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Mrs. Paul J. Keller Jr. 17 Eastwood Rd.

Watogue Conn. 06089

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Our proposal with regard to insurance is that a portion of the interest which accrues to the policy each year will be taxed as income. Our thinking is that interest on investments or bank accounts is so taxed. On insurance policies the accumulated interest is taxed if the policy is cashed in but not if the policy is paid after death. However this tax will not be applied to insurance already in effect but only to policies bought in the future.

I assure you we really are trying for fairness in the tax code.

Thanks again for giving me a chance to explain.
Sincerely RR

5/11/85

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There seems to me something very wrong with a set of national values that would subsidize second homes and, at the same time, tax life insurance. And I'm not a liberal - I've been a staunch Republican all my life.

Very truly yours,

Barbara A. Keller

17 Castlewood Road

Weatogue, Connecticut 06089

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 21, 1985

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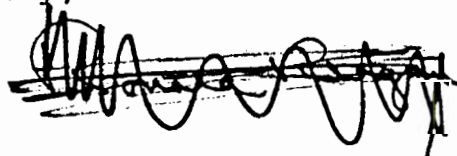
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Let me assure you however that we do
not want to affect life insurance ^{contracts} before 1954.
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Mrs. Paul J. Keller, Jr.
Weatogue, Connecticut 06089
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As to the tax on increases in life insurance value, such increases -- meaning the interest which accrues each year, is presently subject to tax. Let me explain, if a policy is cashed in during the life of the insured, the total increase is subject to tax. It is not taxed, however, when the policy is paid as the result of death of the insured.

Our proposal calls for an annual tax on a portion of the interest which is added each year. Also, it affects only new policies and not those presently in force. In today's world, life insurance is being marketed like all other investments. We believe that fairness is served in this, since interest on savings accounts or other investments is presently taxed.

I hope this answers some of your concerns.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Reverend Raymond A. Miller, Jr.
Post Office Box 53
Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania 19030

RR/AVH/lme

Rev. Raymond A. Miller Jr. P.O. Box 53

Hood Blvd. & Queen Anne Dr.

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Fairless Hills Pa. 19030

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Sincerely
RR

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Trinity

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

P.O. BOX 53

Hood Boulevard & Queen Anne Drive
Fairless Hills, Penna. 19030

The Rev. Raymond A. Miller, Jr., Pastor
148 Fairfax Road
Fairless Hills, Pa. 19030

Parsonage 943:1858
Church Office 943:3990

May 8, 1985

The President
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As a member of the Aid Association for Lutherans, I am very much concerned about two tax changes now being proposed by the Treasury Department.

One proposal would eliminate tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies, such the Aid Association for Lutherans. This proposal would jeopardize the fraternal programs of these societies, such as scholarships and benevolent grants. You have urged the private sector to assume a greater role in assisting needy people, so that such people would be less dependent on government benefits. Last Thanksgiving I was able to distribute \$25 food certificates to several needy families in my community because of a grant made possible by a fraternal benefit society. Such a grant would be jeopardized if fraternal benefit societies lose their tax exempt status.

Another proposal would tax increases in life insurance values. I am worried about this proposed change because it would affect the financial security for which I have planned, making it more difficult to maintain my vital life insurance protection. This proposed tax change is unfair because I am being taxed on something that I have not received, that is, the value of my life insurance.

I am very unhappy with these proposed tax changes, and I urge you to eliminate them from the total tax proposal before it goes to Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond A. Miller Jr.
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May 21, 1985

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Dear Mr. Libman:

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I can understand your pride in your son but may I also add, he has reason to be proud of a pretty remarkable family. Yours is a heart-warming American story that makes us all stand a little taller.

Mr. Libman, I've enclosed an autographed photo, would you see that Jim gets it?

Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Norman Libman
80 Main Street
West Orange, New Jersey 07052

To Jim & Ellen Libman - With admiration,
Respect and every good wish.
Very Best Regards
Ronald Reagan

~~To Mr. Levine Mountain 7701 Chestnut Ave.~~

To Mr. Norman Lilman - Insurance Consultants of Am. Inc.
80 Main St. West Orange N.J. 07052

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INSURANCE
CONSULTANTS
OF AMERICA, INC.

NORMAN LIBMAN

80 MAIN STREET, WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY 07052

(201) 325-2200

April 9, 1985

Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

I should like to bring to your attention a great American - my son Jimmy Libman. Let me tell you something about Jimmy.

Jimmy is twenty-eight years old and has been totally deaf since birth. He was in formal learning situations from the time he was three years old until he graduated as an optical technician at the age of twenty-five from The National Technical Institute for the Deaf which is part of Rochester Institute of Technology.

After graduation, Jimmy worked for two retail establishments making reading glasses but could not earn enough money to look forward to a life that could afford him the opportunity of getting married and having a family. He became very despondent.

It was at this time that my wife, Jim's mother, talked to Jimmy about starting his own business and hopefully build the business to a point where he could have a bright future and perhaps be in a position to give other hearing impaired young people an opportunity to work and grow.

The enclosed copies of articles about Jimmy tell the story of what has happened to him in less than a year and a half. In addition, CNN News did a story which appeared about twenty times on March 8th and 9th and Independent News Network did a nationwide release on Jim this past Friday evening. The Today Show wants him to appear very shortly and William S. Rukeyser talked about Jim and Gimme Jimmy's Cookies on his CBS News radio program.

Jim does not employ a publicity firm and we can only surmise that people who visited Jim's bakery and saw his strobe light system and the deaf people working there, spread the story which was eventually picked up by Fortune Magazine. Obviously, it makes a great human interest story and is an inspiration to handicapped people.

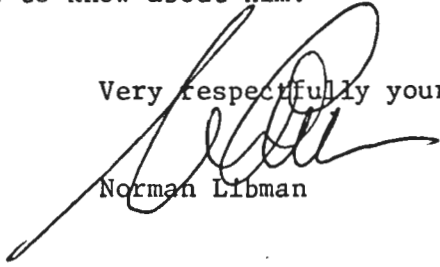
More importantly than anything, however, is that when Jim's story was circulated by the media, he received calls from various schools for hearing impaired youngsters. They asked Jimmy to speak to their young students and let them know his story. Jim has already appeared at two schools and speaks

to the students in sign language. Needless to say, he "brought the house down" - so did his cookies that he baked and gave to the youngsters. He is planning to visit other such schools.

Since he opened his shop, there has been a constant parade of parents who heard about Jimmy and who brought their hearing impaired children to meet him and to see firsthand what can be accomplished. He has also conducted tours of his cookie factory for classes of both hearing and hearing impaired elementary students.

Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan, because of all that I have written here and because Jim is truly a fine human being who has overcome a severe handicap to be part of our great free enterprise system, I say again that he is a great American and I wanted you to know about him.

Very respectfully yours,


Norman Libman

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May 21, 1985

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Dear Mr. Whitmire:

Thank you very much for sending me that remarkable essay by Kim Hor -- 3rd grade, Mountain Oaks Elementary School.

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter but it takes a while for mail to reach my desk. I've enclosed a photo and wonder if you could see that it reaches Kim Hor. I'd be most grateful if you could.

I share your views that more Americans should hear experiences of this kind and, like you, I'm greatly impressed that one so young could tell such a story so eloquently.

Again, my thanks for your kindness.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Roy H. Whitmire
Hamilton County
Department of Education
201 Broad Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402

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To Kim Hor - Welcome to America. I wish
you the very best of everything.
Best Regards *Ronald Reagan*

To Mr. Roy H. Whitmire Hamilton Co. Dept. of Ed.

