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February 25, 1986

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Thanks again for the sum-up on the Morris lecture. Nancy sends her love, and from both of us to Lesly.

Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable Earl E. T. Smith
1021 North Ocean Boulevard
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

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1021 NORTH OCEAN BOULEVARD
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33480

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February 11, 1986

The President 16690
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Your friend, Robert Morris, gave an electrifying and frightening global picture in his speech to the Pundits on February 10. I believe that you would be particularly interested in his comments about South Africa and our encirclement. Below is a succinct digest of what Bob said:

"Khrushchev and Brezhnev have both stated they are going to encircle the Capitalists and capture the two treasure houses of western imperialism i.e., the energy of the Persian Gulf and the strategic minerals of Southern Africa.

"They are doing exactly that. The Soviets are cutting us off from Nato with their massive build-up around Murmansk and Cuba. They are cutting us off from our allies in Asia by their big build-up around Vladivostok and Cam Ranh Bay. They are also cutting us off by their build-up in Cuba and Nicaragua. The Soviets and Qudaffi have taken over Northern Africa and now are trying to take over the last bastion of resistance, South Africa. If they succeed in this ongoing campaign, aided by the media, the United States will not be able to survive as an independent nation. Andy Andrews, of your Minerals Commission, said it all when he said: 'If we lost access to these minerals, we would have to ground the Air Force, close hospitals and restaurants.'

"We cannot stand by and allow Khrushchev's and Brezhnev's boasts to be fulfilled."

1021 NORTH OCEAN BOULEVARD
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33480

The President
February 11, 1986
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"The ANC/UDF crowd are the advance guard of Moscow. We have to stop encouraging them and support moderate blacks like Chief Buthelezi, whom you know. He wants American presence in South Africa and not encouragement of his opponents who want us out - leaving Moscow's surrogates to take over that strategic sector of the world. And incidentally, we could never build your SDI."

With affectionate regards to Nancy and yourself from
Lesly and

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Earl', with a stylized flourish above the 'l'.

Earl E. T. Smith

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Sincerely Ron

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February 25, 1986

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Thanks, again, and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Darlene Layman
7270 Thasos Avenue, N.E.
Bremerton, Washington 98310

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cc: Jim Miller, OMB w/incoming.

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December 21, 1985

after my reply to O.R.B.
Jim Miller
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Ronald W. Reagan, President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear President Reagan:

As a federal employee it has come to my attention that you intend to freeze our pay until 1991. Many of us "civil servants" do have a strong work ethic and give you a full days work for a full days pay. For the past eight years we have fallen way behind the private sector in wages because of the reduced COLA's that we have received.

That I have accepted with reasonable grace--however, the administrative plans to use federal employees as examples so other employers would follow suit has fallen flat. Our cost of living continues to escalate just as everyone in the private sector yet our raises have only off-set the increases in our contributions to the health plans, social security, etc.

Is it true Congress intends to vote itself a healthy wage increase? If so, in all good conscience how can this happen? Why not make congressional salaries the responsibilities of the states that the congressmen represent. Their constituents would probably be more vocal if they felt they had more control over these people.

My first position at the shipyard was as a timekeeper and purchasing agent for our engineering code. I observed tremendous waste in the purchasing as dictated by GSA. One example that comes to mind is the purchase of 5-1/4 inch floppy disks for the computer systems. Because the government has a "contract" we pay approximately \$2.70 each for generic brand disks. For my own system, at home, I NEVER pay more than \$1.50 each for brand names such as Maxell and Fuji. I purchase through discount outlets--why can't the government do the same? Another example is a power strip which our code paid about \$40.00 for (I can't remember the exact amount), again because of that imperial "contract". At about the same time I went to Ernst and bought one for \$15 for my own system. Why can't each installation have a buyer who is free to take advantage of better deals rather than having to put up with "contract" rip-offs?

Also when I held that position I became distressed over some equipment/furniture we had stored in the upper floor of our building. Perfectly good items but I was unable to transfer them to departments that could use them because there appeared to be no-one around who knew the needs of the various codes/shops. I submitted a Bene Sug, requesting that PSNS create some sort of storeroom facility where all the offices could retire their old equipment and possibly trade for something they could use. They claimed the suggestion wasn't feasible.

