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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

F400201

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/

Name of Correspondent: William B. Becker

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: Request 4-term Presidential restriction be
removed

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1986

Dear Mr. Becker:

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Thank you for your views on this matter.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. William B. Becker
1165 Easton Avenue
Somerset, New Jersey 08893

Fred Fielding
President R. Reagan
White House
Washington, D.C.

1165 Easton Ave
Somerset, N.J. 08873
Oct 21, 1985

My Dear Mr. President,

Although I concur with most of your policies, I must express my opposition to your suggestion that the amendment restricting the office of the president to two terms be revoked.

The American people are a strong people and do not require a strong leader to dictate their mode of life. We have experienced this type of perpetuation once in my lifetime with a man racked with quite obvious pain. I have the rare occasion to witness this condition which was hidden from the public with only posed photographs of the president seated in a chair or car.

However in 1943, after the Casablanca conference Churchill and the president came to Marrakech to the home of Mr. Nichols, the American legation. I served at the house as the wine custodian and responsible for the sterling silver ware.

Lord Churchill and his military staff sat on the left side of the table, facing Mr. Harriman and an American group of generals. The president was wheeled into the dining room by a black petty officer. Everyone stood up and faced

the wall on their side of the room. I, however, faced the table and saw the petty officer have to lift the president from his wheel chair into his place at the top of the table. The painful expression on the president's face was one that showed he was in torment. This was a surprise to me for the media never even hinted at this condition. I could not understand that such a handicapped person could have considered running for office again in 1944. Such a physical condition, I believe, reflected itself in the naive handling of Russia that has resulted in our present day international problems.

Furthermore I firmly believe that the Presidency should be divorced from the politics of running for a second term and have only one term of office for six years. In this way, unlike the mode of preparing to run for reelection immediate after being elected, the President could concentrate on the problems of the nation, both foreign and domestic not obligated to worry about financing the cost of again running for office.

I remain,

Yours respectfully
William B. Becker

ID # 358975 CU

WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1Name of Correspondent: Anthony Record☐ MI Mail Report

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Subject: Wisher to repeal the dand amendment

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET
WHITE HOUSE

ID 3 328012

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1986

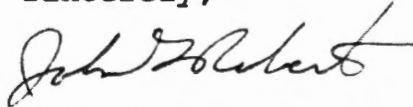
Dear Mr. Record:

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Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Anthony D. Record
2436 Mariner Boulevard
Spring Hill, Florida 33526

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2436 Mariner Blvd.
Spring Hill, FL 33526
October 21, 1985

President Ronald Reagan, Esq.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

358975 *cu*

Fred Fielding

Dear Mr. Reagan:

How very thoughtful of you to have one of your staff members actually make a telephone call to inquire as to the well-being of my father. As I am sure was relayed to you, he is alright. Thanks for caring enough to call - and thanks for his "get well" note. It was very nice of you to take the time! But now on to the other business at hand, which I started to discuss in my first letter to you.

We must find a way to repeal the twenty-second amendment (you know, the one that says a President can only serve 2 four year terms). I know that sounds crazy, but it is for the good of the country - and the world for that matter! The world would not be as safe and as nice a place to live without you at the helm of its greatest nation - The United States of America! I have spoken to many constituents concerning such an amendment (or repeal), and it seems to have widespread support and appeal. I think we should start soon though, because the next election is sooner than you think!

As I said in my previous letter, if push comes to shove we can always settle for George Bush, but when we want REAL leadership - RONALD REAGAN ALL THE WAY!!!

Please advise me on this most pressing matter. I can begin to get support down here in Florida...don't star packing yet!!!

Voting For Reagan in '88,

Anthony D. Record

Anthony D. Record

PS Congratulations on "Kicking Ass" in Egypt - you did the right thing!

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WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET☐ O - OUTGOING☐ H - INTERNAL☐ I - INCOMINGDate Correspondence
Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1/

Name of Correspondent: Don Szalay

☐ MI Mail Report User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: 3rd term

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

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44 DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

9 SEPT 1985

359317

F. F. ^{Felding} think you ARE the most outstanding President America has ever had. You MAKE me proud to BE AN AMERICAN. I READ IN THE NEWSPAPER where you think Presidents² should have more than 2 terms if the people want them to. PLEASE let me KNOW HOW I CAN HELP you WIN A 3rd term. A loyal American, Don Szalay

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1986

Dear Mr. Szalay:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the Twenty-Second Amendment, which prohibits any individual from being elected to the office of the President more than twice.

