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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/21/86

To: Kathy Osborne

From: Susan Slye

This photo was taken on November 7 with Mr. Regan's long-time tax attorney, Stuard Young, and his wife Betty. The Youngs would be thrilled if the President could autograph this for them.

Would it be possible for the First Lady to sign this as well?

Many thanks.

*Unless some one can make
Youngs name - we'll have
to wait till Mon. She's
already on her way west. RR*

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455987
ME001

November 24, 1986

Dear Bill:

I'm sorry I didn't get to see you at the dinner, but they kind of rushed me in and rushed me out so there was no time for this rusher to look for another Rusher.

Anyway, thank you for your column. It did buck the tide and for that I thank you. I'm really upset by what so many of your contemporaries have done. D--n it, yes, we sold them a few spare parts and weapons but the stake was a contact that could give us a chance at a relationship with Iran, and we were succeeding. A plus on the side was the return of three hostages and could have been five if the media hadn't blown our cover. I don't know if we can put it back together. If we can't it's a great loss for all the Western World.

Nancy sends her love. Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

RON [REDACTED]

Mr. William A. Rusher
Publisher
National Review
150 East 35th Street
New York, New York 10016

RR's own/pt (11PMND)

cc: Kathy Osborne

WILLIAM A. RUSHER
Publisher

November 14, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I promise not to pester you with too many of my columns. (After all, most of them appear in The Washington Times anyway.) But, in view of all the flak you are getting on the Iranian situation, I thought you were entitled to see and take what comfort you can from the enclosed. My love to Nancy, and my very best wishes in all things--

As always,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. A. Rusher' with a stylized flourish at the end.

William A. Rusher

enc.

To Wm. A. Rucker 150 East 35th St. N.Y. N.Y.
10016

Dear Bill

I'm sorry I didn't get to see you at the dinner but they kind of rushed me in & rushed me out so there was no time for this rusher to look for ^{CANOTHER} Rucker.

Anyway thank you for your column. It did break the tide & for that I thank you. I'm really upset by what so many of your ~~contemporaries~~ contemporaries have done. D-n it yes we sold them a few spare parts & weapons but the stake was a contact that could give us a chance at a relationship with Iran and we were succeeding.

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Mary sends her love. Again thanks.

Sincerely Ron

To Mrs. George F. Berlinger 1160 Park Ave, N.Y. N.Y.

Dear Rhonie

10028

Thank you for my very special jelly beans. They look so pretty in that handsome case, I don't know whether to eat them or put them on display. Yasmin delivered them with a hug.

Again my thanks & warmest regard.

Sincerely
RR

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November 24, 1986

Dear Rhonie:

Thank you for my very special jelly beans.
They look so pretty in that handsome case, I
don't know whether to eat them or put them on
display. Yasmin delivered them with a hug.

Again, my thanks and warmest regard.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. George F. Berlinger
1160 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10028

RR's own/pt (11PLIND)

cc: Kathy Osborne ✓

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455989
MF 001

November 24, 1986

Dear A. C.:

How can I stretch one word into a whole sentence or paragraph when the word is "Thanks"? As usual you were more than kind. I feel like I'm playing in "Oxbow Incident" -- the role of the fellow who was innocent but was hung anyway.

Nancy and I send you and Marf our love and, again, thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. A. C. Lyles
Paramount Pictures Corporation
5555 Melrose Avenue
Hollywood, California 90038

RR:jz (11PMND)



November 20, 1986

16690
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ronnie:

I have always been proud of you, but never more than during your press conference last night. I can certainly understand why the telephone calls, letters and telegrams to the White House are 85% in your favor.

Marf and I send our love to you and Nancy.

As always,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A.C. Lyles".

A. C. Lyles

ACL/mad

455988
ME001

November 24, 1986

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your more than kind letter. You brightened my day considerably. I've felt like I've been swimming in a pool of sharks and there's blood in the water. But I console myself with thinking this too will end because what we did was the right and sensible thing to do. My real regret is that the irresponsible press may have made it impossible to continue doing it. We won't know the answer to that for a while.

You are right about "Star Wars." I'm not about to give up on that.

Again, thanks. Nancy sends her best.

Sincerely,


RONALD REAGAN RON

Mr. Paul Trousdale
1703 Fernald Point Lane
Santa Barbara, California 93108

RR:jz (11PMND)

Mr. A. C. Taylor - Paramount Pk. Dr. 5555 Melrose Ave.
Hollywood Calif. 90038

Dear A.C.

