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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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November 17, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*
SUBJECT: International Conference on
Private Sector Initiatives

Next week the first International Conference on Private Sector Initiatives will take place in Paris, France. Your Board of Advisors on Private Sector Initiatives will be hosting this unique event attended by Cabinet level ministers and business leaders from the United States, France, England, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Switzerland.

As the attached program indicates, the Conference will focus on four areas of private sector initiatives:

1. Charitable Giving
2. Voluntarism
3. Public-Private Partnerships
4. Corporate Social Responsibility

Although a majority of the speakers at the Conference are American, a number of Europeans will also be telling the group about their experiences in promoting private sector initiatives in their countries.

This Conference has been funded entirely by the private sector.

As we have worked with other nations in planning the Conference, it has become clear that you are the internationally recognized leader of private sector initiatives. The Conference attendees have become quite impressed with the record breaking highs in charitable giving and voluntarism in the United States during your Administration.

In planning this Conference, we have taken great care to assure that this marks the beginning of a new international effort. It is expected that the government attendees will follow your example by appointing private sector initiatives task forces of their own. The business leaders attending will be asked to identify a specific issue (i.e. fighting drug abuse) and direct their corporate resources towards it.

I am very optimistic about the prospects of this Conference and will give you a full report upon its conclusion.

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Handwritten signature: P. X. Kelley
Handwritten initials: PK

Dear Mr. President,

The cake-cutting ceremony in The Rose Garden this afternoon was absolutely spectacular! Your Corps of Marines is fortunate, indeed, to have you as our Commander-in-Chief. You will always have our deepest admiration and respect!

With warmest best wishes, I am

Most respectfully,

Handwritten signature: P. X. Kelley

P. X. KELLEY
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE RICHARD E. LYNCH
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

FROM: ALFRED H. KINGON 
SUBJECT: Attached Letter

The President asked me to forward the attached letter to you for action.

As you can see from the President's handwritten note at the top of the typewritten transcript, he spoke to Ms. Coon personally and would like someone at the Department to follow-up on the this particular case.

(The President's handwritten note reads as follows: "This young lady told me her father was turned down for help. I spoke to her on the phone. I know the farm program is pretty topsy turvy as to who is eligible for help but could someone look into this? Her mother is still hanging on so evidently the farm hasn't been foreclosed as yet.")

Attachment

The President

Could we send
this letter over to
Dick Lyng - Sec.
of agri.
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Dick

This young lady told me her father was turned down for help. I spoke to her on the phone. I know the farm program is pretty topsy turvy as to who is eligible for help but could someone look into this? Her mother is still hanging on so evidently the farm hasn't been foreclosed as yet. Please see that President Reagan gets this note. RR

My name is Karleen Coon. I am the daughter of Kenneth L. Tuckett of Montevue, Idaho.

The bankruptcy law that you signed earlier this week -- I wish it was signed in 1985, because if it had been, my father would still be alive. He was one of the farmers whom was foreclosed upon. He was a good farmer. He has good farmland, and he was a good dairyman. But the bank refused to work with him -- no matter how hard he tried. Plan after plan was denied. They took everything away from him, the cows, machinery, electricity, money, pride, ego, love, and finally his life. He shot himself under the chin with a 30.06 October 1, 1986. He left a wife, 5 children, and 10 grandchildren who loved him so much.

I just pray that this law will save the lives of other farmers. And with every life that is saved, I'll thank you. Its too late for my father but let's hope its not too late for others. I'd love to come to the rally, but there are more people who are more important than myself.

God bless you for the good you have done.

Sincerely,

/s/ Karlene Coon

Route 1

Filer, Idaho 83328

(208) 326-4017

Please see that President Reagan gets this note.

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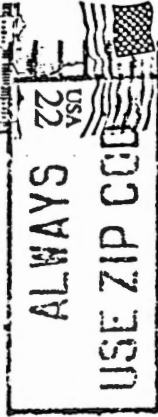
Sincerely

Karlene Coon
At 1

Filer, Idaho
83328

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Karlene Coon
Rt 1
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Pres. Ronald Reagan
% Symms for Senate
P.O. Box 1733.
Twin Falls, Idaho

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November 17, 1986

Dear Mrs. Stanley:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of September 25, but it takes a while for mail to reach my desk. Thank you for your support and your generous words. Both Nancy and I are most grateful.