My examples are minor, however multiply them by the number of federal agencies and you are talking big dollars.

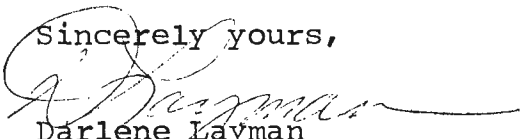
Meaning no disrespect, it appears to me that the government could balance their budget more easily by re-evaluating the wastes that are apparent in the entire purchasing system and/or standardizing our method of taxation (why not make EVERYONE; big business, small business, rich, poor, middle income--EVERYONE pay a flat 20% of their gross. If you make 15,000 a year you'll pay \$3,000; if you make \$100,000 you'll pay \$20,000, etc., etc., etc.) Not only would you be collecting taxes from those who have never paid a fair share but you could also eliminate 50% of the IRS employees who are needed to administrate the collection. Please don't try to balance the budget at the expense of a few.

Mismanagement appears to be a major flaw of the U.S. government. Private industry would not tolerate the abuses.

In closing, you really do appear to be trying to create some order out of chaos and I certainly don't envy your position--it's the stuff gray hairs are made of, but I do ask you to reconsider the pay freeze and try to handle the balancing of our budget in a more equitable manner.

I hope that you and yours have a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely yours,


Darlene Layman
7270 Thasos Ave. N.E.
Bremerton, WA 98310

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February 25, 1986

Dear Max:

Just a line to thank you and all the helpers in "Project 88." Nancy and I were up at Camp David watching TV when your message came on. It's the first time we've ever clapped for a commercial.

Thank you all and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. Max Hugel
Suite 950
1667 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

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February 21, 1986

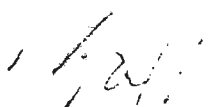
The President
 The White House
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I hope you will enjoy seeing this commercial in support of your budget. It begins to air tomorrow night on "Agronsky & Company."

Together with our sixty thousand members, we are pledged to help you with everything we've got!

Sincerely,


 Max Hugel

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February 25, 1986

Dear Bill:

It was good to hear from you and thank you for your kind words. Please give my friend Alexander my very best wishes and regards. Tell him to aim high and I'll be watching.

Nancy sends her best, as do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. William M. Fine
55 Hans Road
London S.W. 3
England

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WILLIAM M. FINE
55 HANS ROAD
LONDON S.W.3
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February 10, 1986

Mr Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500
U S A

Dear Mr President

Since Watergate, I have been struck by a single omission
... I haven't heard a little child say, "when I grow up,
I want to be President".

But this past week, watching replays of the State of the
Union speech, Alexander, my second family son, aged 4,
watched your wisdom, laughter and applause, and said "when
I grow up, I'd like to be President".

And suddenly, there seemed a moment when we could, once
again, hope for fewer wise guys, and more wise men.

Happy 1986, Mr President.

Ever



To Miss Darlene Layman ~~7270 Thomas Ave. N.E.~~
7270 Thomas Ave. N.E.,
Bremerton Wash. 98310

Dear Miss Layman

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Thanks again & best regards.

Sincerely PR

To Mr. Max Engel 1667 K. St. N.W. Suite 950
Wash. D.C. 20006

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Sincerely Ron

~~To~~ ^{HANS}
To Mr. Wm. M. Fine 55 Hane Rd.
London S.W. 3 Eng.

Dear Bill

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you for your kind words. Please give my
friend Alexander my very best wishes & regards.
Tell him to aim high and I'll be watching.

Nancy sends her best as do I.

Sincerely Ron

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February 25, 1986

Dear Charlie:

Thanks for your letter and the enclosed correspondence re the IRA. Your reply to Mr. Hawksley-Cooke was right on. We know there are some of Irish heritage who contribute to the terrorists in Northern Ireland, but they are more than matched by those who preach the opposite. The Irish Ambassador, as well as quite a few of our citizens, including many from Boston -- such as speaker Tip O'Neill -- take to the speaking circuit to plead for no contributions.

