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June 28, 1985

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We are trying to modernize at the same time we seek effective arms reductions to reduce the risks of war and to increase global stability.

If you need any additional information, please let me know. If you write, address the letter to me -- the White House, but mark it "Attention Kathy Osborne." That way, it will come directly to me.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

Glenn Ball  
7420 Dewberry Lane  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin 54494

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To Mr. Glenn Ball - 7420 ~~Dewberry Lane~~  
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Wab. Rapids Wis. 54494

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# CURRENT STRATEGIC BALANCE OPERATIONAL STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FORCES AS OF APRIL 1985

*These are  
obsolete & are  
being destroyed*

U.S.  
30 TITAN II  
450 MINUTEMAN II  
550 MINUTEMAN III  
1030

*These do not  
have hard target building power  
the MX will have.*

## ICBMs

SOVIETS  
520 SS-11  
60 SS-13  
150 SS-17  
308 SS-18  
360 SS-19  
1398

*Soviets  
are testing 2  
new missiles  
SS24 & SS25*

## SLBMs

304 POSEIDON (C-3)  
312 TRIDENT (C-4)  
616

42 SS-N-5  
336 SS-N-6  
292 SS-N-8  
12 SS-N-17  
224 SS-N-18  
60 SS-N-20  
966

## BOMBERS

167 B-52G  
96 B-52H  
263

125 BEAR  
48 BISON  
250 BACKFIRE  
423

## TOTAL DELIVERY VEHICLES

1909

2787

## BALLISTIC MISSILE WARHEADS

7700

8800

## BALLISTIC MISSILE THROW-WEIGHT

4.4 MILLION POUNDS

11.9 MILLION POUNDS

CAPABILITY AGAINST HARDENED TARGETS—USSR HAS 2:1 ADVANTAGE

A FREEZE TODAY WOULD LOCK IN POTENT SOVIET MILITARY ADVANTAGES.

# SINCE SALT I, SOVIETS HAVE DEPLOYED MANY NEW SYSTEMS AND REPLACED OLDER ONES FAR FASTER THAN U.S.

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## U.S.

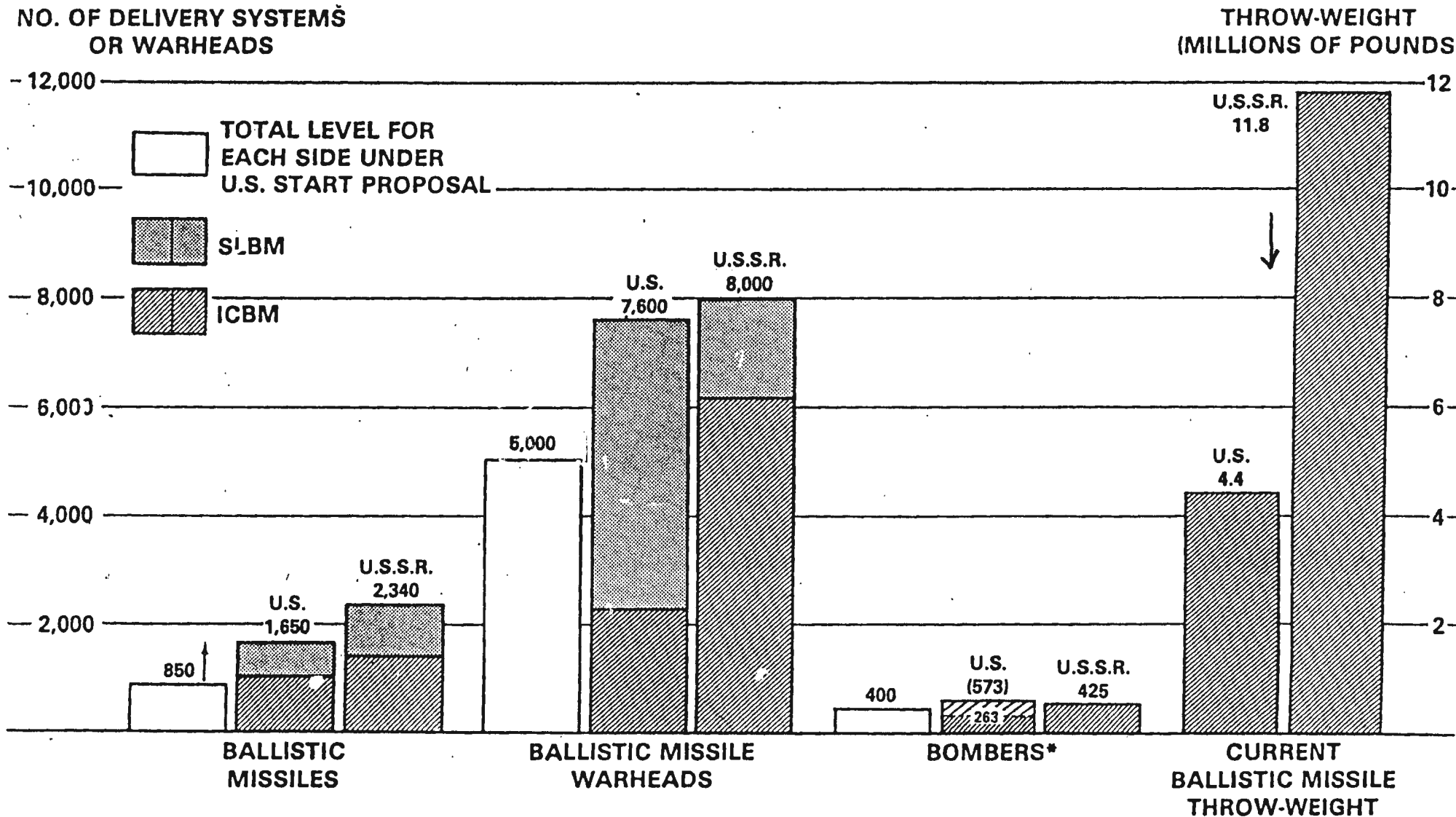
- 5 NEW TRIDENT SUBMARINES, THE FIRST SSBNs BUILT SINCE 1967
- 1 NEW TYPE OF SLBM INTRODUCED SINCE SALT I
- NO NEW TYPES OF ICBMs DEPLOYED SINCE 1970; ONLY MINUTEMAN III MODIFIED
- NEWEST B-52 BOMBER WAS BUILT OVER 20 YEARS AGO

