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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 4, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your approval is a proposed fundraising letter for the California State Republican Party.

Approval is recommended by the Office of Political and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Office of Legislative Affairs. Counsel's Office and the Office of Management and Administration have no objection.

David L. Chew

The President has seen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 28, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MITCHELL E. DANIELS, JR. Mitab.

SUBJECT:

Cal Plan Letter

Attached is a proposed fundraising letter for the California State Republican Party. Funds raised from this letter will be earmarked for Cal Plan and will be used towards electing Republican state legislative candidates.

This letter has been approved by the White House Senior Staff and will be mailed to major donors of the California GOP.

Revised Cal Plan Draft

One of the greatest setbacks I faced as Governor of California was the loss of our Republican majorities in the State Senate and State Assembly in the election of 1970.

Though our party regained some strength in 1972, when Republicans were tied with the Democrats in the Senate 20-20, it's been eighteen years since a Republican Governor had a true G.O.P. majority to work with in Sacramento.

Today, just weeks before the 1986 election, the forecast for the re-election of George Deukmejian is excellent.

Yet, without your help, a re-elected Governor Deukmejian may face the same kind of liberal Democrat phalanx in the State Senate and State Assembly that I had to deal with during my second term as Governor.

Neither you, nor I, nor Governor Deukmejian want to see that happen.

That is why I am writing you directly to urge you to support "Cal-Plan", the California Republican Party project aimed at winning back control of the California State Senate and State Assembly.

The spirited sponsorship of Cal-Plan by the Party leaders, activists, and corporate leaders during the 1960's was a key element in my first victory as Governor and in denying the Democrats veto-proof control of the state legislature nearly two decades ago.

Now at last we have the opportunity to actually win majority control of the State Senate and the State Assembly on November 4, if -- and only if -- I can rely on you to serve as a key supporter of Cal-Plan at once.

In the Assembly, several factors make me very optimistic that Republicans are on the verge of building a majority:

- 1. My 1984 campaign won in 25 of the 47 Assembly districts currently held by Democrats. Assembly Republicans need to win only 8 of these 25 seats to become a majority.
- 2. Assembly candidates must run for re-election every two years -- therefore Republicans have three chances to defeat each vulnerable Democrat before the next reapportionment. As Republican registration continues to grow, these additional election opportunities may prove to be the decisive factor in gaining control of th State Assembly.

Our chance of winning a G.O.P. majority in the State Senate is excellent for one reason:

While 16 Democrat State Senators face re-election this year, only four Republican State Senate seats must be defended.

If we can defeat just six liberal Democrats out of sixteen in the State Senate and just eight liberal Democrats out of 47 in the State Assembly, we will have a true Republican majority for the first time in eighteen years.

Winning won't be easy, of course. The entrenched Democrats have not hesitated to use their legislative power to enrich their war chests by collecting from labor bosses, left-wing interest groups — and even by wheedling corporations and independent business leaders out of contributions that would normally go to Republicans.

Yet, the shifting demographics of California, plus growing frustration with the actions of the Democratic legislature leadership have created a growing backlash against the entrenched power brokers.

Thus, the key for a Republican takeover in the State Senate and State Assembly rests with our Party's ability to marshal upwards of \$500,000 in campaign funds among the targeted races for state legislature in the next several weeks.

I realize \$500,000 may not seem like much compared to the (Roberti Fundraising Figure) stocked away by David Roberti or the (Willie Brown Fundraising Figure) bankrolled by Willie Brown.

But, coupled with the funds raised by Governor Deukmejian, and those supplied by other Republican organizations the \$500,000 in Cal-Plan funds can make a decisive difference in breaking up the 18-year monopoly of power held by liberal Democrats in legislature.

Can I count on you to join with other distinguished Party and business leaders to help to create this Republican breakthrough by supporting Cal-Plan today?

State Senator Jim Nielsen and State Assemblyman Pat Nolan, our Republican leaders in the legislature, are depending heavily on your help to carry out the targeted efforts required to win two-to-six seats in the State Senate and four-to-eight seats in the State Assembly.

