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September 26, 1985

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As for the military situation, he was as far wrong as he was on the economy. It's true that when our Administration started in 1981 our military had been allowed to slide downhill very badly. Today we are in better shape than we've been since World War II. Our new weapons systems are superior to just about anything in the world. Our Navy is being restored with new aircraft carriers and the Trident submarine; airplanes, tanks, weapons of every kind are coming on line and our readiness has never been better. It's true the Soviets have more tanks and artillery and more men in uniform, but remember they have to face not only the U.S. but all our allies -- West Germany, England, France, Italy and so on.

You are right that ours is the greatest nation in the world. You young people are going to have things we never dreamed of just as we had it better than our parents before us. So stick to your dream. I wish you well in your plan to sign on for military aviation.

Best regards,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Paul E. Bulman, Jr.  
19 Pratt Road  
Scituate, Massachusetts 02060

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RR Dictation (Sample)

Dear President Regan (or the public relations person reading this)

I have been in Ireland for six weeks, and while I was there I missed America so much and was so proud to be an American, I still am. Nothing that can ever happen will ever make me not be proud. But while I was there my English (Irish English) teacher who happens to be Irish was talking about the down fall of Ireland, when he said that America (United States) had seen its golden days and was now on it's way down. All the American's promptly exploded, after we quited down we asked him if we were on our way down and could never hope to have the life our parents had and that our ecomomy was going down, why were the intrest rates low, why was the prime rate low. He stated that it was low simply because of enormous amounts of mony you spent to keep them low "Bolloning us.". So much money has been spent he went on to say that we could not hope to pay it back in the next thirty year's. He said with in the next 20-30 year's the United States would no longer be a World power, but that Japan would be. He like most of the Irish people here think that you are going to destroy the world by building up our military. He said the only war we are ready to fight is a nuclear one. (I for one don't think that at all) then he went on to say that nobody respected us anymore because of the incidents that have taken place outside our boundaries. He all so said that the American Econimy would never recover. Is it true? Can we ever hope to regain our power? I all ways thought we had never lost it. Until this. Now their is a big quistion in my mind and I will not be able to rest until I find out. My opinion is that all the military build up we have had has been necesary. In fact I intend to make the Military my way of life once I am out of high school. (helicopter pilot 1st Air Cav) Well we told our teacher that no country like Japan could ever be a

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(M16 AZ, the Apache attack helicopter, the super cobra, the F14's, 15's, 16's, and 18's, the Bradley fighting vehicles, the M60 tank, in my opinion are the best in the world) You know what my teacher said, If the United States was so powerful how could rag tag bozo's take our Embassies, our diplomats, our countrymen without the slightest bit of resistance, without worry of retaliation. I did not know what to say. Because that's what seems to be happening. Those bozo's who took over the plane with all the Americans on it (they even killed one) just got off the plane and walked away. Now Mr. President I for one know that if someone gets away with it once more people will try it. I think that America is the greatest country in the world, and that our current problems will go away if we knuckle down and get at solving them instead of saying "Well next year we plan to..." do you agree?, do you think that Americans in my generation can not hope for the life our parents had? do you think in twenty or thirty years will have about as much power as Mexico, or El Salvador, Do you think the economy will ever be the same again?

Please Mr. President theese quistion's are tourmenting my brain. I must know the truth. Do you think you could have one of your aides write me and give me your opion to theese quistion's I have asked. Well I want to thank you for your time.

Paul E. Bulman Jr.

19 Pratt Rd.

Scituate, MASS

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September 26, 1985

Dear Nackey:

Thank you very much for the papers but even more, thanks for the generous coverage. It was a pleasure having a chance for a visit with you even though it was short. It was also good to be back in New Hampshire. I really enjoyed the whole day.

Sincerely,

*Ran*

Mrs. William Loeb  
Post Office Box 780  
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

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RR Dictation



September 20, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
#16691  
White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

Enclosed are copies of our newspaper for  
Wednesday, September 18, and Thursday, September  
19, celebrating your visit to New Hampshire.

We are grateful for your taking the time from  
your busy schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Nackey", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mrs. William Loeb

NSL:B. Dziura

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September 17, 1985

Ms. Barbara Hayward  
Personal Assistant to the Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Barbara:

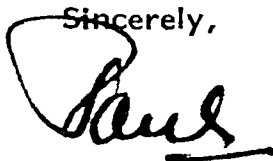
Many thanks for arranging for me to see the President briefly last week. He asked for the addresses of Katherine Cushing Berard, who is Martha's aunt, and her mother, Marjory Cushing Bidwell, who made available the original of the 1926 DIXONIAN, copies of which were presented to the President.

