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Send pres. to  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nicely - Tampico Ill.

119 Second Street NE  
Washington DC 20002

Central Falls

October 1, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your reminiscences of "swimming with the Steadmans", six seconds after stepping off the podium yesterday. If you have any similar memory flashes at Reykjavik, I hope you will interrupt the proceedings and tell me about them. First things first!

I feel I should tell you, in turn, a little more about what Paul Nicely has been doing to preserve the Reagan record in your birthplace. Unlike some of his ilk, he has never attempted to "cash in" on your fame. On the contrary, he takes fierce pride in having stocked and financed the museum himself. I regret to say it's a losing proposition: he's sunk about \$200,000 in it.

He's an old, one-armed, scholarly gentleman who also happens to be ailing, which is why I write this letter. With the help of his wife Helen, he has spent years combing through Tampico newspapers and records in search of authentic information about your parents. He has bought up every Wilson-related letter, photograph, and heirloom he could find, in the process developing an affectionate fund of knowledge about Nelle and Jack Reagan that I think would amaze you. Speaking as a historian, I applaud his meticulousness and dedication. Future Reagan biographers as well as myself will be indebted to his pioneer research.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Nicely have made a point of laboring all these years without recognition, I thought you'd like to know about them.

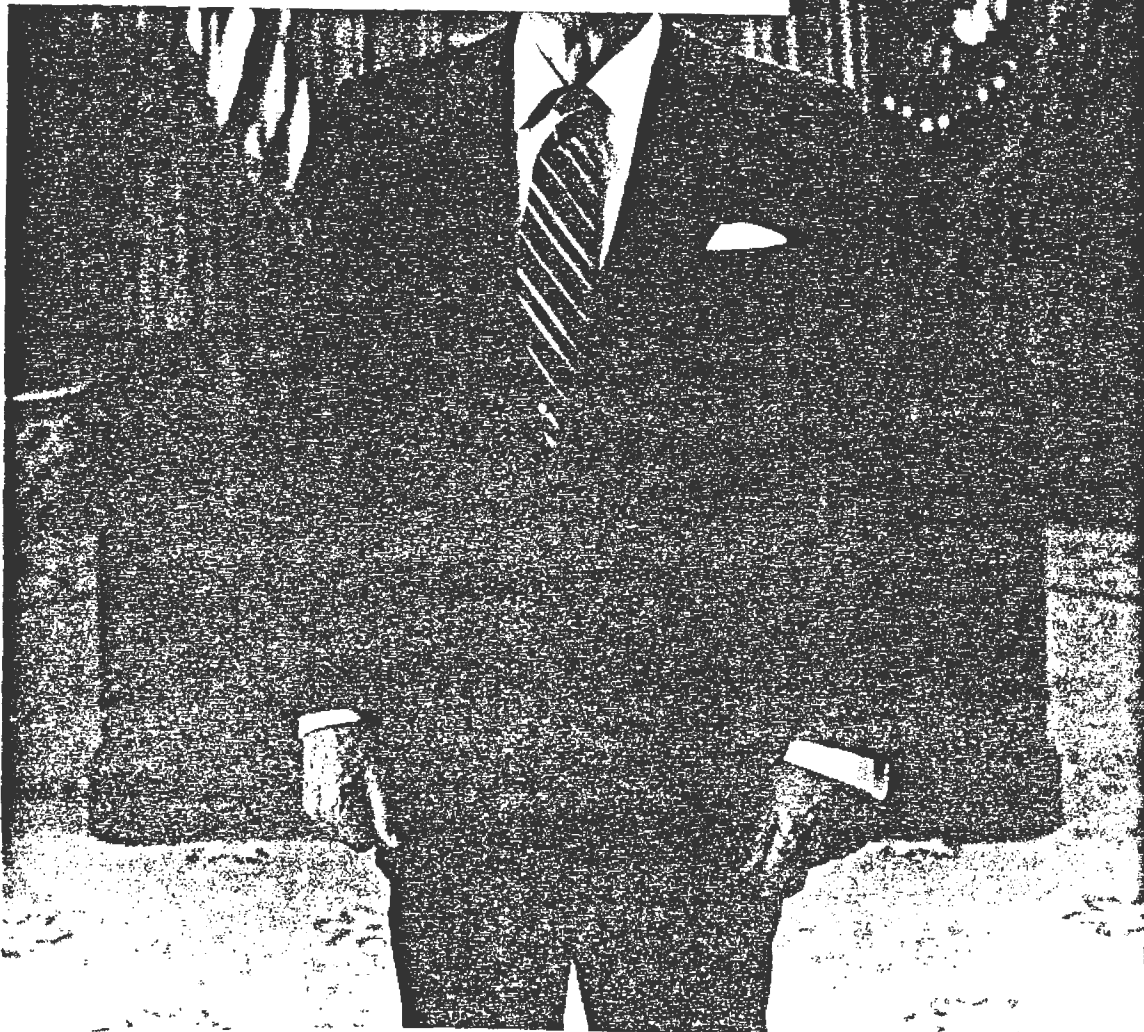
Wishing you luck as you prepare to do battle with Eric the Red,

