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ARMAND S. DEUTSCH

The President of the United States

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September 22, 1986

*No Reply*

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your address at the United Nations today was superb. You are supplying unique leadership to our country and to the free world.

Mr. President, you galvanized the Zschau campaign on September 7th, and for that all of us are enormously grateful. I did not want to write you immediately, but now I can tell you that the polls are looking up and that the spirit that you instilled in everyone remains strong. I will not deny to you that it is an uphill battle, but because of you we very much in the ballgame.

Finally, thank you so much for autographing a photograph taken with my grandson Don Granger at Betsy's. He will treasure it all his life.

Affectionately and with respect,

*Ardie*

Armand S. Deutsch

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September 22, 1986

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On this day Nancy and I regret we cannot join all those honoring you by being there in person, but, believe me, our hearts are with you, and our prayers.

It was 25 years ago that you turned your great strength to helping others and for 25 years you have continued to do so. Many doors were open to you because of your justly deserved fame, but you chose to establish the Paul Anderson Youth Home. You opened a door not for yourself but for young people who were homeless or misguided. More than 1,500 such young people have, thanks to you, been provided with a Christian homelike environment.

Someone once wisely said, "Life begins when we begin to serve." Your life has truly begun and we are all better for it.

Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Paul Anderson  
c/o Mr. John J. Shea  
4451 Club Lake Circle  
Marietta, Georgia 30067

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To Mr. Paul Anderson c/o John J. Shear<sup>(SHEA)</sup>  
4451 Clear Lake Circle  
Marietta Ga. 30067

Dear Mr. Anderson

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Someone once wisely said; "life begins when we begin to serve." Your life has truly begun and we are all better for it.

Thank you & God Bless you.  
ROR

VINCENT J. ZEPP

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September 12, 1986

Mrs. Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Nancy:

When I talked with the President about a week ago, I told him I would have the Trust Department of Valley National Bank make a break down of what he discussed on the phone. Have enclosed the information along with the summary they furnished from the stock brokerage houses dealing with stock/bond returns and Disinflation and Inflation.

I need for the President to send a proclamation on behalf of Paul Anderson who is being honored by the State of Georgia and his friends for the work he has been doing with his Paul Anderson Youth Home, Inc. This request is being made by his friends who made it possible for me to play golf at Augusta National (Masters). Who knows they may invite me back!

It appears Paul Anderson's health has been deteriorating and he was the prime source for obtaining contributions for his Youth Home and his friends are going to be doing that work for him. The President should remember Paul, he beat the Russian weight lifting team in the 1956 Olympics.

VINCENT J. ZEPP

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Have enclosed some pictures and news clippings of Paul which was furnished me by the administrator of Paul's youth camp. Included was a copy of a telegram the President sent in 1983. Recommend that the proclamation be mailed as follows:

Paul Anderson  
c/o John J. Shea  
4451 Club Lake Circle  
Marietta, Ga. 30067

I'll be in Minneapolis the week of the 14th of September for the USGA Senior Amateur. I made the regional qualification. This is big time senior amateur golf. I will need to qualify again for the final 64 for match play.

As Ever



Vincent J. Zepp

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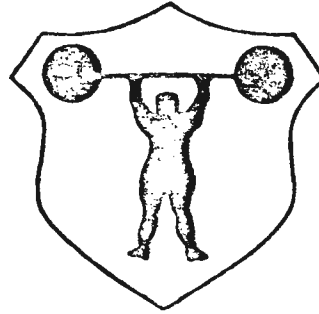
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THE *Paul Anderson* YOUTH HOME, INC./VIDALIA

P. O. Box 525

VIDALIA, GEORGIA 30474

912-537-7237



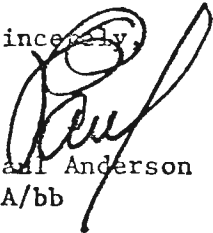
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

August 1986

Please mark Sunday afternoon, October 5, 1986 on your calendar. This will be the 25th Anniversary of the Paul Anderson Youth Home here in Vidalia. Consider this note as if I were personally calling at your household to invite you to join Governor and Mrs. Joe Frank Harris, other supporters, a vast representation of the news media, and many of our alumni in celebrating the Paul Anderson Youth Home's 25th year of service. In September we will send you more details concerning this event.

