too lightly.

You have done exceedingly well in helping get inflation down to a more reasonable level. But you will not have done your job until you also get the deficit to zero without raising taxes. You seem to be overly concerned about how Russia will interpret a reduction in military spending. If we correct our economy, Russia will have far more to fear than if we build more military strength. As Commander in Chief of the military, you can do much more than you have to eliminate waste, reduce overseas personnel and keep our military priorities straight. I think you are underestimating the number of voters who must be convinced that you are serious about balancing the budget. From your past performance we can't feel encouraged!

In summary, BALANCE THE BUDGET and get interest rates for homes back under 10%. If it takes cutting military spending, CUT. If it takes eliminating foreign aid, CUT.

Sincerely,



J. R. Cornelison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 19, 1984

Dear Miss Willis:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words. And Mrs. Reagan joins me in this. We were both happy to learn about the program at Interlake High School and the success it is having. Keep on doing what you are doing and we will too.

Again thanks and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Carolyn Willis
2805 124th Place, Northeast
Bellevue, Washington 98005

Carolyn Willis
2805 124th Pl. N.E.
Bellevue, WA. 98005

Dear President Reagan,

I want to thank you and Mrs. Reagan for decreasing the amount of drug and alcohol usage among the youth of America. I am 17, and have seen many of my peers degenerate, and become dependent upon drugs, try to lose themselves in alcohol, or even take their own lives. The beginning of your presidential term marked the rise of stability of many of their families, and thus also the reunion of their family. You are saving lives every day, by keeping America's youth drug free. You are an outstanding President, and I hope that you and Mrs. Reagan are aware of just how much good you are doing.

At Interlake High School, there is a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as a chapter of Narcotics Anonymous, and a new group that is providing support for students who want to kick the habit, or who just want support, and to be loved. They are using the slogan, "hugs, not drugs", and they are accepted by the entire school. Only a man of your caliber could have brought about this sort of change. You've brought back the family.

Thank you.

Carolyn Willis

To Mrs. David Santoy 4602 Cadison St.
Torrance Calif. 90503

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Sincerely RR

To Miss Carolyn Wallis 2805 124th St. N.E.
Des Moines, Iowa

Thank you very much for your kind letter & generous note. And Mrs. Reagan joins me in this. We were both happy to learn about the program at Bethesda. Keith & I and the nurses it is leaving. I hope we bring what you are doing & we will too.

Again Thanks & Best Regards
Sincerely RR

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March 19, 1984

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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to forget normal political guidelines and go directly to the American people on the deficit situation. This has been postponed far too long, and can be illustrated by the following facts:

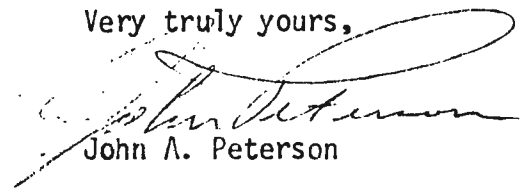
1. Since your inauguration, Federal debt has increased an incredible 76%.
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4. Interest expense alone equals 70% of private capital generated in the economy.
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6. Federal spending is growing faster than receipts; there has been no meaningful control over spending put in place. In the current budget proposal, spending is slated to increase 7% vs. 4-1/2% probable gain in national output.

Mr. President, neither all the political talk anyone can put together, nor all the charts the Treasury staffers can construct can refute that this tide of red ink has the potential to sink this economy, and place an intolerable future debt servicing burden on our children and grandchildren. These deficits and their future trending burdens are what keep real interest rates so high. Further, they are partially responsible for our high trade deficit.

We cannot wait to solve this until 1985--in 1985 there will be 1986's Congressional race, in 1986 there will be the 1988 Presidential race, etc., etc. The \$100 Billion "down payment" idea is fine for a start, but unless you want to kill the potential for a long-term economic recovery, much more needs to be done, and the only way to accomplish this is to go across the board in spending cuts. I think this can be explained to the public. The reduction in spending would lower interest rates and inflationary pressures, which would present an offsetting benefit to the reduced spending. I urge you to take this crucial issue to the American people. I ask you, what government agency can really argue persuasively that they can not find 5-7% in spending reductions that could be accomplished?

