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October 22, 1986

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Again, my heartfelt thanks and all the best to Jonny.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Robert Carl McFarlane
9508 Linden Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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Robert Carl McFarlane

9508 Linden Ave
Bethesda, MD 20814
October 17, 1986

Dear Mr. President,

Terrific! Great! For anyone who believed that the West is in decline, you presented a new lease on life. At least in the United States, it is apparent that we can still produce a Leader of vision and guts.

No doubt you will begin to receive letters and advice to turn away from your bold position. My gratuitous advice is, Hang in there. All these critics suffer from the same affliction; they all grew up in the nuclear age and that is all they can cope with--more of the same.

The pillars you established in '84 for US-Soviet relations, "Realism, Strength and Dialogue" are sound and have already demonstrated results. You haven't yielded "...one square inch of additional territory..." and you also have brought the Russians back to the negotiating table.

In the attached article I tried to stress what a historic opportunity you have created. In my judgment within six months you can negotiate an agreement that puts us on a course of reductions that, within ten years will yield a balance at greatly reduced levels of nuclear arms accompanied by the first deployments of defensive systems. And it will be a safer world.

Jonny and I miss being part of the action but are terribly proud of our President. Please take care of yourself. You and Mrs. Reagan will remain in our prayers.

Sincerely

Robert C. McFarlane

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But now with your column there are smiling faces here at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Thank you once again.

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RON

LtGen Victor H. Krulak
3665 Carleton Street
San Diego, California 92106

RR:jz (10PMNC)

VICTOR H. KRULAK

15 October 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You have your place among history's valorous men, for doing the hard and right thing without thought to personal consequences.

Every columnist has to sound off with his view of what it all meant. Mine is enclosed. It will not enhance my renown with my peers, but that makes it no less true.

I believe you have the Russians' attention, which is something no American has done since John Paul Jones made friends with the Czarina.

Like a legion of others, I'm proud of you and my country.

Sincerely,



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October 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

All the way from Kabul you brightened my day.
Thank you for your generous words and that
includes the column also.

I'll wait till we can have a talk to relay all the
details but it was quite a ten or eleven hour
set-to -- no plenary meetings, just the two of
us plus Shevardnadze, Shultz and interpreters.
I even spoke Russian to him: "Doverely no
proveriy." It translates, "Trust but verify."

Thanks again and love to Pat. Nancy sends love
to you both.

Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable William F. Buckley, Jr.
150 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016

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Wm. F. Buckley Jr.
150 East 35th Street
New York 10016

Oct 13

The Hon. Ronald Reagan
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

You are overwhelmed at the moment, and so this is just to tell you that, by God, you lived up to our faith in you, as proclaimed in the column I wrote while you were winging your way back from Iceland. Your resoluteness brought a great cheer among the freedom-minded in Khabul. More quickly. Meanwhile, Pat joins in affectionate greetings to you both, as also in congratulations.

As ever,

W.F.

Wm. F. Buckley Jr.

On the Right -- Wm. F. Buckley Jr.

SAVED FROM THE BRINK

Ronald Reagan's faith in his own insights is a continuing inspiration, and I will happily contribute to any monument that would memorialize the chief of these, for instance: "ON THIS PODIUM ON MARCH 23, 1983 PRESIDENT RONALD WILSON REAGAN ANNOUNCED HIS STRATEGIC DEFENSE INITIATIVE WHICH LED TO LIFTING THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST THAT TORMENTED MANKIND DURING MUCH OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY."

Mr. Reagan saved the day by acting on that insight, but it was a very narrow miss, and the circumstances of the occasion have hugely enhanced the resources of the enemy, foreign and domestic. Yes, foreign and domestic.

Foreign because it should now be clear that the Soviet Union's obsessive fear of our space shield was behind the high drama of their proposals. Mind you, they were, in the end, empty proposals, but they were enough to dazzle minds parched for synthetic disarmament. The Soviet Union was going to eliminate intermediate nuclear weapons from the face of Europe, in return for the United States doing the same thing. Wow. Then the Soviet Union would reduce its major strategic nuclear inventory by fifty percent, and so would we. Double wow. And then by the end of the century, or perhaps earlier -- who knows -- there would be a total elimination of nuclear bombs: and all of that, the result of a single meeting in

Iceland. Sort of renews one's faith in the deliberative process, does it not?

