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April 22, 1986

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I was fascinated after our own trip to see the change that started in the economy, etc., and just as fascinated to read your account of what is continuing.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Marshall B. Coyne
Madison Hotel
Suite 300
15th and M Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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To Mr. Marshall B. Payne (I know it's Wash. D.C. but
that's all I know)

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Annals RBR

M A R S H A L L B . C O Y N E
W A S H I N G T O N , D . C .

April 14, 1986

My dear Mr. President:

I've just returned from Mainland China where I visited Inner Mongolia and accomplished important work and business between Georgetown University and the Chinese College of Foreign Affairs in Beijing and continued to build a bridge of understanding between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

As a matter of fact, at the request of both Mike Deaver and the approval of Secretary Shultz, I visited China in May of 1984 right after you departed, in order to get the impact of your visit through private diplomacy. This last trip was my tenth visit where my building that bridge between both of our Countries is enclosed for your reading.

My friendship with the Chinese dates back to when the Chinese Ambassador to France came to Washington as the Head of Mission, when Ambassador Watson was Ambassador to France and a close friend who arranged our relationship.

When I was there in May of 1984 after your visit, I ordered this Flying Horse which was not delivered until recently. It is being given to you as a loan, during the remaining tenure of your term in the White House, for you to use as you think best.

I wish you continuing good health and success and I've followed your Administration and admired and supported you prior to your election. Therefore, it gives me a good feeling to make this presentation to you.

With the utmost respect and good wishes,

My very warmest regards,



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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 22, 1986

Dear Rudolph:

I'm glad to hear about your Easter break. Out in California we read and heard about the wonderful weather you were having. Ours was nice, but not quite as summery as what you were having back here.

We went to church on Easter at a little country church down in the valley. Then every day for the rest of the week we had a horseback ride, usually in the morning. In the afternoons we cleared some of the riding trails that had gotten overgrown. All in all, it was a good time and a nice change from the Oval Office.

The end of this week will see us on our way to the Island of Bali and Japan. On Bali, we'll have meetings with some of the leaders of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and some other Asian governments. They are joined in an organization called ASEAN.

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Best regards.

Your Pen Pal,

Rudolph Hines
607 Savannah Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20032

~~To Mr. &~~ To Rudolph Hines 607 Savannah St. ^{S.E.}
Wash. D.C. 20032

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Best Regards

Your Pen Pal

Robert Ryan

607 Savannah Street S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20032
April 3, 1986

Dear President Reagan,

It's Easter break- finally! This is one of my favorite times of the year. We get one whole week of not doing homework or studying anything at all. My folks want me to take this time to decide what I want to do for my birthday and where we might go for our summer vacation this year.

Easter was a good day for me. I went to early Mass at our church and then helped my grandmother and aunt Delores prepare a family brunch. My aunt Gilley and her family invited my mom and me over to her house that evening. It was a warm day and I rode my bike, played games and climbed the big tree in front of her house. That night, we sat out front of her house and played for hours while our folks talked on her lawn.

It has been so warm these past few days that we tried several times to visit the Cherry Blossoms. The tourists were so heavy that we were unable to do more than drive past. This was the first time in a long time that we were unable to visit the Tidal Basin.

How is California? What are you doing out on the ranch? Are you really able to relax out there at all? Are you ever really on vacation? My folks say that you go to California to get away from the daily hustle and bustle of Washington. Is that true?

Well, I am off again to the dentist. I would really like to be going anywhere else but there, but my mom's making me go. So I'll close with hopes that you're having a good Easter break too. Write soon.

Your Pen Pal,

Rudolph
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1986

Dear Walter:

Just a quick line on the eve of our departure to let you know I've just mailed off to Jack Lunzer an answer to his very kind message.

And thank you, Walter, for sending it on.
Love to Lee.

Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable Walter H. Annenberg
"Sunnylands"
Post Office Box 98
Rancho Mirage, California 92270

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1986

Dear Mr. Lunzer:

Thanks to our mutual friend Walter Annenberg, I have received your message and am most grateful to you for your generous words. It was kind of you to write as you did, and having your approval brightens my day.