Love to Carole.

Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable Charles H. Price II
American Ambassador
London

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

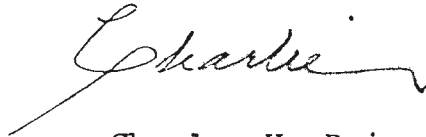
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed exchange of letters with a British citizen, which typifies the kind of reaction we get from the public here on the subject of terrorism: a tough stance against Qadhafi is all well and good, but how about American support for the Provisional IRA?

The image of American guns for the IRA lingers, and it boils to the surface with every terrorist outrage. But your statements on Northern Ireland have helped a great deal in setting the record straight, and we work hard at it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles H. Price, II".

Charles H. Price, II
Ambassador

Enclosures.

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
LONDON

Mr. P.J. Hawksley-Cooke
26 Heronsforde
St. Stephens Rd.
Ealing
London W13

Dear Mr. Hawksley-Cooke:

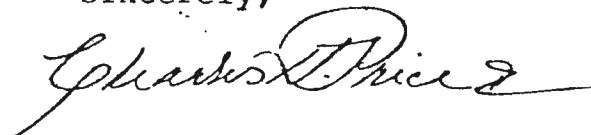
I appreciate your January 7 letter and your favorable comments on the actions President Reagan has taken to counter Libyan support for terrorism.

In your letter, you also expressed concern over support by Americans for the Provisional IRA, and I would like, if I may, to offer a few comments. First, I want to emphasize our longstanding condemnation of violence and discord in Northern Ireland. Over the past five years, President Reagan has on many occasions called on Americans to ensure that no material, financial, or psychological help is given to those who practice or advocate violence. It is our firm policy that such persons should find no welcome in the United States, and we have intensified our efforts to ensure that the United States is not the source of guns or money for such activity.

At the same time, we are mindful of the help we can provide in the search for an end to the conflict. President Reagan has encouraged Americans to let their foreign investment and vacation dollars contribute to the employment opportunities that can play a significant role in promoting peaceful change. Following last November's Anglo-Irish agreement, the President also pledged that we will work to find tangible ways for the United States to lend practical support.

The problems of Northern Ireland are of special concern to us in the United States, with our close ties to the peoples of the United Kingdom and Ireland. I can assure you that we will continue to do everything we can to help.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Price, II
Ambassador

7.1.1985

26 Heronsforde
St. Stephens Rd,
Ealing,
London W.13
Tel. 01.998.6805

The Ambassador
The American Embassy
Grosvenor Square
London W.1

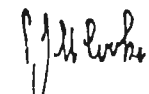
Your Excellency,

As a great admirer of both your country and President Regan I would like to make the following comments. My friends and I deplore greatly the activities of the Libyan Regime, Gadaffi in particular. We endorse the call for direct action against all terrorists.

How ever the U.S.A has suffered only slightly in comparison with the damage that we have suffered at the hands of the citizens of Boston, U.S.A. Those people have directly aided and financed the slaughter of several thousand of my fellow country men. The I.R.A are also aided by Gaddafi so one might say that Bostonians and Gadaffi are happy bed fellows.

I would be honoured if you could pass these cold clear facts to your President. They are widely discussed here.

I have the honour to be, Sir,


P.J. Hawksley-Cooke

To Ambros. Price

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Love to Carol.

Ron

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OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
TOKYO

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No Reply

February 25, 1986.

Dear Ron.

Thank you very much for your very cordial letter of February 5.

This letter will be treasured for good in my library at the mountain retreat of Hinode, as a memento of our friendship.

I am thrilled at your comments on "my artistic side" and am glad the painting arrived at the White House in time for your birthday.

My wife Tsutako is at present busily occupied with the preparations for the scheduled election of the House of Councillors in June in which my son Hirofumi plans to present his candidature.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
TOKYO

To any mother, a son is a son at whatever age he is, and my son's running for the election seems to pose the greatest of worries in over 40 years' of Tsutako's life as politician's wife.

