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February 25, 1986

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Nancy thanks you for your kind words and sends her regards to Joey, as do I.

Sincerely,
RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Mary Morgan
Apartment H-9
131 Rogers Road
Lexington, Kentucky 40505

RR:AVH:SEV:pps

RR Dictation

To Mrs. Mary Morgan 131 ~~Rogers~~ ROGERS RD. #H-9
Lexington Ky. 40505

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To Miss Janice Neff - 9444 Lig Court
Canyon Park Calif. 91304

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God bless you and I hope one day when Nancy & I can again worship at Bel-air Presbyterian Church we'll be able to say thank you in person.

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To Mrs. Sandra J. Adams 12316 S.E. Redwood
Milwaukie Oregon 97222

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Thank you again and best wishes in your search.

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January 8, 1986

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan,

My name is Mary Morgan and I have two children, a daughter seven and a son that is five years old. My two children attend school at Mary Todd Lincoln Elementary in Lexington, Kentucky.

The reason I am writing to you is because I have noticed and my daughter has told me that they never sing the National Anthem or say the Pledge of Allegiance in school.

I believe that this is wrong. I have talked to the Principal of the school, but there has never been a change in the past year and a half.

The kids in school need to sing and say the Pledge of Allegiance to learn respect for their country. Especially since elementary age children are so impressionable and it would help them grow-up with better morals in becoming an adult.

I was hoping that maybe you could make it mandatory that they sing the National Anthem and say the Pledge of Allegiance in all schools.

If you cannot help me could you please let me know how I could go about getting this done I would appreciate it.

Also, I wanted to say "Thank you" to Mrs. Reagan for visiting the Shriner's Hospital for crippled children here in Lexington.

My son is an out patient there. He has a disease called Neurofibromatosis, which is like the "Elephant Man." My son, Joey, was born with the disease and because of it he was born with a curved bone in his right leg. Joey broke it on July 4, 1984 and after two operations, a lot of cast, and especially time and

patience on doctors, nurses, my son Joey, and my husband and I, Joey is doing well.

I really do appreciate you being interested in being with the handicapped children there. Again I say "Thank you."

Sincerely,

Mary Morgan

131 Rogers Road, #H-9

Lexington, Kentucky 40505

P.S. I believe you are doing a good job in running the country.

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RONALD REAGAN

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9444 Liz Court
Canoga Park, California 91304

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RR Dictation

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I am just one out of many millions of Americans that help to keep this nation great and I wanted to let you know my support and

prayers are with you daily.

Thank you for your time,

Very Sincerely,

Janice S. Neff

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9444 Liz Court

Canoga Park, California 91304



This photo was taken just outside of the Operating Theater at Maua Methodist Hospital, Meru, Kenya - August 30, 1985.

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RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Sandra J. Adams
12316 Southeast Redwood
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222

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SANDRA J. ADAMS
12316 S. E. REDWOOD
MILWAUKIE, OREGON 97222

December 4, 1985

AH
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President, United States
Washington, DC

Dear Sir:

I wish to briefly add my support to your stand that the "homeless" so often depicted in the media do not exist in their numbers within the United States.

I make this statement based on a fruitless year of searching for live-in companions for my parents. We offered a private room with television, telephone and bath, any food the applicant could prefer, and a salary. Our efforts were pretty much in vain.

Every tax dollar we spend subsidizing housing, it appears, are the same dollars we must compete against when trying to employ needed help. (Not to mention the food stamps that appear to be more favored than a menu you earn.)

You will never see this letter, but at least I feel better for having written it.

Respectfully yours,

Sandra J. Adams

(Mrs.) Sandra J. Adams

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THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 20, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. HUGH SIDNEY

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR HANDLING OF SPACE
SHUTTLE DISASTER AND EXPRESSES BIRTHDAY
GREETINGS

		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY	(STAFF NAME)	ACT CODE	DATE YY/MM/DD	TYPE RESP	C COMPLETED D YY/MM/DD
LARRY SPEAKES		ORG	86/02/20		/ /
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COMMENTS: HUGH, P3

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Praises handling of shuttle tragedy

HUGH SIDEY

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Press Sec'y
cc: K's

The President has seen 2/28

Feb. 5, 1986

Dear Mr President,

Mr. Robert
S. Kennedy

I have never seen a President handle such a difficult week with the dignity and grace you showed last week.