May I say all of us here are beholden to Prime Minister Thatcher for her courage. The bond between our two countries is something we cherish.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jack Lunzer
86 Hatton Garden
London
England

WALTER H. ANNENBERG

April 18, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a telex message sent by an old and respected friend of mine that you may or may not have received. In any event, he sent me a copy of it in the hope that the message might stand a better chance of coming to your personal attention.

Mr. Lunzer is an Englishman who is in the mining business and is a distinguished philanthropist as well.

Sincerely,

Walter Annenberg

Walter Annenberg

Enclosure

"Sunnylands"
P. O. Box 98
Rancho Mirage,
CA 92270
Until May 1st.

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CHEF DE PROTOCOL
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.
U.S.A.

BEG YOU TO CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

MR PRESIDENT, ON MY LAST VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE AS YOUR GUEST YOU ASKED ME WHICH HAT I WAS WEARING. ON MY NEXT VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE, IF YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION, I WILL SAY THAT I AM WEARING A HAT OF JUBILANCE, TO CONGRATULATE YOU, MR PRESIDENT, ON YOUR MAGNIFICENT AND TIMELY ACTION IN THE NAME OF DECENCY, DEMOCRACY AND RIGHT AND PROPER THINKING. I SALUTE YOU, MR PRESIDENT, AND GREET YOU WELL.

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Again thanks. Sincerely R R

To Amb. Walter Annenberg - "Sunnylands"
P.O. Box 98 Rancho Mirage Calif. 92270

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Love to Lee.

Sincerely Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN M. POINDEXTER 

SUBJECT: National Review Article on the Medvid Story

My staff has researched the circumstances surrounding the treatment of Navy Lieutenant James Geltz. The depiction by the National Review of his situation contains certain inaccuracies.

Geltz did in fact photograph Medvid through the window of an office where Medvid was being interviewed. He later showed one of the photos to a local jeweler. Neither the quality nor the clarity of the photos was very good and it is not surprising that the jeweler could not readily identify Medvid as the same person he had seen previously. A subsequent diagnosis by the FBI reflected that Medvid could not be positively identified from the photos.

Senator Helms learned of the existence of the photos and requested them through the Secretary of the Navy's office. That office contacted Geltz's Commanding Officer and asked that the photos be sent to D.C. for delivery to the Senator. In the meantime, a staffer from the Senate Agriculture Committee called Geltz at his residence and apparently intimidated him by cautioning him against withholding the photos from the Senate Committee.

The next morning Geltz refused to turn the photos over to his Commanding Officer when ordered to do so. Since Geltz had taken the photos in his official capacity as Public Affairs Officer, they were government property and he had no basis for disobeying the order. Upon being called by the Lehman's office later that day, Geltz did consent to turn over the photos. Geltz subsequently received a letter of reprimand for refusing to obey the lawful order and was transferred. The letter of reprimand and an accompanying adverse fitness report will shortly be removed from Geltz's record at the direction of John Lehman.

Contrary to statements in the article, Geltz is not being forced to resign. He voluntarily submitted his resignation in September of 1985, prior to the Medvid event. He will also be receiving a reserve commission in May.

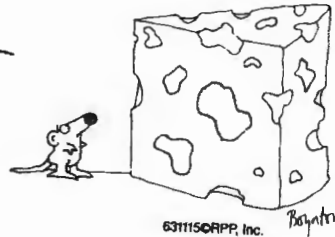
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cc: Don Regan

MEMO FROM THE BIG CHEESE:

The Medicaid story
is on P. 22.
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