I understand your concern about the trade imbalance, especially after reading the Lane Kirkland column you sent. I have to say Mr. Kirkland did not present an accurate picture of our situation or our economy. To suggest that we have, "near depression levels of unemployment" is dishonest. The "potential employment pool" in our country is said to be all our people, male and female above 16 years of age. Today 61.3% of all such people in the United States are employed, and that is the highest percentage in our history.

It is true there are unfair practices on the part of some of our trading partners, but we have been taking strong action to see that free trade becomes fair trade and have made sizeable progress. We will not stop until we are all playing on a level playing field.

It is also true there are some areas in our country not as well off as others, but this is often due to industrial changes not connected in any way to unfair competition. Let me take steel, for instance. Due to increased use of plastics and aluminum, the demand for steel has been reduced. This, plus increased automation in the plants, has led to the closing down of older steel plants because they are no longer needed. But, over the last four years, almost 12 million new jobs have been created in new businesses such as computers.

Please know that we are taking every possible step and will not stop until everyone who wants a job has a job.

Again, thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Nathan Stanley
885 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10021

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Mrs. Nathan Stanley
885 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021

September 27, 1986

Dear President Reagan.

Not so very many years ago everything we bought in this country was made in the U.S. excepting for extreme luxuries nearly all hand made or expensive French couture. Our goods were sold all over the world.

For instance, all in and around Boston there were dozens of shoe factories doing a thriving business. Also, factories that made trimmings for shoes. Lewiston Maine, was a total shoe town that made only cheap shoes priced like the ones from Taiwan and Korea.

If we were to go to war today we would be licked. No factories to make soldiers shoes, not enough skilled shoe makers. Not sufficient steel for armaments and planes, and possibly ships. We built bridges for export and installation for many countries. So much more money was coming into this country than was going out of it.

Today it looks as if we are the vanquished and Japan won the war. We are accepting all their exports , aside from the auto

factories they built here. They have the nerve to refuse many of our products to enter their country.

Your ideas on free trade have not worked. If our balance of payments is so bad that is proof of it.

We get cheap shoes, but also billions of dollars worth of very expensive shoes made in Italy, some very uncomfortable, but people pay the price from \$100 - \$250 a pair.

If the dress manufacturing trade looses out in this city, if it goes, as part of it has, New York and the U.S. will be big losers.

Why do you insist on a policy that statistics show is ruining us? We have a big new market in China. Let it be in our favor.

You will probably never see or read this letter. But since I voted for you twice and since I am 88 years of age and have always given money to the party and the Republican Senators, and never missed voting in an election, and worked for women to get the vote when I was a teenager perhaps you will be given just this one letter to read. I was prompted to write it by the N.Y. Times article I am enclosing, but I have written from a somewhat different angle.

Both you and your wife for many reasons have my greatest admiration. I appreciate your stand against Russia and appreciate the respect you have built up for the Presidency of the U.S. and for the many times you appear on television.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Miriam B. Stanley

By Lane Kirkland

Lane Kirkland is president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations.

A Senate bill can combat the crisis

If "free trade" benefits anyone, it is manipulators who depress wages in order to inflate profits. They are absolved of guilt by the "free trade" evangelists who say that our "over-

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"Because the American trade bill has it as
 a principle never to make trade. The only
 exception is that some of the money is
 reserved to wages and payed later
 to workers where it is spent.
 It is wrong to label the Senate trade
 bill as "protectionist." It is a response
 to extreme protectionism, and its goal
 is to regard trade by making it a two-
 way street conducted on even terms.
 President Reagan promises to veto it.
 His supporters fear "retaliation."
 They argue that America has no
 moral right to require trading part-
 ners to adopt humane labor standards.
 If other nations treat workers like dirt,
 they say, we must accept "cultural dif-
 ferences." And if our corporations
 make fat profits because of those cul-
 tural differences, well, that's what
 "free trade" is about.

