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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DEC 22 1986

December 22, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Alfred H. Kingon *AK*
SUBJECT: Worker Adjustment Assistance

The decision memorandum on the above was signed by you. We need your clarification.

If I understand correctly, you would like us to establish a new worker adjustment program combining Title III of JTPA and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, but you want it to be financed out of general revenues, i.e., no new tax. Am I right that this is what you wanted? *Yes*

Establish a new worker adjustment program that combines Title III of JTPA and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, to be financed by general revenues.

Approve

Ronald Reagan

Disapprove

Let's discuss

Attachment

DECISION

Ronald Reagan

Option 1:

Request funding for TAA training and examine possibility of providing TAA assistance in a lump sum.

Provide \$100 million in discretionary spending under Title III of JTPA, while zeroing out formula grants.

(Supported by OMB and CEA)

Option 2:

Establish a new worker adjustment program that combines Title III of JTPA and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program, to be financed by:

General revenues; or

(Supported by Treasury, State, Agriculture, Commerce, Transportation and USTR)

General revenues and a 0.2 percent import fee.

(Supported by Labor)

No new Tax

Ronald Reagan

James A. Baker III

James A. Baker, III
Chairman Pro Tempore

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December 22, 1986

Dear Mrs. Scott:

Forgive my tardy reply to your wonderfully warm and kind letter of November 19. It sometimes takes a while for mail to get to my desk, and I have only just received your letter; but since I've read it, believe me, you all have brightened my day considerably. I'm grateful for your support and your prayers and will do my utmost to be deserving of your trust in me.

Please convey my heartfelt thanks to all those others who joined you, and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Ruth P. Scott
Post Office Box 11
Pinesdale, Montana 59841

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19 Nov 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Reagan -

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You have taken a strong stand against terrorism, against the Mafia, against the drug traffic, against the evils of Government handouts and of too much government control, and against the terrible sexual immorality that is prevalent today. You have fought communism and have made a strong stand against interfering in the governments of other nations - in other words, "minding our own business", except to help them in their struggle against a communist takeover.

You have upheld the sacredness of family life and Right to Life, the right of the people to worship God, the importance and necessity of a good education, and especially the value of Kindness, Charity, Temperance, and neighborliness.

We are amazed and appalled at the venom and spite being aimed at you by the News Media since the last election. Do they think that because the People voted for those they considered the best men, regardless of Party lines, that it was a reflection of what you have done, or that it gives them license to slander you? It does not, and though your enemies appear to have the upper hand now, it does not make them right.

We know that there are powerful combinations who oppose you and anything you try to do for the People and for Freedom. But there are good People out here who are united in furthering Good and Right. And God hears their prayers and will answer them.

We honor you for all you have done and have tried to do; and we say, "Hang in there" - "keep a stiff upper lip." We're not all down on you out here. There are still a few of us who believe that Right is Right, that God rules; and that even if Sin and Evil are in the majority, they are still wrong. God will interfere yet for the Right.

Perhaps we are still the "Silent Majority". With God's help we certainly can be.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

(Mrs) Ruth P Scott
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Sincerely,

Opal Robison

(Mrs. Claud R. Robison)

November 5, 1986



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Overwhelming sentiments

Students adore Reagan

BY DENISE JARRETT
News-Aegis Writer

Something close to adoration may aptly describe the overwhelming sentiment expressed by high school seniors who attended Ronald Reagan's visit to Birmingham Tuesday.

Students from Springville and Moody high schools, among others from St. Clair County, received tickets from Republican candidates to travel with their schools to the political rally supporting Senator Jeremiah Denton. Upon their return from the event, nearly all of the comments shared by the young people favored the president, his policies and his administration.

"The thing that impressed me the most was when I actually listened to him, he struck me as the kind of person I'd like to meet," said Springville senior Donna Rayburn. "He seemed like the kind of man who cared about people. I would give anything to meet that man and see what he is like one-on-one."

Fellow classmate Alyson Marten agreed. "You can believe him and trust what he says."