Please join us in praying that October 5th will be a day of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord for His blessings on this ministry.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Anderson  
PA/bb

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September 23, 1986

Dear Andrew:

I hope you won't mind my answering your recent letter to Nancy, and forgive me for being so tardy in doing so. I can only plead the merry-go-round I've been on for the past several weeks.

I think John Chancellor's August 26 lecture was way off track. I know many concerned about charitable giving expressed a fear that our income tax cuts from 70% to 50% would result in fewer contributions, but that hasn't happened. Nor do I think it will happen as a result of the further reduction in tax reform. Last year private giving reached an all-time high of almost \$80 billion and corporate giving has increased over the last few years. This also holds true for those who volunteer their time and service.

I'm sure there are individuals here and there whose generosity is based on the percentage of tax deduction, but, overall, the figures indicate that Americans in the main are motivated by generosity.

Let's keep our fingers crossed. Nancy sends her best, as do I.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Andrew Heiskell  
Time & Life Building  
Rockefeller Center  
New York, New York 10020

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ANDREW HEISKELL  
TIME & LIFE BUILDING  
ROCKEFELLER CENTER  
NEW YORK 10020

Dear Nancy,

I was afraid you  
missed the attached  
commentary by John Chancellor.

The tax reform bill  
was just fine - but for  
one exception. For  
whatever reason it singled  
out our charities as  
the main victims.

I know this was not

what the President and  
you had in mind. For,  
God knows, what I had  
in mind.

For those of us working  
for, and giving to, the non-  
profit world it is a  
terrible blow.

Sorry to trouble you  
but I feel I must tell  
the Honorary Chairman the  
truth.

Warm regards

Andrew

## Charity & Tax Reform

August 26, 1986

Thomas Jefferson once observed that he had not noticed men's honesty increasing with their riches, and these days, there is striking evidence that charity is not necessarily a virtue of the rich.

The wealthy got a big tax break five years ago, when the top rates were cut from 70 to 50%. What happened? The wealthiest taxpayers promptly cut their charitable contributions by a third.

Tax reform will lower the rates again, which means another big drop in the amount of money going to non-profit institutions. We're not talking here about church suppers. The new tax bill means a shortfall of maybe \$13 billion dollars a year in private contributions to things like neighborhood health clinics, research institutes, day care centers, colleges, old folks homes, and drug rehabilitation programs.

The money dries up because new tax bill makes private donations more difficult to give and less attractive to taxpayers.

Will the rich take up the slack? No. Nor will our less-than-generous corporations; corporate gifts amount to only 5% of all charitable giving. Whatever extra money there is will come from Americans of modest incomes. About half of all contributions come from families that make less than \$30,000 a year.

The Reagan administration loves to talk about getting the government off our backs. Non-profit institutions do just that. But then the government produces a new tax code that steals even more money from the non-profit institutions.

With all the cheering for tax "reform", you can hardly hear the cries of those who are being hurt.

~~To Mr. J. Bryan B...~~ Mr. Andrew Heiskell  
Time & Life Bldg. Rockefeller Center  
N.Y. N.Y. 10020

Dear Andrew

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I'm sure there are individuals here & there whose generosity is based on the percentage of tax ~~deduction~~ deduction but overall the figures indicate that Americans in the main are motivated by generosity.

Let's keep our fingers crossed. Nancy sends her love as do I.