The address for both is:

*Marjory Cushing Bidwell*  
326 West Lahman  
Franklin Grove, Illinois 61031

Enclosed is an article ~~which appeared in today's~~ Chicago Tribune on Ralph "Mac" McKinzie, who was the President's coach, which I am sure he would be interested in seeing.

Sincerely,



Paul H. Robinson, Jr.

Enclosure

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PR 611

September 26, 1985

Dear Doug:

Glad I've caught you still on earth. About Belene -- I'm sure she seeks advice and I'm confident she wouldn't do anything hurtful. While I was still Governor she wrote a book based on my correspondence. It was called Sincerely, Ronald Reagan and was most complimentary. Then she turned it over -- all proceeds to my campaign. Feel free to meet with her.

Doug, I'm glad that Ambassador Coon's letter indicates he's not upset about retiring. We all share your high opinion of him. The simple truth is our N.S.C. roster is full and we'd have to dump someone to make room and that wouldn't be right. Bud McFarlane had held on to the idea of Carl in the event there might have been someone dropping out, but that didn't happen. Even retired, we won't forget him. Every once in a while we look afield for someone to handle a special assignment and he'd be a top choice for that.

Nancy sends her best to you and Margot as do I.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mr. Douglas Morrow  
1155 North Brand Boulevard  
Glendale, California 91202

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cc: Charley Shepherd



DOUGLAS MORROW

September 19, 1985

Dear Mr. President:

I received a letter from Helene saying that she would be in Los Angeles the third week in October and would like to get together with me on the 21st.

At the risk of being a nag, this moves me to ask if there is any possibility that you and/or Nancy might want to reconsider your reaction to her possible project. It was typically gracious and generous of you to say that Helene would be free to move in any direction after she leaves office. But the following occurs to me:

Because I have done several biographical films, I don't know whether Helene's primary interest is in determining if I want to get directly involved, - or whether she merely wants some guidance and counsel. As to the first possibility, I told her that other commitments would probably prevent me from getting involved at this time. As to the second possibility, I would not want to get into even guidance and counsel if you and/or Nancy had any reservations about this thing.

And, upon reflection, you might have reservations. I don't see how it could be executed without some explicit or implicit references to you. Are you sure that you would not be troubled by this, especially while you are still in office?

If, hypothetically, I were involved in doing it there would at least be some reasonable assurance of good taste, discretion, etc. But would you be comfortable with a project that involved you, directly or indirectly, which was in the hands of some of the sharks in this business?

Although Helene is, of course, free to do whatever she wants, if you and/or Nancy have any discomfort whatsoever with this thing please let me know and I will gracefully, WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE TO YOU, back away from even discussing it with her.

I have a little problem with this thing, aside from how you and/or Nancy might feel. It seems to me that Helene might want to consider whether this thing might look like a commercial exploitation of her relationship with you.

Under normal circumstances, I would like to be helpful to Helene. But I would not want to discuss it with her if you and/or Nancy have any uneasiness about it.

I must reply to her note about the 21st. So please let me know how you feel.

Bulletin from Space: I go to the Cape October 26, join the crew (part German) for the pre-launch preparations for the October 30 launch and monitor the launch from Launch Control Center. Immediately after launch (within a half-hour), I fly to Houston and monitor the mission from there, through the post-flight crew debriefing. Then a few days of preliminary orientation and training (Zero-G flights, mission simulation, etc.). By then, according to Beggs, he will be prepared to discuss the next step, which would be the three month training period in preparation for my flight. He indicated that there is a possibility that I might make one of the Halley's Comet missions, late March or early April.

Meantime, I am studying like mad,- and training.

I think you should know that, as I get more and more deeply into the material Beggs supplied me, the hunches I expressed to you in my original letter of February 11th are becoming increasingly confirmed.

I have followed the Program pretty closely. Probably more so than the average public. And I am already learning things I never knew or imagined. More than ever, I am convinced that this will be an opportunity to explain to the public, in terms they can readily understand and absorb, what the near-term and long-term contributions of the Program will be to all mankind. This understanding by the public is essential to Congressional support of the program. And I am hopeful that it can be done in a way that will bolster support of the SDI. I am very excited about the possibilities.