Ronald Reagan would then have returned to the United States to answer a few questions. Among them: How would we in fact police the elimination of the theater weapons by the Soviet Union? Given that these are mobile, exactly how would we find a hundred or two in the event the Soviet Union followed its customary practice of cheating on treaties? What would "verifiable" mean? You could make a deal with a haystack giving you full rights to verify its agreement not to husband a needle, and you have the agreement, but the haystack is pretty safe with its needle.

And the Soviet Union's strategic missiles are reduced by one-half. Reduced, to use round numbers, to five thousand. These are the international warheads, the ones that can pop El Paso, Texas, if told to do so. Question: How is Paris, France, or Florence, Italy, left safer by the apparent absence of the smaller, theater weapons? A missile capable of soaring 9,500 miles to its target can be directed to go a mere 950 miles to a closer target? Presumably the only argument against using it for such purposes would be the waste of gas, an extravagance the Soviet Union might be willing to put up with, in a tense situation.

Question: If indeed we are going to strip western Europe of all nuclear weapons, what is it we would propose to do in the event that the Soviet army marched west into the area in which we have sixteen American divisions? By what means would

we propose to defend them? By firing nuclear warheads from Omaha, Nebraska? And since this is unlikely, what would be the effect on west European politics of the apparent delinking of America's nuclear umbrella from its little nuclear parasols within western Europe?

And then, of course, the major question, the only question. What reason have we to believe that, on that critical open future date, the Soviet Union would actually agree to move across the apocalyptic threshold, defined as the point beyond which its entire remaining nuclear force would cease to threaten the entire United States? What evidence is there that it has ever crossed the mind of Gorbachev, or of any known likely successor to Gorbachev, so to emasculate Soviet nuclear power, leaving the Soviet Union a massive, indigent East European state?

But hear now the peacenikery. Already, sundry U.S. senators have said that Ronald Reagan has missed the greatest possibility since the Congress of Vienna to bring peace to our time. And the Social Democrats in Europe will raise a clamor alongside which the fight against the deployment of the Pershings and the cruise missiles was nothing. Their demand is horribly easy to formulate: KILL SDI. And the domestic enemies of the best opportunity the world will ever have to seek out at once freedom and independence, together with the elimination of the practical threat of nuclear confrontation, will go after Ronald Reagan, to kill SDI. They will fight him on the seas and oceans, in the air, and on the beaches, in the fields and in the streets and in the hills.

They will never surrender. Ronald Reagan is beleaguered as he was never beleaguered before Reykjavik.

And only he, backed by the American people, can get us back on course. That course is the development of SDI.

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ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

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October 29, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:


Attached is a recommendation that you approve changing the interest rates of U.S. Savings Bonds to 6% from 7%. If you concur in this recommendation, please designate the 6% figure on the approval line of the Baker decision memo. Secretary Baker had originally recommended in his memorandum the rate of 5.5% but now agrees with the 6% rate.

David
David Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 24, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALFRED H. KINGON 
SUBJECT: Guaranteed Minimum Rate on U.S. Savings Bonds

As you are aware, interest rates have come down sharply this year. Under the present law, the Secretary of Treasury, with your approval, fixes the investment yield on U.S. Savings Bonds.

Because of the drop in interest rates, the present guaranteed minimum rate of 7.5 percent destroys the cost-effectiveness of the savings bonds program. Attached is a memorandum from Secretary Baker recommending a new 5.5 percent guaranteed minimum rate effective November 1, 1986.

However, due to current market conditions, the Chief of Staff recommends that the rate be lowered to 6 percent, not 5.5 percent. In fact, although the public accepts the need to lower the rate, the potential rate change has been recently criticized in the press for penalizing small investors who constitute a large percentage of savings bonds purchasers.