Gains of that size will put our Party in an excellent position when the questions of reapportionment come up in 1990. Our victories will also result in the wholesale change of powerful Chairmanships in key areas such as the California Coast Commission.

Our Party, and the business community, and the people of my state have suffered enough from the years of total Democrat domination in California government. I know you agree with me on that. Now is our chance to change things.

The chances for Governor Deukmejian's victory appear excellent, but that's not enough. We must help him to have a Republican-oriented state legislature that will work with him for progress.

I urge you to use the reply form and envelope enclosed. Support Cal-Plan with your most generous contribution -- now.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

P.S. What a wonderful change it would be to come home to California in two years and live in a state that has elected a true Republican majority.

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SEPTEMBER 15, 1986

GREETING TO FIFTY STATE PRESIDENTS OF THE U.S. JAYCEES

GOOD MORNING. I APPRECIATE THIS

OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS FOR

ALL YOU HAVE DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO

TO MEET ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS CHALLENGES

FACING OUR COUNTRY TODAY — THE USE OF

ILLEGAL DRUGS.

DURING ONE OF MY FIRST PRESS

CONFERENCES AS PRESIDENT, I PLEDGED THAT

FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE WOULD BE A MAJOR GOAL

OF OUR ADMINISTRATION. NANCY HAD ALREADY

MADE IT HER MAJOR ROLE.

I AM PROUD OF THE ENORMOUS EFFORT THAT

HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE LAST 5-1/2 YEARS TO

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 16, 1986

Dear Malcolm:

Thank you for your letter of August 15. I totally agree that we should not let the Soviets sidestep issues and focus only on arms control at my meeting with General Secretary Gorbachev. In expert group discussions and throughout US-Soviet preparations for my meeting, we are holding to the broad four-part agenda we kept in Geneva: human rights, regional issues, bilateral matters and arms control. In fact, one reason I met with Anatoly Shcharansky and the Afghan freedom fighters was to highlight our concern over regional issues and human rights.

Some have suggested that we are on the defensive in arms control. In reality, my recent letter to General Secretary Gorbachev puts us in a position to challenge the Soviets to join us in meaningful measures that would genuinely strengthen peace, and above all, achieve deep, equitable and verifiable reductions in nuclear arms.

We consider all four areas of the agenda important and are pressing for progress in all of them. To succeed, however, we need the active support of concerned members of Congress like yourself and the public on this whole range of issues.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Malcolm Wallop United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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September 12, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JOHN M. POINDEXTER

SUBJECT:

Response to Letter from Senator Wallop

Issue

Whether to sign a letter to Senator Wallop.

Facts

You received a letter from Wallop expressing concern that your proposed summit with Gorbachev would deal exclusively with arms control issues, particularly your SDI program. He asks that you insure that the Summit agenda focuses on the full range of issues in the Soviet-American relationship, including efforts to bring about a peaceful resolution of global conflicts.

Discussion

The reply to Senator Wallop reiterates your four-point summit program and notes the success we have had in addressing all issues in our ongoing consultations with the Soviets.

Recommendation

 $\frac{OK}{R}$ That you sign your letter to Senator Wallop.

Attachment:

Tab A Letter to Senator Wallop

Prepared by: Tyrus W. Cobb

cc Vice President



UNITED STATES SENATE WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

MALCOLM WALLOP WYOMING

August 15, 1986

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

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Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply concerned that we are heading for a summit whose primary, if not exclusive, focus will be arms control. Your optimism about recent meetings with the Soviets in the area of arms control, combined with the usual press euphoria on the subject, has created an expectation that the upcoming summit will deal with arms control generally and our SDI program in particular - nothing more.

I am concerned about this development on two counts. First, it is very unlikely that we can see truly beneficial results in arms control this fall. The positions of the two sides remain far apart, and there is little time available for movement. Second, and more to the point, by focusing the summit on arms control we will have abandoned basic issues that divide us from the Soviets - issues that go to the very heart of our effort to improve our relationship. Preeminent among these issues is human rights.

I hope that between now and the meeting in Moscow you will try to focus the agenda for the summit on the "report card" that you so ably outlined at the conclusion of the first summit last November. The questions you asked then about bringing about a peaceful resolution of conflicts throughout the world and joining together in order to help advance the cause of liberty must be the central topics of any high-level meeting with the Soviets if we are ever to develop a more permanent basis for peace.