And if, along the way, it will strike a blow for the old goats of the world, that will be rich gravy.


Will keep you advised as things develop.

Finally, got the enclosed note, out of the blue, from Ambassador Coon. Very disappointing! Letting this guy retire is a hell of a waste of vibrant, talented manpower. Do you know how it happened?

Your timing with the South Africa executive order was brilliant. It could be the turning point. Sure hope so.

Margot joins me in sending affectionate regards to you and Nancy.

Sincerely,



Sept 6, 1985

Dear Doug —

Thanks for your note, which I received quite a while back — I hope<sup>5</sup> this reply is of the "better late than never" category.

I do hope you & your good wife come to Washington soon and visit Jane & me in our native habitat. It looks like we'll be here indefinitely, though I for one am beginning the paper work for a possible retirement in December. I've enjoyed the relaxed pace of the Islamic Institute at American U. But that can't go on forever and State holds no possible jobs at this time that would match my experience & background. The NSC thing I may have mentioned to you seems to have dried up. It is

a disappointment in one sense, but in another I am looking forward to being my own boss & setting my own agenda. I foresee writing and travel.

Now that you've conquered the Himalayas, what's left? What's next for you?

All the best,

Carl

PS - Attached is a very fair report of the canoe trip Jane & I took in August of last year, by another member of the party.

THREE WEEKS, 360 miles, ABOVE THE  
Arctic Circle, in a canoe!!

To Mrs. Wm. Loeb - 35 Ambert St. P.O. Box 780  
Manchester N.H. 03105

Dear Nocky

Thank you very much for the papers but even more, thanks for the generous coverage.

It was a pleasure having a chance for a visit with you even though it was short. It was also good to be back in N.H. I really enjoyed the whole day. Sincerely Ron

To Mrs. Marjorie Cushing Bidwell 326 West Lahman  
Franklin Grove Ill. 61031

Dear Marjorie

Thanks to Katherine I have your reproduction of the 1926 Dixconian. Please thank her for me and bless you for making it all possible. I've had a few days of warm nostalgia and happy memories. There will be more for I still have it on my desk so I can sneak another look every once in a while.

Speaking of memories I have one that has to do with <sup>YMCA</sup> Franklin Grove. When I was drum major of the Boys Band we were asked to lead the Dixconian day parade in Franklin Grove. The parade marshal on a big white horse rode back down the parade at one point which left me out in front. No one had told me the parade route so I kept on marching. He rode back up the line just in time to have the band turn a corner. I was left marching up the street all by myself. I didn't look around until the music began to sound faint & far away. Then I cut across back yards & got back

in front again.

Well Thanks again &

Best Regards

Ronald Ragon "Dutch"

P. Douglas Morrow 1155 North Brand Blvd.  
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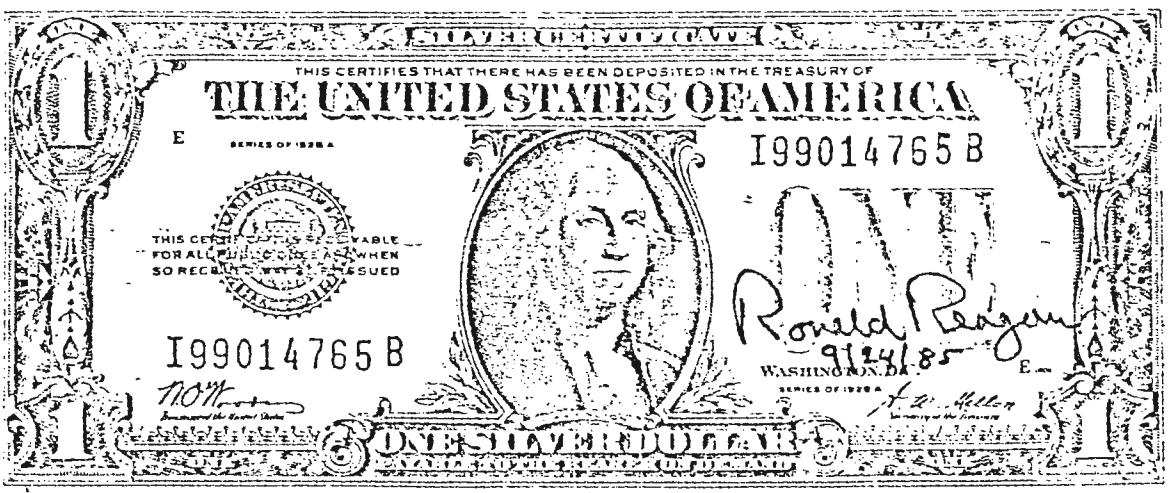
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FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mrs. June Evans  
5221 B. East Van Buren  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008