Accept that and you must accept
on principle that it is fair to allow
some countries, aided by business
and government, to slash American
standards of living and human de-
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To Mrs. Nathan Stanley 885 Park Ave. N.Y. N.Y.

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Again Thanks + Best Regards.
RR

To Mr. Fred E. Walker Jr. - ~~Wilmington Baptist Church~~
Rt. 1, Box 90-B ~~Wilmington N.C. 28403~~
Currie N.C. 28435

Dear Mr. Walker

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of Oct. 13 but it has only just reached me - too late of course for your Oct. 20 meeting. I wish you all well and want you to know I have long felt that the answer to the abortion slaughter is recognition that the unborn child is indeed a living human being and thus entitled to the protection of the Constitution & our body of laws.

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Washington D.C.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Fred E. Walker Jr.
Route 1, Box 90-B
Currie, North Carolina 28435

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By odd coincidence your letter reached me on the very day I met with national religious leaders representing all branches of religion, Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox & Hebrew. It was a wonderful thing to see this diverse group totally & enthusiastically organized to work for adoption of the commission report.

Thank you for writing as you did & for relating the incident so illustrative of this problem. Rest assured this matter is high on our agenda.

Sincerely RR

To Ms. Deena Rose 615-18 Ct. Vero Fla. 32962

Dear Ms. Rose

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Let me assure you we are all moving to implement
(ours)

The Meese Commission findings. Just two days ago I met with religious leaders - the clergy of every denomination, Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox & Hebrew. They have organized nation wide to work for the elimination of pornography & principally child pornography.

Again thank you for your letter,

Sincerely RR

To Mr. William A. Check - Rivers Cliff Co. Inc. 2000 Magnolia Ave.

Little Rock Ark. 72202

Dear Wm. Alston (Check)

Your letter awakened a lot of memories of those days back on Cherokee st. It was good to hear from you and I appreciate your words of support. Letters to the Sen's & congressmen will be a real help. Some of the people on the Hill are less than helpful with regard to SDI. But assured I'm determined to go forward with it & it won't be traded away.

Thanks again for writing. Best wishes & regards.

Sincerely RR

To Mr. Jerry Dumas 31 Crown Lane, Greenwich Ct. 06831

Dear Mr. Dumas

Just received your letter with the sad news. How come they can let Herblock stay on? Maybe you should have made me the villain. Say maybe I should raise their taxes - like - say editors pay double.

Seriously I'm sorry and hope you move on to a better situation soon. You'll be missed until you do.

Sincerely RR

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October 13, 1986

Mr. Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Mr. President

You see before you in this package the original copy of a proposed petition for a constitutional amendment. I think you know how important this issue is so I won't try to justify this petition to you. I only ask that you show us your support by signing this original copy. I believe this would do more for this movement than anything anyone else could do. I would like to present this petition with your answer to our association October 20, 1986. Gods speed.

Yours in Christ

Fred E. Walker Jr.

Fred E. Walker Jr.
Chairman Christian Life
and Public Affairs
Wilmington Baptist Association
Wilmington, N. C. 28403

Enclosure

Return Address

Fred E. Walker Jr.
Rt. 1, Box 90-B
Currie, N.C. 28435

A PETITION

We the undersigned ask that the following amendment be added to the Constitution of the United States of America.

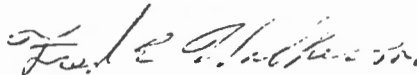
AN AMENDMENT

We the people ask that the protection and rights mandated by God and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America begin at the conception of a individual.

EXPLANATION

This amendment is needed to stop the slaughter of infants by abortion. This will establish conception as the legal beginning of human life.

In God We Trust

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred E. Walker Jr.", written in dark ink.

Fred E. Walker Jr.