Eighteen-year-old Jeff Parrish, who plans to vote in his first election next week, also spoke of his admiration for the president.

"One thing that impressed me was that he cares enough about his country to come down here to Alabama and take time out of his schedule to say, 'Look, we have to get on top of things,'" he said.

And, according to Donna, Reagan did not limit his remarks to the older, voting-age audience.

"President Reagan actually addressed the young people that were

Many of the students said they were moved emotionally by the music and red-white-and-blue color themes and props used to stage the event.

Andi: "There was so much pride."

Alyson: "It made you proud to be an American."

Donna: "When the former Miss Alabama sang the 'Grand ol' Flag,' and these flags draped from the ceiling started coming down, I literally almost started crying."

Alyson: "I did start crying."

Jeff: "To me, it seemed like a pep rally for America."

Many of the seniors at Moody High School expressed this same sense of pride and respect for the president after listening to Reagan's speech.

"I was real impressed," said Rita Gaston. "When he was talking about the Soviets not running over America. I'm proud to be an American. When those flags came down, it gave me chills."

When asked if they believed it was proper for the president to travel throughout the country campaigning for other Republicans, senior Mark Mooney said 'yes' with some qualifications.

"If he has faith in the candidate, that's okay. But if he's just campaigning for the Republican Party, then no," he said.

Joe McChargue added that he disagreed with the president's goal to maintain a Republican majority in Congress, asserting that the prac-

tice can lead to disunity between Congress and successive presidents who may be of a differing political party. However, this didn't diminish for him the profundity of seeing the president.

"It made you start thinking about the future," he remarked.

Mark Ramey agreed that he's more interested in politics now than before attending the rally.

"I never like to watch politics on TV, I turn the channel. But, I'll pay more attention now," he admitted.

Ditto, said Traci Deese. "When you start thinking about us being the next political leaders... I've never been interested, I mean, I could care less, but now, I'll pay more attention."

Some of the students said they wished the president could run for office again.

"I wish he wouldn't grow old. It's sad that somebody like Reagan has to leave," Kim Rogers said. "Reagan took so long to get our country in shape and what if someone comes in and wipes out everything he's done?"

Possibly including herself in her statement, Wendy Richey remarked, "A lot of people didn't know 'til now what a good president he was, until now."

One thing is for sure, Reagan's visit to Birmingham Tuesday left a lasting impression in the minds of a few high school seniors from St. Clair County.

about our country," he said.
Lamar Gidewell added, "He was a very strong speaker. Down to earth and on the level with everybody."

For Andi Galloway, seeing the president helped her form some developing political convictions.

"The fact that he took time out to let the people see the president. When I vote, in a presidential election, well, it kind of pulled me a lot to the Republican Party because I was kind of undecided before," she said. "The best thing I liked about the speech was what he had to say about drugs and the tax rates are down—because that gives me something to look forward to when we grow older."

Jeff said he supported Reagan's efforts to strengthen the U.S. military and continue with the Star Wars program and he particularly enjoyed the comments the president had on the subject.

"When he came into office in 1980, he said America wore a sign that said, 'Kick me' but, now, we wear a sign that says, 'Don't tread on me.' That was cool. It made you think," he said.

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December 22, 1986

Dear Tyrone:

Thanks for your very nice letter. Nancy and I were both happy to hear from you and to learn how well things are going with you. Nancy was very pleased to have you with her in Kansas City and sends her very best regards. We both hope our paths will cross again soon and often. You have our best wishes and warm friendship.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Tyrone D. Ford
305 Rock Creek Church Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20010

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Sample (see another copy of CRK's letter)

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Dear President and Mrs. Reagan

Please excuse my delay in expressing my most sincere and honest thanks to you both. Because without your support, the things that have come about would have never happened. I want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to take part in my future. I do hope that you've recieved my first letter thanking you for inviting me to your State of the Union Address. And how uplifting your speech was. And again, I thank you for the piano. I'm still playing it everyday after I study my school-work. I could buy all the cards in the world, they can't say what I feel in my heart to you both. To Mrs. Reagan, thank you for letting me come to Kansas City with you. I enjoyed every minute of it!!! It was a delightful experience. And believe me, I tried my best to show off on that piano so you could relax and become Spiritually uplifted. And so you could tell Mr. Reagan what a treat he missed....