It is your 75th birthday and we should be lined up sending our best wishes your way - and we are.

But you were the one who gave the greatest gift - to all America. you showed us how to weep and how to comfort and how to hope and how to find courage.

That is what makes this Happy Birthday so special

Warm good wishes,

/Hugh

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mrs. Satenig Kouyoumjian
Apartment 8
1211 North New Hampshire
Los Angeles, California 90029



To Satenig Kouyoumjian - I'm a little late
but Happy Birthday & every good wish.
Very Best Regards
Ronald

Feb 86

1211 N. New Hampshire Ave. #8
Los Angeles, California 90021
December 22, 1985

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

My name is Satenig Kouyoumjian. In about 2 weeks, on January 14, 1986, I will be 100 years old.

I am an Armenian born in Historical Armenia (now in the hands of the Turks) on January 14, 1886, and a survivor of the 1915 Turkish massacres of Armenians.

In 1939 we moved to Lebanon and in 1946, together with my niece and family (I was never married) and many Armenians from many countries went to Soviet Armenia. The moment we set foot on Soviet land, I realized I had made a fatal mistake but it was too late. There was no return in those terrible Stalin days.

The about 35 years that I spent in the Soviet Union were years of terrible fear, deprivation, misery, and above all, loss of freedom, humiliating slavery. Especially to one who had been a Christian since her childhood, it was a terrible, unbearable life.

In October, 1981, I immigrated to the United States with my niece and her family. Ever since I came to this beautiful country, I have been enjoying the freedom and all the benefits and blessings of a free nation and I praise God every day for giving me the opportunity of coming to "the land flowing with milk and honey."

I am so glad to live in a Christian country and for having a president so wonderful as you, who is doing everything in his power and ability to return this nation to God.

The reason I've asked my niece's son-in-law to write this letter to you, dear President, is to express my deepest gratitude and thanks to you, to the American government and people for making the latter days of my long life so full of peace, joy and happiness.

Thank you all so very much!

God bless you my honorable President Reagan!

God Bless and Keep America!

Glory to our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ!

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Sincerely and Respectfully

Satenig Kouyoumjian

P.S. The reason I didn't send you a Christmas card was that I was afraid it might get lost among the thousands of cards you receive.

Miss Satenig Kouyoumjian
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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 22, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE DICK WALTERS

SUBJECT: WRITES IN APPRECIATION FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

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THE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO THE
UNITED NATIONS

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Dear Mr. President.

Thank you very much
for the magnificent Kenox plate you so
kindly sent me for Christmas.

The plate with your
signature and Mrs. Reagan's will always
be a reminder of the extraordinary privilege
that has been mine during this period
of history.

I was much in
your debt before. Even more so now.

With every good
wish and much appreciation to both
of you.

Faithfully

Dore Watter.

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The President has seen 4/27

Christopher S. Bond

No Reply

Dear Mr. President,

The St. Louis Tribute was the most successful event ever held by Missouri Republicans. You have my sincerest thanks for providing my campaign a real boost. We were honored to have you and Mrs. Reagan in our State once again.

Chris Bond

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

SP

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 24, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MISS KITTY CARLISLE HART

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING COMMENTS IN NEW YORK TIMES
ARTICLE

		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
ROUTE TO:		ACT	DATE	TYPE	C COMPLETED
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Feb 13 '51

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of it. Again all my thanks,
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February 15, 1986

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Kitty

Kitty Carlisle Hart
32 East 24th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021

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We are deeply involved with issues the die hard liberal veterans in the Congress are going to fight to the bitter end. Our own troops need to know there is a constituency out there for what we're trying to do. And you've made it possible for that constituency to be heard.

Nancy sends her love & from both of us to Betty.

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Y⁶ Mrs. Kitty Carlisle Hart 32 East 24th St.
N.Y. N.Y. 10021

Dear Kitty

It was great to hear from you and I'm more than happy that you didn't object to my story about Moss. You are right about "those times" and laughter. I don't know about you but I'm not very scared of today's Hollywood ~~or~~ Broadway for that matter. We did have fun but we also made life a little more pleasant for all the people outside of Hollywood & Broadway.