201 Broad St. Chattanooga Tenn.

37402

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Sincerely RR

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DR. DON LOFTIS
Superintendent

HAMILTON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
201 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
615/757-1700

April 10, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of a paper written by Kim Hor, a Cambodian who is a third grade student in our Hamilton County Mountain Oaks Elementary School. Kim's teacher, Mrs. Judy Corbin, and principal, Mr. Jerry Bentley, was so impressed with it that they sent a copy to me.

I realize we have many of these people in America today and all have very heart-touching experiences to tell. However, I think it is a story that needs to be told over and over to all Americans, less we forget the great blessings that is ours as Americans; also what we stand to lose if we do not stay prepared in every way.

I was also impressed that a third grade child could so vividly tell the story of life under Communism there in Cambodia that I felt that you might also want to read it.

Respectfully,



Roy H. Whitmire
Director of Elementary Education

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Enclosure

By Kim Hor

Life in the communist country

In 1975 my homecountry Cambodia became communist. This means the country was controlled by the communist soldiers. Whatever the soldiers tell you to do, you must do or you'll be kill.

They forced the city people to go to the country side and work on the farm. Children ~~are~~^{six} and older are also forced to work in the ricefield from sunrise to sunset. They could only get a little food each day to eat. A person must try to be ignorant to ~~survive~~^{survive} in Cambodia because if the ~~soldiers~~^{soldiers} found out that you are an educated person they would kill you. That way they can outsmart the dumb one left. If a soldier ever found out that you are an educated person instead of killing you in front of everybody, they would call your whole family to a meeting the next night. There would blindfold the family

death.
and shot them to ~~death~~ ^{life}. Sometimes
the soldiers would just call many
people to a secret meeting and
have them kill for no good
reason at all. Most people hated
this new government and tried
to escape to the neighboring
country, Thailand. Some made
it to Thailand while others are
caught and tortured in a open
area, where everyone could see
what would happen if anyone
attempted to escape from
Cambodia.

I'm so happy that my
family and I escaped from
Cambodia to Thailand safely.

I'm also thankful that American
family sponsored my family
to live in the ^{greatest} ~~greatest~~ country
in the world the U.S.A.

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Peter Tombasco
4149A Seahorse Place
Great Lakes, Illinois 60088

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To Peter & Mrs. Tombasco - With great
respect & appreciation. Very Best Wishes
To You Both & Warm Regards.
Ronald Reagan

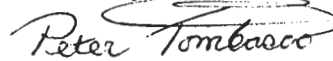
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admission?
April 2, 1985

Dear Mr. President,

My name is Peter Tombasco and I am a senior at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. I am writing to tell you that I support your tuition aid cut to college students. While I recognize the fact that this cut may make attending college difficult for some students, I also believe that several other alternatives currently do exist. For example, I served three years in the U.S. Navy and saved some money while also participating in the tuition aid program (Chapter 32). I was not eligible for the G.I. Bill because I had entered the military after it had expired. However, I was still able to obtain \$8,100.00 to start school.

After completing my active duty obligation, I joined and still am a member of the U.S. Naval Reserves at Great Lakes Naval Base. The reserve money helps to pay my monthly commuting pass. It's true that I am older than most college students (27) however, my wife and I have been able to make it through college with no grants or aids. We certainly are not in position to go to Florida for spring break, but we believe our day will come. Those students with the funds available to vacation in Florida will probably be the first to complain about your deficit cutting program. My point is that if anyone has the desire to attend college it can be done with hard work and dedication. I would be honored to hear from you or meet you some day. However, I understand that security and your schedule may not permit this. Take care of yourself, you are doing a good job and may God Bless you and all of your decisions.

Sincerely,



Peter Tombasco

P.S. Congratulations on the passing of the MX program.

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May 22, 1985

Dear Mrs. Keller:

Thank you for writing. I hope I can respond to some of your concerns. With regard to mortgages on second homes, the interest will be deductible but limited to \$5,000 over investment income. In other words, those who buy second homes for investment will have a cap on the interest deductions they can take.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Paul J. Keller, Jr.
17 Castlewood Road
Weatogue, Connecticut 06089

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1985

Dear Lisa:

Thank you very much for your kind letter. It was kind of you to write as you did and you warmed my heart.