## U.S.S.R.

- SINCE SALT I, MORE THAN 50 SSBNs DEPLOYED IN 6 NEW OR IMPROVED CLASSES
- SINCE SALT I, 4 NEW SLBM TYPES (+8 "MODS) HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED AND USED TO REPLACE 1/2 OF OLDER SLBMs; YET ANOTHER NEW SLBM ABOUT TO BE DEPLOYED
- 3 NEW ICBMs IN 10 VARIANTS HAVE REPLACED OVER HALF OF SOVIET ICBMs SINCE SALT I. IN ALL A TOTAL OF 800 NEW ICBMs HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. TWO NEW ICBMs ARE CURRENTLY BEING TESTED
- SINCE SALT I, 250 BACKFIRE BOMBERS WITH INHERENT INTER-CONTINENTAL RANGE DEPLOYED. NEW BEARS STILL BEING PRODUCED.

*There are  
the 25.24 SSs  
in rotation of  
Salt II*

# U.S. START PROPOSAL AND THE STRATEGIC BALANCE FALL 1984



\* U.S. FIGURE INCLUDES 263 OPERATIONAL B-52s.

U.S.S.R. FIGURE INCLUDES BEAR, BISON, AND BACKFIRE BOMBERS — all newer than our B 52's. The B 52's are for the most part older than the fellows flying them.



Glenn Ball  
7420 Dewberry Lanw  
Wis Rapids, Wi 54494

The President

The White House

Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

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Sincerely,

Glenn Ball

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1985

Bill,  
Dave Chew left the attached  
for an approval by one of our  
staff members - it was  
personally written by the  
President, so we don't want  
to change anything unless  
absolutely necessary - Dave  
just doesn't want anything  
to go out if it isn't right

B.

National Security Council  
The White House

System # \_\_\_\_\_

Package # \_\_\_\_\_

*do you need this?*  
P

SEQUENCE TO HAS SEEN DISPOSITION

Bob Pearson

William Martin

John Poindexter

Paul Thompson

Wilma Hall

Bud McFarlane

William Martin

NSC Secretariat

Situation Room

I = Information A = Action R = Retain D = Dispatch N = No further Action

cc: VP Regan Buchanan Other

COMMENTS

Should be seen by: Saturday  
(Date/Time)

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June 28, 1985

Dear Mr. Notestine:

Thank you very much for your letter and your offer to be of help. I know our tax reform is going to face a real fight, but we're going all out in our effort to achieve reform this year.

