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January 16, 1987

Dear George:

I have just received your letter of January 7 and want you to know I'm deeply grateful for your kind words, good wishes and your prayers.

The health problem is no problem. I'm back in harness with little or no discomfort or disability, and the examination came out with a finding of nothing wrong.

You are right about my adventure with the media. It is frustrating beyond description to hear and read their daily intimations that I am covering some deep, dark secret. I'm the one who told them what they know and am waiting to find out just what did happen between here and Iran. Hopefully, the Special Prosecutor (now termed the Independent Counsel) will get the facts for us. In the meantime, we are going forward with an agenda of the things we still want to get resolved in these next two years.

Again, thank you for writing as you did. Please give my regards to Mrs. Hearne.

Sincerely,

RON

Dr. George Hearne
Office of the President
Eureka College
300 East College Avenue
Eureka, Illinois 61530

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To Dr. George Hearne - Office of Pres. Eureka College
300 East College Ave. Eureka Ill.

Dear George

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Sincerely Ron

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Patsy:

Can you please have typed.
Thanks.

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1/7/87

Office of the President

George Hearne

Dear Mr. President / Dear Ron,

I have wanted for some time to put some of my thought down, and convey them to you personally. I'm taking the "New Year" as an opportunity to do that.

First, I want you to know that we are thinking of you — today, even more than ever. I am deeply grateful for the success of your recent surgery, and the good news it brings for all of us concerning your continued good health. May you have a quick recovery from the discomfort and inconvenience associated with the procedure.

You are also in my thought and prayers as you struggle with the difficulties and pressures of the Iran-Contra controversy. Please know that you have our support. I know you will be pleased when the pressures and distractions of this are behind us, and when we can focus again on the critical issues ahead.

I speak personally, but also on behalf of many, when I tell you how much I appreciate and support you for what you mean to our country and our way of life. Your personal leadership has restored confidence and dignity to the arena

of public service. You have turned the tide of inflation, given pride and a new sense of purpose to the American Dream, and demonstrated a profound willingness to stand by beliefs and values that are so important to our common life. Through all of this, I applaud your concern for people which is so apparent to any who have had the opportunity to know you.

Now, let me express my gratitude for what you have done, and continue to do, for Eureka College, your beloved alma mater. First and foremost, just the person you are, and the leadership you have given, reflect so profoundly on Eureka College. In addition to that, your affection for the college, and your pride in being one of its alumni, have been major sources of encouragement and support for all alumni and friends of the college. They are a special support for me in the role I play here at Eureka. We are grateful for your interest and concern, shown in your visits to the campus, your presence at important events such as the Willard Hotel occasion, your statements on behalf of the college and what it has meant to you, and your personal greetings to various members of the Eureka family.

Let me also thank you for your financial support - through the years and including your recent personal gifts. We received your check for \$5000 and a check from your attorney in California for \$1,500 from you. We are, once again, grateful for this investment in your alma mater.

Thank you for all you have done for, and all you mean to, Eureka College - and even more, for our country. You have my support, and will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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January 16, 1987

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PAT BUCHANAN *PB*

We have here a late vocation -- thanks, perhaps, to RR's preaching since Death Valley Days.

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The Right Minimum Wage: \$0.00

The Federal minimum wage has been frozen at \$3.35 an hour for six years. In some states, it now compares unfavorably even with welfare benefits available without working. It's no wonder then that Edward Kennedy, the new chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, is being pressed by organized labor to battle for an increase.

No wonder, but still a mistake. Anyone working in America surely deserves a better living standard than can be managed on \$3.35 an hour. But there's a virtual consensus among economists that the minimum wage is an idea whose time has passed. Raising the minimum wage by a substantial amount would price working poor people out of the job market. A far better way to help them would be to subsidize their wages or — better yet — help them acquire the skills needed to earn more on their own.

An increase in the minimum wage to, say, \$4.35 would restore the purchasing power of bottom-tier wages. It would also permit a minimum-wage breadwinner to earn almost enough to keep a family of three above the official poverty line. There are catches, however. It would increase employers' incentives to evade the law, expanding the underground economy. More important, it would increase unemployment: Raise the legal minimum price of labor above the productivity of the least skilled workers and fewer will be hired.

If a higher minimum means fewer jobs, why does it remain on the agenda of some liberals? A higher minimum would undoubtedly raise the living standard of the majority of low-wage workers who could keep their jobs. That gain, it is argued, would justify the sacrifice of the minority who became

unemployable. The argument isn't convincing. Those at greatest risk from a higher minimum would be young, poor workers, who already face formidable barriers to getting and keeping jobs. Indeed, President Reagan has proposed a lower minimum wage just to improve their chances of finding work.