Nancy sends her love. Again thanks.
Jimmy Ron

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12 Mrs. Jacqueline H. Hanna 550 Kearny St. Suite 1000
S.F. Calif. 94108

Dear Jack

Your nice letter just reached my desk. It was great seeing you and again I thank you for all you are doing. Especially so I thank you
(over)

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February 28, 1986

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Mr. Jaquelin H. Hume
Suite 1000
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January 27, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

All of us in Citizens for America are most appreciative of the luncheon you gave for our Founders at The White House.

It was appropriate that our Founders should be specially recognized by you. The continuing support of our Founders has made it possible for Citizens for America to function effectively. Each of those who came to The White House had given Citizens for America \$25,000 in 1985. This places those Founders in a special category among all those who believe strongly in your programs.

Our organization will try to show you how much the luncheon at The White House meant to CFA by being an effective grass roots lobby for your legislative agenda in 1986.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



J. H. Hume

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billions for the taxpayers and were able to raise the grants for those who really needed help by 43%. We're trying to do this on a national scale.

Thank you again for writing and thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Deborah A. Reato
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December 27, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in response to a report I saw on the evening news last night concerning the Administration's proposal to cut medical benefits for United States Military Veterans's.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you my recent experience with the Veteran's Hospital here in Miami, Florida. My father was diagnosed as having cancer of the colon and rectum in March, 1983. He underwent surgery which left him with a colostomy. He was hospitalized for six weeks. In December, 1983 my father suffered a stroke and was hospitalized once again for two weeks. In February, 1985 he began to have urinary problems and was once again admitted to the Veteran's Hospital. In July, 1985 it was discovered that his cancer had reappeared and hence another three week hospital stay. Upon his release and everyday for the next five weeks, I took him at 7:00am each morning for radiation treatments at the hospital before I went to work. His urinary problems continued and the radiation had no effect on his spreading cancer. In late September, his was re-admitted to the Veteran's Hospital with complete failure of one kidney and partial failure of the other. His only hope was the implantation of a fine tube into his functioning kidney which would drain out into a bag. On November 14th my father passed away. He never got to come home, see his grandchildren or be with his friends, family and neighbors.

If it was not for the Veteran's Hospital and the free treatment my father received during these past three years, my parents would have long ago lost their home and what little life's savings they had. In addition, if not for the free treatment, I know that my father would not have continued to see the doctors as he could not afford it. My father was 71 years old.

My father is far from the only tragedy I witnessed during my daily visits to the hospital. I saw young Vietnam veterans who were wondering the hallways with deep emotional scars. I saw aged veterans left to die by uncaring family members who, in some cases, literally dumped them off and never looked back or bothered to visit.

Needless to say, my father's illness and the experiences I had at the hospital had a great emotional toll on me. But perhaps the most saddening experience was this year on Veteran's Day when I saw an elderly patient, both legs had been amputated, sitting under a tree on the hospital grounds in his wheelchair. He had a VFW Cap on, a balloon in one hand and the American flag in the other. He was all alone.

Mr. President, I am very proud of the time my father served in the U.S. Army. I am saddened by the old photographs and stories of the war he shared on so many occasions.

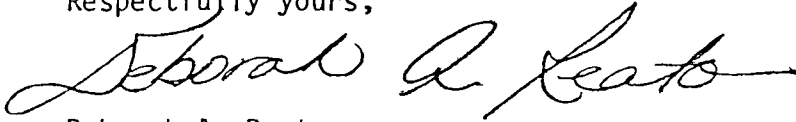
I am only twenty-four years old and I miss my father terribly and I am so thankful for the treatment my father received as a veteran. That treatment gave us a little more time together.

Therefore, Mr. President, I am pleading with you to not cut the medical benefits of America's veterans. They deserve it more than any group of people in our country.

Living in Miami as I do, I have stopped counting the number of cases I have seen that involves welfare and food stamp fraud. The teenagers who become pregnant and expect the United States to take care of them. The Mariel refugees who don't work but instead collect welfare and anything else they can get. These areas are where the cuts should be made and not in the programs and benefits of those who gave so much for our country.