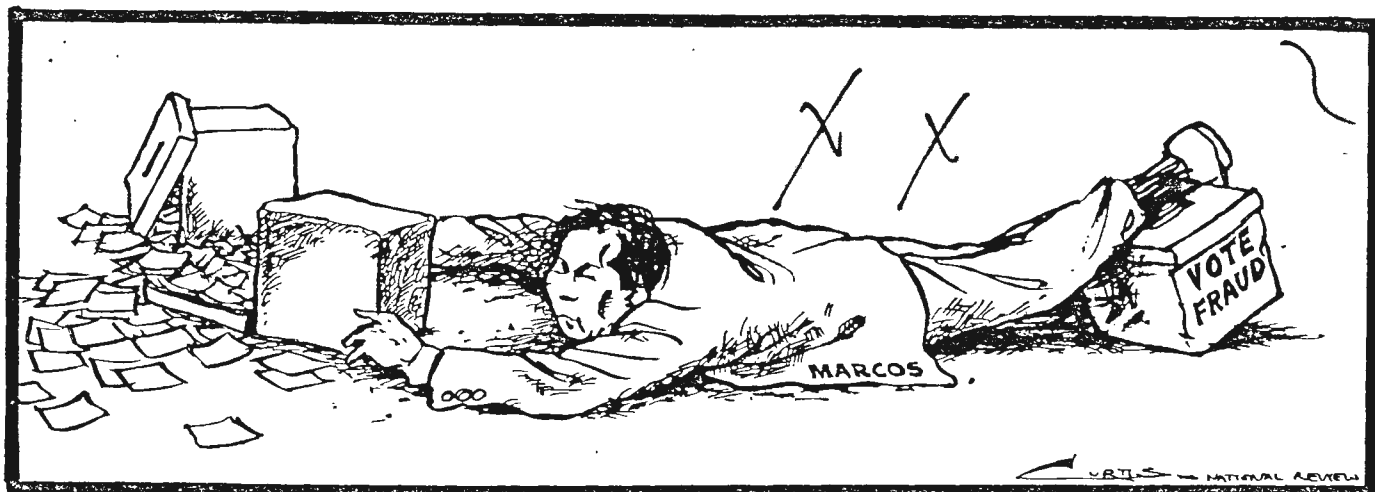
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John Poindester

FROM: DONALD T. REGAN
CHIEF OF STAFF

The "Big Cheese"
thinks maybe a nifty
It was a recipient
of unusually harsh
punishment -
Wants to know why
and can anything be
done about it -

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The truth is that the main body of congressional Democrats, though they have been convinced of the political necessity of appearing more anti-Soviet, remain reflexive appeasers. Thus they support aid to anti-Communist rebel groups in Afghanistan and Cambodia, where there is little hope that American aid will actually impede Communist and Soviet action, and oppose it in Nicaragua and Angola, where real victories could be won—and where the U.S. national interest is more directly involved. When Savimbi came to Washington seeking aid, the fury with which the Hill Democrat/*Washington Post* axis criticized him for being—of all things—insufficiently capitalist was exceeded only by the insincerity of the attack. It was as if, for a week or so, Washington liberals were worried about nothing so much as that the Reagan Administration might betray its principles by supporting some foreign leader whose domestic policies were to the left of Margaret Thatcher's.

That attack made perfectly clear how little has changed and how little the Administration can depend on Congress to actively support resistance to Soviet expansion. Savimbi needs help this spring. The Reagan style is to triumph through patient persistence. But there is no time for patience on this one. If Angola is to be liberated, the White House must push hard, now.

The Medvid Coverup

NOT ONLY DID American officials botch the attempted defection of the Ukrainian sailor Miroslav Medvid, but they attempted a coverup as well. As reported earlier in these pages ["A Foul Affair," Dec. 31], there are serious questions as to whether the sailor who jumped off the Soviet grain ship *Marshal Konev* was the same person who three days later was turned over to American officials for interrogation and supervision.

