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RICHARD NIXON

July 25, 1986

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Mas Ron,

I am enclosing two copies of a memorandum covering my discussions in Moscow last week with Gorbachev, Gromyko, and Dobrynin. I have given the only other copy to Don Regan. You of course are free to share any of my observations with anyone you choose. I would appreciate it, however, if you would urge no leaks to the press -- not on my account, but because I told Gorbachev and the others that they could be totally candid with me and that I would report only to the President. As you know, while they leak on us, they are paranoic when we leak on them.

Nancy and you will make an enormous impression when you visit Moscow in 1988. It is a pretty grim place -- more closed even than Peking -- but the people are hungry for contacts with Americans. ready to eat plenty of tomatoes, cucumbers, caviar, and sturgeon. They still serve them for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Incidentally, Gorbachev may not be able to change Soviet foreign policy, but he has made one significant change on the domestic front. This was the first time in six trips to Moscow I was never served even a drop of vodka!

Pat joins me in sending our warm regards.

Sincerely

The Honorable Ronald Reagan

P.S.: Pat and I agree that your standing firm on the South Africa issue was one of your finest hours. am not surprised by the demagogic Democratic critics, but some of the Republicans who joined the chorus are simply revolting. You can take heart in the fact that your action was not only politically courageous -- even more important, it was morally right.

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 25, 1986

Dear Mr. Mahler:

Just a line to tell you once again how much I appreciate your gift of that very handsome briefcase. You were more than generous and I'm truly grateful.

By the way, I read the piece of literature by the Exotic Leather Council and want you to know I found much to agree with. May I add a story of my own. I was raised in the Mid-West -- Illinois to be precise -- and then began my adult life after college in Iowa. During all those years I never heard of a coyote existing anywhere but in the real West. Certainly none had ever been seen, to my knowledge, East of the Mississippi River. Well, just recently I was in New York and had as a dinner partner a lady who raises cattle in New York state. One of her problems has to do with coyotes and the threat to new calves. Then I learned that coyotes were a plague in Tarrytown, just north of New York City. They had reduced the size of the pet cat population considerably.

You will recall that some years ago some of the environmental extremists had succeeded in restraining sheepherders in the West from poisoning coyotes to protect their lamb crops.

Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. John G. Mahler 9012 Chancellor Row Dallas, Texas 75247 75 Mr. John J. Wohen 9012 Chancelon Rom Dales Tixus 75247

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LONDON, ENGLAND

CHARLES H. PRICE II
AMBASSADOR

July 23, 1986

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I had occasion last night to be visiting with Peter Carrington, Secretary General of NATO. Carol and I have become good friends with Peter and Iona over the past few years and they were at Winfield House for the dinner in honor of Nancy. During the course of our conversation, Peter expressed his concern over who will become David Abshire's successor as our Permanent Representative to NATO. Dave has certainly done an outstanding job and his shoes will be hard to fill.

Peter inquired as to whether or not I thought that there was any possibility that Bud McFarlane would be appointed to this position. I responded that I was unable to answer the question, but that by anyone's measurement I felt Bud would be an outstanding selection. In discussing this later with David Abshire, he wholly concurred that Bud would indeed be excellent. David emphasized, and I agreed, that there are several highly important qualites that Bud would bring to this position. He has a very solid foundation in foreign policy, is intimately acquainted with arms control and the inherent political-military implications, and has well established Congressional connections on both sides of the aisle.

It is my understanding that one of the reasons Bud left his position as National Security Advisor was to take advantage of opportunities in the private sector which would enable him to enhance his financial capabilities. I am told that his wife, Johnnie, may have some distinct reservations about Bud's reentering government service for this very reason.

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On the other hand, the financial disadvantages imposed by government service would to some extent be off-set by the fact that he would be provided excellent quarters properly staffed and the availability of representational funding. Furthermore, the likely length of his additional service would not be such as to deprive him of returning to the public sector within two and one-half or three years. Should you agree that Bud would be an excellent choice, I believe your personal intervention would be accepted by him as compelling.

