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JOHN OTIS CARNEY
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PAICINES, CALIFORNIA 95043
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19 December 1986

Dear Ronnie and Nancy,

Teddy and I have anguished for you these past weeks. It's impossible for an outsider to have any notion of what's really going on, particularly when it comes out as press paranoia and partisan politics.

But one thing I do know: you're both heroic, genuine and humble, and you've been a blessing for this country. The good of you shows through, always has, and the public knows it and loves you for it.

So please don't be discouraged by the temporary heat in the kitchen. You've stood it in the past, as far back as the early days in California. God has been on your side and will continue to be.

The people elected you to lead us. You've done it damn well. My hunch is now that if you can communicate from your heart the reasons for your decisions...to save American lives, to forestall a disaster in Nicaragua---even those who don't agree with your policy will applaud your courage for trying to carry out your convictions, and your frankness in taking responsibility for them.

Everybody really wants to get beyond the present witch hunt. We're sick of it. Your real challenge, it seems to me, is the greatest one of your life: to help leave behind a more peaceful world. By re-focusing again on that crusade, you renew the public's hopes, and yesterday's gossip fades away.

Good luck on the surgery, Ronnie, and in the meantime have a blessed holiday. In love and prayers from Teddy and me.

As ever,
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Otis

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December 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

Your letter of November 25 has just reached me. It sometimes takes a while here in Washington. This is just a line to thank you for writing as you did. Believe me, I share your high opinion of Carlton Turner; we are going to miss him. Yes, he's leaving government service and returning to private life. However, he stayed until the crusade against drugs was firmly in place. Even so, he will be greatly missed.

Again, my thanks to you, and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. William L. Schmidt
Suite 315
6564 Loisdale Court
Springfield, Virginia 22150

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CC: C. Turner

WILLIAM L. SCHMIDT
ATTORNEY AT LAW
A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION
6564 LOISDALE COURT
SUITE 315
SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22150

OF COUNSEL:
JAMES C. ALLRED, ESQ.
EUGENE O. S. STEVENSON, M.D., ESQ.

(703) 922-6410

November 25, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

On Sunday, November 23, 1986, I had the pleasure of accompanying your Deputy Assistant for Drug Abuse, Dr. Carlton E. Turner, to Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College in Wayne, Pa. to deliver a sermon in the chapel. As an active alumnus of Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College and a personal friend of Dr. Turner, I had arranged for Dr. Turner to be invited to speak at the Academy. Dr. Turner and I traveled to Valley Forge on Sunday morning and returned after an eventful day on Sunday evening on November 23, 1986.

I want to take this opportunity to personally convey to you how impressed everyone at Valley Forge was with the sermon that Dr. Turner delivered at the chapel and the subsequent talk he gave at the luncheon that was given in his honor. Sunday was Education Day at Valley Forge Military Academy and Junior College and, therefore, the heads of many schools in the Philadelphia area were present at the chapel service and subsequently at the luncheon.

Everyone in attendance at the chapel including the entire corps of cadets was extremely impressed with the talk delivered by Dr. Turner. Dr. Turner conducted himself in a manner I am sure brought great credit to the administration.

Very clearly Dr. Turner is a loyal, dedicated supporter of the two of you, and I know that everyone was impressed with how much you have done on the issue of drug abuse.

I commend the both of you for having such a fine person as Dr. Carlton E. Turner in your administration.

Sincerely,



William L. Schmidt

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December 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you very much for your wire and for giving me a chance to explain what our purpose was in this Iranian situation. I share your feeling about the present ruler of Iran and the treatment of our citizens several years ago and doubt I'll ever be able to forgive those responsible. At the same time, I can't find it in my heart to blanket-indict all the people of Iran. Nancy and I were guests of the Shah in Iran shortly before his overthrow. We had an extensive tour of the country and met many fine people, some of whom were later executed by the present regime.

Iran is of great strategic importance in the Middle East. We had been contacted by some individuals who wanted to establish a base for renewed relations between our two countries. I'm sure they are anticipating a new regime to succeed the present ruler, whose health is rapidly declining. At any rate, they were taking a great risk in contacting us and in proving their opposition to terrorism by getting the release of some of our hostages.

The newsleak in Beirut, which precipitated the press furor here in America, has of course halted the progress we were making and may have caused the death or imprisonment of some of those who had contacted us.

Only time will tell whether we can re-establish relations and continue our effort to bring about peace between Iran and Iraq.