Mr. President, in 1979 when I became eligible to vote, I registered Republican despite the fact that my family have all always been Democrats. I was fed up with Mr. Carter's policies and believed in what it means to be Republican. I have supported you and defended you since you took office. It is now that I ask you to please reconsider your proposal and let the veterans of this fine country keep what is rightfully theirs.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deborah A. Reato". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Deborah A. Reato

To Miss Deborah A. Reato 2233 N.W. 32 St.
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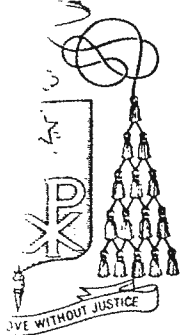
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His Eminence John
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Archbishop of New York
1011 First Avenue
New York, New York 10022

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CARDINAL'S OFFICE
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022

January 22, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

Once again we are in your debt. Your Proclamation on Human Life Day is but one more illustration of your consistent commitment to the life of children waiting to be born. I am personally most grateful.

With warmest regards and assurance of prayers for Mrs. Reagan and yourself,

Faithfully,

John Cardinal O'Connor
Archbishop of New York

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

February 25, 1986

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Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James R. Lawson
The Riverside Church
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RIVERSIDE DRIVE AT 122nd STREET
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10027



JAMES R. LAWSON
Carillonneur

The
LAURA SPELMAN ROCKEFELLER
MEMORIAL CARILLON

January 15, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please permit me to do something I have thought about doing a very long time, but procrastinated. It is to write you a "thank you" letter for all you have done as our president since 1981. Perfection may not be of this world but when I look back over all you have accomplished, well you have come close enough for me.

There are many things you have done for which all Americans should be grateful. For me, the main thing is the way you have changed the direction of our country. A new course away from the disastrous "liberal" dreams may have been inevitable but it could have been much more painful. You have led with grace and dignity. You should have the love and respect of all Americans. You certainly have mine.

And much gratitude should go to your lovely wife, Nancy. How fortunate you have been to have had such a wonderful companion.

One of my most prized possessions is an autographed portrait photo of you that hangs on my office wall. My friend, Alan Simpson, Senator from my home state, Wyoming, secured this photo after I played the Taft carillon for your first inauguration, Jan. 20, 1981.

Be assured that you have my prayers for the remaining three years of your second term. I wish there might be a third term.

Sincerely,

James R. Lawson

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P.S. Is there any chance you could persuade Nancy to run for President in 1988?

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Dear Miss Albright:

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Again, thank you for writing. I'm honored to receive a letter from one I so admire.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Lois Albright
Viennese Operetta Company of America, Inc.
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President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Your recent article in the NY Times re the Mafia and Unions is priceless. I have been a musician/teacher/conductor since the '30's. I remember going to the Musicians Local (to join) in Chicago when Petrillo was the president. As I scanned the surroundings in the office I saw the "tommy guns" all over the place. I walked out and never did join the Union to this day. And yet I have been successful in presentations in major halls even in Lincoln Center. Enclosed is a rude copy of my dossier.

But something else bothers me a great deal and that is - the worthy homeless like orphans and widows IN NEED! I am not talking about the able bodied individuals who can and yet will not work. But to the point - I see all this and then I see the government and state governments giving out monies to the Arts organizations and what a waste! I emphatically believe that all money should be going in other directions rather than to Arts organizations. I have been successful and have never asked the Government for any money - not once! I believe in private enterprise for everything whether it is art or not art. Many none deserving organizations receive monies for being lazy!

This is my message for the moment.

I think you are the greatest thing that has happened to the USA and may God keep you well and give you all the opportunities to keep America strong and in the right groove.

Sincerely,

Lois Albright
Lois Albright

Reply to: VIENNESE OPERETTA CO. OF AMERICA, INC.
P.O. Box 20924 Midtown Station
New York, New York 10129

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February 25, 1986

Dear Ms. Hewitt:

I've only just received your December 17 letter, hence this tardy response. Thank you for sending the letter of Dr. Blount. Yes, I am "moved and touched" as you were. I hope you won't mind if I communicate my gratitude to the doctor for brightening my day. What a wonderful Christmas story this is and, yes, what a wonderful American story.

Thank you again and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Ms. Frances J. Hewitt
229 Eastbrooke
Jackson, Mississippi 39216

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Jackson, Mississippi

Dec. 17, 1985

Dear President Reagan,

As you can tell by the condition of the enclosed letter. I threw it in the trash then retrieved it to send to you. The letter was enclosed with Dr. Blounts' December bills. He is a physician of Disease and surgery of the eyes.

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To Miss Lois Albright ~~400 West 42nd St. # 700~~
~~Dear Miss~~ ~~N.Y. N.Y. 10026~~

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