Perhaps the mistake here is to accept the limited terms of the debate. The working poor obviously deserve a better shake. But it should not surpass our ingenuity or generosity to help some of them without hurting others. Here are two means toward that end:

□ **Wage supplements.** Government might subsidize low wages with cash or payments for medical insurance, pensions or Social Security taxes. Alternatively, Washington could enlarge the existing earned income tax credit, a "negative" income tax paying up to \$800 a year to working poor families. This would permit better targeting, since minimum-wage workers in affluent families would not be eligible.

□ **Training and education.** The alternative to supplementing income for the least skilled workers is to raise their earning power in a free labor market. In the last two decades, dozens of programs to do that have produced mixed results at a very high cost. But the concept isn't necessarily at fault; nurturing the potential of individuals raised in poverty is very difficult. A humane society would learn from its mistakes and keep trying.

The idea of using a minimum wage to overcome poverty is old, honorable — and fundamentally flawed. It's time to put this hoary debate behind us, and find a better way to improve the lives of people who work very hard for very little.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 1/17/87

NOTE FOR: WILL BALL

The President has

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commented upon ☐

the attached; and it is forwarded to you for your:

information ☒
action ☐

David L. Chew
Staff Secretary
(x-2702)

cc:



JACK KEMP
81ST DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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January 9, 1987

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

Dear Mr. President,

Your foreign policy will be remembered by historians for its unflagging commitment to democracy and freedom together with its realistic approach to the Soviet Union and its colonial agents. As you know, I have fought to garner support in Congress for your initiatives. But I am very concerned by threats from within our own government and our own Congress to the goals we share.

The "neo-isolationists" in Congress and "detentists" in the State Department think they see an opportunity now to pursue their own agenda, thus undermining the Reagan Doctrine and reversing your realistic approach to relations between ourselves and the Soviet Union. I am deeply concerned that they will urge these concessions in the name of diplomacy, or rebuilding prestige -- but the result be less peace, diminished prestige, and setbacks for democracy and freedom. I am concerned that some within the State Department will now push for an unwise arms control agreement with the Soviets.

In three crucial areas of the world, Central America, South Africa, and Afghanistan, some in the State Department are maneuvering toward false settlements and sham agreements.

Assistant Secretary of State Elliott Abrams and Special Envoy Philip Habib met this past week in Miami with representatives of Costa Rica to discuss a possible peace plan for Central America. I understand that Ambassador Habib will next tour the region to further explore diplomatic options. With all due respect to Mr. Habib's motives, his track record on support for the contras is worrisome at best. Last year, he supported a Contadora proposal which would have required our abandonment of the contras in return for a mere Sandinista signature on a treaty.

Press reports suggest that the State Department is now attempting to head off yet another Contadora initiative which would foreclose permanently our hopes for freedom in Central America and in Nicaragua. That's laudable strategy. But if the

State Department merely rushes to embrace a new agreement under Costa Rican sponsorship or any other, without assurances of an end to communism in Nicaragua, your hopes for peace and democracy in Central America will be dashed. Our goal must be a free Nicaragua -- not a free hand for the State Department.

Mr. President, I am also deeply distressed to read that Secretary of State Shultz plans to meet with Oliver Tambo, leader of the terrorist African National Congress, during the upcoming visit to South Africa. A misguided Congress has already damaged hopes for a peaceful transition from apartheid to true democracy in that country by imposing counter-productive sanctions which afflict blacks. Now, by meeting with Oliver Tambo, Secretary Shultz will be sending a message that the U.S. has abandoned those who are working for peaceful and democratic change in South Africa.

The Marxist African National Congress represents only a tiny minority of black South Africans. Most deplore its violent methods and its ideology. Has the ANC promised to abandon violence or communist affiliations in return for this unprecedented meeting with the American Secretary of State? If not, why the preemptive concession?

The Secretary of State would be far better advised to spend his time, as he has done in the other countries of Africa he has visited, supporting democratic institutions and moderate elements, and building ties to black labor unions, religious organizations, and others who can move the country peacefully toward justice and freedom. I urge you to instruct the Secretary to change his plans; to reject the meeting with Tambo and focus on building democratic capitalism in South Africa.

The Soviet Union has made much of the U.N.-sponsored talks on ending the Afghan war. Despite optimistic press accounts, a close reading of the proposed terms includes abandonment of the mujahideen before the withdrawal of Soviet troops. Such an agreement would allow the Soviets to achieve through diplomacy what they have been unable to achieve through seven years of brutal aggression. I have written to Secretary of State Shultz for assurances that the State Department has not, by word or deed, indicated an American willingness to abide by any such sham "peace" treaty. Peace will come to tormented Afghanistan only when the 115,000 occupying troops of the Soviet Empire are gone.