The first sailor (let us call him that, for the sake of argument) was described as five feet ten inches tall and weighing 174 pounds. A Navy doctor who exam-

ined the second man said he was "of short stature, approximately 150 pounds." The first Medvid was fluent in Ukrainian and Polish, according to Irene Padoch; an interpreter who spoke to him for ninety minutes. The second Medvid spoke fluent Russian, but had trouble with Ukrainian, making several grammatical errors. The first Medvid was terrified when he pleaded for political asylum, saying, "I want to live in a decent country." The second one was cocky and belligerent, saying that he had fallen off the ship by accident, and that he wanted to return home. He repeatedly remarked that the Soviet system was superior. Two independent handwriting experts concluded that two handwriting samples taken on different days were probably written by different people. At one point, when the original Medvid was being brought back forcibly to his ship, he began to bang his head violently against some rocks. No head injuries were found on the second man.

No one person seems to have seen both men, but photographs taken on the two occasions support the thesis that the Soviets made a switch. Navy Lieutenant James Geltz, a public-affairs officer, took 19 pictures of the second sailor when he was being led back to a car to return to the ship. Eventually, Geltz showed the photos to Joseph Wyman, the local jeweler who had first met the original Medvid and taken him to the police. Wyman told Geltz, "That's not the same guy I saw." Geltz was convinced that the Soviets "had pulled a fast one." When he notified his superior officer, he was sharply rebuked and told to relinquish the pictures. He refused. He was arrested and placed under armed guard. Later, he was officially reprimanded, forced to resign from the Navy, and denied admission to the Naval Reserve, which disqualified him for a pension.

Despite all the evidence, the State Department has said it "has no doubt that the individual we interviewed was the same man who jumped." Senator Gordon Humphrey has introduced a resolution to establish a Special Senate Panel to investigate the Medvid case and to take a more general look at govern-

ment procedures concerning possible defectors from Communist countries. Although the resolution has 61 co-sponsors, Majority Leader Bob Dole and Alan Simpson, chairman of the immigration subcommittee, have repeatedly kept it from coming up for a vote.

Most of the coverups that the advocacy press has been so diligent in exposing have involved our government's attempting to protect itself and its interests. In this case, however, our government seems to be involved in a coverup to protect the interests of the Soviet Union.

Will the FDA Die of AIDS?

FEW FEDERAL agencies have resisted the trend toward deregulation as stolidly as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), but then few are subjected to so irrational a set of political pressures. Most drugs with therapeutic value also cause side effects in some users, but the agency comes under more attack if one person dies from the side effects of a drug it has approved than if three people die because it has not yet approved a new drug that might have helped them. So don't just blame the agency for creating a "drug lag"; blame the liberal politicians and Nader groups who attack it when it tries to behave differently.

The arrival of the AIDS crisis is making it impossible for the agency to continue business as usual. With the number of cases doubling yearly and two million Americans already exposed to the virus, the leisurely six-to-eight-year pace of drug approval puts hundreds of thousands of lives at risk. And with thousands of articulate, well-educated patients scanning the medical literature in search of therapeutic advances, the agency cannot hope to keep them in the dark.

Several drugs that the agency is holding up have shown promise against the disease. Isoprinosine is legal in 89 countries for various uses, and has been specifically approved by New Zealand for treating AIDS-related complex (ARC), a condition that often leads to AIDS itself. The substance stimulated immune response in more than two-thirds of ARC patients tested in a recent study. Ribavirin is a widely used antiviral that is legal in about thirty countries. Other promising compounds are HPA-23, the drug Rock Hudson flew to Paris to obtain, and the related drug Suramin, which reportedly has fewer side effects.

"With absolutely nothing to lose," reports Washington writer David Lampo, "some AIDS victims aren't willing to wait." They are shuttling to Mexico and smuggling back isoprinosine and ribavirin (both of which are available over the counter there) inside hollow souvenirs. There is also a growing underground network of American doctors who are risking their licenses to get bootlegged supplies for their patients.

The rationales for paternalistic safety regulation have always been weak, but here they are at their weakest:

"Let the experts decide." Isn't the government equipped than ordinary parents to decide apart crib slats should be?—so the argument FDA control of prescription drugs is mostly second-guessing doctors, not consumers. The doctor at the front line of AIDS therapy in New York, working with hundreds of actual cases, follows his best judgment; the Washington civil servant studying two-year-old data and perhaps never knowing an actual victim, gets to choose. Even if we want rule by experts, this isn't it.

