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THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 7, 1985

*No Reply*

The President  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

We have been successful in finding the film taken as our troops entered the concentration camps of Nazi Germany.

We have made a video tape recorder copy of the film and I have sent it to Senator Specter as you suggested.

We reviewed it in my office and it is both awesome and gruesome.

Should you have any interest in relooking at it, I can have a VTR duplicate made very quickly and delivered to you. We will keep the original here for a short time before returning it to the Archives.

Sincerely,

*Verne Orr*  
Verne Orr

Attachment  
Letter to Senator Specter

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1985

Dear Bill:

At last you know the truth -- peddling insurance is one facet, secret of course, in our "erase the deficit" strategy. This is in reply to your query about our birthday greeting which has just reached me. Yes, I know you wrote that letter on January 22nd and it probably reached Washington on January 23rd, but it didn't get to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue until March 6th.

Of course I don't expect you to buy that line about insurance so I'll level with you. Doing things six months or more in advance is my new policy (and I don't mean insurance policy) -- well, in a way, maybe it is. Now that I'm three score and fourteen I figure I better do things early. Better early than not at all.

If you get another greeting in July you'll know we fixed the computer or, put another way, that I'm happy and still carrying on.

Nancy sends her love.

Best regards,

*Rm*

Mr. William A. Rusher  
National Review  
30 East 37th Street  
New York, New York 10016

~~To Mr. Ellice~~ To Mr. Wm. A. Rusher - Nat. Review  
30 East 37<sup>th</sup> St. N.Y. N.Y.

Dear Bill

Zip?

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Yes I know you wrote that letter on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> and it probably reached Wash. on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> but it didn't get to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. until March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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Now that I'm three score and fourteen I figure I better do things early. Better early than not at all.

If you get another greeting in July you'll know we fixed the computer or found another way, that I'm happy & still carrying on.

Many kinds love. Best Regards  
Ron

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January 22, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President,

On January 18th a telegram was delivered to me at home. Good old-fashioned Western Union telegrams on yellow paper are rare enough these days (at least in my life), but this one was rarer still. It was from you, and told me that you and Nancy were congratulating me on my birthday.

It was a wonderful gesture, and scarcely the less appreciated even though my birthday is almost exactly six months away--on July 19th! (Nancy, I think will confirm this, since I remember discussing with her once how close together our birthdays are.)

Once many years ago, on a January 19th, I received a phone call from a college classmate of mine whom I had known only casually at Princeton. He wished me a happy birthday, and I gently told him that my birthday was exactly six months down the road. But he then explained that January 19th was my "insurance birthday" --i.e., the day on which, for insurance purposes, I was thenceforth calculated as being a year older. And with that handy segue, he launched into a sales pitch for life insurance!

Since I am reasonably sure you don't find time hanging so heavy on your hands that you have taken to selling life insurance on the side, I can only conclude that we have a computer glitch to thank for that memorable telegram. But I am grateful for it nonetheless and will treasure it. I won't even tell the Ambassador to ... A!

Gratefully,

William A. Rusher





# Telegram

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PMS MR. WILLIAM RUSHER //DLR DONT DWR//

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NEW YORK, NY 10016

BILL:

NANCY AND I SEND OUR WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY.

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# Telegram

OUR BEST WISHES ARE WITH YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY AND ALWAYS.  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD BLESS YOU.

RONALD REAGAN

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1985

Dear Dick:

Thank you very much for sending me the poem "The Hermit of Shark Tooth Shores." If I sound a little vague on issues for the next few weeks it will be because I'm trying to memorize the poem. I'll add that to my repertoire of Dan McGrew and The Cremation of Sam McGee. Maybe it will take more than a few weeks, "The Hermit" looks pretty long.

Again, thanks Dick.

Best regards,

*Ronald Reagan*

The Honorable Dick Cheney  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Dick Cheney

Dear Dick

Thank you very much for sending me the poem "The Hermit of Shark Tooth Shoals".

If I sound a little vague on issues for the next few weeks it will<sup>be</sup> because I'm trying to memorize the poem. I'll add that to my repertoire of Dan McHenry & "The Cremation" of Sam Merlee. Maybe it will take more than a few weeks, "The Hermit" looks pretty long.