850926



To June Evans - With every good wish  
& Very Best Regards  
Ronald Reagan

ask you please to autograph this dollar for me.



Dear Mr. President;

Many years ago when you were in Phoenix on your honeymoon, you and Mrs. Reagan came through our "Evans Reptile Garden" on East Van Buren. I was very shy then and very much in awe of you so I didn't take the opportunity of telling you that you were one of my favorite actors. Also that Kings Row was a really fine film and you were simply marvelous in it.

In fact the only way I even let you know that I knew who you were was to ask "You haven't had very good weather for your honeymoon have you?" (It had rained for several days). You don't know how I've regretted not making the most of a chance to talk to you.

I feel that you will remember the incident as you really seemed to be enjoying the display of reptiles. We did have a very fine collection. My husband a very fine scholar had written many interesting and pertinent facts about each exhibit. You took the time to read everything and seemed very interested in it all.

On the Egyptian cobra (asp) cage it said, "this is the snake that is reputed to have killed Cleopatra. You watched the swaying snake very intently for several seconds and then quietly asked her. "Why did you do it?"

I'm afraid your new wife didn't share your enthusiasm as she just kept wanting to leave. I'm sure that you will remember.

The long and short of all this is that I have kept the dollar you paid me with for admission all these years, and have regretted not having had the nerve to ask you to sign it for me.

Now many years and grandchildren later I have a bit more push so I'll ask you please to autograph this dollar for me.

*On this - someone in Anne Higgins  
office as per the memo - on the back of this  
packet wants to know I've signed & am sending  
the dollar bill. R.R.*

Thank you so much and also for a very fond memory.

I think with the mess that was dropped in your lap you are doing a fabulous job as president.

June Evans

5221 B. East Van Buren

Phoenix, Arizona 85008

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 20, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: ANNE HIGGINS  
FROM: KATHY RATTE JAFFKE *KRJ*  
SUBJECT: President's Autograph on Dollar Bill

In the attached letter, Congressman John McCain forwards a one dollar bill for signature. I am bringing this to your attention, because I do not know whether there is a problem signing currency and because the circumstances are a little unusual.

Congressman McCain's constituent, June Evans, writes that she kept this dollar bill that the President gave to her for admission to the Evans Reptile Garden when the Reagans were there on their honeymoon.

We will respond to McCain's office once you have made a determination on whether the dollar bill can be signed.

JOHN McCAIN  
FIRST DISTRICT, ARIZONA

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August 14, 1985

Mr. M. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
for Legislative Affairs  
The White House  
1600 Penn. Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

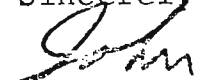
Dear Mr. Oglesby:

Many years ago, while The President and his wife  
were on their honeymoon in Phoenix, they visited  
a "Reptile Garden" owned by my constituent, Mrs.  
June Evans.

Mrs. Evans kept the dollar bill that Mr. Reagan  
gave her for admission to the garden. That dollar  
bill is attached. Mrs. Evans would like the  
President to autograph the bill and return it  
to my office. If possible, a short note to Mrs.  
Evans would be sincerely appreciated to accompany  
the dollar bill.

Thank you very much for your attention to this  
matter. I appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely,

  
John McCain  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

JM/jl  
Encl:

Please reply to:  
411 S. Mill Ave., Suite 201  
Tempe, AZ 85281  
Attn: Jan Lemon

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Mr. President;

