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Honolulu, 17 July 1987

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To His Excellency, Ronald W. Reagan
President, The United States of America

Dear Mr. President:

I could not resist the urge to write you to say, "Hang on, Mr. President. You are still on top of things." The issues raised against you are peripheral and do not affect the leadership accorded you to attain or establish the basis for universal peace.

Only you, Mr. President, and no other man has ever been given the golden opportunity to even singularly unite the forces to bring about this historic objective.

I believe history will record of our era as one where a New Dark Ages is beginning to overwhelm the world. Against almost impossible odds you dissipated the Darkness and bring in hope and light for humanity.

I am joined in this almost too effusive accolade by many keen observers from the intellectuals and the common citizens who can only say simply but fervently, "We congratulate you for your successful efforts to maintain your leadership. May God Bless You and inspire and strengthen you to attain success in your mission to avoid the incineration of humanity by a tragic nuclear war."

As always with my respects and affection

Sincerely

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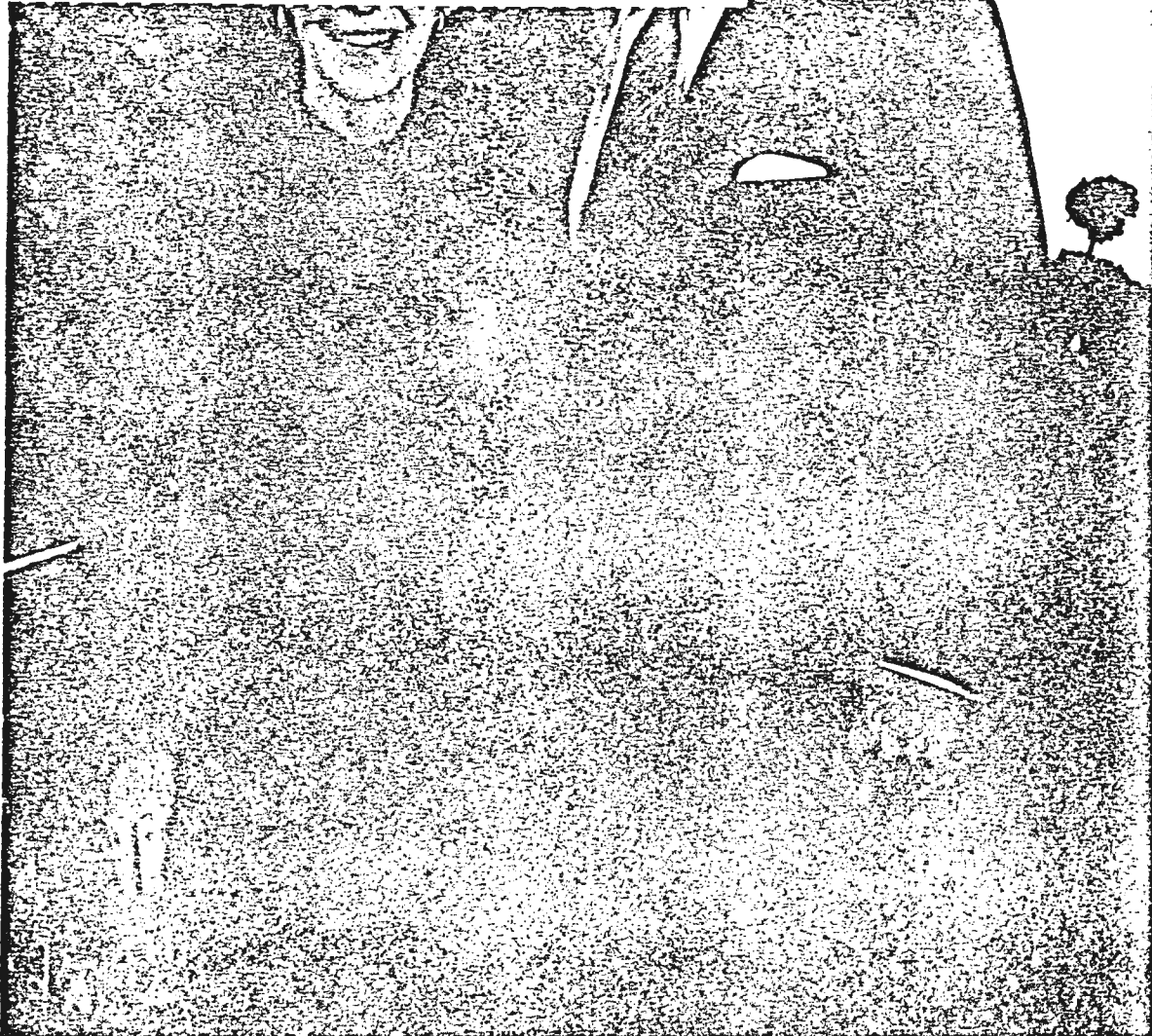
FROM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Farr
3027 Maybank Highway
John's Island, SC 29455