I've heard from a number of veterans who, like your father, had stories to tell about moments in the war when deeds of human kindness momentarily bridged the gap between enemies.

One thing that made me want to do the trip was the knowledge that in these forty years since V.E. Day the Germans have become our friends and allies and have never asked us to forgive or forget the Nazi evil. Indeed, they take their school children to the concentration camps and show them the horror of the Holocaust. They do it so such a thing can never happen again.

I've enclosed my speech at Bergen-Belsen and the one later in the day at an air base in Bitburg.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Mrs. Lisa Zanatta Henn
Apartment 1
114 Barnson Avenue
San Mateo, California 94402

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Again my heartfelt thanks,
Jimmy R.R.

Dear President Reagan,

I hope this letter finds you and Mrs. Reagan well.

I'm writing you to offer my support for your visit to Bitburg Cemetery. I have been following all the news coverage and I must admit I have felt somewhat disappointed in the reaction from the American people.

You know from reading my "D Day" story how much World War II and all the events of those years means to my family. My father made sure we understood what World War II was all about. We were taught about what was done to the Jews by the Nazis. My father had stories of liberating concentration camps that could bring tears to our eyes. We all knew what happened to the Jews was horrible - that it should never be forgotten. But at the same time, I believe we must reach out beyond that and try to go on.

I remember asking my father what the Germans were like. I grew up with T.V. and movies portraying the Germans as evil beyond belief. My father had many face to face encounters with them. He told us that what surprised him most was that they were "just like us." They were just as scared, just as confused and wanted to go home just as bad.

When the war ended, my father was in Germany and he said for a few minutes it didn't matter whether you were American, Russian, Italian or German. It was over!

I know that if my father was alive today, he would be happy that you were planning to visit Bitburg. After 40 years we should be able to just feel the sadness of losing beloved men - whatever nationality. I hope that the people who oppose this visit will be able to feel some sort of sympathy for the Nazis. I'm sure they are paying for their horrible deeds.

My thoughts will be with you during
your trip to Europe. Thank you, Mr. President
for sticking to what you believe in.
I admire your strength.

Forever your supporter,

Lisa Jonatta Herr

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May 23, 1985

Dear Mr. Schifter:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 28.
It was kind of you to write and I'm most grateful.

I was sorry about the furor that was raised over my visit to Bitburg and to Bergen-Belsen, all of it based on a misunderstanding of my purpose. Certainly, I intended no forgive or forget regarding the Holocaust and those responsible for it. The interesting thing is that today's Germany doesn't seek this either. Not only have they preserved the death camps and the evidence of the horrors committed there, they bring schoolchildren every year to see the camps so there will never be a repeat.

I'm enclosing the speeches I made that day, first at Bergen-Belsen and then at the Bitburg Air Base where our airmen serve with a German unit on the NATO line.

Thank you again for your letter. It meant a great deal to me.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Richard Schifter
6907 Crail Drive
Bethesda, Maryland 20817

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RR Dictation (Sample)

To Hon. Richard Schifter 6907 Quail Dr.
Bethesda Md. 20817

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April 28, 1985

President Ronald Reagan

Dear Mr. President,

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Do we have
an address on him?
I'd like to respond.
RR

I am writing you from Ottawa, where I am leading the United States delegation, your delegation, to the human rights conference convened as a followup to the Helsinki Accord. ✓

I am writing you, also, as one who lost his own father and mother and most of his close relatives in the Holocaust.

I have just heard Donald Regan, on TV, describe your personal feeling of hurt. It's an understandable feeling. As one who has carried another feeling of hurt with him for over 40 years, let me just say this: No one can speak for the Jewish community and I won't purport to do so. But there are, I am sure, a good many of us who know that no other President has understood Jewish concerns as well as you and no other President has acted on this understanding as well as you have. That's what is important, whether you do go to the Bitburg Cemetery or whether you don't.