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Thank you for your views on this matter.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Don Szalay
3934 Bernice Drive
San Diego, California 92107

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Name of Correspondent:

Kathleen + Ralph Curran

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes:

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Subject:

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WHITE HOUSE

320350

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1986

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lucas:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the Twenty-Second Amendment, which prohibits any individual from being elected to the office of the President more than twice.

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Thank you for your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Roberts", written in a cursive style.

John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lucas
9616 Coalboro Road
Chesterfield, Virginia 23832

27
7. Fielding

3593206

10-3-85

Dear Mr. President

We think you are doing a great
job. And we voted for you twice.
Mr. President, we think you should
run the third turn. I think it
should be the American people
whom to vote you in or out.
and not the congress.

Yours Truly
Kathleen + Ralph Lucas
9616 Coalboro Rd.
Chesterfield, W
23832

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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

F0002-01

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1

Name of Correspondent: Jerry Sirocco

☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) (B) (C)

Subject: Repeal the 22nd Amendment

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET
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328002

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Dear Mr. Girocco:

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John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Jerry L. Girocco
720 Moulton Avenue
N. Muskegon, Michigan 49445

F. Fielding
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

359665 *Cu*

Dear Mr. President:

I recently noticed that you are in favor of repealing the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution.

I have long held the opinion that it is very unfair to limit the terms of the President when there is no limitation of terms for Senators or Congressmen and have written to Senator Riegle and Congressman VanderJagt requesting them to author or sponsor legislation which would repeal Amendment XXII.

I have also written to Senator Orrin Hatch who is Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution.

If the 22nd Amendment is repealed between now and the start of the '88 Presidential campaign and if you were in good health and wanted to seek another term, I am sure you would be nominated. I am also positive that you would win the election "going away."

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Girocco
Jerry L. Girocco

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Name of Correspondent: Charles Donovan

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Subject: 22nd Amendment draft reply

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/28

TO:

FILES

FROM:

John G. Roberts, Jr.
Associate Counsel
to the President

☐ FYI

☐ COMMENT

☐ ACTION

I ORALLY ADVISED DENVERMAN
THAT WE HAD NO OBJECTION
TO THIS PROPOSED RESPONSE.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

360241 *cu*

DATE: 11/8/85

TO: White House Counsel

ACTION:

- ☒ Review/Approval
- ☐ Recommendation
- ☐ Information Copy
- ☐ Draft Reply
- ☐ As we discussed

DATE ACTION NEEDED:

COMMENT: Draft from reply re the
report of the 22nd Amendment.

CHARLES A. DONOVAN *CD*
Presidential Correspondence
Room 94, OEOP - x7610

cc: Ranking File

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

RE: Third Term as President/22nd Amendment

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attached.

Jan 2 FFF

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your message about the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.½

½ President Reagan told reporters on September 26, "I think that this country should look very seriously at that recent change in the Constitution which limits the President to two terms and see if they don't feel they have taken something away from democracy. After all, if the people -- as they did in this country the one time for Roosevelt -- want someone to serve them, they should have the right to vote for them." When asked if he would propose such a change, however, the President made it clear that if he did so it would be with only future Presidents, not himself, in mind.½

½ Your interest in writing is appreciated, and President Reagan has asked me to send you his best wishes.½

Foreign and Domestic Issues

Remarks in an Interview With Representatives of Le Figaro, Together With Written Responses to Questions. September 26, 1985

Views on the Presidency

Q. There was a question I wanted to ask, Mr. President, which is, at a time when everybody would love to retire, how is it that you still feel you've got to run the biggest country in the world and the enormous burden that it represents?

The President. Well, I only sought this job because I thought there were some things that needed to be done and that maybe I could help bring them about, and I just don't want to leave the job unfinished.

Q. What time in your career, which has been a long—political career, I mean, did you feel that you could run for the White House if it possibly was offered to you and that you would win in the end?

The President. Well, I've always said that you don't decide, the people tell you. The truth is I never sought or thought I ever would seek public office. I, as a performer, as an entertainer, I always thought that you kind of pay your way; so, I supported causes and candidates that I approved of. And, being an entertainer, I could attract an audience and so forth and, therefore, be useful at a fundraiser—things of that kind.

Never did I ever dream in my wildest time that I would ever even want to be in public life. And then, at a time in our country when our party was greatly divided—and all the friction, there was a group that came to me. And my first reply was a refusal. This group that came wanted me to seek the governorship. And finally, they convinced me I had an obligation, I should do it and that I could win, and so, I ran. And I found out after I had won and was in the office that where I had thought that I was giving up a career, which I did love—in the other business—and that I'd find this very dull, I found out it wasn't at all.