To Lois & Wilson Farr - With our thanks,
every good wish & Warm Regard.
Clarey & Ronald Bogan

June 2, 1987

Commander In Chief
The President of the U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. President:

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We have received condolences from all over the nation. Jerry wrote us often about the constant harassment of the Iraqi and Iranian planes.

As our Commander in Chief, please do all in your power to not let this tragedy happen to any more of our boys. I believe everyone of the 37 men should receive an advancement in grade posthumously. It will not bring our boys back, but they deserve all the country can do for their families. In our opinion, the USS Stark was not moving fast enough to do much maneuvering.

Our hearts and feelings have been with you all through your administration, fighting congress and everything else that has transpired. I wish there could be found another good Republican when your term comes up for the vote.

Thank you and Nancy for your personal appearance and "hugs" at the Memorial Services. You both are always in our prayers and hearts.

Thanking you again for your support.

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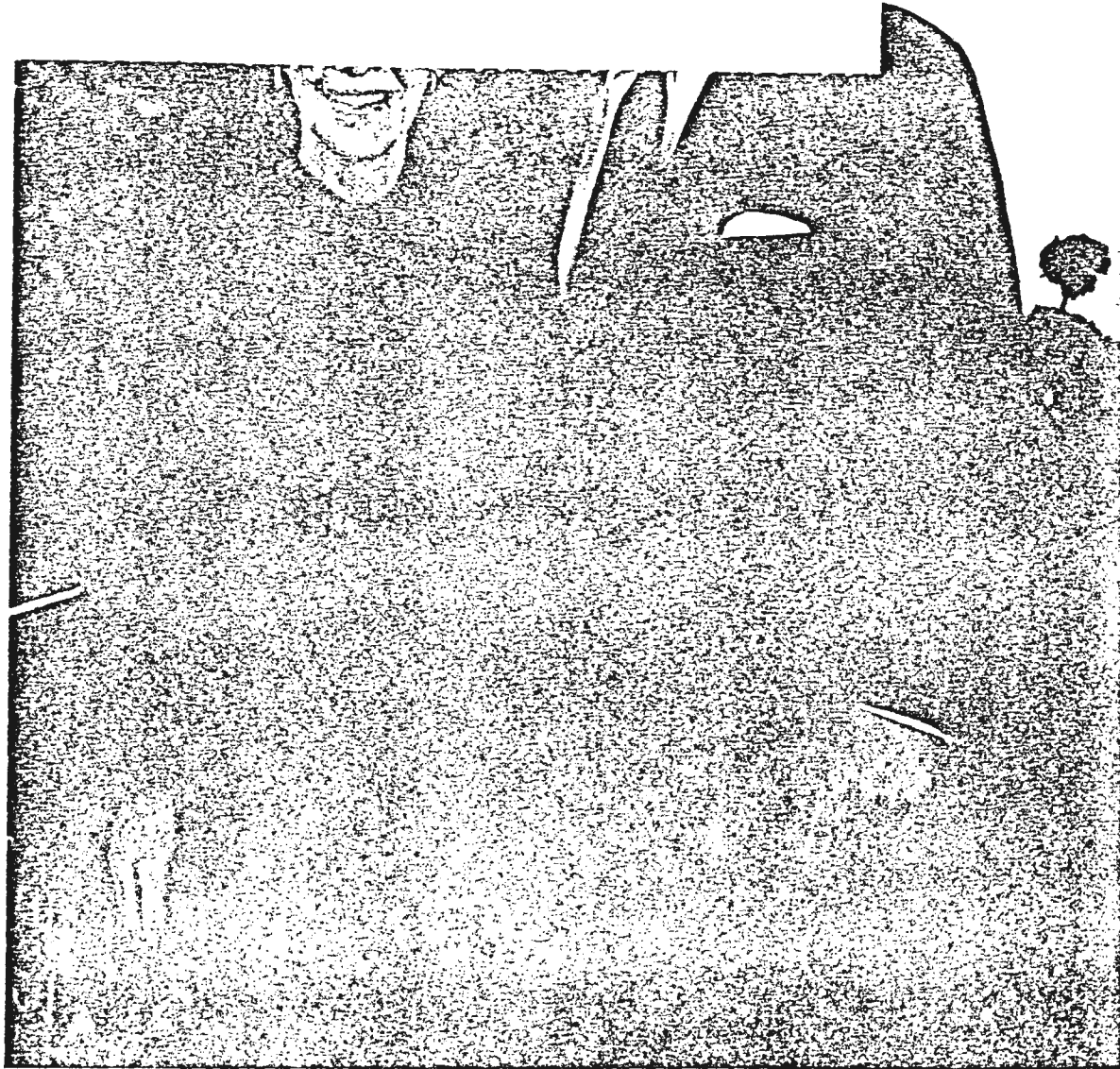
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Mrs. Charles A. Spencer
13514 Ellendale Drive
Chantilly, Virginia 22021