Obviously I do not know of other candidates that you may be considering, but for the reasons stated above, I hope you will give thought to this suggestion.

Mr. President, I hope you will not regard this letter as presumptuous on my part. It is offered with my greatest respect and good wishes always. It was wonderful having Nancy with us and Carol joins in sending our love.

Sincerely,

Charlie

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HE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 25, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your information is a letter from Emil Mosbacher, Jr., thanking you for your involvement with OpSail 1986 over the July 4th Weekend. You have already sent him a thank-you letter for a plaque he had sent, but I thought you might like to see this letter.

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July 10, 1986

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The President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

If the comments we have received from all quarters are any indication, I believe it is safe to say that OPERATION SAIL 1986 has strengthened international goodwill and has brought us at least a league closer to the worldwide peace and understanding that seems to be on the horizon.

This success is due in very large measure to the enthusiastic personal interest and tangible support you have given us from the very beginning over four years ago. Knowing that you were on board was a major factor in helping us maintain our momentum through planning seas which were sometimes less than smooth. Your warm words on Governors Island on July 4 as the ships approached were particularly appreciated.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of OPSAIL 86 and the hundreds of dedicated volunteers on our team, I want to express to you our deep gratitude for all you have done.

Thank you.

Best Regards.

Respectfully yours,

Emil Mosbacher, Jr.

Chairman

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MEETING WITH AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

GOOD AFTERNOON AND WELCOME TO THE
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AMERICAN LEGION; TO GENERAL THOMAS TURNAGE,

OUR V.A. ADMINISTRATOR TO THE DIRECTOR OF
BOYS NATION, MARTY JUSTIS; TO YOUR NEW
PRESIDENT, GREGORY ORMAN OF MINNESOTA

TO YOUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT, PATRICK

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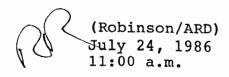
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CONCERNED, CASEY'S STILL YOUNG ENOUGH TO
BE CALLED "JUNIOR."

FOR A FEW YEARS WE ALLOWED OUR LEADERS
TO FORGET WHAT A GREAT AND CREATIVE PEOPLE
WE AMERICANS ARE. TODAY -- WELL, AS I'VE
SAID BEFORE, TODAY AMERICA IS BACK.

THE FUTURE RESTS NOT IN BIG, IMPERSONAL FORCES, BUT WITH US, IN OUR OWN CHOICES AND ACTIONS. IN ALL THE LONG HISTORY OF MANKIND, NO NATION HAS EVER AFFORDED ITS PEOPLE GREATER LIBERTY, OR DEPENDED MORE FOR ITS VERY SURVIVAL UPON THEIR DILIGENCE, THAN OUR OWN. GENTLEMEN, IN THIS LAND OF THE FREE, YOU HAVE ONLY TO REACH FOR GREATNESS TO ATTAIN IT.

THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS YOU.

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MEETING WITH AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION FRIDAY, JULY 25, 1986

Good afternoon and welcome to the White House. Greetings to Commander Renaud; to the Director of Boys Nation, Marty Justis; to your new president, Gregory J. Orman of Minnesota; to your new vice president, Patrick Ungashick of Missouri; and to a Boys Nation institution, "Casey" Cason. By the way, does Casey still play reveille on his slide trombone? Well, I suppose it's only fitting -- after all, as far as I'm concerned, Casey's still young enough to be called "Junior."

Now, Marty Justis has let me know that you've all been looking forward to meeting me here this afternoon. Marty thinks it's because I'm President, but I know better. The <u>real</u> reason is that you've heard about my Hollywood connections and think I might be able to introduce you to Madonna.

But it's good to see you in Washington studying democracy in an organized way. A few years back, I saw a certain amount of dis-organization: As Governor, I could practically start a riot on some campuses just by showing up. Of course, I was something of a campus radical myself. Most of the time I keep this sort of thing quiet, but with you here — well, I'll go ahead and tell the story.