Sincerely,

Edward Morris

FROM  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nicely  
Post Office Box 378  
Tampico, Illinois 61283



To Paul & Helen Nicely - With heart felt  
gratitude for all you've done, every good wish  
& Very Best Regards.  
Ronald Reagan

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1986

Dear Alonzo:

What a nice surprise to hear from you after all these years we've been away from "The Elms upon the Campus." We just had a fund-raising dinner for Eureka last week. Did you know that Coach Mac, now in his 90's, is still assisting the football coach at Eureka? He may outlast all of us.

I was pleased to be invited to meet with the Black College and University Presidents when they were here. Alonzo, I've been able to lend a hand to the Black College fund-raising group and share your feeling about those schools. When I first took office, I learned of a debt problem involving the government and Meharry Medical School that threatened to close the school down. We were able to take care of that situation. As you know, that Black medical college has graduated half or more of all the Black doctors in the country. Believe me, I share your feeling about those schools and will do all I can to see that they continue doing what they have been doing so well for all these years.

Thank you for writing. It was good to hear from you. If you are talking to Tubby Muller again give him my best regards.

Sincerely,

(I'm supposed to sign letters Ronald Reagan)  
I'll sign this one - D. White

Mr. Alonzo L. Smith  
Route 1, Box 1726  
Jefferson, Texas 75657

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To Mr. Alonzo L. Smith - Route 1 Box 1726  
Jefferson Texas 75657

Dear Alonzo

What a nice surprise to hear from you after all these years we've been away from "The Elms upon the Campus". We just had a fund raising dinner for Eureka last week. Did you know that Coach Mac, now in his 90's is still assisting the football coach at Eureka? He may outlast all of us.

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Thanks you for writing. It was good to hear from you. If you are talking to Tubby M. again give him my best regards. Sincerely

~~(I hope I am I'm supposed to sign my letters -~~  
~~Robert Reagan) But I'm signing this one -~~  
Bob



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Route 1, Box 1726  
Jefferson, Texas 75657  
September 12, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have been informed that there will be a meeting and reception held in Washington, D. C., on September 18-19, 1986, for all the presidents of Black Colleges and Universities in the United States. The reception is to be held on September 19, 1986 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., at which time you are scheduled to appear. It is my hope that you will find it convenient to attend.

As your former classmate, I am asking you to please make a special effort to attend this meeting as I am sure all of the Presidents would like to meet and greet you. All Black Colleges and Universities in the United States are facing some very difficult times and are struggling to keep their doors open in order for all young people to have a chance to become productive citizens in this nation and other parts of the world.

Black Colleges and Universities have done a beautiful job, despite of their limited means and facilities to train many black people who have made significant contributions to our society here in America and around the world. To name a few: Booker T. Washington, R. R. Moton, Andrew Young, Benjamin Hooks, Ralph Bunche, Thurgood Marshall, Jesse Jackson, Martin Luther King, and many others.

Some of the urgent needs of these colleges and universities are general operational funds to help finance construction and improvement of buildings and grounds. Additionally, improvement of library and other buildings on campus, and increased student financial aid.