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To L.C.D.R. Charles & Betty Spencer - With
our thanks, every good wish & Warm Regard.

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Mrs. Charles A. Spencer
13514 Ellendale Drive
Chantilly, Virginia 22021

May 28, 1987

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan -

It is not my usual custom to write letters to our Commander-in-Chief, nor am I even assured you will receive my words. However, I feel compelled to send these thoughts to you.

I am a military wife and have been for some years. It seems these days that anyone connected with the Military is suspect as a warmonger, an extremist, or, at the very least, some kind of "nut." What is not realized is that, for the most part, military families are just like most other folks. We love our families, cherish our friends, and respect the laws of our land. We worry about the present, and hope the best for our future.

Our husbands, even though they're in the military, have learned certain technical and professional skills. They go to work every day just like everybody else - they include not only sailors, and pilots, and soldiers, but doctors, lawyers,

executives, mechanics, cooks, ministers - all those jobs one sees in the civilian world. There is one thing that sets us apart, however. Our husbands have put their lives "on the line" for the sake of our country. They literally put their bodies in the line of fire, if that need arises, in order to protect what this nation has become.

It is the knowledge of this special dedication that draws us military into one family. When one of our number falls "in the line of fire", we all feel that loss deep in our hearts. We don't scream out, "How unfair! Why did he have to die?" We know it was his job. We mourn deeply his loss, ache for his family, and close ranks to give them our support.

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I wanted you to know how much your concern means to all of us. A hug, a touch, a tear shared with those left behind will help to heal the wound of loss. When that tear comes from you, our Commander-in-Chief, and that touch comes from you, our First Lady, it makes the burden of loss to those left behind so much easier to bear.

And for the rest of us, it makes it easier to send our husbands out to work the next day, putting themselves in the place of those fallen comrades.

Thank you for caring.

In gratitude -

Betty A. Spencer

Mailing Address:

LCDR and Mrs. Charles A. Spencer

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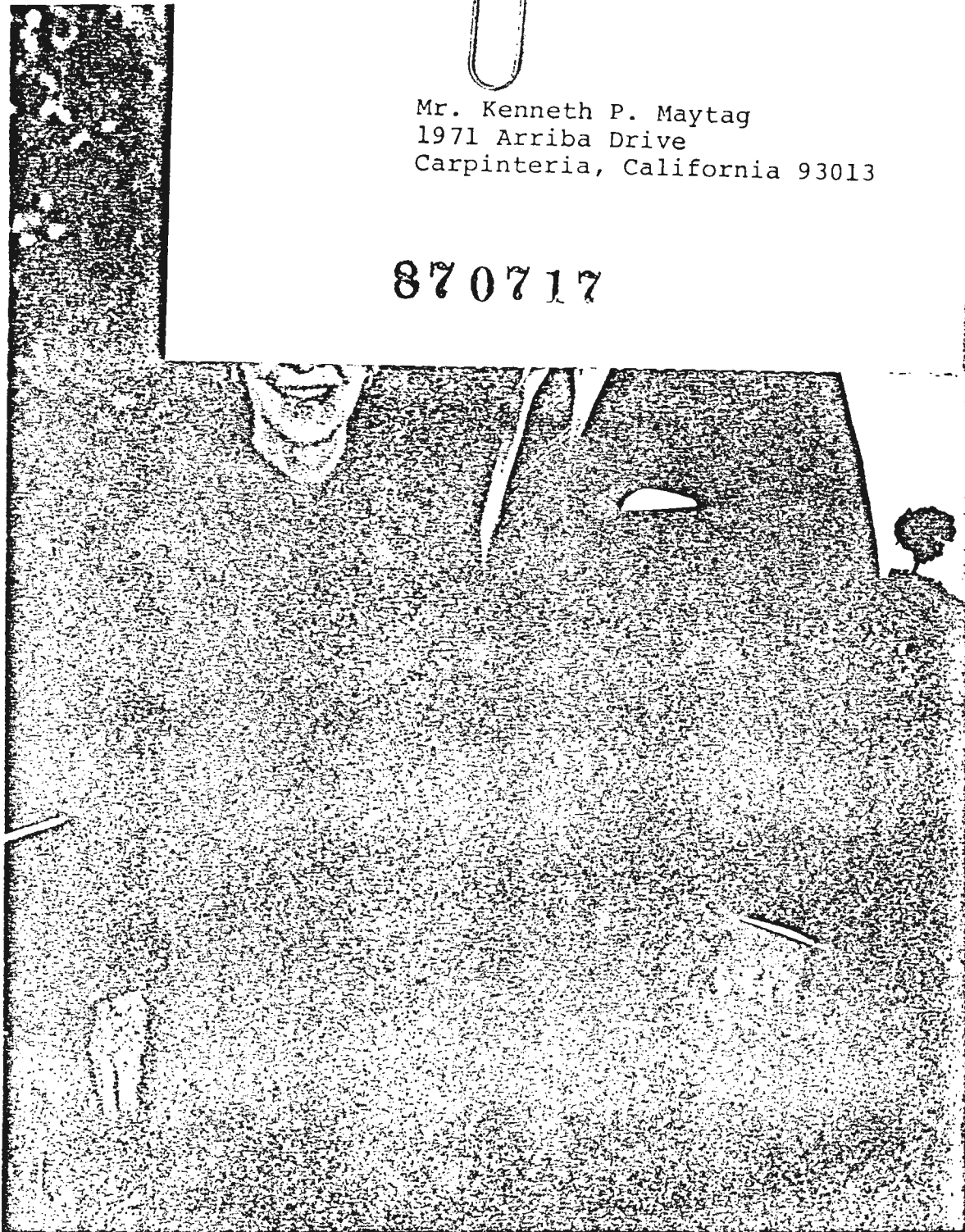
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Kenneth P. Maytag
1971 Arriba Drive
Carpinteria, California 93013

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To Ken Maytag - With every good wish &
Very Best Regards.
Clarey & Ronald Ragan

Ken Maytag

KENNETH P. MAYTAG
1971 ARRIBA DRIVE
CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA 93013
(805) 684-3000

May 22, 1987

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President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear President and Mrs. Reagan,

Like millions of Americans, I watched this morning the memorial service for our sailors so recently lost on the USS Stark. I feel certain that these fine men, the protectors of that most precious ideal, freedom, did not die in vain. Never, in the history of this great country, has a single soldier, sailor, or airman who has given his life for freedom, died in vain.

It was plain to see the grief and pain on your faces this morning, as you spoke to and consoled the families who lost loved ones. America shares that pain.

Last year, I visited the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy. I was overwhelmed with a sense of loss. But I was also greatly moved by a sense of pride that these fallen men, privates and generals alike, were my brothers. They, like the sailors from the USS Stark, and countless others, gave their lives for us. We are sad, but somehow ennobled by their sacrifice.

I live in the foothills above Carpinteria, California, near Santa Barbara. When you come to our peaceful mountains, I often hear and see your helicopters flying just off the coastline. I go outside in my yard to wave, to wish you Godspeed. I salute you then, and I salute you now.