But I know he was there in the spirit. But whether you know it or not, Sir I still want to play for you. The both of you are very inspirational in my life. And I love you both. And I want us to be able to continue our friendship when your term in office is over.

Thank you
Very Much
Tyrone D. Ford

...to let you know
how much
your thoughtfulness
is appreciated.

THANK YOU

Thank You,
Lynne Ford

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Sincerely RR
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Again, my thanks, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Route 1, Box 350
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To Mrs. Claud R. Robinson Rt. 1 Box 350
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MAILING ADDRESS
P. O. BOX 54633

December 22 1986

The President 16690
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Ronnie

This is a private note to a dear friend to
I did not start off with Mr President as please excuse.

I wanted to get this letter to you before
Christmas to first wish you and Nancy my
very best and lots of happiness regardless of
these trying times for both of you. I am
behind you all the way and any decisions
you have made on this Iran situation,
keep it up and remember "Never say die
say, damn it" or another "Courage, confidence
determination". These are words I've lived by
for years, so I am passing them on to you,
I'm sure they may help.

Incidentally when walking through my plant
the other day, three of my employees, one
a truck driver, a white man, a security guard
came up to me and told me to be sure
and tell my friend they believe in you
and back of you 100%. I thought there were
nice encouraging words from people you do
not expect to hear from
Keep up the good work and give them hell
your devoted friend
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December 22, 1986

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

Dear Nancy and Ronnie:

We just received the enlarged print of your Christmas card. It is so beautiful and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Many of the Christmas cards we have received this year have included messages of support and prayers on your behalf, such as:

"I imagine you are as irritated as I am with all these dirt-fishing trips going on. They won't be satisfied till they break the heart of our wonderful President. I write about two letters a week of support and wish they both knew how many prayers are said for them and how most of us know the Reagans are a blessing for our country."

- Willa Francis,
Metairie, Louisiana

"We are distressed with the difficult times our President is having right now. People are criticizing and forming conclusions even before the facts are known. We have had very strong admiration for this man, even long before he became President; and what he has done for us and this country should not be tarnished by the current events."

- Ethel and Rolf Larsen
Los Angeles, California

Meanwhile, I am urging all my friends to join the grass-roots movement in voicing public support for you by writing to the media, Congressmen, Senators, and anyone else we can think of.

456302

President and Mrs. Reagan
December 22, 1986
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Marf joins me in sending our love.

As always,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'A.C. Lyles'.

A. C. Lyles

ACL/mad

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Dec. '86

no reply necessary -

Chuck Heston No Reply

Dec. 24th

Mr. President:

Thanks for your warm note. I'm amazed that, while running the country and leading the Western world, you have time for our guild as well. Of course you're right. SAA has posted a deficit of several million... the first in our history. Of course, taxes will be raised.

I hope you know how firmly in the backbone of the country I stand with you. Believe me. Stay strong, be well. Lydia sends her best love, with mine.

Happy '87
Chuck

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Mr. Reagen



12-26-86

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

HENRY J. HYDE
6TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

Dear President + Mrs. Reagan,
just a note of thanks for your
thoughtfulness in sending me the
beautiful flowers during my recent
hospitalization - it cheered me up
miserably!

also - during these difficult
times, never doubt you have many
more devoted friends than you can
imagine - my family and I
are praying for you every day!

Warmest regards
Henry Hyde

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Robert
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 27, 1986

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan,

Thank you for the lovely
Christmas bowl. It is
already a cherished item
in the Thomas household and
will always be a special
reminder of the opportunity
to serve two outstanding
individuals.

You have my wish for
a happy and prosperous
new year.

Dennis Thomas

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December 30, 1986

R. STANTON AVERY

No Reply

Mr. President:

I think I know why the Polls continue to show that a majority of our citizens still beleive in your integrity in spite of the torrent of criticisms and concerns over the Iranian affair.