Sincerely Ron

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Danny Thomas

September 24, 1986

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

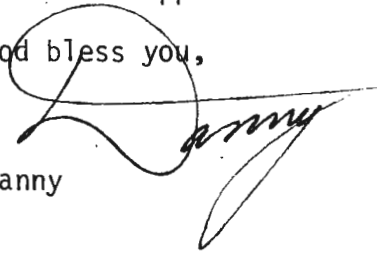
Dear Mr. President and Beloved Friend:

Your taped message to Rose Marie and me in front of that huge audience was beautifully done and extremely well received. The tone of your voice was filled with sincerity and everyone felt it.

Again, I thank you for your caring about your friends and I pray that the Lord will bless you and your dear Nancy with many more years of health and happiness.

God bless you,

Danny



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KENNETH L. KHACHIGIAN

Do *Bob* Sept. 26, 1986

Dear Mrs. President:

Thank you so much for the thoughtful letter and the kind words regarding you and Mrs. Reagan's speech. It was a great evening - with both of your remarks being extremely effective.

You know, of course, that it's most special for me because you have let me sit in on history.

I hope, this time, we have helped start something that will create great discomfort for the assorted thugs and punks that are helping kill so much of our country.

Now, as you spend time out on the campaign trail - remember what Truman said: "I give them the truth, and they just think it's hell."

Warmest regards,  
*Ken*

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ROY PFAUTCH

September 29, 1986

Dear Mr. President,

I write to express my deep appreciation to you for your grand participation in honor of the Reagan Scholars Program at Eureka College. We all know the strength of your continuing commitment to your Alma Mater; but, your words last Tuesday were indeed very special and meaningful. In your own wonderful way you put into your comments the inner feeling, the 'part of us' which each of us has...our own 'memory' of our individual alma maters. By honoring with your words Eureka, you truly honored a great tradition in the history of this land!

As chairman of the dinner, I do thank you and Mrs. Reagan for giving of your time at such a pressing moment and doing so with your great style and grace! Sincerely, Roy Pfautch

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Mortimer B. Zuckerman, *Chairman and Editor-in-Chief*

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*Mr. B. Zuckerman*

September 29, 1986

BY HAND DELIVERY

The President and Mrs. Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

Thank you very much for taking the time to discuss the plight of Nick Daniloff. Rather than describe all of my reactions to the situation and the events, I thought I would take the opportunity to include the editorial which I wrote this week for U.S. News & World Report which I think speaks to how much we appreciate what you have done on Nick's behalf.

It was a special moment for me to have had the chance to discuss this with you and I am deeply appreciative of your concern and your compassion.

Most respectfully,

*Mort Zuckerman*  
Mortimer B. Zuckerman

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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September 29, 1986

NOTE FOR SECRETARY WILLIAM BENNETT

FROM: ALFRED H. KINGON *AK*

The President asked me to forward the  
attached to you.

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# The Rockford Institute

934 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103  
815/964-5053

September 22, 1986

*Mr. Reagan*

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

Dear Ron:

Your letter acknowledging the beneficial influence of The Rockford Institute, and commenting on my career and Allan Carlson's was read at our Tenth Anniversary banquet, adding immeasurably to the positive impact of an altogether upbeat evening. Thank you very much.

I especially appreciated your personal note about beginning your own career in public service at about the age when I have turned the reins over to another. I assure you I am not withdrawing from the fray, but I am glad to be able to redirect time away from the duties of administration to doing more writing.

The enclosed op/ed piece about your drug campaign is representative of what I trust will be a more regular flow of such articles.

Again thank you for your kindness in writing, and the generous comments you made about our work.

Sincerely yours,

*John A. Howard*  
John A. Howard

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Enc.

The Rockford Institute - 934 No. Main St.

Rockford Ill. 61103

To Sec. Bennett - Thought you'd like to see this. John  
need to see Pres. of Rockford College

Schools Without Drugs and Other Realistic Hopes  
by Dr. John A. Howard\*

The September 14 national broadcast from the White House may turn out to have been the great divide between the have-some-if-you-like Age of Aquarius and a new era of intelligent restraint. Influential leaders willing to condemn and contain any activity sanitized by the label of victimless crime have been exceedingly scarce. The civil liberties purists and their unzipped allies among psychologists and other callings have protected free-wheeling behavior, adroitly brandishing scorn, and scare tactics to drive away all critics.

