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Aboard Air Force One

October 17, 1986

Dear Armand:

I don't know how you did it, but a big thank you from your countrymen on bringing the Goldfarbs out of the Soviet Union. It was truly a humanitarian deed and we are proud to have them in our country, reunited with their family.

Again, my heartfelt thanks, and very best regards to Cecelia.

Sincerely,

Ron

Dr. Armand Hammer
10431 Wyton Drive
Los Angeles, California 90024

To Mr. Armand Hammer

Dear Armand

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to Cecelia. Sincerely RR

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 20, 1986

Dear Bob:

It was great seeing you and all our friends Monday. The Cabinet Room has never seen anything like it. Thanks for the book and the press clipping on "The Babe and Mrs. Custer." Like you, it suddenly struck me how short our history is that two people's lives who seem to be from different eras could actually overlap. You are right about my playing Custer. It was in "Santa Fe Trail." Errol Flynn played Jeb Stuart, the Confederate cavalry hero. I got the part on the reaction to the sneak preview of the Rockne picture in which I played the Gipper. I'll be waiting for a review of "Varsity Show." My first year at Warner's was 1937.

My very best to your wife.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Robert W. Broeg
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St. Louis, Missouri 63131

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

THE PULITZER PUBLISHING COMPANY

Oct. 20, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for the honor, the recognition and the kindness. I'm sure all of us must feel the same as I do.

Aware I would have little opportunity to talk to you personally when presenting this book, I thought I'd write you a note, aware that you're busy, but hopeful you might enjoy the coincidences.

When I was here as your guest with baseball Hall of Famers, March 27, 1981---as a member of the Hall's directors and its' old-timers' electoral committee---I handed you a book I had written called "Super Stars of Baseball". It included a photo of you taken in Cardinals' uniform, with Bob Lemon showing his breaking-ball grip, for "The Winning Team". (My chapter was, of course, on Grover Cleveland Alexander.)

With Lemon getting baseballs autographed just ahead of me in the presentation, before Secret Service shoos us to our seats, I said to you, "Mr. President, I thought you might like to see this. Time has been kinder to you than to Lem."

Quickly, you caught on, even surprisingly. "Was that Bob Lemon?" you asked, and you called out a greeting to Lemon, who grinned. Lem's probocsis, even bigger than mine, has W. C. Fields' elegance.

After you talked fondly that date of your experiences as a broadcaster, especially re-creating games for the 1935 Cubs, as they caught the Cardinals with their 21-game winning streak

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in September, I thought I would send you another book I had written, one that captured some of the Cubbies' spectacular surge. It was from "The Pilot Light and the Gas House Gang," about Frank Frisch and his merry madcaps. I determined to send it from St. Louis the following Tuesday.

Monday noon, at a weekly group of sports' characters in St. Louis, I talked about you to W. J. (Dukes) Duford, who had coached St. Ambrose to a 27-game winning streak before moving to St. Louis U. in 1940. Dukes said, yes, he had known you, but only slightly because you did University of Iowa football. However, he said that his former end at Davenport, Harold (Hod) Grams, who operated Pulitzer radio-and-TV stations after early years as a sports broadcaster here, had worked with you there.

When I left lunch, I turned on the radio and heard the shocking news. You had been shot. Your courage and humor were a blessing, along with the Lord's and the skill of the medical men. At dinner that night, I told my wife that I had planned to send you the Frisch book. As a former RN, dear Lynne urged me to do so, insisting, "Between his executive and medical staffs in convalescence, the President will need a chance to relax."

So on April 1, I sent you the book and a note. Around the Fourth of July when I was back in Washington, which I've seldom visited since I was a Marine 40-plus years ago, I got a note from you. (I was in the Capital for a holiday Americana jamboree on baseball at Smithsonian.) Your note was a delight, saying my wife was right!

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Just a bit more, Mr. President, apologizing for taking your time:

At the time you were shot just minutes after I had talked about you, I thought that Dukes Duford must have had the same knee-jerk reaction. Just wait until I saw good ol' Dukes again! I didn't. Fast 80 then, he died of a heart attack the next week. Through him, I'd become acquainted with his old Marquette classmate and your good friend, Pat O'Brien. I always liked it when Pat would say, "Rock" talking about "The Gipper", that you had become President of the United States and that he had become president of the Holy Name Society. O'Brien was mighty proud of you.