It was when I was a student at Eureka College back in Illinois. The president of the college wanted to eliminate certain courses and reduce the faculty. The students and faculty said, "no," and I ended up helping to lead a student protest. By

I'd given my first political speech. By the way, Eureka was also the place where I worked my way through school at a job that wasn't the worst I've ever had: washing dishes in the girls' dormitory.

That student protest taught me something important, something I'd like to share with you today. It's a simple thought, but one that we as a Nation must remind ourselves of again and again. Briefly put, it's that by our own choices and actions we shape our lives and determine the course of American history itself. I say we need to remind ourselves of this because as recently as half a dozen years ago, some Americans appeared to have lost sight of it completely. You may remember that our foreign policy seemed adrift, while here at home, the economy had gone sour. Now, I'd seen our Nation experience trouble before -- indeed, I grew up during the Great Depression and served during World War II. But what I'd never seen was the sense of helplessness that characterized those recent years, the talk that America had grown old and weary, that America was in the midst of some sort of inevitable decline.

Inevitable decline? Nonsense. It's just that for a few years we allowed our leaders to forget what a great and creative people we Americans are. Today -- well, as I've said before, today America is back.

One of the accomplishments of recent years will be of special interest to you, because it holds particular hope for the future -- your future: the rebuilding of our Nation's defenses.

As I mentioned, I lived through World War II — and believe me, I came to office determined to see to it that your generation need never know the horror of warfare that my own generation experienced. That's why we've begun giving our men and women in uniform the pay and training they deserve. That's why we've improved equipment throughout the services, and taken our Navy from a battle-ready fleet of only 480 to one of 540 — well on the way to our goal of 600.

It was President Washington who said that one of the surest ways to avoid warfare was to be prepared for it; and this goal of strength -- strength in the name of peace -- is precisely what we've worked so hard to accomplish.

Today this capital city is the scene of a great debate over the budget, and there are those who want to cut the defense budget -- cut it so much that the achievements of recent years would be dangerously undermined. But, if you want to know the truth about what's wrong with the Federal budget, consider a simple set of facts. In 1960, social spending accounted for 28 percent of the budget, while defense took up 52 percent. By 1980, defense accounted for just 23 percent of the budget, while social spending had swollen to 53 percent -- a complete reversal. So it's clear that Government overspending involves social programs, not defense. I guess you fellows won't be surprised to hear that when it comes to our defense budget, I intend to get just as tough as I need to to keep it intact. And you know, if anybody in congress thinks I'm bluffing, they might want to get in touch with that old president of Eureka.

An aspect of our defense program that's of special importance is the Strategic Defense Initiative or S.D.I. As you may know, today our deterrence policy which keeps the peace is based upon the threat of retaliation with offensive nuclear weapons. If the Soviets fired missiles at us, we'd have no choice but to fire missiles back at them. The destruction in both countries would be untold.

S.D.I. is based upon an entirely different principle, that of a defense that truly can defend. In the S.D.I. program, we've begun research into systems that could destroy an attacker's missiles before they could do any harm — systems that could actually prevent ballistic missiles from reaching the United States or our allies in the first place. And once we have the technology developed, we could share its benefits with the world, yet again proving our good intentions, yet again acting in the name of peace.

What we have in S.D.I. is an opportunity over the long term to make nuclear missiles themselves obsolete -- to place today's fragile world peace upon a sure and lasting foundation. We hope the Soviets will agree upon the deep equitable, and verifiable reductions in offensive nuclear arms which the U.S. has proposed. That is the urgent need -- real arms reductions. S.D.I., on the other hand, involves our investigation of defensive systems, which could protect our allies and ourselves from ballistic missile attack, systems that could destroy missiles, but not people. Our ability to determine the feasibility of effective strategic defenses is not negotiable. For the future of our

Nation and indeed the world -- for your future -- I am determined to see S.D.I. through. And this is not only because we face such a massive Soviet offensive threat, but also because the Soviet Union itself has long been involved in strategic defense -- which in their case goes well beyond research.