I recommend that you approve the attached memorandum, but that you add a note that the rate be lowered only to 6 percent, not 5.5 percent. This has been discussed with Secretary Baker who concurs with this recommendation.

Attachment



THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

October 23, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: James A. Baker, III *JAB*

SUBJECT: Reduction in the 7.5 Percent Guaranteed Minimum Rate on
U.S. Savings Bonds.

Under existing law, the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approval of the President, is authorized to fix the investment yield on savings bonds. In October 1982 you approved our current offering of market-based Series EE savings bonds with interest rates equal to 85 percent of the rate on 5-year Treasury marketable securities for bonds held at least 5 years. Such bonds also include a guaranteed minimum rate of 7.5 percent. Market yields, however, have declined substantially since 1982, and it has become apparent in recent months that the 7.5 percent floor must be reduced in order to maintain the cost effectiveness of the savings bonds program and to avoid excessive competition with other savings forms. On April 30 Treasury announced that it is considering the need to reduce the 7.5 percent floor. Reactions to the announcement suggest general public recognition and acceptance of the need to reduce the rate.

The new variable-rate savings bonds have been very well received by investors and have resulted in substantial savings to the Treasury in the costs of financing the public debt, as compared to financing with marketable securities. In order to continue these savings, I recommend that the guaranteed 7.5 percent minimum rate be reduced to 5.5 percent, effective November 1, 1986.

New issues of Series EE bonds held less than 5 years would earn interest on a fixed graduated scale, rising from 4 percent at 6 months to 5.5 percent at 5 years. New issues of the companion Series HH current income bonds would earn a flat 5.5 percent. There would be no reduction in the guaranteed yield to maturity for outstanding Series E, EE, H, and HH bonds. Similarly, there would be no change in the formulation of the market-based variable interest rate on Series E and EE bonds.

The new guaranteed minimum rates for savings bonds should be announced no later than October 29 to go into effect November 1, 1986.

Recommendation: That you approve the new minimum rates for savings bonds discussed above to be effective November 1, 1986.

Approve Ronald Reagan - a 6% minimum rate.

Disapprove _____

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Rom Repasky
Star Route, Box 78-R
Banks, Oregon 97106



To Tom & Sherrie Repasky - With heartfelt
Thanks for all you are doing, every good wish
& Warmest Regard. Ronald Reagan

To Tom & Sherrie Repasky - Star Route, Box 78-R
Banks Oregon 97106

JHR

29 August 1986

Dear President Reagan:

First, I want to personally thank you for your support and involvement in the pro-life movement. For the stand that you have taken on behalf of our unborn children and their mothers.

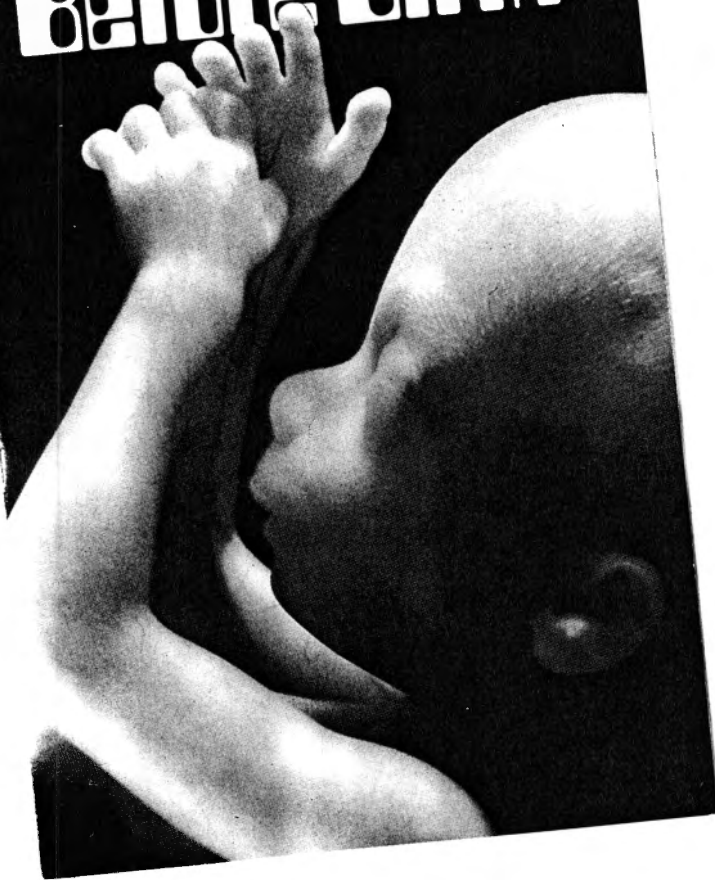
Abortion really became a reality in our home three and a half years ago upon the birth of our adopted daughter. Our little girl is a real miracle from God because she came so close to being another abortion statistic. She was saved from an abortion by direct Christian contact. Her birth mother was given the help she needed to choose life for her unborn child. Today she is a born again Christian and she has the hope of being reunited with her daughter when she is grown up. Our story has a happy ending and we know we are all so lucky! Because of what we have experienced through this special little girl and her mother coming into our lives, my husband and I are very involved in a local pro-life ministry. We offer shelter, medical care, legal help, financial help but most important spiritual help. Through our work and others like us we have helped in saving over thirty babies lives. These lives were saved through sidewalk council at a local abortion clinic over the past three years. For each child there also is a mother that we've been able to personally minister to. God has richly blessed our work through these lives that have been saved. We give God the glory for each and every one of them.