Over a couple of drinks, he liked to tease me about the time he came here with his wife and daughter Bridget (1969) for a three-person play. On his night off from the theatre, a raw, rainy Monday, I arranged for him to sit in the pressbox. Myself, I went to a premiere of a football movie starring Charlton Heston (No. 1.) That night the Cardinals' Steve Carlton struck out 19, then a major league record, but the amazin' Mets, en route to their first pennant, beat him, anyway. And O'Brien ribbed me that I was one helluva lousy sports editor.

Just one thing more, again apologizing: I enclose a piece about a play I did---"All-Stars: The Babe and Libbie Custer"---that just finished a three-month run on the "Goldenrod, the last river Showboat. As a man who I'm sure enjoys history as well as making it, I thought you might enjoy reading about

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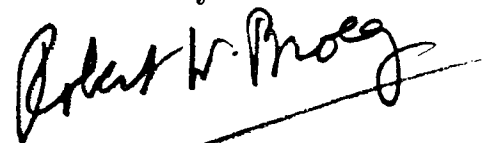
it. Perhaps Mrs. Reagan will, too, because Elizabeth Bacon Custer, widow of the General, was a remarkable woman who lived until she was 92 (1933) and really never received enough credit for her spunk and talent. The show was fun.

Now, going back to when you went to Hollywood---and I do recall your playing Custer in one film---I'm tinkering with a play I wrote 20 years ago that just missed making St. Louis's 12,000-seat outdoor Municipal theatre. It's a now-and-then revision of "Varsity Show", a Warner Brothers' movie (1937) that starred Dick Powell, Fred Waring and his gang, including the Lane sisters, and Johnny (Scat) Davis. The music was very good, I supplemented it and now hope in '87 on the showboat to use a '65 setting for a couple returning from the '38-40 era so that, in effect, an audience of three generations might enjoy the difference of music-dance-collegiate lingo changes, etc.

No money in it, really, Mr. President, but a lot of fun. Life is mighty good---I had a six-ply heart bypass 18 months ago and have lost 20 pounds and feel as if I've lost 20 years---and I've got the unmitigated gall to bother the President of the United States. Thank you, Mr. Reagan, continued good health and God bless...

Bob Broeg
60 Frontenac Estates
St. Louis, Mo., 63131

Sincerely



To Mr. Robert W. Brey - ~~Do Mr. Fisher~~

60 Frontenac Estates St. Louis Mo.

Dear Bob

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I'll be waiting for a review of "Varsity Show". My first year at Warners was 1937.

My very best to your wife.

Sincerely
R.R.

451984
FO 006-81

October 20, 1986

Dear Jane:

Thank you more than words can say for your very kind letter and generous words. You know, one can't help but wonder about a decision like mine and whether I had thought it through enough. Then a letter like yours brings assurance and brightens the day.

Nancy sends her love, as do I, and, again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

Mrs. Charles William Engelhard
Cragwood
Far Hills, New Jersey 07931

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Far Hills, New Jersey 07931

October 15th 1986

Mrs. Charles William Engelhard

Dear Mr President,

May I add my humble voice of praise
for the wisdom and courage you demonstrated
at Reykjavik - when you confronted Gorbachev
with your strength - Bravo - You showed your
enemies here and in the World that they
cannot influence you -

You have my respect and admiration.
God Bless you and Mrs. Reagan always.
With good health and happiness - I am
With affection and respect - J. J. J.

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October 20, 1986

Dear Betty:

You know a fella makes a decision and then finds himself wondering on a long flight home whether he'd thought everything through enough. Then he gets a letter like yours and goes to bed and goes right to sleep with no more doubts or worries. Thank you for writing as you did, and thank you for your kind and generous words.

Nancy sends her love, as do I, to you and Bob.

Sincerely,

RON

Mrs. Robert Adams
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2220 Avenue of the Stars
Los Angeles, California 90067

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Los Angeles, California 90067

Oct 13th
Betty Adams

Dear Mr. President

We are so proud. Proud of our
President! To us, no one in history
could handle this past week. Under
meeting a greater man! You are
leading the entire world towards
peace and world strength!"

At birth, you were destined to be -

Come President of our country! our
grandchildren will be given a world
of peace because of you.

Congratulations on a tremendous
job. Your team are a great team and
what a lady you have by your side!!

Love to you, Percy, and just those
you belong to every day
Betty

451982
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October 20, 1986

Dear Jim:

You were more than kind to write as you did, and I'm most grateful. You know there is always a little question in your mind after you've made such a decision, but then a letter like yours comes and the doubt goes away. And thank you for the beautiful words of that hymn. I'm very happy to have them.

