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L. Faulkner

Bob Gray



8 July 1988

Dear Mr. President,

I'm writing to express my appreciation for your thoughtful inscription on a picture taken of the recently held ceremony recognizing Prisoners of War with a new medal, at the White House. My father-in-law, LtCol Ralph Goss, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), a former POW, was the recipient of the picture and I was privileged to present him with both picture and medal at Marine Barracks, Washington, DC during an appropriate surprise ceremony.

My father-in-law will remember your kindness forever as will all of us who witnessed your ceremony which was so thoughtfully orchestrated. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to recognize a truly deserving group of very special Americans, and please accept my gratitude for recognizing my father-in-law in such a special manner.

Sincerely,

A. M. GRAY
General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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July 11, 1988

Dear Joy:

How good it was to hear from you and how kind you are. Thanks for your generous words.

You surprised me with that note from Hugh. First of all, I wasn't aware of your friendship, and, second, while he's always fair, unlike so many of his media mates, I didn't know he looked upon me so favorably. I'm most pleased because I have admiration for him.

There will be some things of course that we will miss when we leave here, but we are really looking forward to California and boots and saddles. I have a horse waiting for me at the ranch. I hope he's ready for a lot of riding.

Well, once again, it was great to hear from you and to stroll down memory lane a bit. Give Gene my best regards.

Sincerely,

DUTCH

Mrs. Joy Hodges Schiess
Post Office Box 254
Katonah, New York 10536
RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

To Mrs. Joy Hodges Schiess Box 254 Katonah N.Y. 10536

Dear Joy

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Well once again it was great to hear from you & to stroll down memory lane a bit. Give love my best regards.

Sincerely
Klute

(914) 232-4407

A NOTE

From

Joy Hodges Schiess

Box 254

Katonah, N.Y.

10536

JUNE 22, 88

President Ronald Reagan

Dear Mr. President

Dear Dutch:

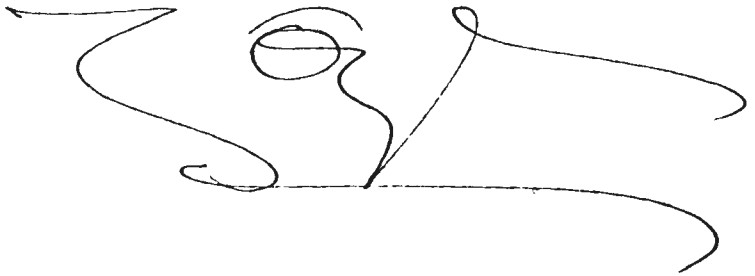
There you are accomplishing wonderful successes, Summit after Summit..congratulations...and here I am, trying to learn Word Processing and just happy to be one of your devoted admirers..Gene joins me in that.

You and Nancy were fantastic in Moscow. I think the enclosed will put another smile on your face. It's a note from my favorite "pen pal" Hugh Sidey, he is another proud IOWAN. His account of your performance in Moscow was entirely unsolicited, but he knows how much we love you and support you.

It won't be long now..back to the Ranch and the boots and saddle. Remember how we used to ride at Dubrows in the valley?? I still love it and just may set up a hitching post outside our Condo in Palm Springs. That will give Sonny Bono something to worry about.

Carry on..the whole world loves you.....

Joy and Gene



TIME
INCORPORATED

1050 CONNECTICUT AVE., N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036-5334

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June 9, 1988

Dear Jay,

I don't have a great hat like yours but I can furnish the Kremlin as backgrounds in this picture from the Moscow Summit.

The President was great. Not in my time have I heard such a series of fine speeches - defining his Presidency, his leadership, the USA. He did them superbly. I know he was tired but when he stepped up to the podium he always came alive. We are really going to miss this guy.

How was slowa? you look terrific!
warmly,
Guy

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July 11, 1988

Dear Brute:

Thank you for the columns and your letter. You brightened my day with your essay on the Speaker of the House. I've always said, if he were in Hollywood, he'd be typecast as a villain. And, as far as I know, you were the only one in your profession who recognized that things like the Pentagon mess didn't necessarily start the day I arrived in Washington. Thank you.

I was glad to hear about Eddie Albert and happy to know that pretty soon I can quit being homesick for Bohemian Grove. Pretty soon I'll be a Californian again.

Give my regards to the campmates and, again, thank you.

Sincerely,

RON

LtGen Victor H. Krulak, USMC, Ret.
3665 Carleton Street
San Diego, California 92106

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T.

Dr. Ann. Vinton H. Kneale (I sent Ann his address form)

3645 Carleton St.

Ann Kings, Ca 92106
Don Brute

I thank you for the columns & your letter. You brightened my day with your saying on the 2 fusion of the ~~Waves~~. I've always said if he were in Hollywood he'd be higher cast on a mission. And you were the only one in your profession who do for on known other recognizing that things like the Pentagon were didn't mentioning that the day I arrived in Wash. I thank you.

I was glad to hear about Ed's Coast and pretty to know that pretty soon I can just bring home nice for Benjamin there. Pretty soon I'll see a California again.