If you will be kind enough to use your influence to help these struggling colleges and universities which have done so much with so little, God will bless you and yours and you will be living up to the christian principles taught us at Eureka College by the late Dr. Clyde Lyons, Dr. S. G. Harrod, Dr. Gray and many others.

Yours truly,

*Alonzo L. Smith*  
Alonzo L. Smith

P.S. I had a long telephone talk with Tubby Muller.

October 1, 1986

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Alonzo L. Smith  
Route 1, Box 1726  
Jefferson, Texas 75657

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✓ cc: Kathy Osborne

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ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

*Ho Ralby*

Dear Mr. President,

I always try to  
avoid troubling you  
but I'm afraid I  
just ~~can't~~ prevent myself  
from telling you  
that, while all of  
us wished there  
had been an agreement,  
our hearts -- and,  
believe me, -- the  
hearts of the  
American people --  
are bursting with

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ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

pride at your  
courage and  
decisiveness.

Despite all those  
enormous pressures  
to cut a deal,  
you did what  
was right not  
what was easy,

No surprise, of  
course, to anyone  
who knows you.

And the American  
people know you,

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ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE

Mr. President, and  
they're going to  
be behind you  
all the way.

As always —  
You were great.

With all  
the admiration in  
the world.

Best  
Tony Dalton

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

**NO MORE MR. NICE GUY**

*George Will*  
*Next week.*



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1986

Dear Mr. DiMarco:

Thank you for sending me your article on the Gipper. Some of the things you told were familiar to me and many of them I hadn't known. One question you asked and couldn't answer had to do with Gipp's dying request of Rockne to ask a Notre Dame team to win a game for him. I believe I have the answer. Rock's widow, Bonny Rockne, spent some time on the set while we were making the picture. She was asked that question and her answer was, "Yes, it was true and, word for word, was in Rock's diary." Incidentally, I didn't have to learn those particular lines. As a sports announcer for WHO radio station in Des Moines, Iowa in the 1930's, I told that part of the Gipp story on one of my broadcasts. When I was put under contract at Warner Brothers in 1937 I almost immediately started talking to everyone who would listen about doing the life story of Rockne. Of course, I had one thought in mind -- I would play George Gipp.

Well, thanks again, and all the best to you.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

Mr. Tony DiMarco  
1630 Silverwood Terrace  
Los Angeles, California 90036

To Mr. Tony DiMarco 1630 Silverwood Terrace  
L.A. Calif. 90026

Dear Mr. DiMarco

I thank you for sending me ~~the~~ your article on the Hipps. Some of the things you told were familiar to me & many of them I hadn't known. One ~~of~~ question you asked and couldn't answer had to do with Hipps dying request of Rochene to ask a Notre Dame team to win a game for him. I believe I have the answer. Roch's widow Bonny Rochene spent some time on the set while we were making the picture. She was asked that question and her answer was "yes it was true and word for word was in Roch's diary". Incidentally I didn't have to learn those particular lines. As a sports announcer for W40 radio station in Des Moines Iowa in the 30's I told that part of the Hipps story on one of my ~~the~~ broadcasts. When I was put under contract at Warner Bros. in 1937 I almost immediately started talking to everyone who would listen about doing the life story of Rochene. Of course I had one thought in mind - I would play George Hipps.

Well thanks again & all the best to you.  
Smiley RR

Tony DiMarco • 1630 Silverwood Terrace • Los Angeles, California 90026

September 24, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

Our mutual friend, Bill Frye, recently relayed your encouraging words about our "One For The Gipper" film project and I want to thank you for your continued interest. We want you to know we're still trying to get the film made -- probably as an independent production -- and we certainly do appreciate your inquiring about our progress.

We just recently completed writing a first-draft screenplay based on Patrick Chelland's book, "One For The Gipper," and we feel confident this will increase our chances of bringing the project to fruition. As we all know, it's too good a story and too important a piece of Americana not to be told!

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article I wrote on Gipp for the Football News. (I've always been a frustrated sportswriter and Football News is kind enough to run my material.)

Again, thanks so much for thinking of "The Gipper" and Bill sends his best to you and Mrs. Reagan, as do I.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Tony DiMarco". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style. The first name "Tony" is written with a large, sweeping initial "T". The last name "DiMarco" is written in a more compact, cursive script.