With all best wishes for your Campaign '84, I remain,

Very truly yours,



John A. Peterson

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JESUS A. NERIO MUNGUIA
2241. TOURNEY DR.,
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January 22, 1984

Dear Mr. President,

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After having spent my Christmas in the company of my parents in El Salvador, I have returned to this, my adopted country, with a great deal of anxiety concerning the fate of the country of my birth. It is fortunate that my parents live in the capital, but unfortunately, I had the unpleasant experience of learning, first hand, of atrocities committed by guerrillas. It happened that an informer and his family fled the Morazan Province and settled outside the City of Zacatecoluca. The guerrillas found him and took him, his wife and two children to the town square. There, in front of the town people they used their machetes on his wife and children starting at fingers and toes. When they finished with them, they shot the husband in the head. Needless to say that International Amnesty was not to be found.

I can assure you, Mr. President, that were they members of my family, I would find it most difficult not to seek personal revenge, and I would prophesize that relatives of that family need no encouragement to seek membership with a so called right wing death squad.

I recite this atrocity only to show the bias of news releases and to put some explanation behind the existence of "revenge squads" as opposed to "right wing death squads" as presented by the media.

To be candid, Mr. President, I can see your dilemma if the ARENA ticket is successful in the March elections. I can also see that if ARENA fails, the economy will continue to be taken from the private sector and be given a bureaucratic position. Even I can see that this will cause El Salvador to fold and subsequently fall to the Red Tide.

As a Salvadoran, I can only pray that the military aid is not too little too late, but rather in the proportion necessary to fight a guerrilla war.

As an American, I strongly support your Latin American Policies. I truly believe that if Cuba and Nicaragua can be made to believe that Americans will not tolerate the exportation of revolution, my grandchildren will never see a Berlin Wall at our southern border. I only wish there was more I could do.

Respectfully,

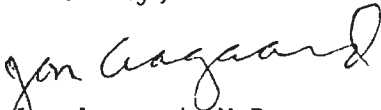
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These arguments overlook the basic question as to what is inside the mother's uterus. Is it life or not life? If we believe, as I so strongly do, that life begins at conception, then these issues no matter how important are subordinate to the issue of life. Even the issue of deformity of the infant (as in Down's syndrome) overlooks that fact. It is disconcerting to me that we as a society would place certain values on physical attributes such as intelligence as if these attributes give us more worth and rights to live than those not as fortunately blessed. Deciding who should live and who should die according to these attributes is an area in which we should not be involved. God and God alone should make these decisions.

In conclusion, I feel abortion is not a difficult issue. From the Bible we know that God is the designer, creator and sustainer of all life. Quoting from Psalm 139: "For you created my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb . . ." Jesus charges us with the responsibility to care for one another, as quoted from Matthew 25: "For whatever you do to the least of these my brethren you do also to me." When we as a people permit abortions we are not only allowing the death of the unborn child; we are disobeying our God.

Mr. President, I applaud and encourage you in your fight against abortion. I pray that God would lead you and bless you as you make these important decisions.

Sincerely,



Jon Aagaard, M.D.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey:

Thank you very much for your most eloquent letter of February 14. I assure you I'll keep battling for the cause. It seems to me the Constitution already protects the unborn until and unless those who favor abortion can prove beyond reasonable doubt that the unborn is not a living being. You and I know there is no such proof to be found.

Again my thanks to you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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February 14, 1984

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Dear Mr. President:

Although you may personally never read this, I must write it as if you will. There is a compulsion to add my voice to the chorus rising in our land louder and louder - "Give the unborn children their right to live"! I have lain awake during the small hours of the night groping for the right words in this, my first attempt to reach a President of the United States.

My men and I waded ashore ahead of General MacArthur on Leyte in the first waves to go in. We also were in the assault waves into Okinawa on a memorable April Fools Day in 1945. I am reciting these experiences only to tell you that I have seen my soldiers, young men whom I trained and loved, killed and wounded; decapitated, dismembered and disfigured. I have seen my enemies' burned and bloated bodies all around me. These were acts caused by hate. These untimely deaths have caused me no sleepless nights, but the thought of helpless, unborn babies, wrenched in gore from the little homes God created for them, scoured to hideous, agonizing deaths in saline solutions, stretches sleepless minutes into hours for me and many of us. What causes these deaths? An Evil Mind is misleading us.