Most Sincerely,



Ken Maytag

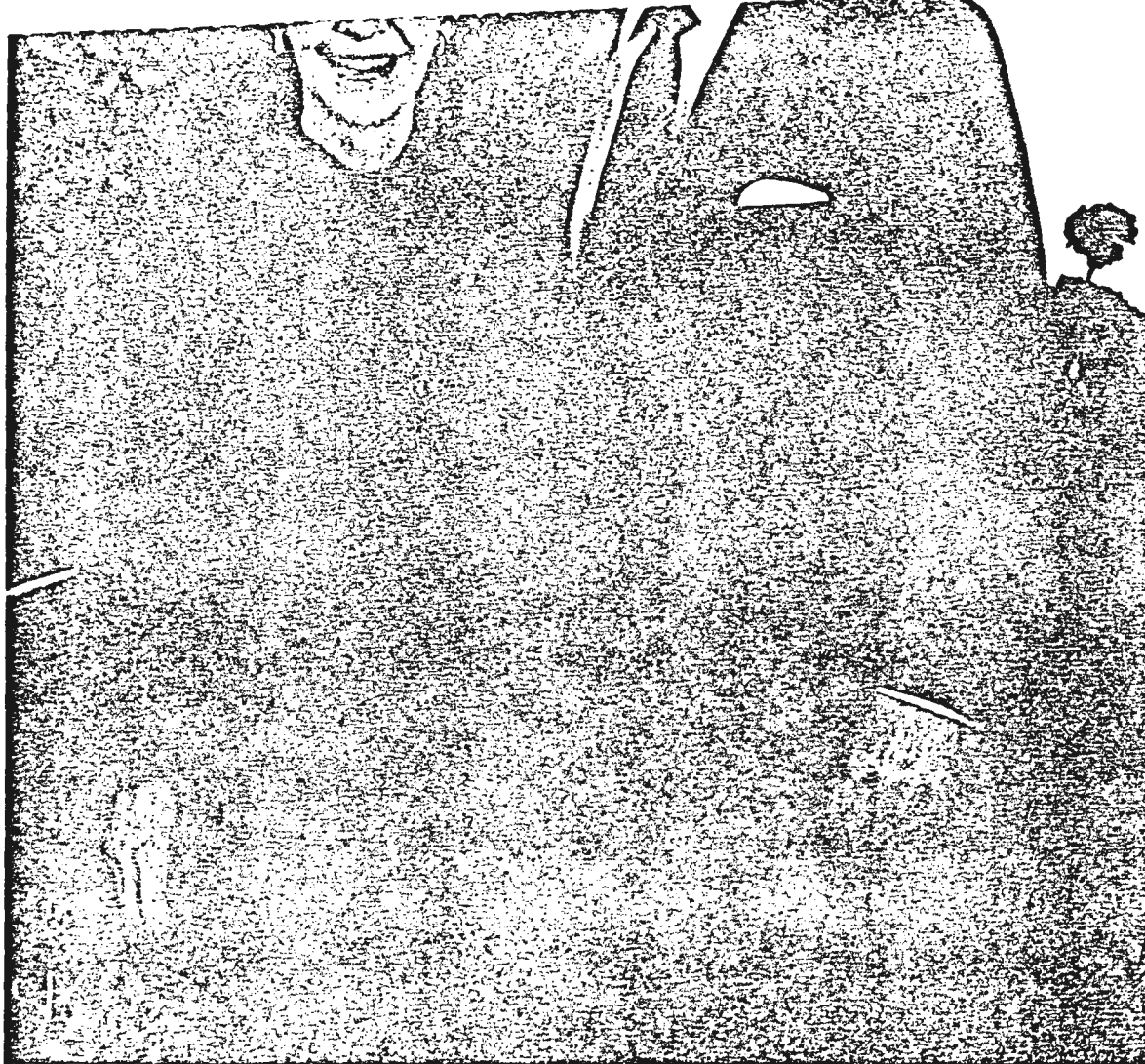
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FROM
E WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mrs. Kristin C. Brown
Route 13, Box 239
Spartanburg, SC 29303

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To David & Kristin Brown - With
appreciation, every good wish &
Very Best Regards.
Ronald Reagan

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Mr. + Mrs. David Brown
Spartanburg S.C.

June 14, 1987

Dear Mr. Reagan,

I felt this card was appropriate because I can appreciate the day to day stress you must go through... and have been through.

I admire you more than man's vocabulary will permit... your morals, your tender heart, your courage and leadership, my list goes on. You're a great President and I will be proud to tell my children and grandchildren about you. I will feel unbelievable sadness on the day you step down as President. I don't think anyone can properly fill your shoes. At a time when foreign relations are so fragile. I don't trust anyone but you. (And I must say that I don't trust Gorbachov - I think he's a wolf in sheep's clothing. I keep thinkining of bibilical prophecy.)

I do hope that when you retire you and Nancy spend time reaching out to younger generations concerning Communism and freedom. So many take America for granted, They've never really seen the ugliness of Communism and war.

My husband and I visited Washington April 24 - 27. It was his first visit and my second. My first visit was 6 years ago when I was 15. That is when I fell in love with my country. I love D.C. "Everyone" should see the monuments, and the history of Washington to learn and see how great America really is.

In closing I would like to add that you and Nancy have been a perfect example of what marriage should be. I admire your Christian marrige, and the way she has stood by you and defended you. I admire her fight against drugs.

In a world of low morality you two have been a blessing.
Much love, and God Bless you.