Again thanks Dick & Best Regards

Ron

DICK CHENEY  
WYOMING

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

February 26, 1985

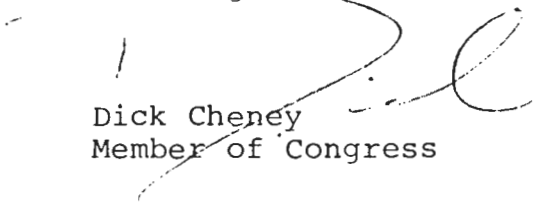
Dear Mr. President:

Having heard you recite from memory a long poem by Robert Service, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed. It was provided to me by my constituent, Mort Bunce, who loves Alaska, and who is a great hunter.

Mort says that in 1974, while he was working out of Dawson City in the Yukon, he became well-acquainted with an old miner, Mike Tavorich, who knew Robert Service when he worked in the bank in Dawson and wrote many of his poems of the North. He gave Mort the enclosed poem (which I've had typed). To Mort's knowledge, the poem has never been published.

I hope you enjoy it.

Best regards,

  
Dick Cheney  
Member of Congress

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

11 March 1985

David;

Mr. John Cosgrove, a close friend of John Mulcahy, is asking that the President sign the accompanying photograph to Mr. Mulcahy.

Mulcahy is the owner of Ashford Castle where the President stayed in Ireland.

Do you think the President would want to sign personally or should we have it autopenned?

*Billie*  
Billie Shaddix

David Fischer

*Henry on this one also.  
RR*





With Our Heartfelt thanks, Very Best Wishes & Warm  
Uncy & Ronald Reagan

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WALTER H. ANNENBERG

March 11, 1985

*No Reply*

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

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your February 26th letter  
saluting Lee and me for our support of the  
Palm Springs Desert Museum.

The tribute paid us last Saturday evening  
was indeed a moving event and the reading of  
your letter to the audience by Frank Sinatra  
drew strong applause.

Sincerely,



Walter Annenberg

"Sunnylands"  
P.O. Box 98  
Rancho Mirage,  
California 92270

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1985

Dear Dr. Shelley:

Our mutual friend Walter Annenberg has forwarded the February calendar pyramid you created. Thank you very much. I refuse to believe it is sheer coincidence but must confess I'm at a loss to come up with some idea as to it's significance. Nevertheless, I'm very pleased to have it and do admit to the pleasure of an ego trip every time I look at it, which is often.

My very best regards to Mrs. Shelley and again my thanks.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Shelley, M.D.  
Medical College of Ohio  
3000 Arlington Avenue  
Toledo, Ohio 43699

E. DORINDA SHELLEY, M.D.  
WALTER B. SHELLEY, M.D.  
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF OHIO  
3000 ARLINGTON AVENUE  
TOLEDO, OHIO 43699

DATE 1985

FOR \_\_\_\_\_

R *Dear Walter,*

*An interesting  
pyramid, don't  
you think*

*Greetings from*

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*Dorinda + Walter*  
M.D.

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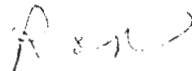
March 11, 1985

Dear Brute:

Thanks very much for your column it was medicine for what's going on back here. There is a sophisticated lobbying job going on here aimed at Congress and supported by the Sandinistas. It really is a well-funded operation involving professional lobbyists and I'm afraid too many in Congress are listening. Why is it so hard for some to only see threats from the right, never the left?

Bless you and keep at it.

Sincerely,



LtGen V. H. Krulak, USMC, Ret.  
3665 Carleton Street  
San Diego, California 92106

RR:AVH:NM:SEV:pps

RR Dictation



To Dr. Walter B. Shelley M.D.

Medical College of Ohio  
3000 Arlington Ave.  
Toledo Ohio 43699

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Sincerely RR

To Lt. Gen. V. H. Krulak - 3665 Carleton St.

Dear Brute

San Diego Calif. 92106

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Bless you & keep at it.

Sincerely Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 11, 1985

Dear John:

I understand that Ambassador Jack Gavin is being considered for non-resident preferential membership in The Bohemian Club. In my opinion he would be an outstanding member in every respect. He has every qualification one could ask for and would contribute to the warm fellowship we all treasure in "Bohemia."