I'm turning your letter over to my people and hope we can take advantage of your kind offer.

Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REGAN

Mr. Mark E. Notestine  
6751 South Lamar Street  
Littleton, Colorado 80123

cc: Donald Regan w/copy of incoming  
RR Sample ✓

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Send copy to  
to Don R. right  
away.



To Mr. Mark E. Notestine 6751 So. Lamar st.  
Littleton Colorado 80123

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Sincerely R.R.

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( Give letter attached & copy of my reply  
to Don Regan )

~~To Mr. Regan~~

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(303) 979-7576

Post Office Box 357, Littleton, Colorado 80123

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May 29, 1985

President Ronald Reagan  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington D. C.

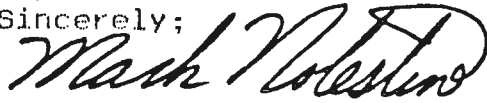
Dear President Reagan

I am in favor of tax reform. Please help pass reform this year. I will earn over \$115,000 this year as an executive manager for A.T. & T. and because I am an "expert" at working the existing tax code I will pay less taxes than my secretary who earns one fifth of myself. I own several pieces of real estate and enjoy the substantial benefits of the current tax code. While I would be a fool not to shelter my large A.T. & T. income, I do believe it incredibly unfair that I pay such little tax. I believe that the special interests in real estate, oil and the giant Corporate lobbies will do every thing in their power to kill the reform movement.

I am a bright and articulate middle aged father of four kids in college. I am an outstanding A.T. & T. executive and I am a reasonably smart general partner in a half dozen small real estate partnerships. I would be most happy to appear at my expense before the congressional hearings on tax reform. I would be happy to explain how I have used the existing tax code to almost completely avoid paying federal taxes. It really doesn't seem fair to me that our tax rules are so inequitable. I believe it is time for a change and I want to do what I can to support "Americas Tax Plan".

I will look forward to hearing from you. I am excited about having an opportunity to provide you with more input at least as far as the significant shelters generated by real estate is concerned. I dare say that most of your input will be from those who call foul.

Sincerely;



Mark E. Notestine

6751 So. Lamar Street  
Littleton, Colorado 80123

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CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

*Mr. Reagan*

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

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your very kind letter about my retirement. Avis thanks you for the kind words and for approving the retirement. If it were left to me alone, I would stay around like Winfield Scott until they had to rig a block and tackle to lift me on to my horse.

In my letter to you, I told you that you had at least 5 well-qualified officers from which to choose my replacement. You have made a wise choice. Admiral Bill Crowe is a truly exceptional officer with extraordinary qualifications to be the Chairman. I applaud your choice. Bill and I are good friends. We will cooperate closely to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Very Respectfully,

*Jack*  
JOHN W. VESSEY, JR.  
Chairman  
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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Jul 85

Director

*No Reply*



The President has ~~been~~  
Information  
Agency

July 1, 1985.

Dear Mr. President,  
The hostage crisis  
handling by you was an  
historic achievement by  
you. The American People's  
great confidence in your  
superior leadership was again  
confirmed in dramatic propor-  
tions.

We all admire you and  
are grateful that America's  
destiny is in your hands.  
God bless you! Thas.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 1, 1985

Dear Dolores:

It was good to hear from you and to learn of the improvement you've made. I'm sorry, though, about the pain you still suffer. Maybe Western air will help. Being converted to the far West after my mid West beginning, I'm convinced everything is better out there where the sky is bigger -- so, "go West young gal, go West."

Thanks for the cartoon -- such a resemblance -- all I need is the weapon. I'll put in for that at the Pentagon.

Nancy sends regards, and from both of us our best to Paul.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mrs. Dolores M. Ballachino  
6707 Pine Hurst Drive  
Boston, New York 14025

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To Mrs. Dolores M. Ballachin 6707 Pinehurst Dr.  
Boston N.Y. 14025

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Many love regards & from both of us are best to  
Paul.

Sincerely  
Ronbo

DRAFT OF DOLORES BALLACHINO'S LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT:

My dear Mr. President:

Hi -- well, here I am -- still kicking!! I'm finally starting to feel a little better. Not 50% yet, but I can be up and around for longer periods at a time. I'm at least able to sit up now in a chair or in the car which I couldn't do for a long time. I've started driving again -- for only short jaunts. I still get a lot of back spasms and sciatic pain, but with 3 herniated disks and spandylosis of the lower spine, the neurosurgeon says its par for the course. And to think -- this arthritis was lying dormant until that rear-end collision which popped my disks! This struggle against pain these past 9 months has been a real test of my faith, but I've hung in there and I'm at least feeling better. And never fear that the Inaugural events set me back -- I was hurting anyway! At least I was hurting and seeing my buddy too, right? It was a struggle for me, but I'm glad I didn't miss it!