Nancy sends her best and, again, my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James S. Rosebush
1711 N Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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JAMES S. ROSEBUSH

October 15, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

You did exactly the right thing in Iceland. You wait and see the proof will be overwhelming in support of the firm stand you took. I think people are beginning to see that the greater the Soviet resistance to SDI the more important it is to the whole world.

I found the words to this old hymn speaking directly to the situation and I wanted to share them with you.

Scorn not the slightest word or deed,
Nor deem it void of power;
There's fruit in each wind-wafted seed
That waits its natal hour.

No act falls fruitless;
None can tell how vast its power may be
Nor what results enfolded dwell
Within it silently.

A whispered word may touch the heart
And call it back to life;
A look of love bid sin depart
And still unholy strife.

Work and despair not; bring thy mite,
Nor care how small it be;
God is with all that serve the right,
The holy, true and free.

Don't you love it? You certainly have my prayers and support for the valiant job you are doing.

With great respect,



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October 20, 1986

Dear Dr. SerVaas:

Thank you very much for your kind letter and generous words, and thank you for the information about the Heimlich micro-track. I'm afraid I must have misspoken about my brother. He does not have emphysema, but was operated on some years ago for cancer of the larynx and one vocal chord was removed. I'm sorry if I misled you. But I'm pleased to have the information you sent and will keep it on hand for future reference.

I'm sorry to learn of your brother's death. Please know you have our deepest sympathy.

Nancy and I want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Cory SerVaas, M.D.
The Saturday Evening Post Society
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Cory SerVaas, MD
Editor and Publisher
THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

Dear Mr. President,

One night at a State
Dinner you told me that
your brother has emphysema.

My brother's breathing was
helped greatly with Dr. Henry
Heimlich's micro-track. Your
brother might like to read
this story by my brother. This
procedure is also being done
by a Denver group.

My brother, Admiral Synhorst



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Cory SerVaas, MD
Editor and Publisher
THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

died last week, but not
due to the micro. track.

Should your brother want
to call me, I'll be happy to
give him additional information
about the device.

We're so very proud of
you for your brave stand
on S.A. sanctions and
S.D.I. !

Sincerely yours,
Cory SerVaas, M.D.

To Mrs. Charles William Engelhard Engwood

Far Hills N.J. 07931

Dear Jane

Thanks you more than words can say for your very kind letter and generous words. You know one can't help but wonder about a decision like mine and whether I had thought it through enough. Then a letter like yours ~~can~~ brings assurance & enlightens the way.

Marcy sends her love as do I and again my heartest thanks.

Sincerely Ron

To Mrs. Robert Adams 2220 Ave. of The Stars 2603W.
L.A. Calif. 90067

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To Mr. James S. Rosenthal 1711 N. Street N.W. Wash. D.C.
Dear Jim

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I'm sorry to learn of your brother's death. Please know you have ~~the~~ our deepest sympathy, & ~~are in~~ ^{that} Nancy & my prayers.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 20, 1986

NOTE FOR SECRETARY WILLIAM BENNETT

FROM: ALFRED H. KINGON *AK*

The President asked me to forward the
attached to you.

To Sec. Bennett - F.G.J. in case you haven't seen it. RR

Help! Help! Help! Help! Help! Help!

I am engaged in a one-man effort to correct the deficiencies in mathematics education in America and I need help from the readers of HUMAN EVENTS. These readers know that almost everything we have that has value has come from the efforts of individuals and that committees seldom produce anything worthwhile. In this case, I am the individual, and I am fighting a gigantic committee called the mathematics education establishment. I ask for your help in my battle.

In January 1986, a study of mathematics achievement in 26 nations was released. The scores of the 500 classes of American students who participated were at the bottom of the scores of the civilized nations and just above those from Swaziland. More frightening, the top 5 percent of the Americans scored at the 25th percentile of the Japanese. That means that 75 percent of the Japanese students outscored our top 5 percent. This is a portent of disaster for America in a technological world.

Children Alienated from Mathematics

American children are not genetically inferior. American society is not sick. American teachers of mathematics are totally competent. The disaster in mathematics education in America was caused and is being perpetuated by well meaning people in mathematics education whose ineptness borders on incompetence. These people believe that mathematics is a game and that mathematics education is a toy invented for their own amusement.

These educators have great influence on the style and content of mathematics textbooks and unfortunately they disdain the teaching of mathematics as mundane. Instead, they insist their mission is to teach children "to think and to create" and they believe that this can be accomplished by asking children mathematical questions that they do not know how to answer.

