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To Grier Ballantine
With appreciation and best wishes, Sincerely
Walter R. Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

Grier is one of our former
"advance people" and is now
working for Secretary Baker.

Maybe we
should get Navy
on line RM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1985

Dear Judge Matta:

It was good to see you here at the White House and to welcome you in your new political home. Would you please convey my heartfelt thanks to the young student at Abilene Christian for his work on copying Lincoln's proclamation, "Days of Prayer and Fasting" and to all those who had a part in this. I am grateful, too, for the prayers in my behalf. I believe in intercessionary prayer and feel strengthened by the knowledge that others are asking God's help in my behalf. I pray for that help myself, and also to thank Him for giving me this opportunity to serve him.

President Lincoln said, "I couldn't for one day face the problems of this office unless I could turn for help to one who is stronger and wiser than all others."

Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Samuel B. Matta
Justice of The Peace
Old Courthouse
South 3rd and Oak
Taylor County, Texas



Abilene Community Church

Jesus is Lord

October 28, 1985

To the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President
of the United States of America

This replica of President Lincoln's Proclamation of "Days of Prayer and Fasting" for Our Nation was done at the request of a group of Christians in Abilene, Texas, who wanted to honor our esteemed President for his courage to stand for the Christian principles on which our nation was founded.

Our part will be to follow you as you lead our nation by the admonition in II Chronicles 7:14.

It was copied as near the original as possible by a student at Abilene Christian University and is being hand carried by Judge Samuel Matta, as he responds to your invitation to a reception at the White House.

We honor you and we honor God as we continually pray for you (II Timothy 2:1-3) and for Him to surround you with men of Godly wisdom and counsel. As a group of Christians, we also honor and obey Him as we pray for the "peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122:6).

Samuel B. Matta

Taylor County, Texas
Justice Of The Peace
Precinct 1, Place 2

Old Courthouse
So. 3rd. & Oak

677-1711
Ext. 267 or 268

To ~~Mr.~~ Hon. Samuel B. Mather

Judge
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Ogoni my thanks to you,
I remain RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1985

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter of support for Maury. There isn't anything on tap right now but I have his name on my desk. I share your high opinion of him and, like you, feel he was a victim of the lynch mob.

Best regards,

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Dr. John A. Howard
The Rockford Institute
934 North Main Street
Rockford, Illinois 61103

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934 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103
815/964-5053

October 25, 1985

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

I understand that Maury Stans is under consideration for an ambassadorship. I strongly support such an appointment.

His business experience, success and acumen are a matter of record, as is his devoted and honorable service to his country. He is richly endowed with what were once termed, lauditorily, the social graces, yet he is comfortable in holding fast to the purposes and priorities of whatever cause he serves. I believe him exceedingly well qualified to represent our country in the highest traditions of our foreign service.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Howard
President

JAH/pw

P.S. It should not be an argument for his appointment, but if he should be chosen, that would help to exonerate a fine American who was cruelly and wrongly impugned in the hysteria and prejudice of one of the sorriest chapters of our media-controlled ethos.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1985

Dear Brute:

I was sorry to learn of Chuck's passing.
Thanks for letting me know.

And my thanks for your column on the U.N.
speech. If I'd gotten reviews like that
in Hollywood, I might have stayed there.
You were more than generous and I'll try
to live up to your words.

Sincerely,

RON

LtGen V. H. Krulak, USMC, Ret.
3665 Carleton Street
San Diego, California 92106

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VICTOR H. KRULAK

30 October 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed is my effort to put some light on
your stunning address at the U.N.

Owl's Nest lost Chuck Culbertson, suddenly --
a stroke. He was a distinguished gentleman. We
played polo together in Shanghai.

Geneva is fast approaching. My confident
prayers go with you, along with those of millions
of others.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: OCTOBER 28, 1985

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1985

Dear Don:

Thanks for your letter. It was good to hear from you and I'm grateful for your generous words. I am sorry we couldn't get together on my recent trip and, you are right, it's much too long between visits, but I can understand. I didn't know about Ruby's illness but am happy to hear she is on the mend. Nancy sends her love to both of you, and that goes for me too.