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Sincerely,

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Mrs. Kim Hawley
Apartment 11
465 East Tujunga Avenue
Burbank, California 91501

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465 E. Tujunga Ave., #11
Burbank, CA 91501
1 October 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

As a homemaker and future mother, I have been keeping as informed as possible on the results of the Commission on Pornography. I want to add my voice to the millions of other Americans who feel as I do in demanding that the Commission Report be implemented.

Our family has already been hurt by pornography. My young brother was exposed at a tender age to very upsetting, explicit, pornographic material left carelessly in the neighborhood park next door to our home. I saw my parents anguish over this. Especially heart-breaking was the fact that he had this unfortunate exposure to perversion before my parents had even deemed it appropriate to explain the normal, natural, and moral functions of sex. I remember my father's expression as he cradled his young son in his arms and tried to somehow soften the sobering imprints of evil on so young and impressionable a mind, and sought a miracle to erase the mental and emotional stains of pain caused by the disturbing scenes.

I have read studies that show a definite relationship between viewing pornographic materials and the increase in violent, sexual crimes against women and children. It has also been shown that pornography is both progressive and addictive. Who all will be held responsible for molestations, rapes, and worse of innocent women and children, which have been fueled by the foul lusts aroused by relatively unregulated smut?

Several years ago, while touring Europe, as I walked by a street-corner magazine stand, my eyes caught sight of the naked cover girl on an obscene publication. She was obviously very young, probably between the ages of 9 and 12. I shall never forget the haunting look on her face as she stood staring from that page, stripped of her childhood, her dignity, and the protection that is every human's right. Her eyes were a sobering window to an exploited soul, expressing a silent and heart-wrenching cry for help.

My father, a retired naval officer, has been personally involved in America's recognized responsibility for protecting and defending other countries too weak to defend themselves against aggressors. But where is protection for America's own--for young minds, tender feelings, and vulnerable hearts of innocent women and children who are being defiled, degraded, and depicted as mere objects to abuse, by aggressors acting on gross appetites too often stimulated by the all too unchecked flow of obscenity?

I appeal to you for aid. I plead for you to exercise the power of protection you hold in your hands. I speak in behalf of the women and children of America who feel as I do. The Commission Report must be implemented.

Respectfully yours,
Kim Hawley
(Mrs.) Kim Hawley

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November 17, 1986

Dear Ms. Rose:

Thank you for writing me as you did and forgive me for being so late in answering, but your letter of October 30 has just reached me.

Let me assure you we are moving to implement the Meese Commission findings. Just two days ago I met with religious leaders -- the clergy of every denomination: Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and Hebrew. They have organized nationwide to work for the elimination of pornography, and principally child pornography.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Ms. Deena Rose
615-18 Court
Vero, Florida 32962

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Deena Rose
615-18 Ct.
Vero, Florida 32962

October 30, 1986

Mr. President,

I appreciate Mr. Diluchio's response (enclosed) but the solution is not to call the vendors blind entrepreneurs and ask them to remember to display pornography behind a privacy shield, in an individual wrap or stored out of sight.

Knowing what we know from the findings of the Meese Commission, pornographic magazines should not be for sale in Federal Buildings.

Thank you for your help.

Respectfully,

/s/ Deena Rose

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Thank you for your help. Respectfully,
Deena Rose



General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
Washington, DC 20405

October 27, 1986

Dear Ms. Rose:

This is in response to your recent letter to the President concerning the sale of pornographic magazines in Federal buildings.

The stores you refer to in Federal buildings are operated by licensed blind vendors under the auspices of the Randolph-Sheppard Act (20 USC 107 et. seq.). The General Services Administration (GSA) primarily provides the space for these entrepreneurs and ensures they are operated within the terms of the permit granted to the State Licensing Agency (SLA) for the blind.

We, however, appreciate your concerns and will send a letter to each of the SLA's reiterating GSA's policy that such reading material be displayed behind a privacy shield or in an individual wrap, or be stored out of sight. Further, we suggest you work directly with each of these State authorities.

Your interest and concern in this matter are appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. DiLuchio".