For over 30 years we have watched in horror as these people have used this pseudo-Socratic pedagogy to

issue of *Reader's Digest*. William F. Buckley Jr. has published three articles by me in *National Review*, has had me as a guest on "Firing Line" and has discussed me and my books in his nationally syndicated column. My books were the subject of two major articles in *Human Events* (July 16, 1983 and December 3, 1983, and a two-column article in the September 15, 1984 issue), and one article in the *Conservative Digest*.

I was naive enough to believe that this publicity would suffice to spread the good news and that the country would welcome a better way to teach mathematics. I thought that a method that would produce even a 10-percent gain in mathematics scores would be nationally acclaimed. When I saw that the gains in tests of skills produced by my books ranged between 110 percent and 300 percent, I smiled and waited. Gains of this magnitude certainly could not be ignored.

How wrong I was. Not only have these gains been ignored, but I have been attacked and ostracized. I have written books that concentrate on teaching concepts by using long-term practice of fundamentals as a vehicle. This approach is the philosophic antithesis of the approach that began with the "new math" and continues to this day in American mathematics education.

The perpetrators of the disaster demand that understanding must always precede doing and that our overriding goal is the teaching of "creativity." If the gains produced by my books are accepted, then the falsity of the prevailing philosophy of teaching mathematics is irrefutable.

Establishment Cannot Admit Mistakes

These people have been telling the big lie for 30 years. They have told the lie to their colleagues, to their families and friends, and have written and published papers. They are humans, and to admit a mistake of this magnitude requires more intestinal fortitude than most humans possess.

So they have invented a

they are almost never academically venturesome, for their primary goal is not education, but keeping the lid on and not getting fired.

But, there is a chink in the armor of the educational giant and this is the dedication of the members of the school boards.

School board members work for no pay just to be of service to the community. School board members have common sense and they believe that a better way can be found. That is the reason they serve.

What Readers Can Do

The first thing I ask of readers who want to help is to send a copy of this article to a member of one or more school boards in their area. These board members are not competent to recommend a mathematics curriculum. But, if they write me or call me, I can send them reports from schools and put them in touch with schools who have used my books and have had wonderful results. Conversations with teachers from these schools will convince them that a test of my books in their own schools might be wise. The test will prove the validity of my claims.

I would be happy to send the same packet to any reader of this article who sends a request to me at 1002 Lincoln Green, Norman, OK 73072.

Also, someone who reads this article will know a way to get the major media to investigate me. *Newsweek* magazine has made a living for five years telling of the disaster in education, but *Newsweek* doesn't seem to be interested in an investigation that might produce a happy story. The same goes for ABC, CBS, NBC, TBN, "60 Minutes," "20-20," the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, Associated Press and all the rest.

I am real. The results I am getting are real and wonderful. Surely some reader of this article knows someone in the major media who would like a good story that is positive. I would also make a good subject

... mathematics and science and have made us a country of mathematical cripples. They have caused serious injury to the competency of the work force on which our industrial society depends. Enough is enough.

I propose that the readers of this article help me to take their toy away from them. With your active support, we can have a total turnaround in mathematics education in America in less than five years. Let me explain.

I have written and published a series of junior high and high school mathematics textbooks that are causing unbelievable gains in scores on tests of mathematical skills and in upper division mathematics and science enrollment. College board scores in mathematics in schools that use the full series have jumped over 20 percent.

My Book Attracts Students

My books caused second-year mathematics enrollment in the Dallas, Texas public schools to increase 49.9 percent in just one year, from 2,573 to 3,857. Dallas is a typical metropolitan school system. The gains in Dallas can be duplicated in any metropolitan school system in this country.

The greatest previous third-year mathematics enrollment at Newman Catholic High School in Sterling, Illinois, had been 12 until my books were introduced. Last year the enrollment was 42.

In Minco, Oklahoma, third-year mathematics enrollment has increased from three to 22. Tahanto Regional High School in Boylston, Massachusetts, has doubled second-year mathematics enrollment and Ponderosa High School in Parker, Colorado, has doubled third-year mathematics enrollment.

My books are producing wonderful results in over 2,000 school systems in 50 states and are used in prestigious private schools and in affluent suburban schools such as those in Scottsdale, Arizona. All of these schools have tested the Saxon math books and have found that they work as well as I say they do.

Publicity Alone Doesn't Work

My books are not a total secret. Trevor Armbrister wrote a feature article on my books in the March 1985

... they have ignored my claims, refused to listen to teachers who are enthusiastic about my books and have done their best to denigrate my work.