By the way, you and I have a lot in common in the medical records. You've topped me on a few but I had one of those skin things on the nose removed -- too much suntan all my life. I'll bet when my present tan wears off the press will be calling me "gaunt and pale."

All the best to you both.

Sincerely,

Rm A

The Honorable Don Samuelson
2005 North Boyer
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DON SAMUELSON

GOVERNOR
STATE OF IDAHO

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STATEHOUSE
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DON SAMUELSON
 ROUTE 2, BOX 500 2005 N. BAYER.
 SANDPOINT, IDAHO 83864

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
 President of the United States.

Oct. 16, 1985

Dear Ron:

First of all - Ruby and I want to Congratulate and thank you for the way that you handled the last Hostage Crisis! That was great! and we hope that it will send a message to those who are in the business of terrorism. Keep up the good work.

Second - Senator Strom Thurmond invited me to be with him to greet you and welcome you to Idaho - when you were in Boise yesterday.

I was very disappointed because I was not able to be there. It has been a long time since we have had a chance to get together. The last time was when you were in Seattle and I was Secretarial Representative for the Department of Transportation.

The reason that I couldn't be there to welcome you to our State was - Ruby has been quite ill with Pancreatitis that was caused by "clinoril" (arthritis drug). She was a pretty sick "gal" for about 2 months and hadn't felt good for about 4 months prior to the surgery.

DON SAMUELSON

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SANDPOINT, IDAHO 83864

But I'm happy to report that she is on the mend now and headed back to full recovery.

We were glad to hear that your health problems are being taken care of in good shape & that they caught it in time.

I've gone through the same things that you have - Polyp removed, two skin cancers - one on my chin - one on my nose - Plus Prostate Operation - and I was lucky & caught them all in time.

I keep quite active with our local Historical Society, Fly fishing, Hunting, gold & silver smithing, cutting gems (daring) and some involvement in Republican Politics - There isn't enough hours in the day any more!

Ruby joins me in our Love & Continued Best Wishes to you & Nancy -

Sincerely,

Don

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 4, 1985

Dear Barney:

Thanks to you I'm getting more wear out of that Air Force overcoat than I did during the war. And thanks, too, for all you are doing for the handicapped. I'm circulating your VARIETY article here in the West Wing. Thanks to you, this was the first I'd heard about the El Salvador event. It reads just great -- a big score for voluntarism.

Sincerely,

RON

Col Barney Oldfield
360 West Crescent Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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360 North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, California 90210 213 859-5905

Col. Barney Oldfield, USAF (Ret)
Consultant

October 28, 1985

Dear President Ron:

That album I put together about the enshrinement of your military garb, ONE OLD OVERCOAT, I took with me to the Soviet Union as a little giveaway memento -- and it went over very big. When they wondered why you were "a warmonger", I would give them this album and say: "If he was going to be a warlord, would he put his Army Air Force overcoat in a Museum?" And they would all laugh, but they actually considered it a precious souvenir. It is now in the 1) reference library of the Institute of USA and Canada Studies(Arbatov's place); 2) four people at the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology, including the Vice Chairman Arnold Romanov; 3) the big secondary school in Brezhnev City(450,000 pop.) 4) with three people of the Ukraine Academy of Sciences in Kiev; 5) Ministry of Geology; 6) USSR Academy of Sciences; 7) three of the Hotel Sovetskaya reception and administration types; 8) three with Ambassador Hartman, and his staff. We may not make the "charts", but it is among other things going to be played and discussed at the next managers meeting at the great KAMAZ truck manufacturing plant out in the Tatar Autonomous Republic near Kazan!

They told me another story you might like about how hard it is to win an argument with one's wife, which a Russian and American were talking about. The American said he never won, always wound up begging forgiveness, and had to accept punishment. The Russian said: "My wife goes down on her knees!" How come?"She's daring me to come out from under the bed."

Vada and I send best wishes to Nancy and yourself, and I bet Yuri Arbatov a Rouble that in Geneva you and Gorbachev would enjoy each other. He looked as though all the pictures of Lenin were going to fall off his wall!

Good luck and I know you'll do well with that Alpine background ...

President Ronald Reagan,
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

They are gung-ho to trade.