ROBERT J. DILUCHIO
Assistant Commissioner for
Real Property Management
and Safety

Ms. Deena Rose
615-18 Ct
Vero, Florida 32962

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Dear Mr. Cheek:

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2000 Magnolia Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

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"An Apartment Estate"



COMPANY, INC.

2000 MAGNOLIA AVENUE • TELEPHONE 663-8366 • LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72202

October 22, 1986

Mr. Ronald Reagan,
The President of The United States
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I knew you in the late 1930's and early 40's when I lived with your friend, Howard (Red) Christie, at the Chancellor Apartments on Cherokee Street and you lived at the Monticeto Apartments across the street. We knew your Mother and Father when they lived at the Chancellor Apartments for a short time.

The Navy called me the day after Pearl Harbor and I spent four years, mostly in the South Pacific, on destroyers and ended the war as a Lt. Commander #123262.

My reason for writing you is to say, I have always been in your corner and even more so, if that is possible, since your Iceland meeting. I hope you will stay firm on SDI and get it tested and operational as soon as possible.

I know Senators Bumpers and Pryor and Congressmen Hammerschmidt and Robinson personally and intend to let them know how I and many of my friends feel about this matter.

I hope and pray for success in all your policies, with which I agree, and I also hope you can nominate at least one or more Supreme Court justices before you leave office.

Yours very truly,

William A. Cheek

William A. Cheek
(William Alston - in pictures)

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November 17, 1986

Dear Mr. Dumas:

Just received your letter with the sad news. How come they can let Herblock stay on? Maybe you should have made me the villain. Say, maybe I should raise their taxes -- say, like editors pay double.

Seriously, I'm sorry and hope you move on to a better situation soon. You'll be missed until you do.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jerry Dumas
31 Crown Lane
Greenwich, Connecticut 06831

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RR Dictation (Sample)

JERRY DUMAS
31 Crown Lane, Greenwich, CT.
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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you may know by now, my Benchley comic strip has been cancelled by the syndicate that distributes it. The strip was popular in the newspapers in which it appeared, but many editors were upset by it -- some because they thought I was going to use the strip to extol your many virtues, and I didn't; others because they thought I was going to be tough on you and I wasn't. It's hard to please the press, isn't it?

So long -- it was nice working with you.

Cordially,

/s/ Jerry Dumas

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31 CROWN LANE, GREENWICH, CT.
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The White House
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mr. President:

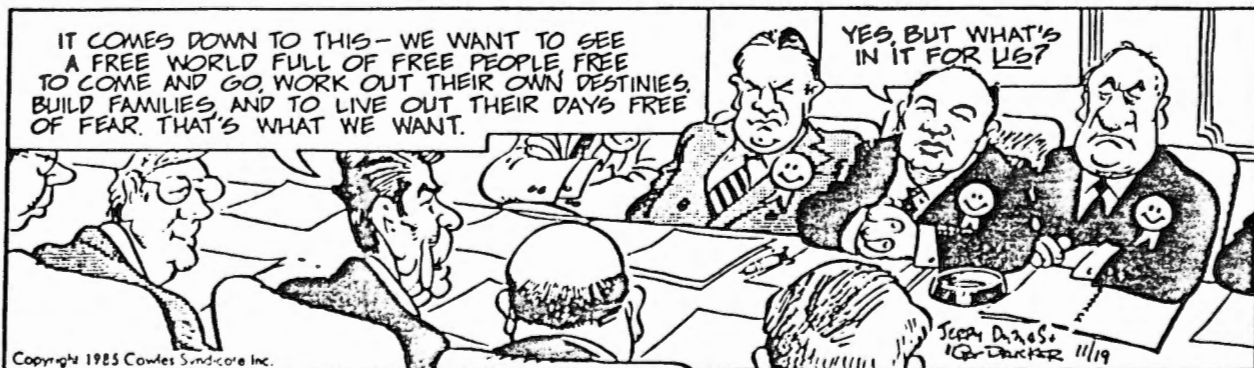
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BENCHLEY / Jerry Dumas & Mort Drucker



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~~To Mr. Karlene Rose Route 1 Tulsa Okla~~

To Mrs. Kim Hawley 465 E. Tufunga Ave. #11
Burlingame Calif. 91501

Dear Mrs. Hawley

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of Oct. 1 but with half a million letters a month coming to the exec. branch it sometimes takes a while before mail reaches my desk.