This is why we also want to thank you President Reagan and encourage you to continue in your pro-life work.

God bless you,

/s/ Tom & Sherrie Repasky

Life Before Birth



Dear President Reagan,

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God bless you,

Tom & Sherie Regan



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November 6, 1986

Dear Ruddy:

Just got back to Washington and found your letter awaiting me. I've been out campaigning for our candidates through 22 states and wound up in California.

Ruddy, I think we made great progress in Iceland, and now our arms negotiating teams are continuing to meet in Geneva, Switzerland. We'll have a better idea of our chances in a few days after Secretary of State Shultz' meeting with the Soviet Foreign Minister in Vienna.

Iceland was something of a different world, but the people are very nice and very friendly. They are also proud of their country and their way of life.

It's true that the only trees are in and around the city. They have been brought into the country and planted by the people. There are no trees natural to Iceland. There is plenty of green grass for the raising of sheep, cattle, etc. It is studded with black volcanic boulders and ridges on the low hillsides. This time of year daylight is only five hours long and, yes, it does seem strange to be in darkness at about 3:30 in the afternoon. Our flight there was about six hours long.

Your trip sounds interesting and fun. Thanks for my "worry stone." Now that the election is over, I think I'll make use of it.

I'm sorry to hear about your mother's operation and hope everything went well and that she's recovering nicely and without much pain. Please tell her for Nancy and me that she's in our thoughts and prayers. She's right about the stones -- they would be quite a project. How many in the class could match that?

All the best to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Rudolph Hines
607 Savannah Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20032

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

October 27, 1986

Dear President Reagan,

Thank you for trying for peace in Iceland. I'm sorry it didn't work out this time. I just hope we get another chance to try.

Iceland sounds like a whole different world. Is it really true about the trees? I can't imagine anyplace without trees except for some places in New York City. Is the ground really black from the lava? Did you see any grass growing at all? Did it feel weird having the sun set at three o'clock? How long did it take to get to Iceland?

Our class went on a trip to Luray Caverns last week. The package that's attached to this letter is a souvenir. It's called a "worry stone". I thought you could keep it in your pocket just in case you needed it. The caverns were really warm and the tour was pretty long. We took a tour of Skyline Drive and saw valleys of farms and orchards. We were at least three thousand feet up in the mountains. We stopped for apples before we left Virginia so that my mom and grandmother could make apple cobbler. It was great!

Our teacher has decided that she would take us on that trip to Atlanta in June. We will be having bake sales and car washes to help with the trip.