I sure hope all this hostage mess and the Central America situation isn't weighing you down! I get so worried about you. I know you're very resilient, but please take care of yourself. I know God is holding you in the palm of His hand.

Some news -- we're going to be moving to Boulder City, Nevada when we sell our house. Our daughter, Linda, lives in Vegas -- so we'll have family near. Paul can't take any more winter weather and I must get into a dry heat, low humidity climate, my doctors say. So, as soon as we sell, we'll be gone. Cheryl and Alan are heading for California again. His orders are to leave Portsmouth and go on to Camp Pendelton to be a "land" sailor for a while! So -- 2 of our kids will be in the West! Who knows, one day maybe we'll get to see you in California too? Everytime we've been in California you've never been there -- we've never been able to connect. Maybe if we live out West we'll have a better chance, huh?

We loved the special on Nancy that aired on NBC last night. When she was talking about being with her stepdad when he died -- boy, could I identify with that! I was with my stepdad all night while he was dying four years ago! And I got choked up right with Nancy 'cause I could identify and feel her empathy, too! Please tell her how much we enjoyed seeing and learning so much about her. It was really neat!

Also -- enclosed you'll find RONBO cartoon. I just love it! Sly Stallone -- eat your heart out! "RONBO's here!" Paul and I saw the movie and it was exciting! Now that you're pumping iron too -- who knows! After your White House tour is over, we can glycerine you up, too -- put a head band on your head and camouflage fatigues on and send RONBO over to wipe out all these terrorists! Sounds good to me -- you'd be just as awesome as RAMBO! Nice fantasy world I live in, huh? Paul doesn't think I have the guts to tell you this so sign your next letter RONBO, okay? It will really flip him out!

So, I'm a little crazy -- I can always blame it on too much medication -- too many anti-inflammatory and pain-killing medicines, huh? Much love to you and Nancy. Please take care -- I love you Mr. President and I worry about you. God bless you.

As always,  
Your pen pal,

Dolores

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File

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 2, 1985

Dear Herr Springer:

Thank you very much for sending me the book. It is at my bedside and will be my evening reading beginning now. You were very kind to think of me and I'm most grateful.

Thank you, too, for your generous words about our peace efforts. With very best wishes and regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Axel Springer  
Hochstrasse 50  
1000 Berlin 61  
Federal Republic of Germany

*Axel Springer*

*Hochstrasse 50, June 11th, 1985  
1000 Berlin 61  
Tel.: (030) 25 91 2200*

Dear Mr. President,

I am deeply moved by the renewed attempts of your Administration to create peace between Israel and all its Arab neighbors. May God bless you especially in this endeavor.

I personally have found both consolation and stimulation in the booklet "The Last Word on the Middle East" by Derek Prince. In German translation I have given it to many friends in my country.

Today I am taking the liberty of handing you a copy in the original English and trust that you will get as much inspiration from it as I did.

With cordial good wishes  
I am

most sincerely yours

*axel - 111 - 11*



WASHINGTON

July 2, 1985

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Dear Melissa:

Congratulations on your new mount. The picture shows she is a beauty.

I think I can straighten out the ownership situation of Ronnies Baby. For a time I was in the Thoroughbred breeding business, raising and selling yearlings at the annual California Thoroughbred Breeders Association sale. In doing this the yearlings were sold without names so the new owners who bought them for racing could have that privilege.

Desi-Lu Productions was actually Desi Arnez and Lucille Ball who were into racing. They bought one of my yearlings and, since we knew each other quite well, probably named it after me -- "Ronnies Baby." I remember the night they bought my filly. While the bidding was going on I mentioned to Desi that I thought she was worth more than what was being bid. The next thing I knew he topped the final bid and bought her.

Well, all the best to you and happy riding. As the enclosed shows, I'm still in the saddle. This one is an Anglo-Arab (half Thoroughbred and half Arabian) named El Alamein.