Let me just add that he is representing our country as Ambassador to Mexico in a manner that has exceeded my most optimistic expectations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Mr. John J. Nachtrieb  
BA Cheque Corporation  
201 Mission Street  
San Francisco, California 94105



**BA Cheque Corporation**

A BankAmerica Company

**John J. Nachtrieb**  
President

February 15, 1985

President Ronald W. Reagan  
c/o Roy D. Miller  
Crocker Center, Suite 4723  
333 South Grand Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Mr. President:

Would you please be kind enough to put a short letter into the file at The Bohemian Club for Jack Gavin, Ambassador to Mexico. Gavin is being presented as a non-resident preferential member applicant. A letter from you would be tremendously helpful to this man's opportunity to get into the Club.

Sincerely,

JJN:dh

Mr. John J. Machrieel - B.B. Cheque Corp.  
201 Mission St. S.F. Calif. 94105

Dear John

I understand that Ambassador Jack Gavin is being considered for non-resident preferential membership in The Bohemian Club. In my opinion he would be an outstanding member in every respect. He has every qualification one could ask for and would contribute to the <sup>war</sup> Fellowship we all treasure in "Bohemia".

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My condolences & sympathy to  
Chairman Chernenko's family & to the Soviet  
govt. & people in this time of bereavement.  
Let us rededicate ourselves to ensuring  
a lasting peace between our countries.

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This was written by the President  
at the Soviet Embassy in the Chernenko  
condolence book

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TALKING POINTS FOR PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH  
DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DEN BROEK

-- ENJOYED MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER LUBBERS LAST MONTH. US DEFENSE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AND THE ALLIANCE'S SUCCESS IN IMPLEMENTING 1979 INF DECISION HAVE POSITIONED US TO ESTABLISH A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

-- YOUR GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT ON INF LAST YEAR WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE CRUCIAL WHEN THE SOVIETS ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH NEGOTIATIONS.

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WILLIAM H. WEBSTER  
9409 BROOKE DRIVE  
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20817

*No Return*

March 13, 1985

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan,

I am still basking in the warm glow of your lovely dinner for the Queen. You made all of us feel as "family" in your home, and what an elegant dinner and beautiful sitting you gave us.

Karen Allen's music enchanted me, and I have already located her album.

It was an extraordinary treat for me and I am deeply appreciative that you included me.

Sincerely,

Bill

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 13, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY OSBORNE

FROM:

ANSON FRANKLIN *A*

RE:

WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ON JAMES BAKER

Lois Romano is writing an article about Jim Baker for the Post's Style section. She has requested comments from the President about his working relationship with Baker and specifically is curious to know why the President would hire and come to rely so much on a man who had worked against him for so many years (her terminology).

Actually I became acquainted with Jim Baker during two primary campaigns when he was working for other candidates. I respected his ability and never felt there was any real basic difference in what we both wanted for our country.

When the '80 primary was over and I received the nomination I asked him to join our campaign. This, incidentally, met with the approval of everyone on our team, as did my selection of him to be Chief of Staff when I was elected.

He was totally supportive of all that I've tried to do and we got along just fine. He saw that everyone had a fair hearing when there were differences on various issues and my only complaint was that he kept longer hours in the office than I'd promised Susan (Mrs. Baker) he would.

RR

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
LONDON, ENGLAND

CHARLES H. PRICE II  
AMBASSADOR

March 13, 1985

The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006

*W. R. Ray*

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter from Count Rene Boel, in response to your congratulations on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, speaks for itself.

During the entire time I was in Brussels I never discovered a better friend of our nation. Your greeting was typically thoughtful.

Carol joins in sending you and Nancy our love.

Sincerely,

*Charles H. Price II*

CHP/mr

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Comte BOËL

Le March 6, 1985  
Résidence VAL du ROI  
Rue de Belle-Vue 2, Boite 3  
B-1050 Bruxelles  
Téléphone 649 34 22

Dear Mr. President,

We were very touched by the charming letter you sent us on the occasion of our fiftieth wedding anniversary.

It is indeed a milestone in our lives and we consider ourselves very lucky to have been able to live all those years together surrounded by a growing and happy family of children, grand children and great grand children.

Amongst our very best moments we both treasure the memories of the various years spent in the United States, the kindness and friendship shown our family during the difficult war years and all the ties that have been woven in the years later.

We feel strongly atune with everything you, Mr. President, are doing for your country and for the defense of the liberties we are so privileged to be able to enjoy in our part of the world.

I assure you that I for one will do my best to help achieve your aim.

Very sincerely yours  
Comte Boël

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