Tony DiMarco

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DAVID L. WOLPER PRODUCTIONS, INC.

K. Osborne

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

D. B. R.

October 3, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington D.C. 20501

Dear President Reagan:

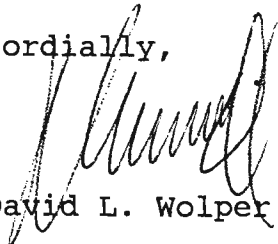
I've just returned from a 60 day holiday after my strenuous eight months work on Liberty Weekend and just had the chance to read your most generous letter to me.

It was a great honor to be able to volunteer my time for my country and to be able to put on an important celebration.

Over your term in office you have inspired all of us with a renewed vigor for the love our country and I'm glad the American people responded to the celebration I was able to put together.

[ I thank you and Mrs. Reagan for your generosity of time and spirit in helping to make the Weekend a great success. ]

Cordially,

  
David L. Wolper

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1986

Dear Barney:

I haven't been there yet, but just having finished Red Storm Rising by the author of Red October, I think I know every square foot of Iceland. If you haven't read it, it's worth the effort.

Here's my latest from the Soviet Union to reward you for the stories. It's nighttime, a soldier calls to a citizen walking by and orders him to halt. The citizen starts running, the soldier shoots him. Another citizen asks the soldier why he did that. The soldier replies, "curfew." "But it isn't curfew time yet," the citizen says. "I know," said the soldier, "but he's a friend of mine. I know where he lives. He couldn't have made it." I'm assured this is a story the Russians are telling each other.

Thanks again, and best to your lady.

Sincerely,



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

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To Col. Barney Oldfield 360 No. Crescent Dr.  
Beverly Hills Calif. 90210

Dear Barney

I haven't been there yet, but just having finished, "Red Storm Rising" by the author of "Red October" I think I know every square foot of Iceland. If you haven't read it, it's worth the effort.

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Thanks again & love to your lady.  
Ran



Litton

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

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

September 30, 1986

Dear President Ron:

Now that you're going to discover Iceland, I must tell you it's a great place for "straightening things out." When I landed at Keflavik in 1953, the whole Air Force Base turned out to meet me in that dark December. Reason: In a dispute with the ASCAP equivalent in Keflavik, the base radio station had been served with a \$94,000 charge for music rights! The delegation told me soberly that "This is the only place in the world where we can't hear 'White Christmas'!" The station had been shut down while it was worked out. On the flight home, I wrote a story for Variety about the "only place in the world where the troops couldn't hear 'White Christmas'." Variety ran the story front page the next week, and the Army called Abel Green, Variety's editor, and asked him if it was true he had a correspondent in Iceland! "Oh, yes," he said, "our readership hungers for the grosses of Loew's Iceland every week." The Army told Keflavik to go back on the air and they would fight out the performance fee thing, which they did. See that you, too, come away as well remembered.

The Soviets tell me of the story of the muscovite who attended every party congress from Brezhnev onward, through Andropov and Chernenko and Gorbachev, and he said the thing which amazed him about Gorbachev was that he had "absolutely no support." No support? his friends asked him. How come? He explained: "He can walk by himself!"

Other Soviet stories: Mischa and Ivan had next door apartments, and Ivan couldn't sleep. His wife asked what was the matter. "I owe Mischa 1,000 roubles, due tomorrow, and I don't have it." His wife went to the balcony, knocked on Mischa's window and when he came, she said: "My husband owes you 1,000 roubles, due tomorrow. He doesn't have it, and can't pay you." She went back to her husband and told him to go to sleep, because now, "Mischa has to worry about it."

Two Soviets were talking of their dreams. One said his was terrible, he'd been sent from Moscow to Athens Greece for cabbage, and all night he was worrying with cabbage. The other said his was better, he'd found himself between Brigit Bardot and Sophia Loren, and it was too much for him. Why didn't you call me, his friend asked. "I did," he said, "but you were on the way to Athens for cabbage."

Best wishes always, and congratulations on this latest!