Best regards, -

Ronald Reagan

Miss Melissa Garrett  
9354 Northwest 23rd Street  
Pembroke Pines, Florida 33024

To Melissa Garrett - With my good  
wishes & Best Regards.  
Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 6/28/85

TO: *Kathy Osborn*

*Would someone know  
anything about this  
house -- shall I  
just acknowledge  
generally?*

FROM: CONNIE MACKEY  
Presidential Correspondence -  
Children's Unit  
Room 435, Extension 7734 or 7735

MISC

Dear Mr. President,

Hello, my name is Melissa Garrett, I am 15 yrs. old and I attend Cooper City High School in Florida as a Sophomore. Several weeks ago I adopted a 1/2 thoroughbred 1/2 quarter horse mare through a 4th program in our county. When I recieved her registry papers (she's an appendix quarter-horse) I was told that her dam, Ronnies Baby was once owned by you. Almost immediately I traced back to her original owners who live in Klamath Falls Oregon, and they confirmed that Ronnies Baby raced in the Golden Gate stakes, and that she was once owned by Desi-Lu productions, and you among

other people. Is this true?  
Everyone I know thinks  
my horse's mom was once  
owned <sup>by</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>raced</sup> by you, Mr. Reagan,  
and I was hoping you  
might be able to tell me <sup>the real story</sup>  
~~if~~ "from the horse's mouth"  
so to speak. Thank you  
very much for taking the  
time to read this, I'm really  
look forward to hearing from  
you if your not too busy.

much love,  
melissa

Garrett

9354 nw 23 st.

Pembroke Pines, Fl.

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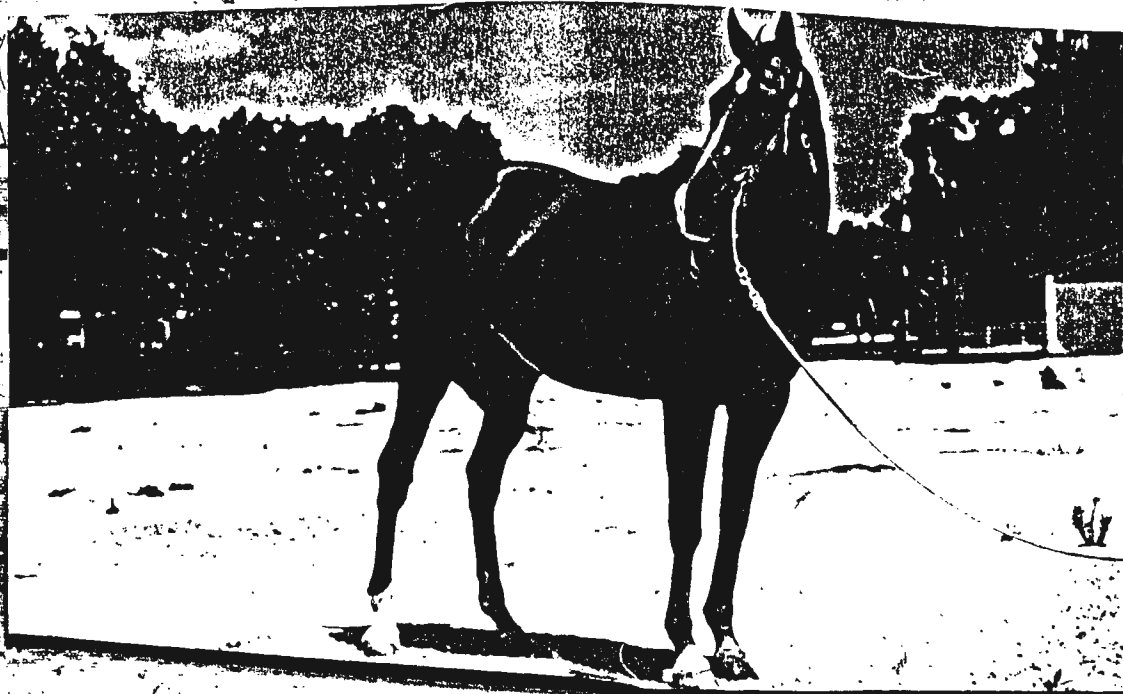
P.S. ~~to~~ my new horse "Rebecca" <sup>(silent partners)</sup>  
and I will be attending the  
medal class finals in Harris-  
burg Pennsylvania this  
summer. If it were not for

Republicans that support  
government subsidised pro-  
grams like the one in 4th  
that gave me my horse, we  
might not have made it!!

Thanks again

P.S.S. 4th is also sending  
me on the Washington  
Focus, government educational  
program it offers this  
summer, through a scholar-  
ship.





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