/s/ Kristin C. Brown

Route 13, Box 239

Spartanburg, S.C. 29303

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Destin Brown

Rt. 13, Box 239
Spartanburg, SC
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No matter how many times
our dreams are denied,
no matter how many times
we feel defeated
or alone,
if we can stop
and turn our hearts
to Him
who gave us life...

...there will always be a way.

With love and sincerity,
Richard L. Hirschman
-Parkerburg, W.V.

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July 17, 1987

Dear Michel:

George Bush showed me your letter, and I hope you won't mind my responding.

First, let me say I have not reneged on my campaign promises to repeal the Windfall Profits Tax. I just haven't been able to get the Congress to move on it and now, with both Houses again in Democratic hands, they are even more dug in against repeal, as well as a whole package of measures. I've sought to help the energy industry. I have, for example, asked for repeal of the regulations on natural gas, with no success.

Possibly, some of their bullheadedness is brought on by their insistence on tax rate increases across the board. Michel, I assure you we have a package of measures leading off with repeal of the Windfall Profits Tax. That package has been introduced and reintroduced, and it's like my budget proposals, just ignored. Has the industry engaged in any activity on the Hill? I must say we've had affirmative votes on the Windfall Tax by itself a couple of times in the Senate, but it dies in the House. I was pleased, as I'm sure you were, to see a repeal provision included in the trade bill passed by the Senate earlier this week. But the House is where we need help now.

Believe me, I'll keep trying.

Sincerely,



Mr. Michel T. Halbouty
The Halbouty Center
5100 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas 77056
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To Mr. Michael T. Hallbouty - The Hallbouty Center
5100 Westheimer Rd. - Houston Texas
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Dear Michael

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Believe me I'll keep trying.
Sincerely Ron

Date July 15, 1987

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT

During lunch today I mentioned Michel Halbouty's concern on the windfall profit tax. Here's a follow-up letter from him.

You mentioned talking to Jim Wright, but perhaps a letter to Jim from you urging action would get the job done. Your letter could then be released and circulated widely by various oil groups.

Attachment
Letter from Michel Halbouty
dated July 13, 1987

cc: Senator Howard Baker



MICHEL T. HALBOUTY ENERGY CO.

THE HALBOUTY CENTER
5100 WESTHEIMER ROAD
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056

July 13, 1987

TEL (713) 622-1130
TWX (910) 881-4599

MICHEL T. HALBOUTY
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Personal

The Honorable George Bush
Vice President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear George:

Republicans, as well as Democrats, in the oil patches of the 32 petroleum producing states are indignant that one of the President's pledges made in both campaigns, i.e., to repeal the Windfall Profits Tax, has not been fulfilled. They strongly feel that the President has failed them.

I have just finished a very recent trip covering some of these states, and it is evident that Republicans in the petroleum industry are defecting from the Party and are up-in-arms in their frustration of not having the President to forcefully push the repeal of this onerous tax. The price of oil has now reached a level that will trigger the tax and the depressive conditions that exist in the petroleum industry could not, under any circumstance, absorb or tolerate it. There are strong movements among petroleum Republicans in those states to deny financial or any other support to the Party in all forthcoming elections.

In order to restore some confidence in the Republican Party and, hopefully, cause greater activity in exploration, I beseech you to implore the President as soon as possible to publicly urge the Congress and publicly state to the national media that the repeal of the Windfall Profits Tax is not only beneficial, but vital to the welfare of this nation.

In closing, I would like to remind you that over a period of six years, the Administration's only positive action regarding oil and gas policy, which was taken only a few days after the President first took office, was to accelerate the decontrol of oil prices that President Carter initiated. I think it is about time that we had another positive and effective initiative.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Michel T. Halbouty

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1987

PATSY SKIDMORE:

Attached is the President's written letter to Halbouty on Windfall Profits Tax. We have updated it per action in the Senate this week. Kathy said this was fine, and RR does not need to see. If you would make the changes marked in green, the letter can be signed and dispatched. Thanks.

Katherine Ladd
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1987

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Dear Michel:

George Bush showed me your letter, and I hope you won't mind my responding.

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Mr. Michel T. Halbouty
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5100 Westheimer Road
Houston, Texas 77056

DATE: 7/16

TO:

Katharine

POTUS letters since
they relate to issues
thought you'd want
to see them before sent
back to H.O.

FROM:

Pam Turner 7054

Patsy P. Skidmore
Office of Presidential
Correspondence
Room 94
x 7610

Sen added amendment to
trade bill ~~Thursday~~
earlier this week
to repeal WPT
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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