Halloween is coming up and I've decided to dress up like Hulk Hogan, the wrestler. My mom doesn't really like that idea because wrestlers don't wear a lot of clothes. Hope the weather is warm! Do children trick or treat at the White House? My dad's helping me carve out the pumpkin this week in time for halloween. We put it out on the front porch with a candle in it so kids will know that they can come knock for goodies.

Well, I'll close now because I have to help my mom get ready to go to the hospital. She's going to have her gallbladder removed because it really hurts her. My mom said she hopes that she 'll be as good as you were when you were in the hospital. I'm glad it's only for a few days that she'll be in the hospital. I don't like hospitals. Write soon.

Your Pen Pal

Ruddy
Rudolph

P.S. Mom said I could have her gallstones to do a science project. What do you think?

7. My pen pal -

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RR

To Mr. Malcolm S. Forbes - Forbes Bldg.
60 5th Ave. N.Y. N.Y. 10011

Dear Malcolm

Thank you very much for sending me the editorial comments & even more for writing them. You brightened my day considerably. They are like an antidote to an overdose of The Wash. Post.

Nancy sends her very best & love to you.

Sincerely RR

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PV

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Nancy sends her very best, and so do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. Malcolm S. Forbes
Forbes Building
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

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RR Dictation

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FORBES MAGAZINE

CHAIRMAN & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

October 28, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I hope you will enjoy these editorial comments that will
appear in the next issue of FORBES!

As ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Malcolm", written over the printed name.

Malcolm S. Forbes

Enc.

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Could you?
RR

Mr. President

Our new Ambassador
to Argentina Ted Gildred left
this cassette off for you.

In the 50's Ted's Dad,
in charge of a film studio, did
a Spanish dubbing on a
Ronald Reagan film.

Ambassador Gildred wanted
you to have this.

Perhaps Kathy could
send him a thank you

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November 7, 1986

Dear Ted:

I want to express my appreciation to you for the special videocassette which you presented to the Vice President for me. I particularly look forward to viewing this tape, since it will be the only time I have seen a performance of mine in foreign language dubbing. Thank you so much for your kind remembrance; I'm truly grateful.

With my warmest regards,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Theodore E. Gildred
The American Ambassador
Buenos Aires

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To be returned to Kathy Osborne for the President
to sign personally.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Tape, "Beneath These Waters"

from Amb. to Argentina, Ted
Gildred.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: John Hilboldt

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: 10-6-86

Can you please prepare a
thank you letter to Amb.
Gildred for RR's personal
signature. RR is delighted
to have this tape -- it
will be the only time he
will have seen a tape of
his which was "dubbed."

Thanks.

454086
NP016

November 7, 1986

Dear Barney:

Thanks for the Variety page and the word on the Delta Queen, and thanks for making me the fellow in the White Hat who untied the damsel on the railroad tracks.

I have just one correction. You gave me about seven too many movies. You were right that I only wore the black hat in one, but the total was only 51, not 58. Or were you lining me up for some in about two years?

Thanks, too, for including the argument for SDI.

Best regards,

RON

COL Barney Oldfield, USAF, Ret.
360 North Crescent Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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36. North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210 213 859-5905

Col. Barney Oldfield, USAF (Ret)
(Consultant)

October 28, 1986

Dear President Ron:

After your recent OK Corral outing in Iceland, I thought you would be pleased to know that in your old hometown you have been cast as "True Blue Harold" one more time -- in the 53rd anniversary issue of Daily Variety!

Isn't it funny that nobody seems to tumble to the SDI "fact of life" that whether it works celestially speaking is nowhere near as important as the totality of its objective being attainable by what it does cerebrally -- the fact that they think it will work eventually. As long as you hold onto it, it can be the greatest "shaggy dog story" ever. Or as Edward Teller once put it: "Power is NEVER what it really is; it's what somebody else thinks it is!" So if you can bag the real technology, and be mentally worrisome in the process, that's the biggest win of all. And what a big diplomatic stick!

With admiration and best wishes,

President Ronald Reagan,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

The passenger list included half and half — Soviets and U.S. peaceniks. They took the same route as that used by President Jimmy Carter, who in his unsuccessful second term try in 1980 used the stops at the Mississippi's 26 locks to make speeches. ABC News' Steve Bell said the two-nation talk-and-sing-along using the Delta Queen was a statement that in hungering for peace "... we are all in the same boat."

