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July 17, 1986

Dear Judge McDevitt:

Thank you very much for writing as you did and telling me of the moment with your mother. I'm happy that I played a part, even though it was by accident.

I understand your situation because in my mother's latter years in a nursing home she no longer recognized me or my brother. Sometimes she would tell me incidents about her son Ronald as if I were some new acquaintance. But, as I look back at those days, I wonder if this wasn't something of a God-given mercy. She was apparently contented in that little world into which she had retired. She would have been miserable if she had retained all her faculties and awareness and yet been physically helpless and restrained, no longer able to do the things she so much enjoyed.

Again, my thanks to you for your kindness in writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Leonard M. McDevitt
District Judge
Folcroft Regional Court
1555 Elmwood Avenue
Folcroft, Pennsylvania 19032

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FOLCROFT REGIONAL COURT
1555 Elmwood Avenue
Folcroft, PA 19032

ANTHONY M. TRUSCELLO
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Darby Twp. & Glenolden

PETER P. TOZER, Esq.
Glenolden & Norwood

July 2, 1986

f.k.
Hon. Ronald Wilson Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. President:


I am writing this letter to you because as our President I realize that your days are very hectic, very stressful, and often filled with criticism. I hope this note will bring you a brief moment of pleasure in your busy schedule.

I recently visited my mother, Sadie McDevitt, who is now residing at Fair Acres Nursing Home in Lima, Pennsylvania because of her many illnesses. She is at the point now where she rarely recognizes me nor any of her other children even though we visit with her very often. In fact, on Flag Day, we were all together to celebrate her eightieth birthday.

I was also visiting with her on the night that you gave the Commencement Address at Glassboro High School. Well, sir, meaning no disrespect, I started talking to my mother when you were giving your address. At that point, she sat up in her bed and said, "Leonard, be quiet. The President is speaking. Isn't he just marvelous to be speaking to those high school students?" Well, sir, I wish to offer you my sincere thanks and gratitude. That was the first time my mother remembered my name in a long while. It brought a tear to my eye to hear her call me Leonard again. Thank you so very much.

I just felt that you might enjoy hearing a story such as this. Thank you for allowing me the time to tell you.

Respectfully,


Leonard M. McDevitt
District Justice

431822
F0008

July 17, 1986

Dear Barney:

Thanks for telling me about your trip to Saint Lucia. I still find the Bermuda Triangle spooky. Why didn't that fellow tell you what they saw too much of when they were flying too low.

Thanks, too, for sending me the copy of George's speech. You remembered I knew him back when I was Governor. I'm really impressed with what he's done for himself. That was a masterful address. You can be proud of Litton's part in that.

Incidentally, with regard to Grenada, I had occasion to go there recently. What a pleasure that was. There were no "Yankee Go Home" signs there, but an awful lot of Yankee come back signs. They really welcomed us.

Best Regards,

RON

Colonel Barney Oldfield, USAF, Ret.
360 North Crescent Drive
Beverly Hills, California 90210



Litton

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

Col. Barney Oldfield, USAF (Ret)
(Consultant)

July 7, 1986

Dear President Ron:

When in Saint Lucia in June as part of the VIIth Inter-American Symposium for the Handicapped, they were still talking about how right you were on neighboring Grenada! So much for those who say "that was yesterday, what have you done for me today?" They still seem to marvel that it was done so decisively and so well.

I was there with George Foreman, the former heavy-weight champion and Olympic Gold Medalist, who said he wanted to talk about a "self-inflicted handicap" about which he knew a great deal -- the handicap of a limited education. He exhorted parents to send their kids to school and the kids to stay in school. The Right Honourable John Compton, the Prime Minister, told me it was the most important speech ever made in Saint Lucia! It was recorded, video taped, and is being played back over and over. Congressman Jack Fields (Texas, 8th District) inserted it in the Congressional RECORD.

Incidentally, they find nothing spooky about the Bermuda Triangle and how people disappear. A Saint Lucian told me "they just flew too low, and saw TOO much."

Best wishes always,

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

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To

JUDGE

Mr. Leonard W. McDevitt - Folcroft Regional Court
1555 Elmwood Ave.
Folcroft Pa. 19032

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Again my thanks to you for your kindness in writing
Sincerely R.R.

To

Col. Barney Oldfield - 360 No. Duesant Dr.