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to our "Exotic Reptile Garden" on East Van  
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love with you so I didn't take the opportunity of  
telling you that you were one of my favorite  
also that Kings Row was a really fine  
and you were simply marvelous in it.  
In fact the only way I even let you know  
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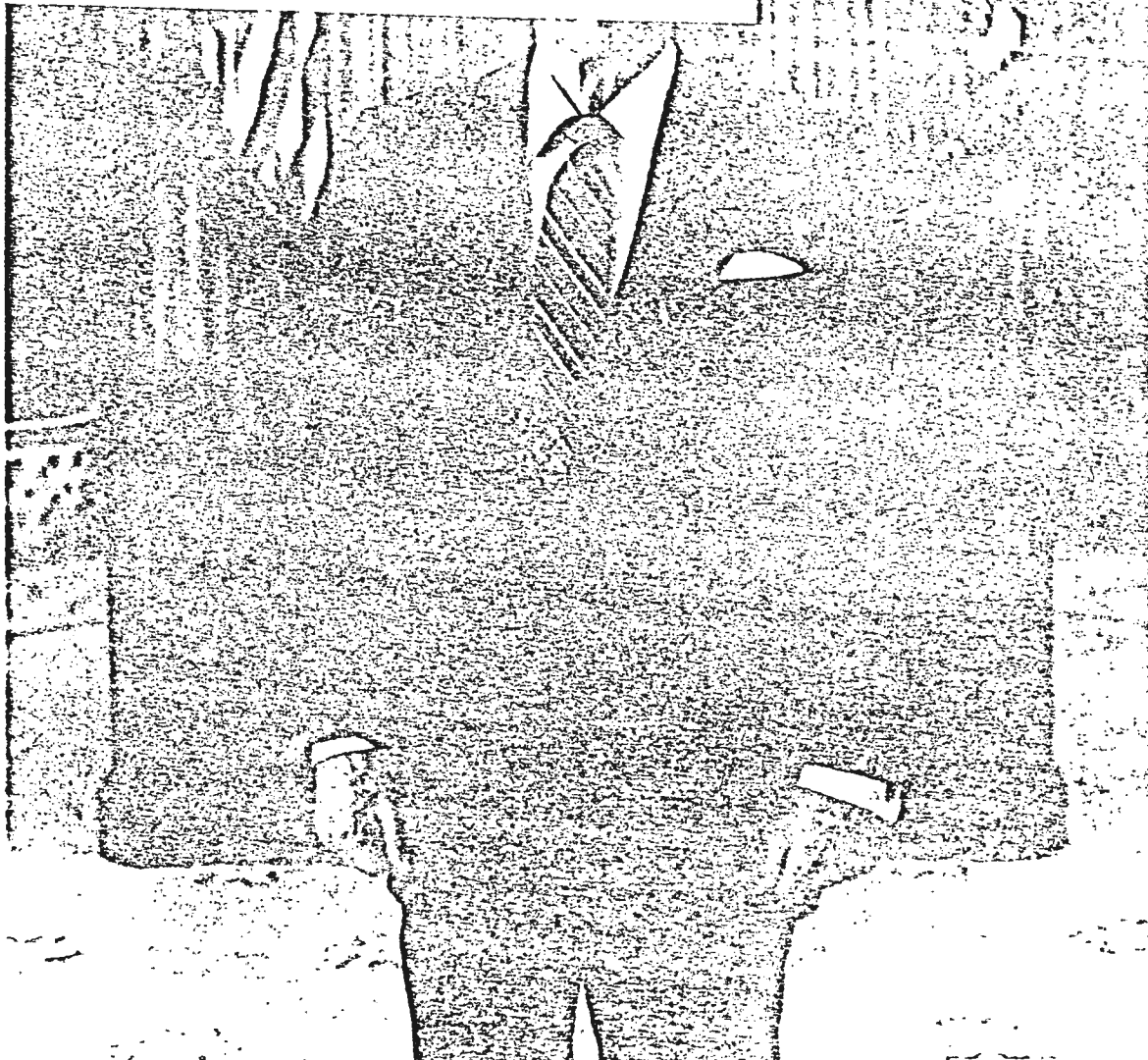
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Thomas McCain  
12486 Crossgreen Lane  
Creve Coeur, Missouri 63141

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To Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McCain - With appreciation,  
& Very Best Wishes & Regards.  
Ronald Reagan

FROM  
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Mr. Ronald Reagan

7/14/85

President of the United States

Washington D.C.

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*Send love  
pictures to Thomas McPain.  
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Sincerely,

Thomas McCain

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7/14/85

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UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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ORRIN G. HATCH  
UTAH

9-26-85

Dear Mr. President,

I am sorry to contact You this way but I have not been able to get to personally see You.