Please consider how you can tactically broaden American public awareness of the continued breadth of issues that divide us. I fear that if you do not, arms control will alone dominate public expectations at the summit. In my opinion, you cannot expect to dominate or succeed in such a narrowly defined event.

Yours respectfully,

Malcolm Wallop

United States Senator

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ACTION

September 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB WE

SUBJECT:

Reply from President Reagan to Senator Malcolm

Wallop's letter

At Tab I is a memorandum from you to the President forwarding a response to a letter from Senator Wallop, who admonished the President not to allow the focus of a Reagan-Gorbachev Summit to rest exclusively on arms control.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the membrandum to the President at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove

Concurrences:

Jack Matlock, Bob Linhard, Ron Sable and Concurred

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum to the President

Tab A Letter from the President to Senator Wallop

Tab B Incoming letter



MALCOLM WALLOP

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Washington, D.C.20500

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Yours respectfully,

Malcolm Wallop

United States Senator

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MOSCOW BUREAU: LENINSKY PROSPEKT 36 KV. 63 TEL: 137-50-24

Dear President Regan,

Thanks to you and the incredible outcry of the American people against the foriet Union's lakest outrage, I am out of prison — still a hostope-feet at least not in a prison cell with an open toilet.

that you had spoken out on my behalf, I had hope for the frist time
since I was sugged off the street
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Interrogeted in total isolation, you
togain to lose touch with reality.
Lutionally, I know that even the
Soviets would have send an American

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peus man to Siberia. But emotionally it is hard to resist neited threats of heavy prison sextences - including allusions to the death penalty.

How can I thouk you enough?

Not only did you speak out in my

clefense, but in the defense of all

Western journalists norking in Morcon.

What hoppened to me could hoppen

to any one of them.

There is no doubt in my mind
That I am a political bargaining
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shorp reaction of the free world, and have delivered themselves a severe propaganda blow.

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Release into the custody of embassies is not a swaps. The exclusive of on inno out journalist for a line k6B officer is extremely distartiful to me. However, is realize that for the rake of Sorret-American relations — to say nothing of my facily — some kind of political rolution wast to reached.

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Extraordinary dyrlomatic skill and may take a while. As far as letting the Soviets fet away with this ontrage: I do not thing they will. They will bear the International propaganda propaganda sears for years to come.

Again, I want to Krank you President Reagan, for your support.

Respectfully,

Nick Danik

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

September 17, 1986

Dear Richard:

What a happy surprise. Your book was delivered by Ambassador Price and is by my bed. Bedtime is the only time I have for pleasure reading anymore. However, I did read pages 233-253. Thank you for your generous words and thank you also for stirring up some wonderfully warm memories. I'm looking forward to reading the entire book and, of course, reading those twenty pages over again.

Again, my thanks, and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Richard Todd Little Ponton House Near Grantham Lincolnshire England To Mr. Richard Toda

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EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LONDON, ENGLAND

CHARLES H. PRICE II AMBASSADOR

August 26, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your long-time friend Richard Todd asked that I insure the delivery of the book on his life, which in a warm and affectionate way makes reference to your relationship with him over the years. I trust it will see itself safely into your hands. I enclose a copy of his letter to me.

All the best to you and Nancy.

Sincerely, Charles

Enclosures:

1. Caught in the Act by Richard Todd.

2.Copy of letter dated August 20.

Little Ponton House, Near Grantham, Lincolnshire.

20 1 August, 1986

Dear M. Price You have on one or two occasions been kind brough to lusure that correspondence between me and The President has

reached its destination.

I would be most grateful if you would bindly we you food offices to see that the enclosed book is setely received by Mr. Reagan.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 17, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

PAT BUCHANAN

Joe Rodota, of Public Affairs has dug up some interesting quotes by our former President, concerning the Reagan Administration, which you might find of interest in preparing your thoughts for the dedication of the Great Man's Library.