The whole Japanese people will rejoice in Emperor's 85th birthday and being on the throne for 60 years continuously towards the end of April.

This feeling of euphoria will be further heightened by your visit to Japan of early May.

All of us in Japan are awaiting you and Nancy's visit to Japan.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
TOKYO

Please convey my family's best
regards to Nancy.

Sincerely,

Yasu.

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FROM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Marlene R. Schulz
819 Anacapa Street
Arlington Gallery
Post Office Box 23059
Santa Barbara, California 93121

To Marlene R. Schulz - With appreciation,
every good wish & Very Best Regards.
Ronald Reagan

To Matt Branscher - With our thanks,
every good wish & Very Best Regards.
Dolley & Ronald Reagan

Feb 86

The President

Mrs. Marlene R. Schulz
Arlington Gallery
819 Anacapa St.

P.O. Box 23059

Santa Barbara Calif.
93121

Send 2x4
photos to the above
address.
RR

819 Amador Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 965-8905
December 10, 1985

Mr. Courtney Trisler
Rancho del Cielo
Western White House
Santa Barbara, CA

Dear Mr. Trisler,

It has been my father's wish for a long time to build a saddle for either the President, or Mrs. Reagan.

It would mean a lot to him, for he loves them both. Every time he sees them on TV, his face lights up. In his words "I would like to give something to my adopted Country in return for the good life it gave me".

And I would like to see that his wish comes true, because my father is a rare and unique human being, always giving of himself. His ambition in life has been -- to built a saddle that eliminates the sores and sufferings of the horse, and make riding pleasurable for the rider. He has done it.

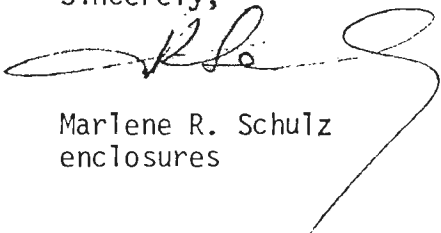
I enclose material on him for your information, in case you have not heard of him. He is well known in the Horse World, especially with the endurance riders.

If you feel that President or Mrs. Reagan would like to have one of my father's saddles, could you manage to get the needed data without telling them? It would have a bigger impact.

Please call me any time at 965-4805 or 965-8900 to discuss it further. My father does not know I have written to you.

With my best regards and wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,



Marlene R. Schulz
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 26, 1986

Dear Murph:

First I get two letters behind and now I'm also a pair of gloves behind. Thank you for all of that and especially those handsome gloves. I'm most grateful.

I appreciate having the information on Bob Morris and will keep it on my desk while I see if we can put something together. Maybe the Congress should hear him before they go sniping at Defense again. Our friend Earl did quite a summary of Bob's lecture in his letter.

Pretty soon I guess we'll both be out in the hustings trying to increase the Republican numbers on the Hill. Like you, I set a high priority on getting a change in California's Senate representation. And there are several of the "blame America first" Congressmen from California I'd like to retire.

I've already done a pretty successful fundraiser for Paula Hawkins but I know there is much more to do if we're to hold that seat.

Again, a big thank you. Nancy sends her love, and from both of us to Bette.

Sincerely,
RON

The Honorable George Murphy
100 Worth Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

GEORGE MURPHY

100 Worth Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

February 7, 1986

The President
The White house
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Once again you have confounded your opponents, confused, or I should say defused your detractors and added another bright star in the crown of your already very brilliant career.

Your speech was just great and the reaction has been unbelievable. The "Slider" you dealt Old Tip was beautiful and the entire performance was Academy Award Plus. As I have said several times, you continue to amaze even me, your long-time booster and friend. Coming on the heels of M. L. King's cannonization, it was like a cool, fresh breeze of sanity which came along to clear away the cobwebs of confusion. I nearly threw up when they dedicated the Super Bowl to the memory of this frightful fraud.

Last night we had a party for the Big B and Hall of Fame and you'd be amazed and pleased at the number of the over 400 present, who took the time to stop by the table and remark what a great job you continue to do.