I am, as are many of our colleagues on Capitol hill, outraged at the way Margaret Heckler is being treated, especially by White House leaks to the press. If you want to replace her, you should do so but she should go out in style as befits a very loyal Cabinet member who has worked very hard for You. She has done a great job and her reward is a besmirching of her reputation by White House leaks to the Press.

May I present a few suggestions and some facts in her behalf:

1. She has been a fine Secretary of H. H. S. I know. I work with her every day as Chairman of her authorizing Committee.

2. She is being treated highly unfairly  
a. You indicated a few months ago that she could stay and that

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- these rumors were unfounded.
- b. She has just recently had major surgery.
  - c. She gave up a considerable amount of money in her divorce settlement, partially out of loyalty to you, in order to shorten the proceedings. She thought that, when the time came for her to leave, she would not have her reputation damaged and thus, could with dignity, take care of herself.
  - d. Her divorce is not yet completed.
  - e. Her life, as a result of the above, is still difficult and may very well require her to continue to fight some battles right here.
3. She has been extremely loyal to you and your programs.
4. I believe a satisfactory program can be worked out which would be much better for both this Administration and Secretary Hecfler than a politically embarrassing termination now.
5. She should be allowed to continue with her work through the next election so she can be a terrific help to our 22 senators who are up for reelection. She is an indefatigable campaigner and very effective.
6. She has not had much cooperation in filling the positions around her. In fact White House people have admitted that they have deliberately

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withheld a number of appointments so as to create the impression that she is incapable of filling these positions.

7. She has been terribly hurt through these leaks to the press, which I am sure you have had nothing to do with.


8. The Washington Times article is now the talk of Washington and, if she resigns under this cloud, her excellent political reputation may be irreparably damaged. As a result, I believe this will be damaging to our collective efforts on behalf of women in America. I believe this would be tragic because all of us have been fighting together to correct the false impressions which exist on this issue.

I would prefer to have met with you face to face but hope this letter will convey to you my very deeply held feelings.

I would appreciate it if you would call me and discuss this further with me.

Urgently, Your friend,

P.S. Washington Times  
Article enclosed.

  
U.S. Senator - Utah

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 26, 1985

Dear Marjorie:

Thanks to Katherine I have your reproduction of the 1926 Dixonian. Please thank her for me and bless you for making it all possible. I've had a few days of warm nostalgia and happy memories. There will be more for I still have it on my desk so I can sneak another look every once in a while.

Speaking of memories, I have one that has to do with Franklin Grove. When I was drum major of the YMCA boys band we were asked to lead the Decoration Day parade in Franklin Grove. The parade marshall on a big white horse rode back down the parade at one point which left me out in front. No one had told me the parade route so I kept on marching. He rode back up the line just in time to have the band turn a corner. I was left marching up the street all by myself. I didn't look around until the music began to sound faint and far away. Then I cut across backyards and got back in front again.

Well, thanks again and best regards.

Sincerely,

*Dutch*  
*(Ronald Reagan)*

Mrs. Marjorie Cushing Bidwell  
326 West Lahman  
Franklin Grove, Illinois 61031

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September 26, 1985

Dear Virginia:

Thank you for your letter of August 8 and forgive me for being so late in answering but your letter has only just reached me.

Believe me, I understand your frustration; in fact, I was pretty upset with all those "anniversary" programs about Hiroshima. You are right about horrors perpetrated by our enemies in World War II. In fact, the Japanese killed more people -- innocent civilians -- in the occupation of Nanking, China than the atom bombs killed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki together.

I know there are some films that have been shown about Pearl Harbor, but I have some concerns about documentaries that might build up a hatred in our young people toward the Japanese people. For virtually the first time in history, we have buried our hatred and now find Japan and West Germany our firmest friends and allies. We must remember that most of the people in those countries weren't born or were mere babies when that war took place. Would it be right to impose the sins of their fathers and grandfathers on them?

Would it not be better if our own media refrained from bashing us for what we did in the war and spent more time telling how we helped rebuild the countries that were once our enemies?

Again, let me say I know how you feel and have wrestled with my own anger.

Thanks again and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Virginia Sica  
2643 Albrecht Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44312

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Thanks again & Best Regards RR

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LR  
AUGUST 8, 1985

Dear President Reagan:

I am very happy, grateful, and thankful that you are well.....