The first quote (note underscored), sort of explains how the rest may have come about:

When I was in the Navy in '52, I was working for Admiral Rickover. There was a meltdown of a reactor at Chalk River in Canada and I had to take my crew up there. We had 22 men and an officer under me and had to go up there and disassemble the reactor after it cooled off a little. At that time, the limits on radiation were probably 1,000 times higher than they are now and they let us get the maximum amount of radiation that was permissible at that time.

--- Jimmy Carter UPI, 5/20/86

CARTER SPEAKS

"Things will be different for the Democrats in 1988," Carter said. "For one thing, Ronald Reagan will no longer be president -- and he has been a very popular president despite his atrocious policies."

--- UPI, 9/13/86 (emphasis added)

He [Reagan] avoids responsibility, successfully, for anything that's unpleasant or disappointing or embarrassing or a failure. It's never his fault. It's always the fault of his cabinet members, of Congress, his predecessor in the White House, or some foreigner. Never his fault.

--- USA Today, 5/12/86

"This is the first time I have gone public," Mr. Carter said of this interview, "but some of his statements are almost more than a human being can bear."

--- New York Times, 3/2/86

I think he tends to exaggerate, sometimes to deliberately misstate facts to make his point about needing an enormous buildup in the Defense Department or not taking blame for anything that goes wrong and blaming his predecessors in office or in Congress or someone else.

--- CBS Morning News, 4/8/86

Responding to questions by reporters, Carter said President Reagan's farm policy "has been a disaster."

--- UPI, 8/15/86

...he's had no detectable achievements in foreign policy.

--- USA Today, 5/12/86

"The private sector role is increasingly important as the federal government withdraws its support of hunger programs, housing and arms control," Carter said, adding that he hoped "it wouldn't have been quite so necessary to have the Better World Society when I was in the White House."

--- UPI, 9/9/86 (emphasis added)

"I never saw an anti-nuclear demonstrator" during his presidency, he said. "There was a certain conviction that we were pushing for the reduction of nuclear arms and the only opposition came from the Kremlin," he said.

--- UPI, 11/7/85

The Reagan-backed Contra rebels are "mere puppets of the United States and would not exist a month without U.S. aid," Carter said. "They have no support in Nicaragua that I have been able to see. Their human rights violations are much more severe than the Sandinistas."

--- AP, 9/6/86

"Nicaragua lies in the seeds of successful negotiations," he said. "We are standing in the way of the contadora process."

--- UPI, 9/11/86

On the Libyan bombing raid:

"Billy hasn't been to Libya in a long time,"
Jimmy Carter said. "He never met Khadafy.
But I think he would agree with my assessment
that the bombing was ill-advised and a
counterproductive response to terrorism."
--- UPI, 5/1/86

Carter said he didn't think the bombing of Libya "has reduced the incidence of terrorism -- it's probably increased it. I think it's made Khadafy a hero in much of the world."

--- AP, 5/9/86

"He was an outcast. Now he is a hero," Mr. Carter said. The United States "has been universally condemned" for its action, he said.

--- Washington Times, 4/18/86

We can try to frighten people [but that is] not a sign of greatness but a sign of bullying.
--- UPI, 9/11/86

"If 17 years ago, somebody had killed Amy, I would not have rested until her killer was punished," Mr. Carter said.

--- Washington Times, 4/18/86

For the 5½ years since I left the White House there has been no priority given to peace in the Middle East as a process," Carter said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that is why we have seen terrorism erupt -- in all its terrible forms -- throughout that region."

--- UPI, 9/11/86

(emphasis added)

And he let Ronald Reagan off easy:

Jerry Falwell can -- in a very Christian way -- as far as I'm concerned, he can go to hell.
--- UPI, 9/11/86

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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NOTE FOR: PATRICK	J. BUCHANAN				
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David L. Chew Staff Secretary (x-2702)

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

DATE:	9/18/86

NOTE FOR: DONALD T. REGAN WILLIAM HENKEL

The President has

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THE WHITE HOUSE

September 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

DONALD T. REGAN

SUBJECT:

CARTER LIBRARY DEDICATION SERVICE

Attached for your review is the proposed scenario for the dedication of the Carter Library. Jim Hooley traveled to Atlanta on Monday and met with President Carter's representatives.