Again, my thanks to you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Warren Murray
211 Taunton Boulevard
Medford, New Jersey 08055

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FROM PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN RPT DLY MGM

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

I CANNOT FIND IT IN MY HEART TO FORGIVE IRAN AND THE IRANIAN PEOPLE FOR THEIR CRIMES AGAINST AMERICA AND AMERICANS IN 1977-1980. HOWEVER, YOU ARE OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND PRIVY TO DATA NOT AVAILABLE TO ME AND THE REST OF AMERICANS. YOU ARE CHARGED WITH MAKING DECISIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR NATION. IF, IN YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT, IT IS NECESSARY TO PLACATE THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT, THEN I FULLY SUPPORT YOUR ACTIONS. I BELIEVE THAT YOU MEAN WHAT YOU HAVE STATED-- THAT THE USA WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH TERRORISTS. YOU HAVE MY FULL SUPPORT. AGAIN, WHILE I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO HAVE ANY FRIENDLY FEELINGS TOWARD IRAN AND IRANIANS, IF IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR NATION TO DO

SO, I SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS.

WARREN MURRAY 211 TAUNTON BLVD MEDFORD NJ 08055

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December 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Banashek:

Thank you very much for your letter. Your line of thought was right on target. We had been contacted by some individuals who were risking their lives in doing so but who were looking ahead to what will happen when the Khomeini is gone.

As for the hostages, they were not ransomed. Their captors have a relationship with Iran. We had been asked by those who contacted us to prove our sincerity by arranging a military sale. We, in turn, told them they could prove their sincerity about being anti-terrorist by using their influence to free our hostages. They did so, and we would have gotten all of them if the story hadn't broken in the press.

Again, thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Joseph F. Banashek
1229 Delaware Street
Churchton, Maryland 20733

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November 23, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

When the Iran arms deal story first broke, I, like so many of your loyal supporters, felt betrayed -- as new reports and rumors ran rampant, betrayal turned to anger then a slow boil. Just before my safety valve was about to pop, I said: "whoa, something is wrong with my thinking". On the surface this seems like an exercise in insanity but since there is no known insanity in the White House policy making circles, cool down and take a more objective look."

First I asked myself, "Are the people of Iran our enemies or is it just the Ayatollah Khomeini? Second, before Khomeini, when the Shah ruled Iran, were not our relations with Iran very good? Third, in a post-Khomeini period would it not be wise to pursue pre-Khomeini relations in advance of Khomeini's passing from the scene or would it be better to ignore this strategically located nation and just let them drift, giving the Soviet Union a free hand in establishing a good relationship and a possible foothold that could jeopardize the entire Mid-east region?"

As I mulled over these questions, my mind began to change -- maybe it isn't as stupid as it appears, but what about arms for hostages? This would be unforgivable -- but if the release of hostages was coincidental with the arms deal -----.

While pondering these questions, my eye caught a headline in the morning paper -- "Khomeini Seriously Ill". It was then I felt sure that right moves were made.

In the short run, Mr. President, you will be clobbered by the media and Congress -- but in the long haul this could be the greatest foreign policy triumph in the annals of our history -- so I urge you, stay the course. Today's hoots could very well become tomorrow's cheers.

Sincerely,



Joseph F. Banashek
1229 Delaware St.
Churchton, Md. 20733

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To Mr. William L. Schmidt 6564 Louisville Court
Suite 315 Springfield Va.
22150

Dear Mr. Schmidt

Your letter of Nov. 25 has just reached me.
At some time takes a while here in Wash. This is
just a line to thank you for writing as you did.
Please me & share your high opinion of Carlton
Turner, we are going to miss him. Yes, he's
leaving just. Service and returning to family life.
It seems he ~~has~~ stayed until the crowd against
gangs was firmly in place. I wonder he will
be greatly missed.

Again my thanks to you &
Best Regards RR

To Mr. Warren Murray 211 Tawnton Blvd. Woodford Va. 8.

Dear Mr. Murray

08055

Thank you very much for your note and for
giving me a chance to explain what our purpose was
in this human situation. I share your feeling about
the present roles of man & the treatment of our
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extensive tour of the country & met many many fine
people, some of whom were later executed by the present
regime.

There is of great strategic importance in the
middle East. We had been contacted by some individuals

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~~the~~ relations and continue our effort to bring
about peace between them & us.

Again my thanks to you for your understanding
& support.

Very truly
Yours

To Mr. Joseph T. Bonaville 1229 Delaware St.
Charleston W.Va. 25303

Dear Mr. Bonaville

Thank you very much for your letter. Your
line of thought was right on target. We had been
contacted by some individuals who were risking their lives
in doing so but who were looking ahead to what will
happen when the Khmer is gone.