Dear Barney

Beverly Hills Cal. 90210

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unusual.
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occasion to go there recently. What a treasure that
was. There were no "Garden of Eden" signs there
but an awful lot of "Garden of Eden" signs.
Thank you very much.
Best Regards Ron

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July 18, 1985

Dear Mr. Stahl:

Thank you for writing and for sharing the letter from Colonel Robert E. Lee. I can fully sympathize with him. You are right, some things just don't change! Secretary Weinberger will enjoy seeing the letter from Colonel Lee and I will send it along to him.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and send my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A
RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Joe Stahl
Apartment 6
7723 Donnybrook Court
Annandale, Virginia 22003

RR:AVH:KCS:pps

✓cc: Kathy Osborne

✓WHcc: Sec'y Weinberger w/copy of incoming.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. President:

I thought you might get a
kick out of this one.

We can take care of a reply
if you want.

Kathy

*OK Thanks - then
let's deliver all this to
Cap. W.
RR*

DRAFT/Date 7/17/86

RR / KCS / pg / [Signature]
(Drafter) (Rev. I) (Rev. II)

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Enclosures:

Other:

bcc: K.O.

whcc: Secretary Weinberger along with
copies of incoming

Dear Mr. Stahl:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Anne Higgins

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: 7-17-86

Can you please have Charley or
someone reply to this and then
send a cc along with incoming
to Sec. Weinberger. Thanks.

July 7, 1961

Dear Mrs. Osborne:

I am sending the enclosed letter to the President through you in hopes that it will improve the chances of him seeing it.

Seeing his enjoyment of the history of America and his sense of humor, I think he would enjoy knowing that even a great American like Robert E. Lee had cost and budget problems.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joe Stahl

July 1, 1981

Dear President Reagan:

I know that one of the issues that troubles you is cost overruns in the defense department. I think you might be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter I recently acquired. It demonstrates that some things haven't changed in over a hundred and twenty years. Even one of the best generals produced by America had a cost overrun.

I have also enclosed a transcript, since some of Lt. Col. Lee's abbreviations are difficult to read despite his superb handwriting.

You might want to pass this on to Secretary Weinberger, it may make him feel better to know cost overruns have been around so long.

Sincerely,
Joe Stahl

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ANNAPOLIS, VA. 22023

Col. J. Cooper

Adjt Gen U. S. A.

Washington City, D. C.

H^d Qrs 2^d Cavth

Louisville 12 May 1885

Col.

By a private from Capt L. M. Palmer 2^d Cavth
Baltimore Md., has been before in accounting for his Comp^y
has been very good. He has submitted 24 Men, 21 of whom
he has paid to New York B.R.s. The Cost of transportation of
each man is \$8. which with his other expenses has more
than consumed the \$300. furnished him.

I therefore respectfully request that the amt. of my requisition
for \$700. for him, forwarded in my estimate of accounting funds
for the 2^d Cavth, for the quarter ending 30 June be remitted to
him as soon as practicable.

I am very respectfully
Yours obediently

Wm B. Hol
1st Lt 2^d Cavth

5000

J. E. STANLEY

46 THE UNIVERSITY OF

CHICAGO ILL.

Col. S. Cooper
Adj't Genl U.S.A.
Washington City, D.C.

Hdqrs 2 Cavy
Louisville 12 May 1855

Col.

By reports recd from Capt I. N. Palmer 2 Cavy Baltimore Md., his success so far in recruiting for his Compy has been very good. He has enlisted 24 men, 21 of whom he has forwd to Newport Bks. The cost of transportation of each man is \$8. which with his other expenses has more than consumed the \$300. furnished him.

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I am very respy your obt Sevt

R E Lee Bt. Col
Lt Col 2 Cavy.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN *PB*

RR
How the conf. members
can these figures?

Your friends, the venture capital folks, (see charts) have come in again to raise concerns about the hike in the capital gains tax in the Senate bill -- from 20 to 27%, a 35% increase. (Because the capital gains exclusion would be wiped out, there would be commensurate increases in capital gains taxes at the state level.)

Their arguments are three:

- 1) The extraordinary rise in venture capital growth under the Steiger and Reagan tax bills. (1978 and 1981)
- 2) The dramatic rise in revenues from capital gains taxes -- as the rate fell from 49% to 20%.
- 3) The competitive disadvantage America is imposing on herself, vis a vis her principal trading partners many of whom (Japan, West Germany, Korea, etc.) have no Capital Gains Tax.