Come now the Reagans with the courage, candor, and conviction to intervene convincingly in the matter of mind-altering drugs. In this effort, they have a remarkable partner in William Bennett. Dr. Bennett, the U.S. Secretary of Education, is an improbable mix--one part impressive scholar, broadly versed in human history, human grandeur, and human folly, and one part down-to-earth problem-solver who can recognize and expose nonsense when he sees it, no matter how deeply entrenched or elegantly packaged it may be. Concurrent with the Reagans' call to action, Dr. Bennett and the Department of Education released a 78-page booklet, Schools Without Drugs.

Browsing through the pages, one is struck by the avoidance of the term "drug abuse." In these days of tolerance for sloppy language, many people have not noticed that the popular code phrase "drug abuse" implies the endorsement of some use of mind-altering drugs, even if they are illegal. The thrust of this book, as the title indicates, is to eliminate drug use, a much

wiser and more promising course than a policy aimed at eliminating the supply, which, it is now clear, cannot accomplish the task.

Secretary Bennett's introductory statement establishes the forthright, no-nonsense character of the text. "Drug use impairs memory, alertness, and achievement. Drugs erode the capacity of students to perform in school, to think, and act responsibly. Research tells us that students who use marijuana regularly are twice as likely as their classmates to average D's and F's, and we know that dropouts are twice as likely to be drug users as graduates."

There are descriptions of diverse types of anti-drug programs which have proven effective at schools in six cities. Two pages explain what the law permits schools to do with regard to "Search and Seizure" and "Suspension and Expulsion." Additional sections of the pamphlet suggest in sequence what parents, schools, students, and communities can do to diminish drug use. There are also brief descriptions of specific drugs, what they look like, what they are called, how they are used, and the effects they have on the users. Finally, there is a listing of publications, video tapes, information on legal issues, toll-free assistance, and a description of representative rehabilitation agencies, all judged sound by the Department of Education.

The booklet has been mailed to the nation's 16,000 school superintendents. It is available free of charge to anyone calling 1-800-624-0100.

The usual people are sending out alarm signals about the Reagan/Bennett proposals, charging that the nation is moving into

a politically motivated hysteria over the drug situation and in danger of overreacting in ways that will jeopardize and compromise cherished civil liberties. But these nay-sayers may not prevail in the face of the massive popular sentiment in behalf of strong anti-drug actions, which recent polls have revealed.

The central paradox of liberty is the inherent and never wholly reconcilable conflict between private judgment, which makes freedom a blessed estate, and the individual's responsibility to the community, which makes freedom a prickly burden. For several decades, what the individual felt like doing has increasingly prevailed over his responsibilities to the group. The damage which drug use now imposes on America's schooling is but one illustration of how the common well-being is compromised by an insistence upon individual rights, and a disregard for individual obligations.

The citizenry now understands the common good requires that the era of relatively unrestricted drug use be brought to an end. Secretary Bennett has provided a tool which seems to be well designed to accomplish that goal for the nation's schools, and for the nation's youth. If progress can be made on this front, it will facilitate improvements in other arenas where irresponsible individual behavior is imposing an intolerable level of damage on other aspects of the society.

\*Dr. Howard, counselor, The Rockford Institute, Rockford, IL, served from 1971-73 on the President's National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse.

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September 30, 1986

Mr. & Mrs. PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20006

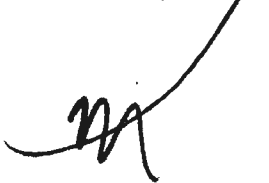
Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on your new tax reform bill and bringing  
back to America a new creative incentive. And in passing,  
I want to thank you for thinking of me on my birthday.  
Jan and I send our love and peace always to you and your  
lovely wife, Nancy, and wish you the best of everything  
that God can give to you.

With respect,

  
Mickey and Jan Rooney

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