President Ronald Reagan,  
The White House,  
Washington, DC 20500

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Litton

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

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

*Nobler*

October 7, 1986

Dear President Ron:

When the headtable was assembling at Fort Bragg for the final rites of re-activation of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment I showed the framed original of your letter given me for that occasion to Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin. As he read it a great tear formed in his right eye and ran down his cheek. "Where did you get that?" he said in some wonderment, "What a wonderful thing for him to do that!" I told him he was to give it to the present (the 37th) commander of the 505, which he did later that evening, with an admonition that it was to be hung prominently for all present and future members of that unit, and that was done. General Jim said he'd met you first when you were Governor, and that he'd been much impressed by you. As I was the third man in the original 505, and the second was killed retaking Corregidor in the Pacific, he and I were the only two alive of the first arrivals -- he there to be given the tribute and see the old outfit born again, and they had me as the MC.

There were 580 of the regiment's originals, somehow still alive, who came from every state in the Union to see the old unit re-born -- and the fact that you took note of it made a deep impression on them all. I told the General I was the luckiest 505er of all, as when we finished the great Victory March in New York, and said goodbye, I went off west to Warner Brothers and was promptly assigned by the studio as your publicist -- a handoff from one man of destiny to another. Not many can match that when it comes to the "luck of the draw."

Thanks so much again. Vada and I send affectionate greetings to Nancy and yourself, as always. Vada was there with me at Fort Bragg and I was able to introduce her as "a WW II veteran, too, two years overseas, having gotten a waiver for height and weight & was 'wee-est of all the WACS!'"

Good luck with the General Secretary!

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

General Jim has Parki  
this probably to be his  
"last hurrah".

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1986

I send special congratulations and warmest regards to all the veterans of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment and to everyone gathered to witness the Regiment's reactivation ceremony. All Americans remember well that the 505th was, and still is, a crack unit of the 82nd Airborne. We recall your valor, loyalty, and courage, and the great risks you took for America in the face of a determined enemy. That fighting spirit lives on as the 505th resumes its readiness to defend our land and safeguard our liberties from any harm.

It is most fitting that Lieutenant General James M. Gavin is in your midst during this celebration. He commanded the 505th during World War II as it fought its way through Europe. The names Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, Ste. Mere-Eglise, the Ardennes, and so many others constitute a geography of your courage and a scroll of honor. May these milestones in the defense of freedom always serve as an inspiring summons to the young soldiers who now follow in your path of patriotic service. Today we can say of the 505th once more: You were there when your country needed you, and you always will be.

To the proud members of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, past, present, and future, I salute you, and may God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

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## United States Senate

### MEMORANDUM

10/7/86

Kathy:

Attached is a thank you note for the President from Senator Laxalt's mother-in-law, Anita Bernardini.

The Office of Special Messages sent her a telegram on her birthday a couple of weeks ago from the President and Mrs. Laxalt wanted to make sure that her mother's thank you was brought to the President's personal attention.

Thanks for your help on this.

Eileen



Oct. 1, 1986

No. 1000

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan:

I want to express my sincere  
gratitude for the kind and  
thoughtful message you sent me  
on the occasion of my birthday.  
It meant so much to me, and  
the, highlight of my day.

Further it is a keep sake I  
will treasure always.

Sincerely

Anita Bernardini



Mrs. Anita Bernardini  
2624 - 5 Sunny Slope Circle  
Sparks, NV 89431

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1986

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I thank you and Nancy thanks you for the beautiful roses. Thanks, too, for your letter and your good wishes. Our very best to Matilda.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo  
Executive Chamber  
Albany, New York 12224

11/12/87

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To Gov. Mario M. Cuomo State of N.Y.

Executive Chamber - Albany N.Y.

Dear Gov. Cuomo

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I thank you & Nancy thanks you for the  
beautiful roses. Thank you for your letter &  
your good wishes. Our very best to Matilda.  
Sincerely R.R.



STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER  
ALBANY 12224

MARIO M. CUOMO  
GOVERNOR

October 6, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

All New Yorkers rejoice in the decision to designate as our national flower the rose -- the Empire State's official flower since 1955.

Matilda and I extend our best wishes to you and Mrs. Reagan.

Respectfully,

*Mario M. Cuomo*  
Mario M. Cuomo

The President  
The White House

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