How long will our nation flaunt its banner "The Land of the Free and The Home of The Brave", now besmirched and stained by the blood of millions of little ones? The legions of hell must be cackling in glee at this horrible hypocrisy. The Banner is in their hands. How long will we protest foul air, felled trees, endangered species or bewail the "inhuman" treatment of cats, dogs, fowl and fish and allow such "human" treatment of our unborn babies?

In this day of dilemma for our youth with unwanted pregnancies, you have courageously lit your lamp for all here and in eternity to see. Keep that light going, I beg you, sir, for the sake of countless infants and their misguided mothers-to-be. The latter, who, in pursuing their right to joy in sex, have denied the right of those so conceived to live. The wail of their aborted babies may well be the sound they hear in their unending hereafter, crying for the Creator they may never see.

Mr. President, my wife and I were blessed with four wanted children, one of whom is literally giving her life for the poorest and most neglected of the poor in Central Africa. In loving and caring for starving little black babies and the abandoned aged, she is happy in the knowledge that she is giving them the rightful opportunity to live and know their God. Certainly she is extending God's work and doing His Will. In our land of plenty, some fiendish hand is directing the destruction of God's little unborn images. You have the most unique and blessed opportunity in all of history to be a Lifesaver for all time and eternity.

Please fight this good fight, Mr. President. No Crusader's cause was ever more just. An offended God is on your side.

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Dear Dr. Aagaard:

Thank you for your letter of February 24th..
- Let me assure you I'll not retreat. I appreciate very much the proof you offered with regard to the matter of why the unborn is a living human being. It has long been my conviction that unless and until someone can offer proof beyond reasonable doubt the unborn does not live then the Constitution does protect the unborn's right to life.

When I was Governor of California I learned of a strange inconsistency in our California law. A man beat his common law wife so badly that her unborn child was born dead with a fractured skull. The legislature unanimously passed a law that anyone who mistreated a pregnant woman thus causing the death of her unborn child was guilty of murder. Yet the same legislature didn't recognize that abortion was taking a human life.

Well again my heartfelt thanks to you.

Sincerely,

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February 24, 1984

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

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I am writing to you in support of your recent statements against abortion. In attempting to define the magnitude of this problem I will refer to statistics from the National Center for Health Statistics and from a recent article in the New England Journal of Medicine. These sources cite that in 1980 approximately 1,180,000 abortions were reported to the Center for Disease Control. This amounts to approximately 3,200 abortions per day and represents a ratio of 359 abortions per 1,000 live births, i.e. one child aborted per 2.8 live births. Maternal mortality is 1.3 deaths per 100,000 abortions, which would amount to approximately 15 maternal deaths per year.

As a physician I see many ironies in the way our society deals with the unborn child. In the mid 1970's it was felt that an infant born at 28 weeks gestation had approximately 15 per cent chance of survival. In the last 5 to 10 years those chances have improved dramatically. In fact, handled in appropriate high-risk medical centers a 28-week gestation infant has a very good chance of survival. Authorities are now indicating that the survival rate of a 24-week gestation infant in appropriate centers is approximately 30 per cent. In Illinois a woman wishing to have an abortion may do so relatively easily up to 16 weeks gestation. An abortion can be performed at 20 weeks in Madison, WI, and 24 weeks in St. Louis, MO. On the other hand, if a woman has a spontaneous abortion and the infant weighs less than 14 ounces and is less than 4 3/8" in length, which occurs at approximately 18 to 20 weeks gestation, the infant is considered a miscarriage by the state. No funeral arrangements are necessary. An infant above these measurements is considered an individual and is handled as such with proper funeral arrangements. Why is it that we will go to great lengths and spend tens of thousands of dollars in trying to salvage and sustain the life of an infant at 24 weeks gestation in one instance, yet abort other infants of the same gestational age? I do not understand how we can consider the unborn child a life in one situation and not a life in the other.

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