Reconciled to an increase, the venture capital folks have a fall-back position, which is still confidential. They will propose -- in conference -- a 22% rate on Capital Gains after a two-year holding period, and 17.5% (our original rate) if the property is held for three years.

MOST OF OUR MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS DO NOT TAX LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS

COUNTRY <i>(U.S. Trade Deficit in Billions of Dollars)</i>	MAXIMUM LONG-TERM CAPITAL GAINS RATE
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U.S.A.	20%
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JAPAN <i>(49.7)</i>	NONE
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CANADA <i>(22.2)</i>	17%
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TAIWAN <i>(13.1)</i>	NONE
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WEST GERMANY <i>(12.2)</i>	NONE
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HONG KONG <i>(6.2)</i>	NONE
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ITALY <i>(5.8)</i>	NONE
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SOUTH KOREA <i>(4.8)</i>	NONE
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SOURCE: ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

**CAPITAL GAINS TAX INCREASES
RESULT IN REDUCED REVENUES**

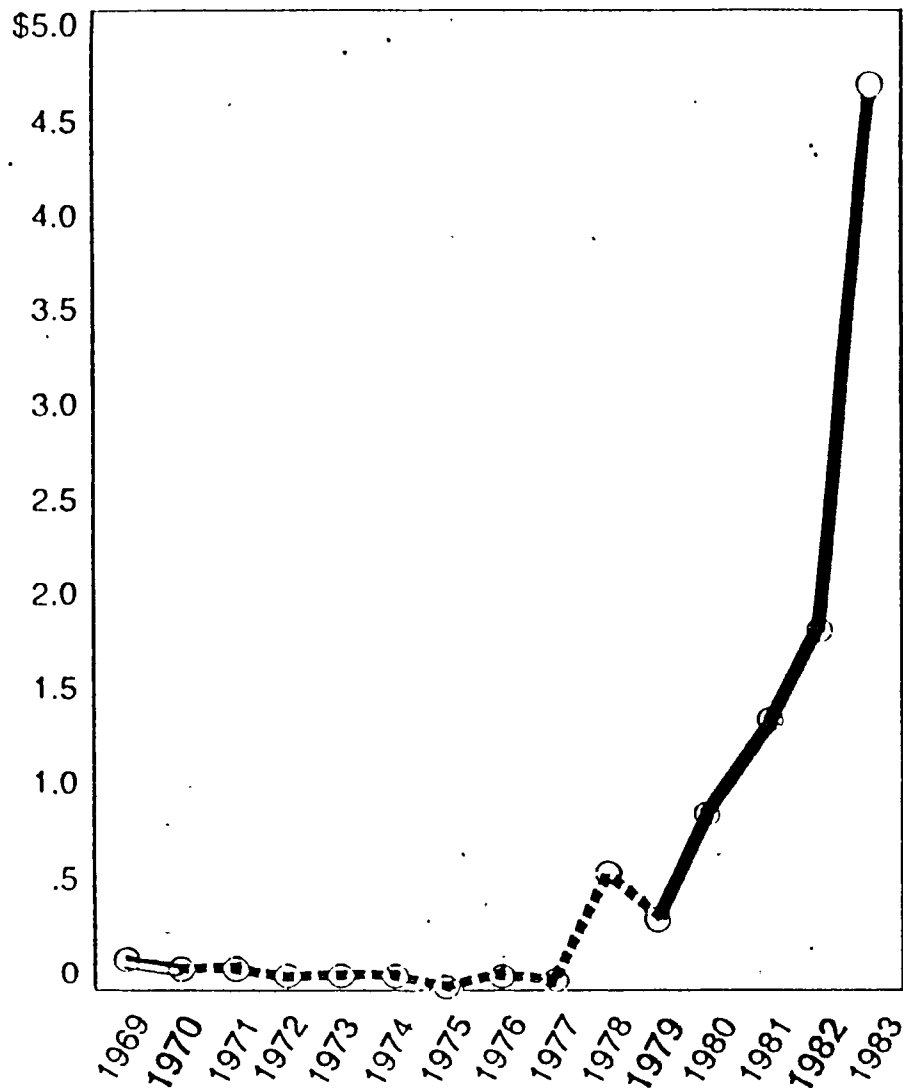
**CAPITAL GAINS TAX CUTS
RESULT IN INCREASED REVENUES**

YEAR	MAXIMUM CAPITAL GAINS RATE	CAPITAL GAINS REVENUES (millions)
1968	25.9%	\$5,943
1969	27.5%	\$5,275
1970	32.2%	\$3,161
1971	30.8%	\$4,380
1972	45.5%	\$5,708
1973	45.5%	\$5,366
1974	45.5%	\$4,253
1975	45.5%	\$4,535
1976	49.1%	\$6,621
1977	49.1%	\$8,104
1978	49.1%	<u>\$9,348</u>
1979	28.0%	\$11,669
1980	28.0%	\$12,459
1981	20.0%	\$12,684
1982	20.0%	\$12,900
1983	20.0%	<u>\$17,800</u>

Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury

CAPITAL GAINS TAX REDUCTIONS SPUR VENTURE CAPITAL GROWTH

(Net New Venture Capital
in Billions of Dollars)



— 1969

Maximum capital gains tax raised to 49%

..... 1978

Maximum capital gains tax reduced to 28%

— 1981

Maximum capital gains tax reduced to 20%

Source: Venture Economics, Inc.

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July 21, 1986

Dear Mildred:

Forgive me for being so tardy in responding to your letter with the enclosure. I have no excuse other than a pileup on my desk that I let get out of hand. Then, thank Heaven, there came a clean-up day.

Both Nancy and I thank you for your generous words, and we'll try to be deserving of them. You were very kind to write as you did, and we are truly grateful.

Nancy sends her very best, as do I.

Sincerely,

BON

Mrs. Edwin Hilson
The Waldorf Towers
Park Avenue and East 50th Street
New York, New York 10022

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

MRS. EDWIN HILSON

Mrs. Edwin Hilson

The Waldorf Towers

Dear Mr President