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As usual you were more than kind. I ~~feel~~ feel like I'm playing in "Oxbow Incident" - the role of the fellow who was innocent but was hung anyway.

Nancy & I ~~send~~^{send} you & Mark our love & again thanks.

Sincerely Ron

To Mr. Paul Frousdale 1703 Fernside Point Lane
Santa Barbara Calif. 93108

Dear Paul

I thank you very much for your more-than-kind letter. You brightened my day considerably. I've felt like I've been swimming in a pool of sharks and there's blood in the water. But I console myself with thinking this too will end because what we did was the right & ~~some~~ sensible thing to do. My real regret is that the irresponsible press may have made it impossible to continue doing it. We won't know the answer to that for a while.

You are right about "Star Wars"; I'm not about to give up on that.

Again thanks. Nancy sends her love.

Sincerely Ron

PAUL TROUSDALE

11/19/52

Dear Mr President

I am appalled at over so called
loyal, republican friends like Dale,
Ford, Gelowitz, etc. etc. jumping on the
band wagon and picking the greatest
President this country has ever seen.

Of course the press have program
themselves to be wise over and over.

Any good American should know
the importance of establishing a relationship
with the future Free group!

What ever, please do not let
them wear you down on the all
important "G.I. News" program

With best wishes to you + Nancy

Paul

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1986

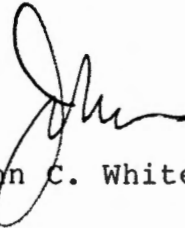
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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

Dear Mr. President:

I am distressed that some of the reporting of my three-hour testimony yesterday before the House Foreign Affairs Committee indicated disagreement with your policies. Please know that this is not the case. A review of the record, taken as a whole, would indicate, I think, that I am strongly supportive. Unfortunately, I'm finding that the media picks and chooses whatever bits and pieces they can find to suit their purposes.

I will continue to do everything I can to get this situation behind us and move on with a positive program. Although a bit bloodied, I am still proud to be part of your team.



John C. Whitehead

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LETTER WAS HAND-CARRIED BY SEC. SHULTZ TO K. OSBORNE

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November 26, 1986

Dear Peggy:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words. You truly brightened an otherwise dark day. Please be assured those hostages are never out of my mind. I'll never rest until their ordeal is ended, and your letter has strengthened my resolve. Again, a heartfelt thank-you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Peggy Say
15 Clinton Street
Batavia, New York 14020

RR:emu (11PMN)

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Dear Peggy

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words. You truly brightened an otherwise dark ~~day~~ day. Please be assured those hostages are never out of my mind, and I'll never rest until their ordeal is ended and your letter has strengthened my resolve. Again a heart felt thank you.

Sincerely RR

15 Clinton Street
Batavia, N.Y. 14020
716/343/2175
Nov. 24, 1986

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

Dear President Reagan ;

I'm writing to thank you for the great risks you were willing to assume on behalf of my brother, Terry Anderson, and the other hostages being held in Lebanon. I realize that you have subjected yourself and your staff to a great deal of controversy and criticism over this initiative, but I believe, as you do, that the lives and freedom of the hostages that came home were worth that risk.

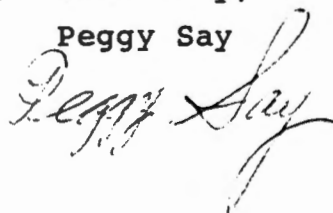
It pains me deeply that Terry still remains a hostage, and I have been unable to visit the nearby graves of my family out of my own sense of guilt that I have failed to do what they asked of me ; "Bring Terry home". However, I no longer feel that I am alone in trying to fulfill the last requests of my father and brother. I sense from you the same determination to do whatever is necessary to gain Terry's freedom and the freedom of the other hostages. For that I extend to you my deepest gratitude and greatest respect.

There was a time that I didn't believe it would be so, but I know now that someday soon, Terry and I will stand together on the White House lawn and express the same kind of support and admiration that David Jacobsen expressed for your efforts on his behalf. I will also hold in my heart and in my prayers the belief that very soon, you and I will both be able to lay this great burden down.

May God bless you and yours.

Sincerely,

Peggy Say

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Say", written in dark ink.

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455993
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November 26, 1986

Dear Bob:

I hope you are all well and sound and out of the hospital. Thank you for your letter, you brightened my day. I'm pleased to know you agree that we should be trying to establish a base for relations with Iran. Better us than the Soviets, who have 27 divisions on the Iranian border.