I recommend the proposed scenario.

Attachment

cc: Mrs. Reagan with attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN

ΤO

THE DEDICATION OF THE CARTER PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

October 1, 1986

On Monday, September 15, a meeting was held in Atlanta between the staff director to former President Carter and the director of your Advance operation, regarding the proposals for your visit to the Carter Library dedication. The guidelines from me which were followed were to keep your participation to a minimum, consistent with your personal pledge to attend and the courtesy due to your predecessor.

As a result, a recommendation has been developed which I believe balances the rather extensive requests of former President Carter with our desires to limit your participation to what is necessary. It also allows you and Mrs. Reagan to demonstrate sensitivity and courteousness while avoiding having to sit through numerous speeches in the noontime sun.

The scenario, as outlined on the attached page, offers the following advantages:

It limits your time at the Library to two hours or less.

It provides a natural and comfortable time for you to depart the stage during the dedication program without disrupting the ongoing ceremony. The integrity of the program, as devised by President Carter, remains intact.

Our original intent was to propose your attendance at only the dedication ceremony itself, with the expectation that you would be on stage for all of it. However, this proposal provides an opportunity for you and Mrs. Reagan to show your usual graciousness, by taking a brief tour of the library and having coffee with the Carters, within the same total time frame (actually somewhat less time) that would be involved in remaining on stage throughout the entire dedication ceremony.

Incidentally, the date of the dedication, October 1, is Jimmy Carter's birthday.

If you and Mrs. Reagan agree, we will proceed on the basis of this scenario.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. REAGAN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1986

8:45 a.m. MARINE ONE departs South Lawn en route Andrews Air Force Base.

Flight Time: 10 mins.

8:55 a.m. MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan deplane and proceed to Air Force One for boarding.

9:00 a.m. AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route Atlanta, Georgia.

Flight Time: 1 hr. 35 mins. Time Change: None

Food Service: TBD

10:35 a.m. AIR FORCE ONE arrives Hartsfield Airport, Atlanta, Georgia.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan deplane and proceed to transportation to Carter Presidential Center.

Travel Time: 20 mins.

10:55 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Carter Presidential Center.

11:00 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Carter Presidential Center.

Met by:

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed into Lobby to greet Founders (informal).

11:10 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan participate in brief tour of museum portion with the Carters.

11:30 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan have coffee in private office with the Carters, D. Regan, one Carter staff member.

(Platform processional taking place at this time)

11:50 a.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan proceed to announcement area.

Former President and Mrs. Carter announced onstage.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan announced onstage.

11:55 a.m. Program Begins

Presentation of Colors National Anthem

NOON Invocation

Remarks by Mayor Andrew Young

Keynote Address by Warren Christopher

"The Former Presidency"

Remarks and introduction by Jimmy Carter

12:30 p.m. THE PRESIDENT makes remarks.

12:45 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes remarks.

12:55 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart stage.

(Program continues with remaining speakers)

1:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan depart Carter Center.

Travel Time: 20 mins.

1:20 p.m. THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan arrive Hartsfield Airport.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan board Air Force One.

1:25 p.m. AIR FORCE ONE departs Atlanta, Georgia en route Andrews Air Force Base.

Flight Time: 1 hr. 25 mins. Time Change: None Food Service: TBD

2:50 p.m. AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan deplane and proceed to Marine One for boarding.

2:55 p.m. MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route The South Lawn.

Flight Time: 10 mins.

3:05 p.m. MARINE ONE arrives The South Lawn.

THE PRESIDENT and Mrs. Reagan deplane and proceed inside.

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September 22, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

FROM:

Alfred H. Kingon

SUBJECT:

Attached Article on the Recent New York

· Homicide

I do not often bother you with articles, but you may have seen a stir in the New York Time's a few weeks ago when a young man, age 19, was accused of murdering a young girl, age 18, in central park at about 4:00 in the morning.

It turned out that they were part of a group of upper class Manhattanites who frequented a bar scene that exists in New York.

The attached piece by Carll Tucker was one of the best I have seen on family values, parental responsibility and education. I thought it was too good not to let you enjoy it.