Even the former fans of Jack Kennedy are beginning to understand the difference between chick tracks and chicken salad. To those who haven't quite cleared it up, I make myself available.

We have in Palm Beach an unorganized organization called "the Pundits". Mostly old geezers like me, mixed in with most of the movers and shakers of the town. The purpose is to bring in prominent speakers and our good friend, Earl Smith, and I help with the programs from time to time. We have had Al Haig - Verne Walters - Clare Booth Luce and Armand de Borgrave, all of whom have done excellent performances and have been enthusiastically received. Next week we will have Bob Morris who is one of the most knowledgeable, best informed old time Intelligence men I know and he will talk on the Geopolitical world situation and explain what has been a very important and most effective, as well as dangerous, progression, which I fear sometimes is much more of a threat than oversized ICBM's and atom bombs. Morris has written a new book on the subject, which should be must reading for everyone in the State Department and the Congress. While our pecunious press focuses our attention lately on a former crazy master sargeant named Kadafy, who is presently the central figure in the Dance of the Troublemakers, the creeping containment of control of our sources of vital raw materials for the SDI and other projects continues to spread.

February 7, 1986

The prestidigitation of the Russian's shell game is further aided and abetted by the dopey dupes which make up a majority of our thought manipulations of the Media. Bob Morris has done a great reporting job and works along with Ambassador Smith, myself and others to get the Internal Security Committee of the Senate reinstituted. It would have great advantages for fact-gathering which we don't presently have. The fear of terrorists also must be hurting the international air carriers. I have too many people ask me if I think it's safe to fly to Europe. It appears that the terrorists have achieved part of their ultimate objective already.

Paula Hawkins will have a difficult time in Florida with Governor Graham. He is well-liked and has done a good job generally as Governor. She can use all the help we can give her starting right now.

The California Senate race is also one that needs attention and a strong guiding hand. Cranston is and always has been a bad boy, and never should have been elected in the first place.

Senator East's seat in North Carolina is another one that you and Jesse Helms can help keep on our side. I surely wish Paul Laxalt would go for one more term. He can be the real powerhouse on the Hill at this sensitive period in history.

Roy Cohen was here last week, stayed with a friend of mine, and was visited by a staff crew from "60 Minutes" to photograph a segment on Roy. He has been pretty sick, doesn't look too well and does not seem to react as sharply as he did when healthy. The cancer treatments are quite rough, I'm told. Worse than the surgeons we had. I walked into my friend's house and there were lights all over the place and cameras even on the roof. Nobody was warned and God knows what will come of it.

Thank you for helping with Frances Knight. I had a call from Treasury almost immediately and explained her problem. I hope she works it all out. She was a damn good public servant and ran a great shop at Passport. I will see her when I go to Washington and try to help her find a way out of her problems.

I've set up a dinner for Ed Meese in Boston, put together by my client, Ken Lyons, the labor leader. They will have all the police chiefs and district attorneys and Legal Speegles in Massachusetts at Pier 4 on the night of February 20th. I will come to Washington for a big Irish-American Cultural Festival in March and probably go to California for a large charity dinner the end of March for the Presbyterian Hospital.

Bette and I are very happy and keep busy enough and active enough so we don't go stale. This is a good town with a lot of idiots but also a lot of real good guys and I must say I'm enjoying life very much. I'm still

February 7, 1986

writing on the book and am about to start shopping for a publisher. I have a few chapters finished. Enough to get a "go ahead" of a "forget it" very soon. Give Nancy our love and know that Bette and I are so proud of you two that it's dangerous for a critic to even come into town. God bless you both.

We send our love and affection.

"M/alph"

P. S. I noticed the "New York Times" has lined up against Markos. I wonder when they will become conscious of the damage they have already contributed in the past, what with Castro and Viet Nam and the rest and when they will realize it's time to be on the side of the U.S.A.

M.

To Sen. George Murphy 100 Worth Ave.
Palm Beach Fla. 33480

Dear Murph

First I got two letters behind & now I'm also a pair of gloves behind. Thank you for all of that and ~~especially~~ especially those handsome gloves. I'm most grateful.