"Unapproved remedies can harm patients, or enrich quacks." Isoprinosine seems to be no more dangerous than aspirin. It is expensive only because of its scarcity. A tablet that sells for 12 cents in Mexico costs \$25 on the San Francisco black market. All the drugs used to treat ARC are manufactured by established firms, some of which (like German Hoechst, which produces Suramin) are among the most respected.

"Unproven therapies distract patients from proven ones." There are no legal proven therapies for AIDS. Patients with ARC seem to do better if they get plenty of rest and are under a doctor's supervision. That is a good reason not to force them to fly regularly to Mexico and take charge of their own therapy.

The clock of FDA approval ticks very slowly. The clock of public patience with the FDA is about to run out.

Ministry of Love

HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVISTS in New York City are predicting "victory at last" for a gay-rights ordinance to be voted on by the City Council later this year. It contains the usual horrors. The city, of course, already has a Human Rights Commission, one of those judge-jury-and-prosecutor-rolled-into-one affairs created to make everyone be nice, which is commissioned to fine or jail citizens whose behavior for other citizens finds expression in private prejudice. Under the new bill, homosexuality would become one of the things citizens aren't allowed to dislike. Indeed the preamble to the bill states there is "no greater danger to the well-being of New York City" than intolerance of other people's "sexual orientation." The Human Rights Commission would be empowered to require employers to hire individual homosexuals who can demonstrate discrimination, and to force landlords to rent apartments to homosexuals on the same basis. Businesses with more than five employees and two-family, owner-occupied houses would be exempt. But an owner of a family house in which two of the apartments are occupied, say, by socially conservative families with young children would have no recourse. Even if the commission is charged with eliminating discrimination,

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 25, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature
is a proposed letter
accepting Nancy Risque's
resignation as Deputy
Assistant for Legislative
Affairs.


David Chew

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 25, 1986

Dear Nancy:

I am accepting your resignation as Deputy Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, effective May 9, 1986, reluctantly and regretfully.

Your wholehearted services to our country, to me, and to this Administration has been extraordinary. You have contributed significantly to the development and implementation of sound public policy that has, over the last few years, changed the course and strengthened the heart of this great nation. We can both be proud of your work.

You will be missed around here, but Nancy and I send you off with best wishes for a happy, fulfilled future.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Nancy J. Risque
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Riverside County Chapter
8880 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, California 92503
(714) 688-6440

May 1, 1986

*Don Engel
(#41)*

No Reply

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

Dear President Reagan:

This letter is to express to you our grateful appreciation for your generous donation to our Cameron Mitchell Celebrity Auction which was held on February 28, 1986.

The event was a great success, thanks to people like you who so willingly contributed items for the Auction. Over \$12,000 was raised to aid the Riverside County Chapter of the American Red Cross and to enable us to continue our services to this community.

Again, our sincere thanks for your help and support of the American Red Cross.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Engel".

William E. Engel
Chairman, Auction Committee

Item: _____

Amount bid: _____

*Belt & Scary
\$1,000.00*

January 16, 1986

Dear Cam:

You were more than kind to write as you did. Nancy and I were glad to learn of all you're doing for your chapter of the American Red Cross. As I said in a radio address to our nation not too long ago, "The Red Cross is always there for us; now we need to be there for them."

We're enclosing a belt and buckle from me and a scarf from Nancy, along with our very best wishes to you and your colleagues for every success in meeting your goals.

God bless you and those you help.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cameron Mitchell
American Red Cross
Riverside County Chapter
8880 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, California 92503

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Scarf (NR)

cc: Kathy Osborne
Charley Shepherd

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

FYI, we have just scheduled you
and Mrs. Reagan to attend the
opening night of the play on
May 29th.....