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Mr. John A. Howard - The Rockford Int.

934 No. Main St.

Dear John

Rockford Ill. 61103

Thanks for your letter of support for Mowry. There isn't anything on tap right now but I have his name on ~~tap~~ my desk. I share your high opinion of him and like you, feel he was victim of the lynch mob.

Best Regards

Ron

LT. Gen. Victor H. Krulak (we have his address)

Dear Brute

I was sorry to learn of Chuck's passing. Thanks for letting me know.

And my thanks for your column on the U.N. speech. If I'd gotten reviews like that in Hollywood I might have stayed there. Yours were more than generous & I'll try to live up to your words.

Sincerely Ron

To Gen. Don Samuelson 2005 N. Bay

Sandpoint Idaho 83864

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All the best to you both.

Sincerely Ron

To Col. Barry Oldfield - 360 No. Crescent Dr.
Beverly Hills Calif. 90210

Dear Barry

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And thanks too for all you are doing for
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It reads just great — a big score for
voluntarism.

Sincerely Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Kathy --

Larry Speakes thought the President might
like to see this letter.

Thanks.

Connie Romero

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Washington Bureau

Jim Klurfeld, Bureau Chief

November 8, 1985

*for Betty
for*

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House

Dear Mr. President,

Judy and I wanted to thank you for the kind and thoughtful letter you sent while I was in the hospital. It not only cheered me, but it was also much appreciated by my entire family.

I'm planning to be back on the beat just after Thanksgiving and look forward to resuming my coverage of the always interesting story of your administration.

Best Wishes,

Jim Klurfeld

Jim Klurfeld

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 12, 1985

Dear Mike:

Thanks for the clippings and the kind words. But don't you realize the threat to all you believe in with my new slimness? Just think, I can forget gym workouts and, anytime my dimensions change, I just go in for another twelve inch incision.

Honest, I won't do that.. I'm back to the six a week sessions and thinking about trying out for the Redskins.

Nancy sends her best -- so do I.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mr. Michael M. Abrams
2715 Casiano Road
Los Angeles, California 90077

To Mr. Michael M. Abrams 2715 Casanova Rd.
L.A. 90077

Dear Mike

Thanks for the clippings and the kind words. But don't you realize the threat to all you believe in with my new slinness? Just think I can forget gym workouts and anytime my dimensions change I just go in for another 12 inch incision.

If next I won't do that. I'm back to the 6 a week sessions and thinking about trying out for the Redskins.

Honey sends her best - so do I.

Sincerely Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1985

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

It was good to see you here in Washington, and I'm most grateful to you for coming. Thank you, too, for bringing greetings from President Benson, and please give him and your colleagues my warmest regard. I am truly grateful for your prayers in my behalf.

Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

FORWARDED BY AIR

Mr. Neal A. Maxwell
50 East North Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
50 EAST NORTH TEMPLE STREET
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84150
801-531-2205

November 8, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. President:

In the event that I do not have a chance to convey this message to you personally, may I extend to you the warm greetings and regards of President Ezra Taft Benson, President of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Elder Gordon B. Hinckley, with whom you have met several time, also sends his personal greetings and best wishes as do all my colleagues of the Twelve.

I am here representing President Ezra Taft Benson who, as you doubtless know, is preparing to direct the funeral proceedings for President Spencer W. Kimball Saturday morning. Though I shall return Friday evening to participate in the funeral Saturday morning, I thank you for your invitation to attend this special gathering of religious leaders.


Yesterday, Thursday, November 7, the leaders of the Church prayed especially for you and for all the participants in the forthcoming Summit meeting. This was done in the upper room of the Temple and with genuine fervency.

Our prayers are truly with you, President Reagan, and with all who will take part in the forthcoming discussions and deliberations.

The more we mortals keep God's commandments, the greater claim we have upon Him through prayer. Therefore, those of us whose hearts and prayers go with you to the Summit will meanwhile be quietly working away in our ministeries to do what we can to produce greater righteousness in ourselves and among the human family, upon which so much ultimately depends.

God bless you!