I appreciate having the information on Bob Morris & will keep it on my desk while I see if we can put something together. Maybe the Congress should hear him before they go slipping at Defense again. Our friend Earl did quite a summary of Bob's lecture in his letter.

Pretty soon I guess we'll both be out in the huntings trying to increase the Repub. numbers on the Hill. Like you I set a high priority on getting a change in Calif's. Sen. representation. And there are several of the "blame America first" Congressmen from Calif. I'd like to retire.

I've already done a pretty successful fund raising for Paul H. but I know there is much more to do if we're to hold that seat.

Again a big thank you. Nancy sends her love & from both of us to Betty.

Sincerely Ren

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February 28, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

While abroad, I have just received word of what I consider to be inappropriate programming decisions following your Wednesday night address.

I want you to know immediately and personally how unhappy I am with the time given to the Soviet spokesman and the apparent lack of balance that resulted. I shall be happy to discuss this unfortunate matter with your people upon my return.

For the moment, from here, please accept my apologies and assurances that what occurred was a deviation from good American common sense and the standards of fairness for which ABC News is known.

Sincerely,

Roone Arledge

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 2/27/86

TO: The President

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN

- ☐ Action
- ☐ Comment
- ☐ Let's Discuss
- ☒ FYI

↓ Dear Pat
Bless you & Thank you.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Roone:

We were rather astonished last night, following the President's address on the nation's security needs and Majority Leader Jim Wright's response -- to see ABC give eight minutes of rebuttal time on national television to a trained propagandist for the Soviet Union.

Mr. Posner performed according to script, disparaging the address as "dishonest," and directly accusing the President of the United States of falsehoods.

Roone, it is our belief that the debate over what America requires -- to defend herself, her allies and friends from the awesome military power of the Soviet Union -- is a debate for Americans to conduct. Soviet propagandists have no legitimate role in that discussion.

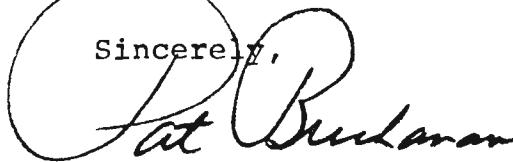
How is a free society's search for consensus served by introducing into its national debate the scripted falsehoods of a regime which has, as its historic and stated purpose, the destruction of that free society? How is the search for truth served by turning ABC's national audience over to an individual whose concept of truth is whatever statement will advance Communist objectives? How is fairness served when the trained propagandist of a hostile regime is put onto the same plane with the President of the United States?

Would you have felt it an expression of objective and balanced journalism, if in the 1930's, Mr. Churchill's calls for the rearmament of his country were immediately followed by the BBC's granting of an un rebutted commentary to some functionary for the Third Reich?

By putting Mr. Vladimir Posner on a plane with the President of the United States and House Majority Leader Jim Wright, ABC gave this Soviet propagandist a standing he does not merit, a legitimacy he does not deserve.

We find it difficult to believe that the affiliates of ABC were either aware of -- or would have approved of -- what was done; and we trust that, in the future, before adopting a posture of benign neutrality as between the crafted words of an American President and the party line of a Soviet functionary, you will give the matter more consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat Buchanan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first part of the signature, "Pat", is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn circle.

Patrick J. Buchanan
Assistant to the President

Mr. Roone Arledge
President
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON

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February 28, 1986

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Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for your generosity and graciousness in meeting with my staff yesterday. It was very meaningful to everyone and I know I speak for all the staff when I say we deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness. It has been a sincere privilege for all of us to work for you for the last 10 months and to have had an opportunity to prepare your 1986 Economic Report of the President.

Thank you again.

With my warmest personal regards,

Beryl W. Sprinkel

Beryl W. Sprinkel

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALFRED H. KINGON *AK*
SUBJECT: News Stories

I noticed a spate of news stories and media comments that attribute all your recent successes to "the luck of the Irish".

They remind me of the late Branch Rickey's crack, "Luck is the residue of design".

Here's hoping we can continue to be so "lucky".

cc: Donald T. Regan

Thank you very much
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