As for the hostages they were not renamed. Their
captors have a relationship with them. We had been
asked by those who contacted us to secure our security
by arranging a military sale. We in turn told them
they could prove their sincerity about doing anti-Communist
by using their influence to free our hostages. They did so
& we would have gotten all of them if the Army hadn't
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about peace between Iran & Iraq.

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Churchton Md. 20733

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they could prove their sincerity about being anti-terrorist
by using their influence to free our hostages. They did so
& we would have gotten all of them if the story hadn't
broken in the press.

Again thanks & Best Regards. RR

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December 22, 1986

Dear Bill:

What a warm wave of nostalgia you raised with your welcome letter. It was good to hear from you and I'm most grateful for your expression of trust in me, in spite of the howl raised by the press lunch mob. They seem to forget that, when the leak came from a source in Iran about our attempt to establish a relationship with reasonable elements in that country, I went on the air and told exactly what we were doing and why. Then, when we discovered there was a possibility of some financial shenanigans, I told the press what we had uncovered and that we were trying to uncover the details -- we still are -- but they accuse me of trying to cover up. Bill, they wouldn't know what they know now if I hadn't told them, and I still don't know anymore than I told them.

Well, enough of that. It's more fun to remember those days when we wore purple and white jerseys. Again, it was kind of you to write. Give my regards to your wife, and very best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

DUTCH

Colonel William M. Rossiter, USMC, Ret.
13178 Harding Street
Sylmar, California 91342

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General support from old acquaintance
Not in name file

WILLIAM M. ROSSITER
13178 HARDING STREET
SYLMAR, CALIFORNIA 91342

November 27 1986

AA
President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1700 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dutch:

I haven't written you for nearly six years--since you first went into office.

But it appears that now, when the hounds are trying to close in on you, is a time when you should know that you still have supporters.

Of course many of the present-day complainers know not whereof they speak when they criticize ~~you~~ your actions, both foreign and domestic. Of course I don't either. But at least I'm aware that I'm not in possession of all the facts, and am therefore not in position to criticize.

I feel that I still know you better than many, since we graduated from Dixon High School together, and played High School football together for four years. And my friends in this locale still support you vociferously, being sure that whatever you do you have good reasons therefore.

I supported you when you were Governor, when you first ran for the Presidency, and when you ran for re-election. You will continue to have my support, and the support of most of those who matter

The very best of everything to you, Mrs Reggan and your family from Mrs Rossiter and myself.

Sincerely,



WM ROSSITER, LT COL USMC. RET
13178 Harding St.
Sylmar, CA. 91342

//The several times we've met since High School you certainly did not seem to me to have changed except for the better, with more education and experience.

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December 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Tonkin:

Thanks very much for your letter of November 7. I'm sorry to be so late in answering, but your letter has only just reached me.

We haven't heard the last of the clean water legislation, so I appreciate very much the information you provided in your letter. It is most helpful. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. C. David Tonkin
407 Pt. Fosdick Drive, N.W.
Gig Harbor, Washington 98335

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After we reply
let me have this answer
back. ROR

7, November 1986

Honorable Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I concur with your veto of the Clean Water Grant. It was too expensive particularly in these difficult times.

Also even though I am a consulting environmental engineer and passing the bill would benefit my profession, I think the bill had some bad conditions in it. The drinking water portion of the act required all water suppliers to provide a specific type of treatment for purification of the drinking water rather than setting standards for water suppliers to meet. If the water supply required less treatment, the burden of proof landed on the water supplier with a good water supply rather than on EPA or state agencies who are to regulate water suppliers. Second, I don't agree with the philosophy of a national agency, such as EPA, should set blanket water treatment for all towns, communities and cities. This should be a state or county function where specific environmental conditions can be addressed.

Thank you again for sticking your neck out and making the tough decision.

Very truly yours;



C. David Tonkin
407 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

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December 22, 1986

Dear Sister Mary Brian:

Thank you for writing as you did, and please know you have my deepest sympathy. I'm sorry this reply to your letter of November 2 is so tardy, but your letter has only just been delivered to me.

Of all the things that go with this office, I hold nothing has made me more proud than the young men and women in our military. I've met them in every branch of the service and find them to be dedicated, patriotic, and top quality in every respect. I'll always remember that graduation at the Air Force Academy and the opportunity to meet personally and individually almost a thousand cadets.

I know there are no words that can make your burden of sorrow lighter, I wish there were. We can only trust in God's infinite mercy and wisdom and know that Chris is safe in his loving arms.