Kathy

Chuck Heston
K. Center

The President has seen 5/3

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May 5, 1986

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DRAFT PRESIDENTIAL-FIRST LADY ARTICLE FOR TV GUIDE

"What We Have Learned About America
in Our Years in the White House"

The White House is a special place for all Americans. To some it is both monument and museum, dedicated to the history of our nation. To others it is a grand office building where ceremonies of state take place and policies that help guide this nation are decided. To be sure, the White House is all of these things. And for the past five and one-half years it has been our home. But, even more than a home, the White House has provided us a perspective from which unique ~~antage~~ to see America and learn even more of her goodness.

As President and First Lady, we have been blessed with the privilege of seeing the depth, variety, and richness of the American landscape and its people. We have shared in the celebrations of a vibrant, growing, and patriotic nation. And we have held and spoken with those who have faced hardship or known great tragedy. On those occasions, the strength, faith, hope, and perseverance that seem uniquely American, find new definition.

Our sense of gratitude for being able to serve this nation is especially keen this Fourth of July. In this land of immigrants, we will celebrate the 100th birthday and rededication of the Statue of Liberty. For a century, Lady Liberty has held her torch as a beacon for the millions who have come to America for a new home ~~and for~~ opportunity. *Add*

The pace and structure of American society have changed during the past 100 years, but the sense of community established by our forebearers has remained strong. One of the best measures of today's community spirit is generosity. In 1984, Americans gave a record \$74 billion to philanthropic causes. Educational gifts set a record at \$10 billion, donations to civic groups reached \$2 billion, and contributions to the United Way topped \$2 billion for the first time. Americans of all ages care about each other. The numbers bear this out.

But caring doesn't stop with a checkbook. More than 92 million Americans -- over half of the adult U.S. population -- give of themselves, their time and talents. Perhaps it is just one person helping an elderly neighbor who needs a hand. Or it is a group of families, who for the sake of neighborhood security, establish a Crime Watch program. If government had to pay for the services provided by America's volunteers, the taxpayers' annual bill would grow by an estimated \$70 billion!

Every day, our official duties provide us the opportunity to meet with American leaders in the fields of politics, religion, business, education and, yes, entertainment. These are men and women who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for all of us. But as important as they are, and as necessary as their work is, we maintain our greatest respect for Americans who quietly and steadily work to improve life in their own communities -- communities that give root to the values of faith, family, and hard work that sustain us all.

In Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. Kelsy J. Caplinger III and other volunteers have given more than 2,000 seriously ill children a chance to enjoy a week at camp. Parents Anonymous has 8,000 volunteers nationwide counseling parents who are under stress and hurting their children. A doctor in Los Angeles, James A. Mays, started Adopt-a-Family Endowment to encourage black professionals to help poor families. A secretary in Northfield, Minnesota, Verona Deveney, created HOPE -- Help Other People Everywhere -- to distribute clothes to 5,000 families a year.

Perhaps the most encouraging examples of community spirit and activism can be seen in the battle to combat drug abuse. Since 1981, there has been a four-fold increase in the number of parent groups organized to fight for a drug-free young America. We are thrilled by the tremendous response to the "Just Say No" campaign,

as young people across the nation promise never to succumb to peer pressure by experimenting with drugs. Last spring, an estimated 5 million elementary schoolchildren took part in a march to demonstrate the determination of young people to "just say no" to drugs. Just Say No was born in the simple, rhetorical question asked by a young boy in an Oakland, California, elementary school. He asked why his peers couldn't say no to drugs; his question led to the creation of Oakland Parents in Action -- and a national movement was born. All it takes is one person seeing a need and sensing a solution. That is the pattern we've seen repeated countless times across America.

By saying no to drugs, our young people are on track for taking up the challenge of the future and joining what is becoming an American renaissance. We saw this spirit in the energy and creativity of our Olympic heroes. But American victories were not only counted in the number of medals won, but in the thousands of parents, coaches, and neighbors who gave of their time to help our young stars make us proud. And underwriting it all was the generosity of American businessmen and women, who shared the rewards they've reaped from a free economy.