As an example, I was scheduled to give a paper at the big Texas mathematics conference, CAMT, to be held in Austin in October 1986. In June 1986, I was informed by the program chairman that my name had been removed from the list of acceptable speakers by a special vote of the executive committee. This committee consists of the mathematics director for the Texas Education Agency, the president of the state mathematics supervisors, and three professors of mathematics education from the University of Texas in Austin.

They disagree with my philosophy and since they consider themselves to be leaders in mathematics education, they object most heartily to my comments about incompetent leadership. They do not want me to be able to tell Texas mathematics teachers about the gains in the Dallas schools and the gains in other schools in all 50 states. If I am allowed to give a paper, even in an outer room, some thoughtful Texas teachers might hear me and begin to think for themselves.

The schools that use my books do so because bright-eyed, aggressive teachers have tried my books and have found that they work. Then, they must convince their fellow teachers to try the books. Often, this is an uphill job because many teachers are timid and dislike any change that disturbs their comfortable routine. Also, many are fearful of trying an approach that is not approved and promoted by the mathematics education establishment.

The administrators are no help because many of them know very little mathematics and their time is taken up with problems of discipline and finance. Also,

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for a free-lance writer who writes for commercial magazines for I am the best-kept good news secret that we have had for a long time.

Business Leader Sought

The third thing that I need is a one-hour audience with the chief executive officer of any major American technological corporation. These executives know how much their companies and America would benefit from having a work force that is mathematically competent.

I don't know of any effective way to contact the CEO of Ford, GM, Chrysler, IBM, Standard Oil, Gulf, ESD, or other large companies. I have tried to contact people like Lee Iacocca and Ross Perot with no success.

To fight the educational establishment successfully, I need a powerful sponsor from corporate America. I will propose to this CEO a big evaluation of my books — say 3,000 students — to be approved by and monitored by his engineers. The evaluation will be conducted over a two- or three-year period in schools to be selected by the corporation.

When I prove that I can double the fourth year mathematics enrollment, increase chemistry enrollment over 25 percent, double physics enrollment and cause a gain of at least 20 percent in college board scores in mathematics, then with a powerful sponsor it may be possible to get the results to every school board member in America.

These dedicated and concerned people will know what to do. They will insist on making the changes that will produce graduates that are mathematically competent.

The readers of this newspaper helped elect our president. Surely you can help me to get investigated so that I can prove that I have a better way for mathematics education. We always wonder why "they" don't do something. Many of us have lived long enough to understand Pogo when he said, "We have met the enemy and them is us."

I have done my part by providing a solution. Now I need some active support from you. I have received no support from the center or the left. These people believe that all good things come from federal grants. Help me to prove to them that the efforts of individuals are really what makes a difference.

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Oct. 21, 1986

Dear Nackey:

I'm glad your two letters and editorials arrived on my desk at the same time. I enjoyed the one dated October 14 more than the October 7 mailing. I do agree however that your suggestion in the earlier letter about the news media creating a false message is true and I'm grateful for your prayers.

The column by Jim Finnegan was appropriately titled -- "Lies, Lies, Lies" -- because that's what it was.

Nackey, of course we wanted Danilo off back. But we told the Soviet Union, everything -- their spy, their invitation to a meeting, etc. -- was on hold until Danilo was freed. When they did that we then told them we'd do what Presidents before me had done 3 times before in similar cases, exchange their guilty spy for Soviet dissidents. Our choice was Orlov and his wife. By pleading no contest their spy acknowledged his guilt and we were saved months of trial while the Orlovs remained victims of Soviet cruelty.

Mr. Finnegan was off base again when he declared we were reneging on the Soviet intelligence agents we were sending home from the U.N. All 25 are now back in Moscow. There was never a question but that we were kicking them out.

Thanks again for your prayers and good wishes.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely Ron

Lies, Lies, Lies

Since one can't — or at least shouldn't try to — defend the indefensible, U.S. Senator Gordon Humphrey and U.S. Representative Bob Smith deserve high marks for intellectual honesty for unequivocally repudiating the shabby deal struck by President Ronald Reagan in swapp-



PRESIDENT REAGAN

ing American reporter Nicholas Daniloff, an innocent man illegally held hostage by the Soviet Union, for accused Soviet spy Gennadi Zakharov. This newspaper wishes it could say the same of the other two members of the state's congressional delegation, U.S. Senator Warren Rudman and U.S. Representative Judd Gregg. But they prostituted themselves for the sake of partisan politics, rationalizing presidential actions they would have condemned in purple prose if they had been engaged in by a Democratic chief executive.