And then, subsequent to 8 years in the Governor's office, there were people that came and, on that basis, said that I should try for this. So, I did.

Q. Is the American President, in fact, impeded by the fact that he can't run more than twice for the office?

The President. I think that this country should look very seriously at that recent change in the Constitution which limits the President to two terms and see if they don't feel that they have taken something away from democracy. After all, if the people—as they feel in this country—the one time for a President want someone to serve them, they should have the right to vote for them.

Q. It means that you could put forward or present an amendment against the 22d amendment?

The President. I think that it's very plain that I was not doing it with myself in mind, I was doing it for whoever would be President from now on.

Q. Which would be, I suppose, the Republican Party?

The President. Who knows. The only time it was ever four terms, extended, it was Franklin Delano Roosevelt, a Democrat.

Q. Thank you very much.

The President. Good to see you.

Responses by the President to Questions Submitted by Le Figaro

NATO Alliance

Q. Mr. President, before going to Geneva, Mikhail Gorbachev will visit Paris on October 2. You have often denounced the Soviet attempts to seduce Western Europe. Do you think, nevertheless, that the results of this trip can be useful to your November meeting or, on the contrary, that it represents a threat for the NATO alliance?

The President. I think General Secretary Gorbachev's visit to France can be very useful both in its own right and with regard to my meeting with him in Geneva. It is particularly important that Mr. Gorbachev realize that our alliance stands strong and that the Soviet Union has to do its part—as we are ready to do ours—in a serious, honest effort to build more constructive relations. I am sure this will be made clear to the General Secretary during his visit to France. I know from my many meetings with President Mitterrand that he is a very forceful advocate of his views; that he favors a strong, united, and secure West;

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1986

Dear Mr. Rutledge:

Thank you for your letter to the President concerning the Twenty-Second Amendment, which prohibits any individual from being elected to the office of the President more than twice.

The President has questioned the wisdom of the Twenty-Second Amendment, and expressed the view that limiting the number of terms a President may serve detracts from the democratic principle that the people should be free to choose those who serve them. The President has also made clear that any change he would support would be with respect to future Presidents only, not himself.

Thank you for your views on this matter.

Sincerely,



John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Dan Rutledge
5410 Boyce Springs
Houston, Texas 77066

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

WINS

I AM WRITING TO YOU CONCERNING AMENDMENT TWENTY TWO OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

I HAVE BEEN TOLD YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS AMENDMENT AND I AGREE WITH THEM. I FEEL A SET NUMBER OF TERMS, FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT IS INAPPROPRIATE. THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE AND ONLY THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD DETERMINE IF THE PRESIDENT WILL HOLD HIS OFFICE FOR MORE THAN TWO TERMS.

IF OUR COUNTRY, IT'S ECONOMY, AND DEFENSE GROW TO BE THE SUPERIOR OVER OTHER COUNTRIES, DURING A PRESIDENT'S SECOND TERM, THEN BY THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, HE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

I DO FEEL OTHER PEOPLE WILL HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS THAN I, SO TO MAKE EVERYBODY HAPPY, THERE SHOULD BE SOME WAY TO VOTE ON THIS SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, PLAN A BALLOT THAT WOULD HAVE THESE OPTIONS ABOUT AMENDMENT TWENTY TWO, (A) REMAIN THE SAME (B) YEARS, (C) LAW THATS STATES ONE MAY BE THE PRESIDENT FOR AS LONG AS HE CAN HOLD THE OFFICE, THEN HAVE CONGRESS VOTE ON EITHER OF THESE TWO OPTIONS.

THIS MAY NOT SOLVE THE QUESTION OF AMENDMENT TWENTY TWO BUT IT WOULD BE A GREAT START.

P.S. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SINCERELY,
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU HAVE DAN RUTLEDGE

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Post Card

PRESIDENT REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC.

FROM



Jim Blackie
1858 Swan Circle
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

T. F. Felling

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HEY PAUL!
GREETINGS FROM CA!
IT MUST BE TOUGH
RUNNING AMERICA
SOMETIMES. YOU'VE
GOT MY SUPPORT!!! I
WISH I COULD GET YA
FOUR MORE IN '80.
GIVE ME A GOOD
REFERENCE FOR OUR
NEXT CHIEF EXEC., OK?
CAN BLESS YOU! TIM

The Lord Our Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd;

I have everything I need.

He lets me rest in fields of green grass
and leads me to quiet pools of fresh
water.