Nancy sends her love and from both of us to Betty. Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert H. Adams
Post Office Box 468
Valley Center, California 92082

RR:jz 11PMNB

ROBERT H. ADAMS
Post Office Box 468
Valley Center, California 92082

November 22, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President.

I am sorry that I was not able to write you immediately after your fine speech to the Country but was in Saint Johns Hospital and confined.

This is my first opportunity to tell you your policy on Iran is of great wisdom and courage.

It is my firm belief that only time will tell the people of the United States and in fact the world what a prudent and wise decision you made.

Betty joins me in love to Nancy and you.

Sincerely,

Bob Adams

To Mr. Robert H. Adams P.O. Box 468
Valley Center Calif. 92082

Dear Bob

I hope you are all well & sound & out of the hospital. Thank you for your letter, you brightened my day. I'm pleased to know you agree that we should be trying to establish a base for relations with them. Better us than the Soviets who have 27 divisions on the German border.

Nancy sends her love & from both of us to Betty. Again thanks,

Sincerely Ron

To Mrs. Margaret Martin Brock 1404 Century Town West
2220 ave. of the Stars L.A. Calif.

90061

Dear Margaret

Just a hasty line to thank you for that very kind & warm letter. You were wonderful as always to write as you did and we both thank you & send our love. You brightened our day.

Sincerely Ron

To Mr. J. Earl Coke 1042 English Oaks Dr.
Arcadia Calif. 91006

Dear Earl

Thank you very much for your very kind letter. It was good of you to write & you brightened our day. And thank those friends who joined you in prayer. I believe deeply in that prayers are answered and I'm grateful to you all.

Nancy sends her love & so do I.

Sincerely Ron

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Sincerely Ron

To Mr. J. Earl Cole 1042 English Oaks Dr.
Arcadia Calif. 91006

Dear Earl

Thank you very much for your very kind
letter. It was good of you to write & you brightened
our day. And thank those friends who joined you
in prayer. I believe deeply in that prayers are
answered and I'm grateful to you all.

Nancy sends her love & so do I.

Sincerely Ron

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November 26, 1986

Dear Margaret:

Just a hasty line to thank you for that very kind and warm letter. You were wonderful as always to write as you did and we both thank you and send our love. You brightened our day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret Martin Brock
1404 Century Towers West
2220 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, California 90067

RR:jz (11PMNB)

m.m.b

November 20, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President,

You were marvelous last night at your press conference. Even though the reporters were relentless, you managed to maintain the greatest of composure where lesser men would have found it impossible.

I want you to know that you have my complete support as you face this difficult time with those who would criticize and judge.

To say thank you is not enough for your steadfastness, your courage and your willingness to be open and truthful with the American people and the world.

With my love to you and Nancy,



Margaret Martin Brock

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November 26, 1986

Dear Earl:

Thank you very much for your very kind letter. It was good of you to write and you brightened our day. And thank those friends who joined you in prayer. I believe deeply that prayers are answered and I'm grateful to you all.

Nancy sends her love and so do I.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Earl Coke
1042 English Oaks Drive
Arcadia, California 91006

RR:jz (11PMNB)

J. EARL COKE
1042 ENGLISH OAKS DRIVE
ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA 91006

Dear President Reagan,

Peggie and I have agonized over the treatment you have recieved over the rescuing of our hostages. Not only for you but certainly for Nancy too.

A group prayed here at our home last evening for you both. Believe me everyone here was for you.

We just had to send you our love and vote of confidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earl", written in dark ink.

P.S. Dick Lyng keeps me to date as to your well being.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
TO THE SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

R 12 -
FVI
Kathy

No Reply Wed.
D. H. R. R.

November 28, 1986

~~Dottie -~~

On Wednesday, Secretary Hodel spoke with you about his message of support for the President. He wanted me to pass on to you the enclosed copy of his Thanksgiving Day message to Department of the Interior employees. Please note the last three paragraphs. He thought it was important that people understand he's supporting the President.

The last time I saw you was at the Citizens for the Republic dinner during Inaugural Week. Hope all is going well for you.