To put it bluntly and factually, President Reagan just plain lied when he pledged earlier that there would be no trade for Daniloff.

And he lied when he told the American people Monday that it was the Soviets who "blinked" in the confrontation between Washington and Moscow.

He lied again that same day when he assured the nation that he "did not" swap Zakharov for Daniloff.

And Reagan lied for at least the fourth time, even as the deal was being consummated, when he stood before reporters in a jammed White House briefing room Tuesday and declared: "There was no connection between the two releases."

Call these "diplomatic lies," call them what you will, but they are outright fabrications nonetheless, and they must leave millions of Americans feeling atypically cynical — as if they'd just been lied to by their favorite uncle. The President's response Tuesday when reminded that he'd said only Monday that the Soviets had "blinked" during the standoff — "Shouldn't have said that. No comment" — only served to underscore his moral confusion on this issue.

The American people would have understood (they might not

have agreed) if Reagan had said that he would not allow national prestige, let alone the fate of any one man, to stand in the way of a summit conference. But he pretended to believe otherwise.

As far as this newspaper is concerned, President Reagan has already forfeited the right to claim the high moral ground at a summit conference. If he "blinks" there when confronted with Soviet resolve, the results could be catastrophic for the human race! In our view, the deceptions perpetrated by "Mr. Conservative" himself clearly document the need to preserve the 22nd Amendment's prohibition against more than two presidential terms.

The ridiculous claims of Rudman and Gregg to the contrary notwithstanding, the United States got little from a deal that Senator Humphrey summed up concisely as "exchanging a Soviet spy for an innocent American citizen in order to preserve a summit meeting." Representative Smith, who protested "a dangerous precedent" set by the swap, was equally precise: "We give them an accused spy and they return to us a reporter who should never have been arrested in the first place."

What has been lost here is obvious. American citizens abroad have lost a measure of personal security; terrorists everywhere are emboldened to prey on them. The President, heretofore a paragon of tough-minded realism, has lost credibility. His stature at a summit conference is dangerously impaired. The American judicial system lost integrity; the Reagan administration prostituted it by allowing Zakharov to bypass the Justice Department's own guidelines concerning no-contest pleas. (The judge didn't even state the length of the prison sentence he was suspending!) And, finally, the President, faced with threats of Soviet retaliation, simply lost his nerve and backed down on the supposedly firm order terminating the spy mission of several Soviet diplomats at the United Nations.

Our gain is that the Soviets allowed an innocent man to go free and promised to permit the emigration of prominent Soviet dissident Yuri Orlov and his wife, Orlov's "crime" being that he monitored Moscow's violations of the Helsinki accords.

But Secretary of State George Shultz says, "I think you have to look at all of these things as a package."

We look at them more as a box — a diplomatic Pandora's Box whose total evil could be released on mankind at a summit conference for which we have already paid an unconscionable price: our national honor.

—Jim Finnegan

all 25
are back
in the Soviet

October 17, 1986

Dear Nackey:

I'm glad your two letters and editorials arrived on my desk at the same time. I enjoyed the one dated October 14 more than the October 7 mailing. I do agree however that your suggestion in the earlier letter about the news media creating a false message is true and I'm grateful for your prayers.

The column by Jim Finnegan was appropriately titled -- "Lies, Lies, Lies" -- because that's what it was.

Nackey, of course we wanted Danilooff back. But we told the Soviet Union, everything -- their spy, their invitation to a meeting, etc. -- was on hold until Danilooff was freed. When they did that we then told them we'd do what Presidents before me had done 3 times before in similar cases, exchange their guilty spy for Soviet dissidents. Our choice was Orlov and wife. By pleading no contest their spy acknowledged his guilt and we were saved months of trial while the Orlovs remained victims of Soviet cruelty.

Mr. Finnegan was off base again when he declared we were reneging on the Soviet intelligence agents we were sending home from the U.N. All 25 are now back in Moscow. There was never a question but that we were kicking them out.

Thanks again for your prayers and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. William Loeb
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Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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TO: DAVID CHEW

FROM: BROOKE VOSBURGH
Office of the Chief of Staff

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 SUNDAY NEWS

William Loeb, President and Publisher, 1946-1981
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October 14, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
#16691
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

Welcome home in more ways than one. I thought that this time you would appreciate two editorials that I wrote, one on the eve of your departure for Iceland and the other one on your return. Now it is vital that we here in this country, along with members of the Congress, support the SDI program, something which you kept Mr. Gorbachev from doing.