I'll see that your kind words about the thoughtfulness of his comrades are conveyed to the top echelons of the military.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Sister Mary Brian, SSND
Notre Dame of Dallas
1451 East Northgate
Irving, Texas 75062

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November 2, 1986

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

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Dear Mr. President,

A week ago we buried my brother Chris who died when his aircraft crashed in Korea, returning to Osan Air Base. In the terrible shock of his death, we are comforted knowing that he was doing what he loved to do -- fly, and doing it with the Air Force because he was the kind of special young man who lived his ideals, and he believed that courage and honor and freedom were worthy of his life. From the first news, delivered in the pre-dawn hours of October 13, through the funeral on October 25 -- and, I assume, still, as final matters are settled with my parents in Houston -- the entire apparatus of the military establishment has been gentle, compassionate, and efficient. Colonel Evans, Chris's commander at Kadena on Okinawa, as well as chaplains from both bases called; Lt. Greg Graf accompanied the body home, and was with us until after the funeral -- and shared memories of Chris overseas, which helped a great deal. Untold, unnamed people from various offices and installations helped us contact his Academy buddies, or helped us in whatever way we asked. We are still in mourning, of course, and we will be sad for a long time; why, then, do I write all this? Because I have read the insipid article by Jimmy Breslin, castigating you and military leaders for not becoming personally involved in the death of some other military personnel. Several of my family read that article and were appalled at Breslin's arrogance, and ignorance; we were agreed that all of the powers of your office could do little to alleviate the loss, that you were better employed about your own daily and momentous tasks, and that those who ministered to us in the name of the U.S. Air Force, did you honor, and brought us comfort. Thus, I thank all of them through you, since we cannot thank many of them personally.

As the days continue in their pace, we slowly become accustomed to the facts; I still tense at the thought of our Marine aviator brother's job -- but he loves flying too; I wonder if my nephew will still apply to the Academy when he is older; mostly I remember how much Chris loved life, and loved flying, and shared his joy with us all. And I remember that his friends are very much like him, and that we are all well-served by them. Your leadership, hope and idealism have touched them -- though none of them strike me as very political -- you have helped call the very best of them to give the very best of themselves, so that they have grown in wisdom and age and grace before God and man. One of our favorite pictures of Chris is at his Academy graduation, at which you had spoken, and your clasped hands and shared smiles hint at secret sharing of glories to be undertaken. Carry on, Mr. President; you're doing just fine.

Cordially,

Sister Mary Brian
Sister Mary Brian, SSND

Notre Dame of Dallas
1451 East Northgate
Irving, TX 75062

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Cal. Cal. 91342

Dear Bill

What a warm wave of nostalgia you raised with your welcome letter. It was good to hear from you & I'm most grateful for your expression of trust in me in spite of the howl raised by the press Lynch mob. They seem to forget that when the leak came from a source in from about our attempt to establish a relationship with reasonable elements in that country, I went on the air and told exactly what we were doing & why. Then when we discovered there was ~~no~~ possibility of some financial shenanigans I told the press what we had uncovered and ~~was~~ ^{THAT WE WERE} trying to uncover the details - (we still are) but they accuse me of trying to cover up. Bill they wouldn't know what they know now if I hadn't told them and I still don't know anymore than I told them.

Well enough of that. It's more fun to remember those days when we wore purple & white jerseys. Again it was kind of you to write. Give my regards to your wife and very best wishes to you both.

Sincerely Dutch

To Mr. C. David Tonkin 407 Pt. Foothill Dr. N.W.

Dear Mr. Tonkin

Hig Harbor Wash. 98335

Thanks very much for your letter of Nov. 7. I'm sorry to be so late in answering but your letter has only just reached me.

We haven't heard the last of the clean water ~~the~~ legislation so I appreciate very much the information you provided in your letter. It is

to do about. Thanks Lincolns RR

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To Sister Mary Brian 8820 - Notre Dame of Dallas
1451 East Northgate - Irving Texas
75062

Dear Sister Mary Brian.

Thank you for writing as you did and please know you have my deepest sympathy. I'm sorry this reply is to your letter of Nov. 2nd is so tardy but your letter has only just been delivered to me.

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I know there are no words that can make your burden of sorrow lighter, I wish there were. We can only trust in God's infinite mercy & wisdom and know that Chris is safe in his loving arms.

I'll see that your kind words about the thoughtfulness of his comrades is ~~reported~~ conveyed to the top echelons of the military.