I share your deep concern about pornography & especially child pornography. Our commission report is in and we are determined to go forward on its recommendations. Some will require legislation by the Congress and there we need help from the people in getting Congress to act.

By odd coincidence your letter reached me on the very day I met with national religious leaders representing all branches of religion, Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox & Hebrew. It was a wonderful thing to see this diverse group totally & enthusiastically organized to work for adoption of the commission report.

Thank you for writing as you did & for relating the incident so illustrative of this problem. Rest assured this matter is high on our agenda.

Sincerely RR

To Ms. Deena Rose 615-18 Ct. Vero Fla. 32962

Dear Ms. Rose

Thank you for writing me as you did & forgive me for being so late in answering but your letter of Oct. 30 has just reached me.

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November 17, 1986

Dear Mr. Coote:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of October 23, but it has only just reached my desk. I am as frustrated as you are by the lack of an honest budgeting process here at the national level. Every state in the Union has a better system than the national government.

With regard to your question about vetoing a continuing resolution, the Congress sends such a resolution at the last possible moment, meaning that a veto would close down the government. Not even Social Security checks could be sent to those who need them.

There is an answer though -- "line item veto." I had that right as Governor of California. Indeed, 43 governors have such a privilege but it is denied the President by Congress. I'm afraid the deficit cannot be controlled until a President can go through the budget or continuing resolution and veto individual items, including vetoing the amount of money called for down to a lower figure.

I continue to hope that a nationwide movement on the part of the people might force the hand of the Congress. It isn't important they see the light -- just make them feel the heat.

Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Philip Coote
205 Billings Street
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

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RR (Sample) Dictation

PHONE: 219—462-6174 or 462-6175
205 BILLINGS STREET

PHILIP A. COOTE
GENERAL MANAGER

DEPARTMENT OF WATER WORKS

CITY OF
VALPARAISO, INDIANA 46383

"Pure Filter Water Admirably Adaptable To All Purposes"

October 23, 1986



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

Dear President Reagan:

Last week the 99th Congress finished its session without passing a Federal budget. This is not the first time, but I hope that it will be the last time. Those of us in the Midwest have not enjoyed the economic recovery that many parts of the United States have. As a result, we are concerned over the Washington Spenders. I am one that supports your efforts to control the size of the Federal Government. However, the best way to suppress government is to control its spending. I am not sure why you did not veto the spending bill, except that this is an election year and you may have thought that a veto could hurt the reelection of Republicans to Congress for next year.

I do hope that you will review your position in 1987 and veto any continuing resolution which is substituted in favor of a budget. It is time that the Congress wakes up to the idea that money does not grow on trees in the Heartland. I am not sure how things grow inside the "Beltway", but here "we still make money the old fashion way, we earn it."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Philip Coote".

Philip Coote

PC/cf

To Mr. Philip Crote Dept. of Water Works
205 Billings St. Valparaiso Ind.
46383-3699

Dear Mr. Crote

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of Oct. 23 but it has only just reached my desk. I am as frustrated as you are by the lack of an honest budgeting process here at the Nat. level. Every state in the Union has a better system ~~than~~ than the Nat. govt.

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To Mr. Brian Crozier - Kilm House - Dollis Ave.
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To Mr. Brian Crozier - Kremlin House - Dallas Ave.
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Dear Mr. Crozier

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November 17, 1986

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I shall try and find the "Notes and Analysis -- December '85" that you mentioned. Thanks for your supportive words.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Brian Crozier
Kulm House
Dollis Avenue
Finchley
London N3 1DA

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RR Dictation (Sample)

From Brian Crozier

Kulm House
Dollis Avenue
Finchley
London N3 1DA
Tel 01-346 8124

The President,
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

21 October 1986

The death of Samora Machel, albeit in unfortunate circumstances, does create an opportunity for your Administration, and that of Margaret Thatcher, to move away from the ultimately insane State Department/Foreign Office policy of economic and (in Britain's case) military support for the FRELIMO regime.