This brings me back to my theme today that The future rests not in big, impersonal forces, but with us, in our own choices and actions. Well, I hope that S.D.I. shows the feasibility of effective strategic defenses, defenses which may well be fully deployed by the time perhaps one of you sits in my office. By then you will have your own challenges, your own historic opportunities, but we hope to have made the world safer for you. So remember: In all the long history of mankind, no nation has ever afforded its people greater liberty, or depended more for its very survival upon their diligence, than our own. Gentlemen, in this land of the free, you have only to reach for greatness to attain it.

Thank you, and God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE MASHINGTON, D.C.

> The Honorable James K. Porter 603 North Street Newport, Tennessee 37821

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To Judge James K, Porter

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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DATE: August 4, 1986

NOTE FOR: JOHN A. SVAHN

The President has

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David L. Chew Staff Secretary (x-2702)

Cc: Donald T. Regan
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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM:	JOHN A. SVAHN SA
	The following questions need to be answered prior to final opment of the Drug Initiative. I have outlined them ding to each goal of the six point program.
GOAL	#1 DRUG FREE WORKPLACE
Α.	Does the President want to prescreen applicants for federal jobs for use of illegal drugs?
	Yes By Executive Order
	Seek legislation
	Yes, but only for those applying for sensitive positions, i.e. law enforcement, safety, national security.
	No
В.	We all agree that current federal employees in the above sensitive positions may be tested under current law. Does the President want to require testing for these positions by Executive Order?
	R Yes
	No
	No, seek legislation
c.	Does the President want to seek legislation authorizing drug screening of all current federal employees?
	Yes
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D.	Does the President want to establish a drug testing program for the White House staff?
	( < ! <  Yes, we will lead the way.
	No, not at this time, wait for the rest of federal employees.
E.	Does the President want to require government contractors to initiate drug screening and rehabilitation programs?
	Yes, for defense contractors to the extent possible by Executive Order under current law.
	Yes, for all federal contractors - seek legislation.
	No, prefer to encourage them and the rest of the private sector to work for a drug free workplace.
GOAL	#2 DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS
Α.	Does the President want to extend the existing federal law doubling the penalty for a drug pusher distributing drugs in or near elementary and secondary schools to colleges and universities?
	Q(Z Yes
	No
В.	Does the President want to seek legislation allowing the Secretary of Education to withhold federal funds from educational institutions which do not establish a drug-free policy for their institutions?
	Yes
	No Wouldn't this prevery mondary was dependent of some?
GOAL	#3 EXPAND DRUG TREATMENT
Α.	Does the President want IV drug users (herion, cocaine, others) to be required to seek treatment (to reduce drug use in general and the spread of AIDS in the heterosexual population?
	Yes Yes
	Encourage states to adopt such programs and direct the Secretary of HHS to develop ways to provide assistance to states which do so.
	Develop a federal requirement and program to do so.

No

В.	drug	the President want to accelerate health research in the area, specifically focusing on new drug screening niques and cocaine research?  Yes  No						
GOAL	#4 ]	EXPAND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION						
A.	Does the President want to recall his Ambassadors in selected countries that produce illegal drugs or have national drug problems, for consultations?							
		Yes  P Toek to Mange S.  No						
GOAL	#5 5	STRENGTHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT						
Α.		the President want to seek the death penalty for: All drug trafficers						
		Yes						
		No						
	2.)	Drug trafficers who have been convicted three times or more						
	Yes							
		No						
	3.)	Drug Trafficers who have been convicted three times or more of selling to children on or near school grounds.						
		Yes						
		No						
GOAL	#6	EXPAND PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PREVENTION						
Α.	Does the President approve of the establishment of a Blue Ribbon panel to lead the effort for a drug-free society in the private sector?							
Yes								
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 31, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