Through a strong effort by the U.S. Department of Commerce, a Japanese Fuji Films crew was on board making a segment for its program, "Great Land, America," which ran on 32 stations owned by Fuji in Japan. As an illustration of how tall the Delta Queen stands in world consciousness, this program started with the centennial bash of the Statue of Liberty, and closed with the Great Steamboat Race of 1986 — the

COL. BARNEY OLDFIELD, Variety hand since 1930, has been the only (eight times) Chief Judge the Great Steamboat Race series has had, the annual reenactment of the 1870 contest between the Natchez and Robert E. Lee. His associate judges for 1986 were Astronaut Mike Collins, the magician Dr. Harold Rice, and George Foreman, 1973-74 heavyweight boxing champion. Oldfield said he stood behind George on "every decision we made."

heads remember that it is hardly being "at sea" when she's seldom more than 100 yards from one river bank or another.

In this session of Congress, H.R. 739 was passed and President Reagan signed it. That legislation gives the Delta Queen right to "do business as usual" up and down rivers through 1993! It was almost a tent repertoire arrival of Tru Blue Harold with the mortgage money to save the farmer's daughter from the villain, and the actor side of the President must have enjoyed playing, he having been the "good guy" in 57 of his 58 movies.

Single Ownership

Over the years, the Delta Queen (she gave her name to the parent Delta Queen Steamboat Co.) has been owned by about as many different varieties as old Annie Christmas had clients in her bedroom on her Natchez "boat house." She is now firmly in the hands of a Chicagoan, Sam Zell, whose Equity Holdings had 78% of her 1,000,000 shares until he offered to buy back the 22% outstanding at \$17 a share. All the shares had been tendered by June.

Originally built on Scotland's River Clyde at Glasgow, the same shipbuilder who did the Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeths I and II, she was sent in pre-fabricated pieces to Stockton, Calif., for assembly. Final construction was

Mississippi and Ohio to Pittsburgh where he spent \$750,000 on conversion to her cruise ship mode. Pittsburgh, by coincidence, was the very place the old British actor, William Chapman, came up with the concept of the actual first 14-by-100-foot "floating theater" and his forerunner of

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Congratulations Hollywood! you're 100 and you your scandals, your triumphs, your loves sublime From a cow-town to the glamor capital of the wor so stand proud and erect; let your banners unfurl You're every starry-eyed youngster's dream to bec to be rich, famous and drive an expensive car. To be like Crawford, Stairway and a guy named To be seen with glamorous stars in luxurious sabl Tom Mix, William S. Hart, Douglas Fairbanks an When Mary Pickford, Gloria Swanson and the Gis There was Mack Sennett, Hal Roach, Charlie Cha Fatty Arbuckle, Mabel Normand and William "Ho You've had your ups and you've had your downs; you've had your tragedies and you've had your clo Cecil B. DeMille made believers of the skeptics wh the Bible came alive as he deftly directed; In a matt There was Ronald Colman, Jimmy Stewart, Cagney And, of course, Will Hays who would not allow a h He decreed hot kisses were taboo; bedroom scenes a Lubitsch had the answer. Let them use their in-agin You went thru' the frustration of the early talkies; you cringed when some nasty scribe called them squ Hollywood we love you, but oh, how you've changed cars, and westerns are now shot on Mars. Kisses are now wet and sloppy; they quickly disrobe

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Grand Dame Of Mississippi: Delta Queen Sails Through 60th Year, Sprightly As Ever

By COL BARNEY OLDFIELD, USAF (Ret.)

The ghost of Annie Christmas, the legendary too-tall harlot of old Natchez-Under-The-Hill up the Mississippi where river men of old came to pay and play, salutes another big Muddy regular wayfarer every time she ties up with a roster of spenders — the old Delta Queen. The paddle-wheeler, owned by more different kinds of people and enterprisers than the most recalcitrant runaway slave, still preens herself and cuts a mighty fine figure in this, her 60th year.