You handled things well and again, congratulations.

Sincerely,


Nackey

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October 7, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
#16691
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

More editorials which I don't like to see in the paper. The time has come for you to tell the American people yourself exactly how you feel and how determined you are. Right now the message that is being carried, and perhaps being reflected in these editorials, is one created completely by the news media. This should not be the American people's only source of information and they would look to you to set the record straight.

You still have my support and my prayers. I know this is no easy time.

Sincerely,

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An Editorial

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PUBLISHER



Good News from Iceland!

The fact that nothing was agreed upon in Iceland does not a failure make. The only kind of agreement that the Communists would sign would be one that was bad for the free world. When something bad does not happen, that is a victory not a defeat.

Liberal news experts, political analysts, and the "peace at any price" marchers will disagree, of course, but the results of Iceland are good.

Mr. Gorbachev has had to return to the Kremlin knowing that we will, under this President, protect our own and not fall for some dream that cutting arms means instant peace. The trap Gorbachev set has failed to find a mouse.

President Reagan has returned to the White House as a man who would not compromise our safety. Despite the intense political pressures and the bait of armament cuts, he refused to abandon the SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) program.

It would have been a temptation to lesser men to return from Iceland laden with promises. Instead, this President has fulfilled his responsibility to protect us from foreign attack.

The Iceland non-summit also served to recognize how important our SDI program really is. Those who have claimed SDI won't work should now be asked why the Soviets fear it so much and are trying so hard to stop it.

The Soviets did fail to stop SDI in Iceland. But they won't give up. It is now up to Americans in Congress and across the nation to stand united, to ignore the Soviet propaganda, and to swiftly complete SDI.

THE UNION LEADER, MANCHESTER, N.H. — Tuesday, October 14, 1986

An Editorial

Neddy Hobb
PUBLISHER



Summit and Series

We are faced with two kinds of summits right now — those in the ballpark and the one in the non-summit summit arena at Iceland.

The sides are simpler in Iceland. There are white hats and black, the good guys and the bad. It is the results that are complicated and there will probably be no final victor as there always is in the World Series.

This time around, however, and for the first time in the history of meetings where we usually lose more than we gain, we have the advantage of SDI on our side.



For the first time, the Communists know that we have a program that can neutralize any offensive advantage that they have. With SDI (Strategic Defense Initiative) in place, we could no longer be panicked into surrender.

We may not have full confidence in our team's coach, George Shultz, described by columnist Ralph deToledano as "the wimp in charge of the State Department."

And there are those, ourselves included, who have had doubts about the firmness of our star hitter, Ronald Reagan. However, we are used to doubting while at the same time harboring a dream of victory. (Cheering for the Red Sox over so many years has made us that way.)

We are already rooting for the Red Sox in spite of our fears and as Ronald Reagan leaves the home field to play in another ballpark, we should and must root for him also.

The outcome may not be as much fun, but it is the most important game being played. Let's give our team the support it needs to win one, not just for the Gipper, but for every man, woman and child in this blessed country.

THE UNION LEADER, MANCHESTER, N.H. — Friday, October 10, 1986

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October 21, 1986

Dear Suzanne:

It was good to get your letter and your kind words. Your estimate of the Iceland affair is very reassuring. You mentioned their ability to wait. I'm wondering if things won't be on hold until after our election and, possibly, even after the West German elections in January.

They created another little haggling point with their ousting of five of our people from the Embassy in Moscow and the Consulate in Leningrad. Well, we are going to respond in kind. They greatly outnumber us in their Embassy here and their San Francisco Consulate. We are going to reduce their majority shortly.

I've had quite an experience meeting with the Orlovs. I had a phone conversation also with Dr. Goldfarb, but it wasn't very satisfactory. His voice was so weak I had trouble hearing him. I can only say I was aware he was thanking us and was happy to be here.

Nancy sends her best and, again, my thanks.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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October 14, 1986

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you so much for your letter of October 3. It was very kind of you indeed to take time to write to me before you left for Iceland. Of course I followed the events there with keen interest and want to tell you that I thought your speeches, both as you left Iceland and last night, were wonderful -- restrained, striking exactly the right tone. Congratulations! I know that it must have been difficult to find such a tone, considering the performance they put in there, but I remain convinced that your tenacity and integrity will win in the end.