Yesterday's ceremonies were
memorable, but more importantly
you inspired the country with
patriotism and pride. No one will
forget July 4th 1986, or your good
influence and your strong leadership.
You, Nancy, as always, captivate
everyone with your charm and
graciousness and are an unforgettable
"First Lady". How lucky this country is to
have you both in the White House -
with admiration (Edw. Hilson)

July 21, 1986

Dear Lorraine and Wag:

It was a great treat to see you and the family, but I've been feeling guilty ever since. In all the saying of good-byes and everything, I didn't properly thank you for my present. Once you were gone, I had a chance to really look at it and that's when I realized I hadn't really expressed my appreciation. I've looked at it a half-dozen times since you left, and it's almost as if I find something new each time.

Yes, I'll forgive you for the one bumper strip you saved, but thank you for telling me about it -- I never knew there was such a strip.

Nancy likes it, too, and sends her best. Give our regards to the family and, again, thank you.

Sincerely,

RON

Mrs. Lorraine Wagner
2017 Nester Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19115

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

Dearest Nancy & Ron,

7/18/86

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My only regret in being
unable to present this to
you personally is being de-
mied knowing your reaction!

Of course we hope you
like the bumper sticker idea -
- enjoy it!

...that also brings

a wish for all

of life's best things!

God Bless always

Loraine & Wag

→

Forgive me, but I could
not give up the one I dis-
played so prominently & proudly
from 1976-80! "DON'T BLAME
ME - I WROTE IT REAGAN" -
for indeed I did! -

As we noted on the bottom,
underneath - Love & Devotion -
Loraine →

To Mrs. Edwin Hilson

Waldorf Towers N.Y.

Dear Mildred

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an up day. Both Nancy & I thank you for your generous words and we'll try to be deserving of them. You were very kind to write as you did & we are truly grateful.

Nancy sends her very best as do I.

Sincerely R.H.

To ~~Mrs.~~ Mrs. Lorraine Wagner (I think we have then addressed)
Dear Lorraine & Wag

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Sincerely R & N

To

~~Mr. & Mrs.~~ Mrs. Lorraine Wagner (I think we have their address)
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Sincerely Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1986

Dear Juanita:

Thank you for your letter and for the information it contained. I'm most grateful.

Nancy and I want you to know you have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts and prayers. Light and I shared a lot of happy memories going back to our youth in Dixon and on the Rock River. It would be hard to remember Dixon without the part the river played in our lives.