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The Crowd at Dorrian's

I have never set foot in Dorrian's Red Hand, the Manhattan Upper East Side watering-hole where murdered Jennifer Dawn Levin, 18, and arraigned Robert Chambers, 19, began their fatal tryst, but from the brief, published descriptions of its regulars, I shudder with a shock of recognition.

These are the corrupted children of the rich. They attend the "best schools" money can buy and wear "the best" clothes. Since age 15 or so, they have been regulars on "the Circuit," as they call it, of "in" bars and discos. They flash their faked LD's without a flicker of remorse. With grim precision, they imitate the snobbery, superficiality, and wealthworship of their parents' set. They tend to be slightly grey beneath their make-up, having partied the night away, and perennially bored. If you meet one, you will not forget it how he or she tends to sneer at you with impeccable "good manners," unless you are famous or rich.

You may feel, during such an encounter, like punching the little snot in his lah-de-dah mouth or like enrolling him in the Marines or cancelling his charge-card privileges something to wake him up torespectfulness for ordinary human endeavor and the rigors of everyday life. If only you could make him understand that the snob indicts himself, that arrogance is ignorance, and that every human battle, win or lose, merits our sympathetic attention. One of these paragons - an lvy-League sophomore and Choate graduate, whose parents "own their second home in Greenwich" -- told The New York Times reporter that he wanted to be in business, like his parents, because "there's a lot of money to be made here . . . I have a nice life style and I want to maintain it." It seems never to have occurred to him that money is not the only - or perhaps, not any - measure of success.

One's first impulse, encountering these blase kids, may be to rant like Jeremiah. "We have heard of the pride of Moab," fulminated the prophet." "I know his insolence, says the Lord; his boasts are false, his deeds are false. So I have broken Moab like a vessel for which no one cares . . . (and) Moab has become a derision and a horror to all that are round about him." It is pleasant, at times, to imagine the fiery downfall of those whose insolence insults us.

But then one remembers that, their sophistication notwithstanding,

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these are not adults we're excoriating but kids. Where are their parents? What have their parents done or not done to slow the advance of this spiritual rot? Montaigne reminds us how "Diogenes hit the father when the son swore." We should summon, then, these rich parents, these "success stories," to explain what they did to make their kids so vacuous of values, so hollow.

The problem is that the parents are probably, as usual, nowhere to be found, too busy with their careers and "charities" to realize what has occurred. They deluded themselves that raising a child meant signing the checks. They forgot, if they ever knew, that what keeps most kids on track is parental love — a love that is tough enough to forbid a 15-year-old from drifting onto "the Circuit" and more important, a love that is inventive and self-disciplined

enough to give that kid some good reason to stay home.

I feel for those snotty kids; and I feel for their parents, too. I've lived in Manhattan and know how tough it is to defend one's time. It's easy enough to declare, "We won't go out;" but then the invitations are issued by friends whom it would be a shame to insult, and insensibly, despite one's intentions, the calendar is filled and the kids are abandoned to amuse themselves.

If I were Mr. Gorbachev, I would quickly order up a feature film about the crowd at Dorrian's and the murder of Jennifer Dawn. For these kids, even more than the hungry in Harlem, are an indictment of our capitalist system. For they are the products of our "best" schools, our "best" families — and they are callow, callous, bored, emptied of all ideals except to live lavishly and to earn a big buck.

Governor Cuomo has recently called for a return to teaching values in our schools. It's a good idea. But an even better idea, if one could figure out how, would be to teach parents how to optimize their chances for success at the most important job they'll ever do. Of course, there are no sure-fire strategies. Sometimes, a botched programme produces an exemplary adult, while the most deliberate and sensitive rearing yields a hoodlum. As a rule, however, I think one may say that parental neglect does not improve the odds.

In most nations of earth, even the most backward, the cultivation of youth is the first national priority. In America, too often we treat education as a wearisome chore that distracts us from the pursuit of our own delight. In most nations of earth, a crowd like Dorrian's would be viewed as an index of society's failure. In America, it seems, such corruption is a symptom of success.

- Carll Tucker

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