He gives me new strength.

He guides me in the right paths,

as he has promised.

Even if I go through the deepest darkness,

I will not be afraid, Lord,

for you are with me.

Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

You prepare a banquet for me,

where all my enemies can see me;

you welcome me as an honored guest

and fill my cup to the brim.

I know that your goodness and

love will be with me all my life;

and your house will be my

home as long as I live.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1985

Dear Mr. Feece:

Thank you for your letter of November 6, 1985, to President Reagan concerning the two-term limit on any person serving as President.

The President is not in the process of changing the limit. The Twenty-Fifth amendment to the Constitution imposes the limit, and this could only be altered by the addition of a new amendment to the Constitution. The President has not endorsed such an amendment and has no plans to do so. He has referred to the limit in the course of discussions and has indicated a belief that it deserves study and evaluation in the years ahead.

I hope this answers your question.

Sincerely,


Hugh Hewitt
Assistant Counsel

Mr. David J. Feece
P.O. Box 10310
San Jose, California 95157

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The President,
United States of America
Washington, D. C.

File
Dear Mr. President:

I have recently been made aware that you, the President of the United States, are in the process of changing the presidential term limit from two terms to more than two terms. I would like to know who this would benefit, and why. I would also deeply appreciate your opinion on this matter. If the question I have raised is false, please reply to me so.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David J. Feece

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P.O. Box 10310
San Jose, Ca. 95157

November 6, 1985

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1985

Dear Mrs. Hood:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan, and for the expressions of support it contained.

You asked the President if he would run for another four-year term. The Twenty-Fifth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits any President from serving longer than two full terms. Thus while your support is appreciated, the President cannot seek another term.

Again, our thanks for your thoughts and kind words.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. Hewitt", written in a cursive style.

Hugh Hewitt
Assistant Counsel

Mrs. Alberta E. Hood
1808 S.E. McKinley Road
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006

Dear President Reagan:

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I want you to know that our whole family stands behind you 100% in the summit meeting with Mr. Gorbachev. We believe in you completely to do the right thing to bring about peace in this troubled world.

Also, we believe Defense for America no matter what it costs, is a necessity. I know you don't like the name "Star Wars" but we know you are right in going ahead with this scientific matter.

Why don't you run another 4 years? You can send a good President, we can't stand the thought of you going out of office in 1988. I would support you for another 4 years.

give me attempted assassination, then
your health problems. You are a

FIGHTER FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

and there aren't many of those left.

We here in Oklahoma are selfish &
don't look forward to your going out of
office. Can't you cause Congress to
change the law so you can continue?
Oh, I know you got us headed the right
direction in your 8 yrs.

Thank the Lord for Ronald Reagan
and Nancy too. We love you dearly,

Allene B. Hood + Family
1808 S.E. McKinley, Bartlesville
OK 74006

TO: PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Love Nancy and
Regards to. ACH

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1985

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan and for your expressions of support for the President. The two-term limit can only be changed by Constitutional Amendment, and the President does not support any attempt to change it for his benefit, although he has indicated that the limit should receive serious study and re-evaluation. I am certain, however, that he joins me in sending thanks for your kind letter.

Sincerely,



Hugh Hewitt
Assistant Counsel

Mr. Harry Christopher
One Water Street #405
Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830

HARRY CHRISTOPHER
1 WATER ST. #405
HAVERHILL, MA 01830

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Dear Mr. President:

9/12/85

I am a democrat But I vote the man and you are the one I voted the last president election. And I would like to change the law for a third term for you.

I want to vote for you for a third, even a fourth term.

Keep up the good work.
P.S.

I want to wish you a good success with your meeting with the president of the Soviet Union of Russia. Wish again.

Harry Christopher.

P.P.S.

Don't mind my typing I type one finger.

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I wish I was going with you to Russia with you. I guess I'm dreaming.

Harry

Wednesday, August 28, 1985

The Haverhill, Mass., Gazette.

# Reader's Forum

## Why prayers should be said

To the Editor:

I want to express my views about prayers in the schools. Prayers in schools should be said every day.

"Our Father who art in Heaven" can be said by all God-loving people. Our children should be taught to pray in schools, and should also learn to pray to God morning, noon and night.

Let's all live God's way,

each and every living day,

In God we should all trust

Prayers in our schools a must.

HARRY CHRISTOPHER  
1 Water St.

HARRY CHRISTOPHER  
1 WATER ST. #405  
HAVERHILL, MA 01830

## U.S.A.

BY HARRY CHRISTOPHER  
U.S.A.