I, for one, am proud to have been associated with the Administration which bears your name and continue to be proud of that fact.

God bless you!

Richard Schifter



THE WESTIN HOTEL
Ottawa

April 28, 1985.

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I am writing you from Ottawa, where I am leading the United States delegation, your delegation, to the human rights conference convened as a follow-up to the Helsinki Accord.

I am writing you, also, as one who lost his own father and mother and most of his close relatives in the Holocaust.

I have just heard Donald Regan, on TV, describe your personal feeling of loss. It's an understandable feeling. As one who has carried another feeling of loss with him for over 40 years, let me just say this: No one can speak for the Jewish community and I won't purport to do so. But there are, I am sure, a good many of us who know that no other President has understood Jewish concerns as well as you and no other President has acted on



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Ottawa

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this understanding as well as you have. That
is what is important, whether you do go to
the Bittburg Cemetery or whether you don't.

I, for one, am proud to have been associated
with the Administration which bears your name
and continue to be proud of that fact.

God bless you!

Richard Schifter

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1985

Dear Paul:

I like your idea, but our own bank is short of funds. It's funny you should suggest this. I've daydreamed about what a resort it could be with a little American ingenuity turned loose down there.

Do you know that it was supposed to be ours? I'm told the surveyors got off line. They were supposed to run the border to the Pacific and that's where they thought they were when they came to the gulf of lower California. Evidently, the West was so big and empty no one thought much about it when the mistake was discovered, so they let it stand. That's the story that was told to me when I was Governor.

I'll circulate your suggestion around a bit here and take a few soundings.

Best regards,

Ron

Mr. Paul Trousdale
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P.S. I am - I've just realized I made a major error in paragraph 2 above. The surveyors were supposed to go to the gulf and instead went to the Pacific cutting off Baja - sorry.

PAUL TROUSDALE

May 6, 1985

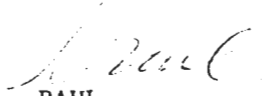
Ronald Reagan
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

With Mexico in such bad shape it might be an excellent time
for the U.S. to buy Baja, lower California.

Future Americans could develop from San Diego to La Paz and
make something out of that barren land, with its fine climate,
beaches, and future low cost water desalinization.

Best wishes,


PAUL

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May 23, 1985

Dear Mr. Muntean:

I'm sorry to be so late in replying to your letter, but it didn't reach me until I returned from our European trip. Thank you for writing as you did. It is true there are too many who take freedom for granted and don't realize that every generation must fight for it and pass it on to the next.

We have not given up on the Nicaraguan situation. We'll try again, and I'm still optimistic. A number of those who voted against us in the Congress have had a change of heart since Nicaragua's President Ortega took his trip to Moscow.

Again, my thanks for your letter. You were kind to write as you did and I'm most grateful.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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TO: President Ronald Reagan

Mr. President

Watching your reception of the Villanova basketball team on TV Thursday morning made me decide to write this letter.

Before the reception the CNN newscaster made comments about today being "Nicaragua's day" in Washington.

He also mention your uphill fight to obtain the 14 million dollars badly needed for the freedom fighters.

Having escaped from Communist Romania at age 17 in 1970 I know how badly this aid is needed to stop the Communist expansion in Central America.

After I excaped from the Communist Bloc I applied to come to the U.S. and have been received with warm hands.

To repay and to help maintain the freedom I so much enjoy, I served in the U.S. Navy for 5 years.

However, seeing the opposition from the Senat and the House of Representatives to your program to stop the Communist expansion in the world, I see the need to speak out.

Nothing threatens the freedom of mankind more than

Communist do I know I've been raised and educated in a Communist society.

I like to do anything I can to help save other people the pain and humiliation of being treated like an animal if they don't agree with everything thats said and done.

Is my believe that some members of Senat and the House of Representatives, that opose your program, don't know what people go thru in Communist country.

Respectfully

Livius Muntean

Mr. President I'll be happy to know that you have seen this letter

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