Kindest personal regards,


Neal A. Maxwell
Council of the Twelve Apostles

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 12, 1985

Dear George:

Thank you for your letter and for the photos. Sculpturing has always been an unknown art to me, and now I have some inkling of how it's done and I find it fascinating.

You are right about the Russian people and how little they will be allowed to know. I have just received the Izvestia interview I did with four reporters. The parts of my answers they omitted did, in many instances, actually change the meaning of what I had said.

Nevertheless, I'm looking forward to the meeting and continue to hope that maybe we can reduce some of the distrust between us.

Nancy sends her best and, again, thank you.

Sincerely,



Mr. George Montgomery
9444 Sierra Mar Place
Los Angeles, California 90067

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Dear Mr President (Ron)

Enclosed you'll find
couple photos of the sculp-
ture - which is much
further along at present.

Speaking of present
in a few days you'll be
facing Mr Corbacheo, one
tough cookie - which I
know you can handle,
as I feel no one can
speak for you.

What a pity the
Russian masses will
never know what you
really say.

Wish you & Nancy a
pleasant & healthy trip.

Sincerely
George

~~Mr. George Montgomery~~

Mr. Neal A. Maxwell - 50 East North Temple St.
Salt Lake City - Utah 84150

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Sincerely RR

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L.A. Calif. 90069

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Harry sends her best and again thank you -

Sincerely
RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Note for Review and Files —

There is a note in the
President's handwriting here.

— Dm

Paul Petry

P.O. Box 8

Tom Bean, Texas 75489

October 21, 1985

Dear President Reagan,

My father and my grandparents came to this country after the second World War to escape the horror of Communist tyranny in Eastern Europe. I grew up hearing my father talk about how brutal the Soviets were. Many a night I watched him wring his hands and fear for his uncles and cousins who were left behind. I was and still am frustrated by what I see as apathy on the part of our nation. Why, for so many years, have we permitted the Soviet Union to go about their evil business of taking over the globe by spreading their ideology through fear and terror? First in Eastern Europe - then Southeast Asia, and now today in Africa, Afghanistan, and even here in our hemisphere! Are we so blind that we cannot see that there will not be peace until they are stopped or until they take over the globe? Why has the U.S. allowed the Soviets to bully around the world for so long, until now, it almost seems as if there is no stopping them?

Mr. Reagan, I looked forward to the day when you would be elected as our President. Years before you were even a candidate, I remember my father telling me that, "Someday, Ronald Reagan would make a good President!" We believed that you would take a stand for what is right and just. Finally, we thought, here was a man who would take a stand against the evil tyranny of global Communism. Please do not let us down Mr. Reagan. Our nation has reached a point in history when, if we do not take a stand NOW, it's just about all over.

The Soviet leaders embrace the philosophy of Marxism or Leninism or Communism or whatever you wish to call it. They do not cherish and subscribe to the same values that we do. Their ultimate goal is our destruction - not peace at any cost. They are habitual liars and murderers of their own people. Certainly, you cannot talk to them as equals, or trust them at their word. When you meet with Mr. Gorbachev, don't worry about making appealing or, politically pleasing statements to the press. Just sit down with him, just the two of you, and "tell it like it is." Let him know that we are a just and moral nation that will not stand for his brand of evil. Do not mince words with him. Stand up for what is right! Don't give in. Make it clear that we will have an operational space defense system. Let him know that as the bastion of "liberty and justice for all," we will not permit Soviet tyranny and expansion to continue unchecked.

Please know that you are always in our prayers, Mr. Reagan.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Petry

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is exactly what I intended
to do re*

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Paul Petry

P.O. Box 8

Tom Bean, Texas 75489

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Please know that you are always in our prayers, Mr. Reagan.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Petry

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November 12, 1985

Dear Mr. Petry:

Thank you for your message.

You make it very clear that your father and your grandparents went through a terrible struggle before they reached this land of freedom and justice. It's also more than clear, Mr. Petry, that their noble spirit lives on in you. You could pay them, and this country, no greater tribute.

I will do everything in my power to keep faith with them and with all who cherish liberty. The suggestions in your last paragraph are exactly what I intend to do in Geneva.

Thank you again and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Petry
Post Office Box 8
Tom Bean, Texas 75489

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