My home I say,  
I feel so grand  
In this famous land.

There is no better place,  
on this earth's face,  
like the good old U.S.A.  
each and every living day.

My ma and pa  
came to America  
Makes 'em happy each day,  
in this country, U.S.A.

Way back in years  
Came here full of cheers,  
They came to stay  
In the good old U.S.A.

They helped this country grow,  
and keep the spirit and faith aglow.  
Now this country so great,  
above all others, its fate,  
Let's keep it this way  
our home in the U.S.A.



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Subject: Change 2 term Presidency limit

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1985

Dear Mr. Hendrix:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan. The President has indicated his belief that the two-term limit on the Presidency should be reconsidered. To change the limit, however, a Constitutional Amendment would have to be proposed to and adopted by the Congress and then approved by three-fourths of the states. This long process has not even begun, nor is there any guarantee that it ever will be begun. The President simply believes that the question merits study. He is happy, however, to receive your views on the question. Thank you for sending them to us.

Sincerely,



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# Single 6-year term for president eyed

By Larry Margasak  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan's notion that there should be no limit on how often a president can be re-elected isn't getting a fair hearing on Capitol Hill. In fact, it's getting no hearing at all.

Rather than moving to lift the two-term limit, as Reagan would have it, five congressmen have introduced separate constitutional amendments that would allow presidents to serve for only a single six-year term.

There is no pending legislation for eliminating the two-year limits on presidential terms.

A single term would permit a president to govern "for the sake of history and country and not to justify his re-election," said Rep. Frank J. Guarini, D-N.J., one of the congressional sponsors of the six-year term.

"It isn't in the best interest of the country, at the end of the first term, to be using every agency to make every kind of deal on bridges, roads and projects to assure his re-election," Guarini said.

The 22nd Amendment, ratified Feb. 27, 1951, declares:

"No person shall be elected to the office of the president more than twice, and no person who has held the office . . . for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected president shall be elected to the office . . . more than once."

The amendment was initiated by Republicans frustrated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's election to four terms. Roosevelt argued that wartime conditions made it necessary for him to break the two-term precedent followed by previous presidents, but not endorsed in law.

GOP lawmakers pushed the amendment through Congress two years after Roosevelt's death, having regained control of both houses for the first time since his election.

Reagan, in an interview last September with the French newspaper *Le Figaro*, said, "I think that this country should look very seriously at that recent change in the Constitution which limits the president to two terms, and see if they don't feel that they have taken something away from democracy."

"After all, if the people — as they did in this country the one

time for Roosevelt — want someone to serve, they should have the right to vote for them."

Reagan made clear that any proposal should not apply to him.

The 22nd Amendment, although it was a blatant effort by Republicans to prevent another Democratic White House siege like Roosevelt's, had wide public support.

Even in 1960, when an immensely popular Dwight D. Eisenhower — a Republican — might have been elected to a third term were it not for the amendment, a poll found 6-1 support among the public for the two-term limit.

Reagan's proposal has guarded support from Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Constitution subcommittee. Hatch, however, has no immediate plans to introduce legislation on the subject.

"I tend to agree with him, but I'm not sure," Hatch said. "A lame-duck president elected to a second term is one who is less strong than he might be. It's debilitating to the presidency."

"Without a limitation, a president would always have that underlying threat to say, 'Keep kicking

me and I might run,'" Hatch said. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., has a different view. He is co-sponsor of a single-term proposal.

"I feel if a president has a six-year term, he doesn't have to spend the latter part of his term getting ready to run again. He can give the whole six years to being president," he said.

And Rep. Thomas R. Carper, D-Del., sponsor of similar legislation, added, "I think there's a tendency for politicians to conduct our business and take our positions, at least in part, with our eye toward the next election."

According to a research paper prepared for Guarini, the Senate once passed the six-year term, but it died in the House in 1913 after President Wilson testified against it.

The paper also said President Jackson proposed a single-term limit in eight annual addresses during his two terms in office.

The proposal, according to the research, was recommended by Presidents Harrison, Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, Hayes, Cleveland, Taft, Carter and Lyndon B. Johnson.



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Dear President Reagan,

My name is Derrick E. Hendrix and I'm a resident of San Pedro California. I'm writing in regard to your opinion that a President should be able to serve more than two terms. I disagree with the fact, I feel that if one person served for more than two terms it would infringe on this countries democracy. It would provoke a game of ideas from a certain party for too long. It would cause our government policies to resemble those of a dictat.

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Please reconsider your  
opinion carefully.

— Dankoeyer,  
Mr. Dennis E. Hancock