How foxy is she?

Consider these happenings in 1986:

In July, she went up the "four rivers" (Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee and Cumberland) opener to Nashville in time to coincide with the birthday of another venerable 60-year old institution, the Grand Ole Opry, of WSM-TV origin. They jibed so well, it was announced there will be seven return cruises in the 1987 paddle-wheel season.

The same month, she was participant in a reachout from the Soviet Union's INTOURIST, which decided to go afield with its annual custom of a "peace cruise" on the Volga, and the Delta Queen was bought out for a thematic, slow-paced meander from St. Paul to St. Louis, wearing a big banner proclaiming "Promoting Enduring Peace."

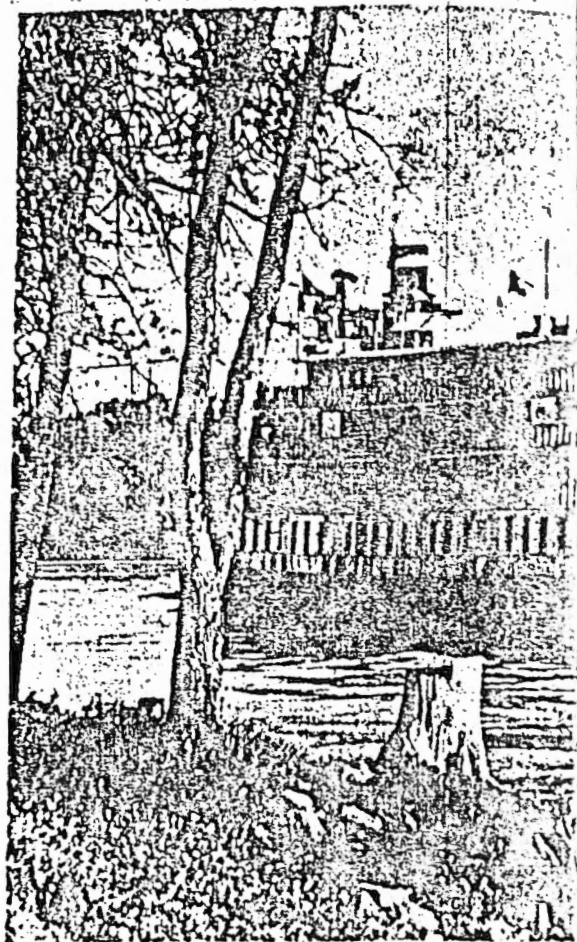
Delta Queen versus the Mississippi Queen. And the Delta Queen won the Commodore's Cup in that one!

The Commerce interest was tied tightly to U.S. efforts to bring potential Japanese tourist attention that the American land mass includes more than Los Angeles and Disneyland, Orlando and Disney World, and Gotham — for instance, fun, frolic and relaxation to a Dixieland beat all 'over navigable portions of the mighty river system central to this country.

Delta Queen Reprieved

The Delta Queen, on the rivers since 1926, has just emerged from dark days ahead into the sunlight. She is not only day-and-date with Grand Ole Opry, but with the time the late Flo Ziegfeld was toying with a romantic story whose theme was the (then) explosive miscegenation. He asked Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein II to do the music, and they did provide the score for the hit which went 572 performances in the old Winter Garden in New York. That was "Showboat."

The Delta Queen has had a struggle on her hands almost since the National Registry of Historic Places officially recognized and listed her in 1966. Plagued by legislative memories of the Morro Castle disaster at sea in 1934, over-zealous solons have picked on her periodically until wiser



Sailing serenely on: The 60-year-old grand lady born on the River Clyde in Scotland, given her tr and has been on midwest rivers since 1946 — to

completed in 1926, and she became known as the Sacramento River's "million dollar deluxe steamer."

The U.S. Navy requisitioned her in October, 1940, and used her as the "yard ferry" in San Francisco Bay. Post-war Capt. Tom Greene got her at the surplus price of \$46,000 in 1946, towed her 5260 miles along the Pacific Coast, through the Panama Canal, then under her own power up the

all the showbo in 1831.