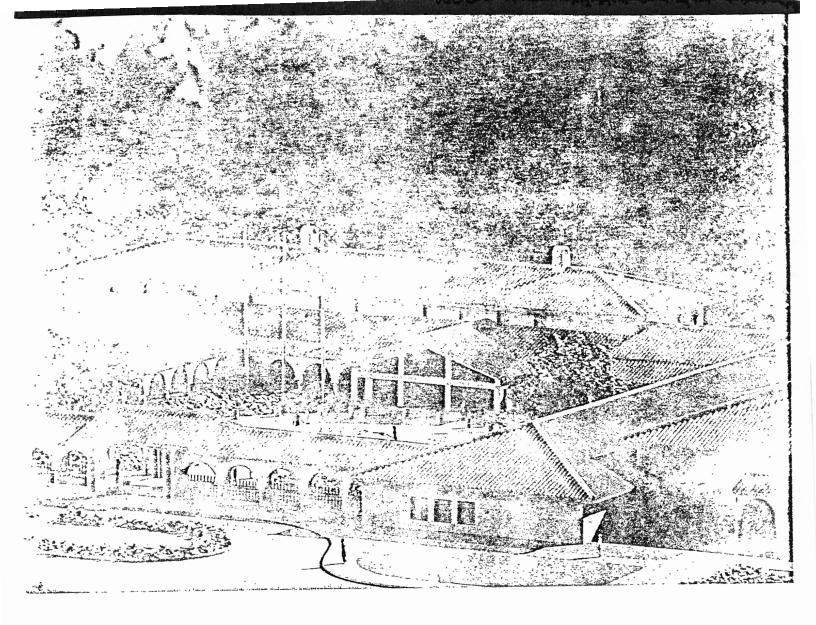
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FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.

SUBJECT: Ronald Reagan Library

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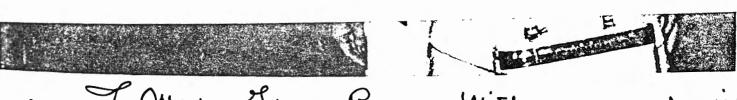


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Ronald Reagan Presidential Library to be constructed on the grounds of Stanford University, California

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## THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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July 17, 1986

The President 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you progress thru your sixth year as President of the United States I wish to congratulate you and tell you what a joy it is to know that you are at the helm guiding us so wisely thru this maize of events which is constantly appearing. I have been a Republican all my life and at the age of eight years I experienced the thrill of shaking hands with President Teddy Roosevelt when he visited the Chautauqua Assembly Grounds, N.Y. It was in the days of the steam engine and when it pulled into the station President Roosevelt immediately stepped up to shake hands with the engineer and then with the enthusiastic group who gathered to meet him. I hope that some day you will visit South Florida and I will see you step off Air Force One.

I wish to thank you and Nancy for the birthday greetings which I received on my 90th birthday. It was a happy surprise and I treasure it.

God Bless you both and may the years to come be peaceful and rewarding.

Loyally as ever, Loyally as ever,

(Mrs. Cooer) Grace T. Pogue

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 31, 1986

Dear Mr. Sokale:

Dr. Hutton has delivered the autographed copy of North by Northeast you so generously have given us, and we are most grateful to you. It is a beautiful book, and Nancy and I are delighted to have it.

You are more than kind, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

### RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Spencer Sokale Chief Executive Officer Landmark General Corporation 51 Digital Drive Novato, California 94947

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

TO: ince Heggins

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: 7-3/-16.

(dry med to ac T-yle to Charpine and Ellis searce they autrophed the last. special . . . Most authors the to cities across the nation promoting their latest efforts. Former CBS News anchor Walter Cronkite has a different plan. On tour for "North by Northeast," a book of paintings of marine artist Ray Ellis for which he wrote the accompanying text, Cronkite will be attending autographing parties with Ellis in the Maine cities of Bar Harbor, Camden and Portland, as well as in Martha's Vineyard and Boston, and he will get to those parties under sail on his 42-foot sailboat Wintjel. And if the wind and weather holds, he might be on time . . .