Now then, with all the attention given to our bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki..I feel (strongly) that a "documentary" should be made of those sunken ships in Pearl Harbor with their crews intact. We should show the relatives that are living and how that "incident" affected their lives..

I was a teacher in the Akron Public schools and feel for the sake of history, if nothing more, a picture is still worth more than a thousand words. The children of America<sup>1</sup> should be SHOWN those events at Pearl Harbor. When our children see and are told, repeatedly, that we "killed up to 140,000 persons" in Hiroshima, they need to know "WHY". After all, thousands of young American soldiers were spared because those bombs were dropped..because they stopped our invasion of Japan. The YOUNGER generation must get this story...the OLDER generation knows it.

I can stand the words "APPEAL FOR PEACE" and "A MINUTE OF SILENCE" but I CANNOT stand the words "MOURNING FOR THE THOUSANDS WHO DIED IN THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB ATTACK."

Could you not ask a friend or two or whatever it takes to make a "documentary" that could be shown just prior to or just after those once a year Hiroshima films that our children are exposed to? They could be made into films to be shown to our children in school as part of a history lesson in case they missed our version on

VIRGINIA SICA  
PAGE TWO

Television.....

These films could be shown overseas, too, in the same manner we see their films about WORLD WAR II. I am more than certain the Hiroshima films are shown in Europe. Those children, too, need to be shown these Pearl Harbor films.

The younger generation, I repeat, most know the facts because we of the older generation know them.

I am not talking about inflammatory film-just along the lines of the ones shown about Hiroshima.....

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia".

Virginia Sica  
2643 Albrecht Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44312

**THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 10, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MIKE MANSFIELD

SUBJECT: UNOPENED

8523907

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACTION ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	TYPE RESP	C D	COMPLETED YY/MM/DD
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REFER QUESTIONS AND ROUTING UPDATES TO CENTRAL REFERENCE  
(ROOM 75, OEOB) EXT-2590  
KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING  
LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
MANAGEMENT.

September 26, 1985

Dear Mike and Maureen:

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Nancy sends her best to you both as do I.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable  
The American Ambassador  
and Mrs. Mansfield  
Tokyo

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RR Dictation

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August 5, 1985

Dear Mr. President --

Now that the Congress is in recess and you are recuperating at home, Maureen and I want you to know how thankful we are that you are recovering so well. Your continued good health is vital to all of us and, in these troubled times, especially so to cope with the problems we face - mostly trade - in this part of the world.

I thank the Lord -- and your good sense for the personal "Ron - Yasu" relationship and for your great personal understanding of how important the Asian - Pacific area is and the part that Japan plays in it. You are the first President who has shown a deep personal and primary interest in this part of the world and what it means to both of us. It has called for statesmanship and vision: you have shown both and we are all the better for it.

Please continue to take good care of yourself.

With Maureen's and my best personal wishes - as always - to you and Nancy and for your continuing happiness, good health, good fortune and a long life, I am, --

Most respectfully

Mike Mansfield

Box 200 American Embassy

APO San Francisco, California 96503

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T H E   W H I T E   H O U S E   O F F I C E

REFERRAL

AUGUST 14, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 304546

MEDIA: SEALED, DATED AUGUST 10, 1985

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: THE HONORABLE MIKE MANSFIELD  
BOX 200 AMERICAN EMBASSY  
APO SAN FRANCISCO CA 96503

SUBJECT: UNOPENED

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT  
TRANSMITTAL FORM

s/s 8523907

Date 8/15/85

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
National Security Council  
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: The Honorable Mike Mansfield  
Date: August 10, 1985 Subject: Ltr to President wishing  
him good health.

WH Referral Dated: August 14, 1985 NSC ID# 304546  
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\_\_\_\_\_ The attached item was sent directly to the  
Department of State

Action Taken:

\_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply is attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A draft reply will be forwarded.  
\_\_\_\_\_ A translation is attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.  
\_\_\_\_\_ We believe no response is necessary for the reason  
cited below.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Department of State has no objection to the  
proposed travel.  
XX \_\_\_\_\_ Other.

Remarks:

Response should come from the White House as it is a  
personal letter to the President.

  
Nicholas Platt  
Executive Secretary

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AMBASSADOR OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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am,

Most respectfully  
Mike Mansfield

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~~To Alan & Tracy~~