In our policy toward Afghanistan, we must hold fast to our principles: all Soviet troops and military "advisors" out of Afghanistan, the country's sovereignty restored and guaranteed, and the Afghans left free to determine their own political future. These goals can best be secured when the resistance is confident of our support, and the Soviets are certain of our determination.

Mr. President, these three areas of the world are crucial

battle grounds for your ideas. If left unchecked, the State Department "detentists" and others would substitute false diplomacy for the victory we all want for freedom and democratic capitalism throughout the world.

Respectfully,

Jack Kemp
Member of Congress

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON *PJW*
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination of Edward Leavy
to be United States Circuit Judge
for the Ninth Circuit

The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Donald Regan, Peter Wallison, William Ball, Mitchell Daniels and Robert Tuttle recommend that you nominate Edward Leavy to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, which encompasses the states of Hawaii, Alaska, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. In 1984 you appointed Judge Leavy to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. Prior to his appointment to the United States District Court, he was a United States Magistrate for the District of Oregon, 1976-1984; a Justice, Pro Tempore, Oregon Supreme Court, 1974; a Circuit Judge for Lane County Circuit Court, 1961-1976; and a District Judge for Lane County District Court, 1957-1961. In addition, he served as a Deputy District Attorney for Lane County, 1954-1957, and was a sole practitioner in Eugene, Oregon, 1953-1954. Judge Leavy received an A.B. degree in 1950 from the University of Portland and a LL.B. degree in 1953 from the University of Notre Dame. He was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1953. Judge Leavy is 57 years old, married, has four children and resides in Tigard, Oregon.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Judge Leavy (telephone recommendation attached at Tab A).
2. That you sign the nomination at Tab B.

Announced. 1/30/87
To Senate. 2/2/87

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Recommended Telephone Call

TO: Edward Leavy

TELEPHONE: Home: 503 639-3969
Office: 503 221-3800

DATE TO CALL: Monday, January 26, 1987

RECOMMENDED BY: The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Donald Regan, Peter Wallison, William Ball, Mitchell Daniels and Robert Tuttle

PURPOSE: To ask him to serve as United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit which encompasses the states of Hawaii, Alaska, California, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington as well as Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. In 1984 you appointed Judge Leavy to serve as a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. Prior to his appointment to the United States District Court, he was a United States Magistrate for the District of Oregon, 1976-1984; a Justice, Pro Tempore, Oregon Supreme Court, 1974; a Circuit Judge for Lane County Circuit Court, 1961-1976; and a District Judge for Lane County District Court, 1957-1961. In addition, he served as a Deputy District Attorney for Lane County, 1954-1957, and was a sole practitioner in Eugene, Oregon, 1953-1954.
2. Judge Leavy received an A.B. degree in 1950 from the University of Portland and a LL.B. degree in 1953 from the University of Notre Dame. He was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1953.

3. He is 57 years old, his wife's name is Eileen, they have four children and reside in Tigard, Oregon.

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SUBMISSION:

January 22, 1987

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January 27, 1967

Dear Mr. Atcheson:

I'm writing to you to respectfully ask special consideration of the application by Ed Meese for membership in the Bohemian Club. I know he is being sponsored by Paul Davies and seconded by Jack Hume. As a member, I want to add my personal endorsement.

I have known Ed for 20 years. He is the soul of integrity, a devoted family man and known to many Bohemian Club members. He has been a frequent guest at the Grove and, indeed, has been a Lakeside speaker and appeared in a skit on another occasion. Over the years, since the 1960s, he has gone to Thursday nights and other events at the Club.

I'm confident that Ed Meese would be a true Bohemian and a contributor to club activities. I am more than happy to speak in his behalf, with full confidence that he is worthy of membership and deserving of special consideration.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. David M. Atcheson
Chairman
Membership Committee
Bohemian Club
624 Taylor Street
San Francisco, California 94102

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W.H.C. *Justin H. Hume*

JAQUELIN H. HUME
550 KEARNY STREET, SUITE 1000
SAN FRANCISCO 94108

January 20, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I was delighted to talk to you Thursday, particularly since I wanted to tell you how debilitating I found a prostate operation a few years ago. Based on my experience, it may take two or three months to regain your strength fully. Please do not try to rush your recovery because doing so could well backfire.

On another subject, thank you for agreeing to write a letter to the Membership Committee of the Bohemian Club requesting that special consideration be given to the application of Ed Meese. Paul Davies is Ed's sponsor, and I am his seconder. Your letter should be addressed to:

Mr. David M. Atcheson
Chairman
Membership Committee
Bohemian Club
624 Taylor St.
San Francisco, CA 94102

Ed said that he has been going to Thursday nights and other events at the Club since the 1960s. He has been a guest at the Bohemian Grove several times. On one visit he gave a Lakeside Talk, and at another he participated in a skit with Bill Buckley and others.