Please give our sympathy and regards to Kent, Rick and Todd, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Dutch

Mrs. Dwight K. Thompson
R.R. 2
Princeton, Illinois 61356

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9 Mrs. Dwight K. Thompson - RR 2 Princeton Ill. 61956

Dear Juanita

Thank you for your letter and for the information it contained. I'm most grateful.

Keney & I want you to know you have our deepest sympathy and are in our thoughts & prayers. Light & I shared a lot of ^{HAPPY} memories going back to our youth in Dixon & on the Rock River. It would be hard to remember Dixon without the part the river played in our lives.

Please give our sympathy & regards to Aunt, Rich & Todd and God Bless You.

Sincerely ~~RR~~ Dora R.

Nancy and Dutch Reagan - two of
Light's favorite people:

Light would have wanted
me to write you a special, personal
note of thanks for the flowers you
sent for his memorial. The basket
was indeed lovely.

Light's wish was to be
cremated. He held a memorial here
at our home in the yard at
sunset. Harold Steele delivered
the memorial service and your
flowers were a part of that
service.

Light's death came suddenly.
He was assured that he did
not suffer. This was the way he
always hoped his earthly life
would cease.

Please know that the two of
you were greatly admired by Light,
and through his feelings, my sons,
their families, and I have come to
share that admiration. Both of you
have done so very much ^{of history} ~~to respect~~
and dignity to the Office of the Presidency.
The nation is deeply indebted to you.

I am a teacher and shall continue
working in my profession. Teaching
children (to me - our nation's greatest resource)
is not only challenging but gratifying.
Son Kent has the family business here
in Princeton; son Rick is a building
contractor, also in Princeton; son

Todd is an attorney in Lawrence,
Kansas. Life goes on and I have
a great family to help me over
the rough spots.

Thank you again for honoring
Light. May God guide and protect
you always.

Sincerely,
Jeanita Thompson

This note paper has been embossed with a design which was inspired by a detail from a white cotton embroidered coverlet (1770-1780) in the Colonial Williamsburg collection.

According to family tradition, the coverlet was made by Martha Hall from cotton grown and woven on her home plantation in North Carolina. She married Benjamin Waller of Williamsburg in 1746. The coverlet is said to have been used for the first time at the christening of her grandson Littleton Tazewell (born 1774), to whom it was later given.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 22, 1986

Dear Henry:

I'm sorry to say your letter arrived just two days after I signed off on Frank Shakespeare for the Vatican post. You are right about Bob Reilly's capabilities. I think highly of him.

We haven't announced the Shakespeare appointment yet. There is a little matter of finding out if he's acceptable to the Vatican and then, of course, the Senate approval. We hang onto all of the names until those hurdles are cleared. We aren't expecting any problem on this one but we play it safe.

I appreciate your interest and your taking the time and trouble to suggest Bob, and I'll keep your evaluation on hand.

I know if she were here, Nancy would send her love, but she's in England for the wedding. Love to Gracie and, again, thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mr. Henry Salvatori
1901 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, California 90067

To Mr. Henry Salasani 1901 Ave. of the Stars
L.A. Calif 90067

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HENRY SALVATORI
1901 AVENUE OF THE STARS
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90067
TELEPHONE 213-277-3444

July 18, 1987

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am informed that Robert R. Reilly is one of several individuals under consideration for the post of Ambassador to the Vatican.

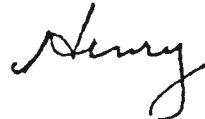
I have known Bob for a number of years through my association, as a trustee, with the Intercollegiate Studies Institute. Bob was formerly National Director of ISI. He impressed me during his years with ISI with the breadth of his knowledge, his concern for the critical issues facing the nation in domestic and foreign affairs, and the soundness of his analyses. In brief, Bob is bright, articulate, and gracious. A winning combination.

Bob is currently Senior Advisor on Public Diplomacy to Ambassador Faith Whittlesey in Bern. You will undoubtedly recall his earlier efforts in the Office of Public Liaison on the Outreach Working Group on Central America, and as the chief liaison officer to the American Catholic community. His work with the Catholic community and his knowledge of the issues in Central America would serve the nation well in the Vatican post.

I strongly recommend that you give your serious consideration to Robert R. Reilly for the post of Ambassador to the Vatican.

With my warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,



HS:jl

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