There is a direct contradiction between the wise policy of aid to Savimbi, and the absurd antithesis of aiding the communist ("Marxist") regime in Mozambique against much maligned resistance fighters who, if helped, could yield a pro-Western, and certainly an anti-communist, government in Maputo.

An exact parallel to the policy of helping the FRELIMO regime would be a policy of aid to the Soviet puppet regime in Kabul, against the Afghan resistance.

The sophistries of the permanent officials should not be allowed to obscure the strategic realities. I humbly suggest you might find it useful to take a fresh look at the relevant pages of NOTES AND ANALYSIS for December 1985.

*My best wishes,
Brian*

PS. Congratulations on your stand at Reykjavik.

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November 17, 1986

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter of September 25. It has only just reached me. Sometimes it takes a while for mail to make it's way through the bureaucracy.

First, let me express my deepest sympathy for your tragic loss. I know there are no words that can ease the pain. I wish there were.

Mrs. Thompson, I've had our people working to see if we can't find a better way than the present plan the Congress has brought forth. Under that plan we have spent more supposedly to help farmers than the last five Administrations put together -- this year alone \$26.5 billion. Obviously that money is not getting to the people who need it most. There has to be a better way and I'm determined to find it. Again my heartfelt sympathy.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Mervin Thompson
Route 1, Box 341
Covington, Pennsylvania 16917
RR:AVH:pps

RR (Sample) Dictation

Mrs. Mervin Thompson
R.D. No. 1, Box 341
Covington, Pennsylvania 16917

September 25, 1986

Another victim of the tragic farm situation in the United States. When are you people in charge going to do something about it? When everyone is starving to death?

Yours truly,

/s/ Nancy M. Thompson
(widow of Mervin Thompson)

• Taped message found

AVA, Mo. (AP) — A supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration, the agency that recently announced it would begin foreclosing on some loans to farmers, committed suicide after taping a message that he was worried about his job, authorities say.

Gary Calmer, the supervisor for Douglas County in southwest Missouri, shot himself with a .22-caliber handgun early Wednesday, said Logan Brown, the Douglas County coroner. His body was discovered later that day.

Tapes were found in the house which indicated Calmer was worried he was going to be demoted and transferred, Brown said. Brown declined to say specifically what was on the tapes.

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• Saves farm

WAYNESBORO, Ga. (AP) — A woman whose husband committed suicide to delay foreclosure on their family farm says a \$20,000 donation from a New York real estate developer means her husband didn't die in vain.

Lenard Hill III shot himself Feb. 4 to stop foreclosure on his land 20 minutes before the scheduled sale. But the life insurance was not enough to pay off his debts, and the land was rescheduled for auction Tuesday.

The auction was canceled minutes before it was to start Tuesday after Donald Trump intervened with his \$20,000 gift to Hill's widow.

Trump sent the money after seeing Mrs. Hill plead last week on a nationally televised news conference for help in saving part of the farm.

Mervin W. Thompson

COVINGTON — Mervin W. Thompson, of Covington RD 1, was found dead in a barn at the rear of his home Friday, state police at Mansfield said.

Lee Harvey, Tioga County deputy coroner, ruled death was self-inflicted.

He was born at Woodside, a son of William W. and Anna Barcalow Thompson.

Surviving, besides his mother, of Forksville; are his wife, the former Nancy Mann; a son, Keith, of Virginia Beach, Va.; a sister, Mrs. Cynthia Heisley, of Covington; a brother, Kenneth, in Colorado, and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Scureman's, 130 South Main Street, Mansfield. Burial will be in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Luzerne County.

The Rev. Ira Hineman, pastor of Church of Christ (Disciples), will officiate.

There will be no visitation.

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MRS. MERVIN THOMPSON
R. D. NO. 1, BOX 341
COVINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA 16917

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