One cannot mention our Olympic heroes without thinking of other heroes who serve our country -- our men and women in uniform. All of us owe them a great debt for the work they do and the risks they take. Where do we find such people who would give

their lives so that others may live in freedom? We find them in thousands of American communities. They live with us or next door to us. They are our children and our neighbors.

The most compelling lesson about America is the depth of strength and perserverance of its people in times of tragedy. This has been confirmed for us too often -- when the price of peace or progress is suddenly, tragically, assessed in the loss of life. In December 1985, just two weeks before Christmas, we travelled to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to honor those members of the 101st Airborne division who were killed in the tragic aircrash in Gander, Newfoundland. These people, neighbors to all of us, were true idealists. Only idealists would take hard duty and put themselves in harm's way, not for conquest but for peace. By their example, we take our lessons of commitment and duty.

Last January, we were in Houston to honor the seven astronauts of the shuttle Challenger. Although we will always regret the occasions which bring about these meetings, we will always cherish the spirit we have shared with these courageous families and the loving stories and mementoes they have shared with us. We will always treasure a card which Jane Smith, the widow of Challenger Pilot Michael Smith, gave to us in Houston. It was a verse that Michael had borrowed from H.G. Wells for inspiration. She explained that her

husband would read it each morning and she knew he would want us to have it so that we could know him better. It read:

"For man, there is no rest and no ending he must go on -- conquest beyond conquest; this little planet, and its winds and ways, and all the laws of mind and matter that restrain him. Then the planets about him, and, at last out across the immensity to the stars. And when he has conquered all the deeps of space and all the mysteries of time -- still he will be but beginning."

Those words, those demonstrations of caring, have provided us a very special kind of strength. The deaths of the Challenger seven-- their sacrifice -- stirred the soul of this nation and reminded us anew that the future doesn't belong to the faint of heart; it belongs to the brave and the free.

Alexis de Tocqueville came from France 150 years ago to see what made Americans tick. With a visitor's fresh, clear eye, he offered us a view that Americans could not see plainly for themselves. He wrote: "America is a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement. . . . No natural boundary seems to be set to the efforts of man; and in his eyes what is not yet done is only what he has not yet attempted to do."

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The real lesson then, and one we know better than ever after 5½ years in the White House, is to trust the American people.

Americans have always had the vision to see what needed to be done and to do it. With God's abundant blessings, we have built a mighty nation that is truly the last, best hope of man on earth. During this time of celebration we should pause and look back with some satisfaction, and then, look forward with confidence and great hope.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID CHEW

FROM: TOM GIBSON *16*

SUBJECT: Presidential-First Lady Article for TV Guide

Attached, with White House and agency comments included, is a draft presidential article for TV Guide magazine. Also attached is a cover memorandum to the President and the First Lady.

Thanks very much.

cc: Pat Buchanan

April 30, 1986

Note to David Chew

From: Tom Gibson *TG*

Re: Michael Smith/H.G. Wells Quote

FYI.

I spoke with Elaine Crispen, Kathy Osborne, and called Mrs. Jane Smith to get the story cleared. Jane Smith was pleased to have the text of the card included in the piece. I have a letter (from me to Mrs. Smith) on file confirming our conversation and her permission to use the quote.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND THE FIRST LADY

FROM: PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

SUBJECT: Presidential-First Lady Article for TV Guide
Magazine

Attached, for your consideration and approval, is a draft article for publication in TV Guide during this year's Fourth of July celebrations.

The TV Guide editors were interested in what the two of you have learned about America in your years in the White House. The article reviews episodes that confirm the character and spirit of Americans, and offers as the bottom-line: "trust the American people." TV Guide has an estimated readership of 39 million.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/28/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4/29/86SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ARTICLE FOR TV GUIDE MAGAZINE

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments/recommendations directly to Tom Gibson by close of business on Tuesday, April 29th, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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