Don Peaceman



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
EMPLOYEES

FROM

SECRETARY DON HODEL

November 26, 1986

Tomorrow, we join our fellow Americans in giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. This year, Barbara and I celebrate Thanksgiving Day in Switzerland, where I have been on business for the last several days. I have thought about the many things for which we should be thankful and wanted to share with my fellow employees some of my feelings. But, as I began to put on paper some of my thoughts, it occurred to me that I cannot improve upon President Reagan's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to the Nation, which I will be privileged to read to an American Thanksgiving service in Bern tomorrow.

I urge you to read and take to heart the President's message. Please share it with your families, for the President so clearly and movingly describes why it is that we truly should be grateful to God. As he states, "rooted deeply in our Judeo-Christian heritage, the practice of offering thanksgiving underscores our unshakeable belief in God as the foundation of our Nation and our firm reliance upon Him from Whom all blessings flow."

Because of my absence from Washington, I have missed many of the media accounts of the current events which appear to have generated so much excitement in the United States. I think you should know that, in virtually every speech, I make the point that serving this President is the greatest privilege of my life because he has changed the course of our Nation for the better.

The people with whom I have met on my current trip to Europe clearly recognize that President Reagan's leadership of our great Nation and his profound commitment to the principles and values of our Founders have restored faith and confidence in America.

I urge you to join with me in giving the President support as he endeavors to secure further the God-given blessings of peace and freedom for all mankind.

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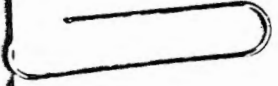
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



Mrs. Teresa Hardie
4626 El Cerrito Drive
San Diego, California 92115

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

Would you like to send
Mrs. Hardie a Christmas card?

Yes I signed it.
RR

November 26 '86

Dear Holmes and Virginia

It seems a long time since I have heard from you and so much has happened in all our lives

In October my son in law Mary-Em's husband had a heart attack and which caused his death, that was Oct. 20th

My 102 Birthday was on the 28 and the family members from out of town, stayed on and we had quiet gathering at Mary-Em's home.

Bob was a wonderful person and we all miss him greatly. It is interesting that all the while Ronald Reagan was quietly and earnestly trying to get the return of the hostages he was accused by his enemies of doing nothing. Since he was able to have 3 hostages released ^{over}

but they don't know they can't
hit on something they can
blow up and make a big deal
and try to ruin him but most of
all they are trying to destroy
our country

I am reminded of a poem I
memorized when I was going
to a country school in
Missouri -

X The poem was about Columbus
When he put out to sea with
his 3 little ships, the Pinta,
the Niña & the Santa Maria
After a few days a terrific storm
was lashing the ships. The
sailors were terribly frightened
so they came to Columbus and
said: "Master, what shall we do
when all hope is gone?"
Columbus answered, Sail on!
Sail on! I think & hope
Ronald Reagan will do the same.



Dear Mr. President,

Perhaps you may remember my sending you a letter from Mrs Haddie (102) San Diego after your surgery advising you what not to eat etc. If you wanted to reach 102. Well, here is her latest letter. Maybe you

can use her quotes.
"Sail on".

We wish you and Nana
a Happy Christmas. We pray
for you each night.

God Bless you both.

Love,

Virginia

See you on the desert.

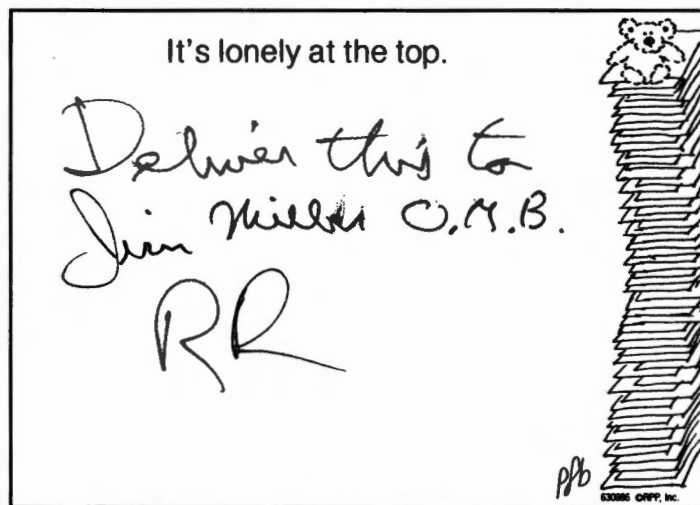
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Dec 86

Biff -

This note was attached to the Quad
Commission report, which the President
received on 12/15/80. The report has
been forwarded to Jim Miller.



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