What Sam Zings has in mind Delta Queen St umbrella device reach beyond the Mississippi er — to include events. The ski is the longtime on the Chicago certs, manager

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November 7, 1986

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Thanks for your kind letter and for passing on your observations about my box office rating out on the mashed potato circuit. You were kind to do this, and I enjoyed getting the word.

My very best to Dorothy and, again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

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October 22, 1986

The President of the United States
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20500

My dear Mr. President:

As you know, my broadcasting responsibilities have led to that which Dorothy calls "Ward's life on airplanes", and as a result I talk to great numbers of people in all walks of life.

Last Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, Mr. President, I spoke to two different groups in Detroit and Ann Arbor and since then I've been spending a few days at our winter home in Carefree and my branch office in Phoenix.

In the course of these exchanges with individuals and before the large groups to which I spoke in Detroit and Ann Arbor, the response regarding your leadership has demonstrated anew the gratitude for, and the respect of, that which was your statesmanlike posture in Reykjavik.

As I have said time and time again when this second term is concluded, no matter who ascends to the most powerful office in the world, there will be a tremendous "vacuum", the loss of the services of the most effective and the finest President in the modern history of this land!


I thought I should pass along to you these comments because they come from people who really represent what one might call the "model" stratified socio-economic "sample" - of Americans!

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The Honorable Ronald Reagan
October 22, 1986

Ron, Dorothy sends her love and from both of us to
Nancy.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ward", followed by a horizontal line.

Ward L. Quaal

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To Col. Barney Oldfield 360 No. Crescent Dr.
Beverly Hills Calif. 90210

Dear Barney

Thanks for the Variety page & the word on the Delta Queen, and thanks for making me the fellow in the White Hat who untied the damsel on the railroad tracks.

I have just one correction. You gave me about 7 too many movies. You were right that I only wore the black hat in one but the total was only 51 not 58. Or were you lining me up for some in about 2 yrs.?

Thanks too for including the argument for S.D.I.

Best Regards

Ron

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My very best to Dorothy & again my thanks.

Sincerely Ron

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November 7, 1986

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

Thank you for your letter telling President Reagan about Laurium and Calumet Township. He was pleased to see the pride your community has in being the birthplace of George Gipp and he wanted you to have the enclosed check to be used for the George Gipp Recreational Area.

With best wishes,

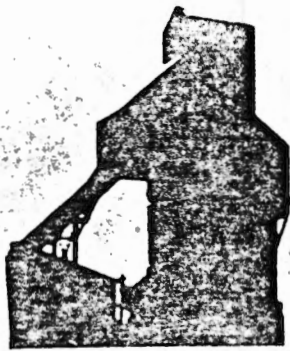
Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence

Mrs. Marcia Boyle
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Calumet, Michigan 49913


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Encl: (\$1,000.00) Check



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Business Associations. Discover the Historical
Landmarks that made this a prominent area.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Anne:

Can you send this back with
a note indicating that this
is specifically for the
George Gipp recreational
area. Thanks.

ko

GEORGE GIPP RECREATION AREA
Tax Deductible Donation/Pledge Card

Name Ronald Reagan Paid On Nov. 5 '86
Amount \$1000.00 Date

Checks Payable To g.g.r.a.
Laurium Business Association
P.O. Box 5
Laurium, Mi 49913

Thank You

Dear Mr. President, ~~W.D.~~ ^{W.D.}

I come from a small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, called Calumet. About two blocks from where I live is a town called Laurium, the birth-place of George Gipp. The area used to be a major copper mining center, but has declined to a tourist attraction. The business people of Laurium are ~~now~~ trying to raise money for the George Gipp recreational area to try and promote the area

as a tourist attraction.
The hope is for a larger
number of tourist dollars
to be spent in the local
area to help relieve this
depressed area and perhaps
create jobs, where none
exist today. Being as you
portrayed the "Elizian" on T.V.,
a few of us were wondering
if you'd care to donate to
our cause. Thank you for
your time. Sincerely -

Marcia Boyle

P.S. The Thimbleberries and
Blueberries ~~are~~ in full
bloom and taste great.

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