I gather the Membership Committee gives more weight to the ability of a candidate to contribute to Club activities and be a true Bohemian than it does to his national position.

President Ronald Reagan
January 20, 1987
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Ed has known many people in the Club for 20 or 30 years. He has such a pleasing personality and is so gregarious that he should make an ideal member of the Club.

Your support of our request that Ed's application for membership be given special consideration will be most helpful. Many thanks.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. H. Hume", written in a cursive style.

J. H. Hume

JHH:s

cc: Paul L. Davies, Jr.

To Mr. David M. Atcherson Chmn. Membership Committee
Bohemian Club 624 Taylor St.
S.F. Calif. 94102

Dear Mr. Atcherson

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Sincerely RR

Send a copy of this to Jack Hume.

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January 27, 1987

Dear Gloria and Duke:

Thanks very much for your very kind letter and your good wishes. I'm happy to say I feel great, and everything seems to have turned out A-okay.

Nancy and I are looking forward to seeing you both next month when, we assume, you'll be here for the Governors' conference. Nancy sends her love and, again, our thanks. I don't mind confessing we live in a constant state of homesickness for California.

Best regards,

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The Honorable George Deukmejian
Governor's Office
Sacramento, California 95814

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GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN
GOVERNOR

State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 95814

January 9, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

I was so very delighted to learn of your good health following your recent hospitalization. Gloria joins me in extending every good wish to you and Nancy during this time of recuperation. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Please accept our best wishes. May 1987 bring you good health and much happiness.

Most cordially,

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

George Deukmejian

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January 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Cook:

Your kind letter has finally reached me -- hence the delay in answering. Thank you for writing as you did and thank you for your generous words. I'm most grateful.

While it wouldn't be fitting for me to comment on the upcoming election in your country, I must say I have the greatest respect and admiration for your Prime Minister. She is a tower of strength in our economic summit meetings and has contributed greatly to the international stability that prevails in the Western World.

Again, my thanks to you, and very best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Andrew McTurk Cook
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AMcT/CMC

9th January 1987

His Excellency The Honourable Charles H Price II
United States of America Embassy
24 Grosvenor Square
LONDON W1A 1AE

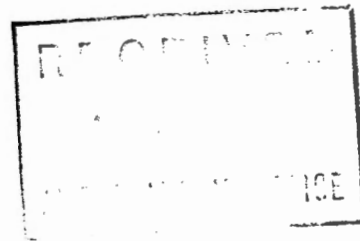
Your Excellency

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I wrote to your
President and which no doubt was received.

Whilst I realise that the White House must receive
thousands of letters daily, I hope a simple note such
as mine might be brought to the President's attention
as I feel sure it contains the sentiments of the
majority of people in this country. Anti-American
feeling is only held by a small vocal minority and
tends unfortunately to get undue publicity in the UK
at the present time.

With this in mind, I felt I should send you a copy of
my letter should you feel its sentiments are worth bringing
to your President's attention.

I remain
Yours sincerely



Andrew McTurk Cook

Telephone:
0742 361012

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C O P Y

8th October 1986

The President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Mr President

I had the pleasure of meeting you in Sacramento in 1970. Your election as President of the USA for two consecutive terms of office has been of the greatest benefit to all who live in the western world, and in my opinion, the world as a whole.

You and Mrs Reagan have projected a consistently stable and family outlook throughout the daily turmoil to which you must be constantly subjected in your high office.

Thank you both for all you have done and all you are still trying to do to help preserve those simple but vital principles of freedom.

/Next year

Telephone:
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8th October 1986

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Next year, the United Kingdom will have a general election. Should the Socialists win and implement both their defence and economic policies, an overall disaster will undoubtedly follow. In my opinion, this could cause irreparable damage to Anglo-American relations and your country could well adopt an isolationist policy and let the UK and Europe stew in its own juice with the inevitable far reaching consequences.

I sincerely hope your successor and his wife - for few men can do much without a good wife - will shoulder the burdens you and Mrs Reagan have carried with such success.

As a widower and now nearly 70, I look forward as eagerly as ever to my next trip to your great country.

I am, Mr President,
Yours most sincerely



Andrew McTurk Cook

Gov. George Deukmejian Gov's. Office
Sacramento Calif. 95814

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Best Regards Ron

~~To Don. Pappas A. Edmiston 11693 Santa Anita Blvd~~

~~Suite 155 L.A. Calif. 900~~

To Mr. Andrew McTear Cook - Southerwood
62 Dore Rd. Dore, Sheffield
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RD

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