The majority know that our nation lives in a rough, tough neighborhood of nations in which many of our friends were once enemies and some of our enemies were once our friends.

They also know that we and other free nations must, whenever we can, resist movements which say that the only way to bring peace and prosperity to the poor people and poor nations of the world is through subversion, terrorism and armed force, an activity which is going on every day in Afghanistan, in Nicaragua, in Ethiopia, El Salvador and the Phillipines.

The majority also expect their President to be faced with occasions when he must initiate actions in the National interest which are risky and easily misunderstood.

The majority know that, though we cannot move out of our threatening, unruly neighborhood, we shall survive and work to build a better, and not a worse, world to live in.

Your friend and neighbor,

Stan Avery

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GEORGE RUSH
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20005

No Reply

*To: The VP
FYI
JJB*

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A MAILGRAM SENT TO:

ALL IMPORTANT MEDIA - U.S.A.

DEAR EDITOR,

AS YOU ALL KNOW, MY SUCCESS AS A BAND LEADER DEPENDS ON GETTING THE BEST PERFORMANCE POSSIBLE FROM MY MUSICIANS DURING EACH ENGAGEMENT I PLAY. IN MY BAND WE'RE ALL TEAM PLAYERS, IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY OR WE'D NEVER GET THAT GREAT SOUND YOU HEAR.

THAT'S WHY I FEEL PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS BEEN GETTING A RAW DEAL. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS WE'VE ALL BEEN ON THE REAGAN BANDWAGON AS HE LED US TO LOWER INFLATION, LOWER INTEREST RATES AND A STABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION AT HOME. NOW, A FEW FORMER "TEAMPLAYERS" HAVE CHOSEN TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THIS GREAT PRESIDENT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MEDIA'S PRE-OCCUPATION WITH IRAN ARMS SHIPMENT STORIES BY MAKING STATEMENTS DESIGNED FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

IT'S TRULY AN OUTRAGE THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED AND IT'S MORE DETRIMENTAL TO AMERICA'S REPUTATION ABROAD THAN ANY IRANIAN ARMS SHIPMENTS COULD EVER BE. DISCORD ALWAYS HAS AN UGLY SOUND AND THE DERISIVENESS BY THE MEDIA HAS CREATED A CIRCUS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE WHERE SUSPICION, SUPPOSITION AND INNUENDO REIGN, WHILE RESPONSIBLE THINKING IS ABSENT.

YES, IT'S APPARENT THAT A FEW PEOPLE GOT CAUGHT UP IN PATRIOTIC FERVOR AND BENT SOME RULES, BUT THE PRESIDENT NOR THE VICE PRESIDENT CAN BE BLAMED FOR SOMETHING THEY WOULDN'T HAVE APPROVED OF TO BEGIN WITH.

448359

MOST PEOPLE THINK THE MEDIA HAS BEEN OVER-REACTING ON THIS STORY. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS FOR MANY YEARS AND THE PICTURE IS CLEAR. ONE PERSON HAS TO SET THE TUNES TO BE PLAYED. IN MY BAND, THAT'S ME; IN AMERICA, THAT'S PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE PRESIDENT WILL SURVIVE THE MEDIA BACKLASH, HIS DETRACTORS WON'T SURVIVE THE PEOPLE'S BACKLASH! THERE ARE STILL MANY MORE HAPPY NOTES TO BE PLAYED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN THAT WILL MAKE AMERICA EVEN STRONGER. BUT THERE CAN



BE NO MORE DANCING UNTIL THE COUNTRY RIDS ITSELF OF ALL THE SOUR
NOTES THAT WOULD HAVE US FORGET WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE FOR
AMERICA.

AS AN AMERICAN, I BELIEVE THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING FOR THE
WHOLE BETTERMENT OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, AND I GIVE THE
PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT MY FULL SUPPORT.

SINCERELY,

LIONEL HAMPTON

212-787-1222

(CONTACT CHUCK JONES FOR ANY CLARIFICATIONS NECESSARY.)

14:46 EST

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