Again my heartfelt thanks,

Sincerely IRR

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December 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of November 5, and your generous words. Forgive my tardiness in answering, but it sometimes takes a while before mail reaches my desk. I've only just received your letter.

You were more than kind to write as you did, and I'm most grateful. You truly did make my day.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. David D. Martin
Route 2, 57 Maple Street
Dunbar, Pennsylvania 15431

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RR Dictation (Sample)

RD#2 57 Maple St.

Dunbar Pa. 15431

Nov. 5, 1986

Sample

Dear mr. President

I am taking this opportunity to convey my sincerest appreciation for the job you have been doing as our president.

AT For the first time that I can recall I am truly proud of a leader of our country. I even find myself defending you in conversations with friends and associates.

I know that listening to the press pick flies at everything you say must be very difficult but take hart Mr. President there are many of us who make up our own mind on things

Four years ago I lost my job due to the recession and blamed you and my country for all my problems. Since that time I have started a small business selling and Installing kitchens. With the help of God and my family I will make it. I know of no other country that always offers the opportunity to start again, and thats the inportant thing.

I know that the chances of you reading this letter personally are almost nil however I truly hope that you get the message that I beleive you to be the greatist leader of our time and that I hope you will continue to lead this great country in the direction that you have .

When you go to sleep at night Mr. President sleep well because our prairs are always with you and our country.

Respectfully

Don R Martin

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December 22, 1986

Dear Dr. Stephenson:

Dr. Hutton has kindly delivered your book, "The Kicks That Count," and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks, too, for your inscription and mention of a teammate, "Lump Watts." Our little Alma Mater -- Eureka College -- doesn't usually get such recognition.

With the holidays on hand, I'm looking forward to reading your book with great pleasure and anticipation.

Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Hugh E. Stephenson, Jr., M.D.
Office of Chief of Staff
Room 1W-17
One Hospital Drive
Columbia, Missouri 65212

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RR Dictation (Sample)

"The Kicks That Count"
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Dr. Hugh E. Stephenson Jr., M.D.

Office of Chief of Staff

Rm. 1W-17

One Hospital Dr.

Columbia Mo, 65212

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PR003

December 22, 1986

Dear Jimmy The Greek:

Please believe me, you brightened my day.
Thank you for writing as you did. I am
most grateful. I think I'll just keep
your letter on hand for frequent reference.

Again, thanks, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Jimmy the Greek
Omni Park Central
7th Avenue at 56th Street
New York, New York 10019

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RR Dictation (Sample)

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Jimmy the Greek

Omni Park Central
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December 5, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

One afternoon in the early fourties I sat on a bench in Central Park with a very wise man named Bernard Baruch. During our conversation he made a unique observation of human nature.

A successful person makes important decisions every day. Although, logically, they are almost always right, some decisions will be perceived as wrong.

When it is perceived that you have made the "right" decisions over time, no one remembers.

BUT

When it is perceived that you have made even one "wrong" decision, no one forgets!

Your percentage of "right" far outweighs those considered "wrong".

I, for one, remember that!

Good luck and God bless you,

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December 22, 1986

Dear Brother Gary:

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Again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Brother Gary Gerke, OSB
Pecos Benedictine Monastery
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Jesus said that "No man has greater love than to lay down his life for his friend." I think that for the last six years you have been doing that - for our nation & the other nations.

Thank you for being a humble person - a person who knows his own weaknesses and is comfortable with them; a person who is not afraid to share the joys & sorrows of his fellow human beings. Thank you for being firm when compromise would degrade the dignity of man, and for flexibility when that is called for.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Paul Trousdale
500 South Sepulveda Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90049

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PAUL TROUSDALE

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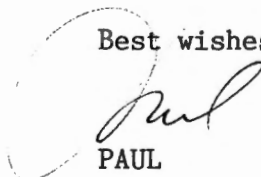
Ronald Reagan
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. President:

Just an Idea. Maybe you can have a hero's day at the White House. Invite all the young men in the Army, Navy, Marines, Airforce, Coast Guard or any other branch of the service who have been heroes recently and invite the press also to question them and write about them. This would give the press something to write about besides all this boloney they are concentrating on, and take the American people's minds off of that issue. I saw a Coast Guard helicopter rescue in front of our penthouse at San Souci in Waikiki this evening and this idea popped into my mind, which may be worthless but I thought I'd mention it.

With kindest personal regards to you and Nancy, and keep up the fight.

Best wishes,



PAUL

PT:cw

To Mr. David D. Martin RD.#2 57 Maple St.
Dunbar Pa. 15431

Dear Mr. Martin

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