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1986

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

Over the past weekend a Mr. Spencer Sokale, Chief Executive Officer of Landmark General Corporation, attended an autographing party in Martha's Vineyard, where Walter Cronkite and Ray Ellis were presenting their new book, "North by Northeast."

I cannot explain the exact mechanism of the transaction, but all thought the First Family should have a look at the other part of the United States, and Mr. Sokale, an acquaintence of mine, presented the book to me in the Old Executive Office Building this past Monday.

Mr. Sokale's office is located at the Landmark General Corporation, 51 Digital Drive, Novato, California 94947. I do not know the whereabouts of either Mr. Cronkite or Mr. Ellis.

John E. Hutton, Jr., M.D.

#### July 31, 1986

Dear John:

As always, you deliver the correct message and, this time, in several installments. I'm seeing that my gang reads them. As for your letter, thank you for the generous review of my speech. I'm most grateful.

There is a hostile wave building up in the Congress, but I believe it is generated by a political motive having to do with the Black vote in our coming election. Believe it or not, I've just received a statesmanlike letter from the Zulu leader in South Africa, Chief Buthelezi, eloquently outlining the case against sanctions. He's in tune with your columns all the way.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,



Mr. John Morley 758-C Calle Aragon Laguna Hills, California 92653

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John Morley

July 23, 1986

Dear Ron:

Following up our recent correspondence on South Africa I want you to know that your speech on July 22 hit the nail right on the head. It was eloquent and sound. It confirmed my own news experience on the spot over the past forty years.

As I begin my national speaking tour I will publicly confirm your position from the platform, Radio and T V.

I regret that Governor Deukmejian supports divestment. I am writing Duke who  $^{\rm I}$  admire and have publicly supported for years.

I am enclosing several of my columns on South Africa.

Those who advocate sanctions and divestment are either uninformed or playing politics. Just suppose they win. Corporations like General Motors will pull out. Then what. Who will fill the vacuum. Of course, Japan. For the Japanese Diet and the people are not demonstrating for divestment. Divestment is stupid and nonsense.

Don't let anyone persuade you and Secretary Schultz from your righteous position. Senators Biden and Weicker have never agreed with you no matter what. On South Africa they may be sincere. But you can be sincere in what you think and be dead wrong.

Your friend,

President Ronald Reagan % Kathy Osborn The White House Washington, D. C. 20005

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July 31, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The argument about grain sales to the Soviet Union and China should not be over whether we are "subsidizing" sales to communist nations, nor should the debate be on whether we are "saving Republican seats at risk" in the upcoming election.

The debate should center on how we regain the markets we lost during the wrong-headed Carter embargo. The export enhancement program amendment that I cosponsored with Senator Dole merely says we will sell at the same price to all customers.

Mr. President, our situation is very much like that of the main street clothing merchant holding a "25% off" sale. That merchant would hardly say "this sale is restricted to those who have not been steady customers." In fact, regular customers often get first crack at the sale for a few days and only then it is opened to the general public.

Before EEP was put in discriminating against them, the Soviet Union was our best wheat customer. Now they are our 29th best customer. The People's Republic of China, which was our fourth best customer, is now only our 13th best customer. The reason for this is very simple, they have been excluded from participation in the export enhancement program.

We have to market our grain where the mouths are and the mouths are in the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China. In the world market, we cannot continue to compete with one arm tied behind our back.

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The Australians and the Canadians are now protesting. In essence, what they are saying is "we stole your markets when the Carter embargo was on and we want to keep them."

I think you will find, Mr. President, that many of us in the farmbelt supported you on the textile bill. We intend to continue that support, but, it gets increasingly difficult when our farmers and farm organizations are beginning to say that we are being shortchanged by our own government's refusal to use the export enhancement provision in the farm bill to our fullest advantage. Therefore, they say we are going to have to protect ourselves with tariffs. That is no way to solve the problem. Our country learned that in the days of Smoot-Hawley.

Sincerely,

MARK ANDREWS U.S. Senator

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