Your remarks about human rights within the Soviet Union, for Russians and other Soviet peoples, were especially fine. I do not think that any other President has enunciated that theme more clearly and effectively. How they treat their own is the root of the problem, the bottom line. Until the Soviet Government can honor the commitments they have made to their people -- including their own constitution, they will never completely honor those they have made with others. I have always believed this, and for many years insisted -- both in the United States and the Soviet Union -- that their performance on the Helsinki Pact is not incidental, but an essential key to establishing the trust necessary for other agreements as well. It simply cannot be put aside, and in my view, we should never allow them to forget it.

One thing I can tell you. As I heard you speak, I thought

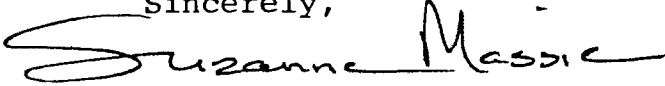
President Reagan -2.

of how many Russians would applaud you. Please know that there are many there who understand your goals, respect your firmness and see in your resolve a hope for their country as well.

Hang in there, Mr. President as I know you will. You are so right - a bad agreement is worse than no agreement. They will be back, although no doubt, not until after November 4. One thing they know how to do is wait, and we can take a leaf from that book.

May God bless you and help you.

With all my best wishes to you and Mrs. Reagan,

Sincerely,

Suzanne Massie

p.s. Just on the off chance you did not see this, I include a copy of a good Op Ed piece in today's New York Times.

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
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N.Y. Times OP Ed Page

10/15/86

Reagan Destroys a Taboo

By Robert Karl Manoff

The Reykjavik summit meeting has shown Americans that President Reagan is a man of greater vision than many of us expected, bolder and more foresighted than most of those who oppose his nuclear policy.

The agreements on strategic and intermediate-range nuclear weapons that he and Mikhail S. Gorbachev discussed could eventually have led to the elimination of whole categories of nuclear weapons that until now have barely been constrained by arms control agreements. His willingness to contemplate such a course of action should send an important message to everyone seriously concerned with the threat of nuclear war.

Why was the President able to be more forthcoming than his Congressional opponents, the arms control community and the peace movement? For one thing, these advocates of traditional arms control (myself included) have been advised and in many cases led by men and women who have a political, intellectual or psychological stake in maintaining a policy of deterrence — a doctrine based on nuclear balance between the two superpowers. This meant that they often resisted as destabilizing proposals for significant weapons

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cuts. Second, the President's opponents were fearful of pressing too hard for an agreement, lest they offend what they saw as the anti-Soviet sensibilities of the American people.

As a result, the President's opponents were often forced into the corner of defending deterrence against the Strategic Defense Initiative. Politically cautious and on the defensive, they also hesitated to propose bold initiatives to match the President's. This allowed him to emerge at

The summit's silver lining.

Reykjavik as more committed to eliminating nuclear weapons than his opponents, who are pursuing such short-range goals as eliminating particular weapons systems, achieving a test ban or cutting another \$10 billion from the defense budget.

Three years ago, the President stole much of his opponents' thunder with his proposal for a Star Wars defense. The opposition had stirred fears of nuclear war, but it was the President who seemed to have the vision necessary to prevent it. He was thus able to transcend the movement's rhetoric and to harness the

political and moral energy it had generated for his own purposes.

The agreement that the President apparently contemplated in Reykjavik was far more ambitious than any his opponents have permitted themselves to contemplate or to build their platforms on. Even though in the end he was not successful, his willingness to discuss such a proposal has already put the elimination — not merely the control — of nuclear weapons at the top of the American political agenda.

The President had been moving toward this position for the last several years, in fact, but at Reykjavik he handed his opponents a gift: quite apart from what he believes about Star Wars, he has destroyed the taboo against talking about the abolition of nuclear weapons. Reykjavik may have failed in the near term, but Ronald Reagan may indeed have earned his place in history with his willingness to negotiate what no President has had the courage to touch.

His opponents and his allies alike ought to recognize this achievement. A broad-based antinuclear coalition ought to take advantage of the opening he has created for fresh thought and political action around the program of eliminating, absolutely, the nuclear weapons of nations. Three years ago, the President one-upped the opposition. Now he has handed it a program. Audacity is required to pursue it, but in the long run nothing else is going to appeal to the American people. □

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Joy Baker

October 21, 1986

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See phone*

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for reappointing me to the Kennedy Center Board. It means a great deal to me, and I promise my dedicated effort on its behalf.

Sincerely,

Joy Baker

Mrs. Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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