Give my regards to the computer and again
Thank you. Lovingly Ron

VICTOR H. KRULAK

5 July 1988

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

Dear Mr. President:

I enclose four columns that you may find of interest.

My dissatisfaction with the behavior of Speaker Wright is widely shared, even among some democrats.

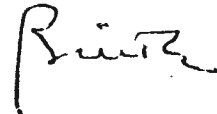
And the idea that military procurement problems are of recent origin needs to be put in fair perspective.

We are getting ready for a fine Bohemian Grove Encampment. You will be pleased to know that Eddie Albert has joined Owl's Nest -- a fine addition.

Please accept my sympathy on the Vincennes tragedy. I am pleased that the country at large sees the matter in perspective and supports the U.S. action.

Warmest personal good wishes.

Sincerely,



VHK:jm
Enclosures



6 July 1988

Dear Campmates:

I believe we are organized for the Encampment. The Camp is in good shape, the landscaping is beautiful, thanks to Paul Stewart's generosity. We have a new irrigation system, courtesy of Bill Miller's labor and Bill's owl carving will be the talk of the Grove.

Assuming your reports are correct, we will have 27 in Camp the first weekend, 27 the second weekend and 22 the third.

Don't forget the VIP breakfast the second weekend. Each of you can bring one guest (in addition to our Camp guests). In addition, Ed Carter will invite about eight VIPs, which will give us a full house.

I have had invitations printed for the last Saturday breakfast, to be sent to 22 camps. In addition I will have extras for you to use for individual invitations.

I am engaged in a dialog with the Grove administration over Camp charges. They are indefensible. No complaint about paying, generously, for what we get, but not for what we don't get.

See you soon.

Cheers,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ AMK

SUBJECT: Letter of Thanks from John Stennis

Attached is a gracious letter to you from Senator John Stennis thanking you for your participation in the June 23 dinner in his honor.

JOHN C. STENNIS
MISSISSIPPI



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 5, 1988

No Reply

Dear Mr. President,

Let me warmly thank you for both the time and the message you gave during the evening dinner for me on June 23. You gave me encouragement and a real challenge to all of us as you inspired the entire audience, both those personally present in the dining room and those over the Nation who watched on television.

As a Senator I have been helped greatly by your fine leadership. You are appreciated greatly by the entire Nation, Mr. President, for clinging to the principles that endure and to your high and solid purposes of keeping our system of self-government moving onward and giving every individual a chance to take a part. Your service and achievements will continue for many long years ahead and thus will our Nation grow because of your "Look Ahead" attitude, which is one I certainly share.

May God continue to bless and sustain you all the way.

Respectfully, and fondly, I am

Your friend,

John C. Stennis

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

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July 13, 1988

Dear Al:

I'm happy to hear you say our tax cuts are the real spark plug of our economic recovery. Those demagogues who scream our tax reform benefited the rich are talking through their hats. The top 1 per cent (\$100,000 a year and up) were paying 15.2 per cent of the total income tax revenue in 1981. By 1983, when our tax plan was in place, they were paying 20 per cent of the total. The 21 per cent who earned between \$30,000 and \$50,000 paid 50 per cent. So the top 22 per cent of all earners paid 70 per cent of the total tax. And every year since, the total paid by the top earners has increased. Let me add there was a considerable reduction for those in the lower brackets.

Overall, of course, the lower tax rates resulted in an increase every year in total income tax revenues.

Nancy sends her love, and from us both to Cynthia.

Sincerely,

DUTCH

Mr. Albert E. Schwabacher
1000 Mason Street
San Francisco, California 94108

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To Mrs - Albert E. Schwalbach - 1000 Mason St.,
S.F. Calif. 94108

Dear Al

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the lower brackets.

Overall of course the lower tax rates resulted in
an increase every year in total ~~inc.~~ income tax ^{revenues} ~~revenue~~.

Marcy sends her love & from us both to Cynthia.

Sincerely
Dutch

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ALBERT E. SCHWABACHER, JR.

June 15, 1988

J. Chase

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

Dear Dutch,

Your fun letter of June 7, postmarked the 8th, arrived today - the 15th. It's something isn't it? The mail is a mess. I'm thrilled about the denim jackets; but, much more importantly - your accomplishments for this country and for the world are marvelous. We're talking, arguing - even smiling. Not fighting - Who'd have thought this possible?

I don't think you have ever gotten credit for the new tax bill (four years ago) which is the foundation for the zip in the economy. There are still concerns about this market place and I don't know how we're going to improve it. I've been in this business now 52 years and the changes are frightening. I suppose they're for the better, but the institutional wallop is just far too great and sometime we'll talk about the role of the fiduciary, the trustee or whoever is responsible for financial decisions. It has changed. I didn't mean to get on the soap box.

I was so excited about getting your letter I wanted to come right back at you. Since our last correspondence, while you were at the Summit, we were touring the two Carolinas: never done that before. Very interesting. Got a much better appreciation of our own country.

If you have free time when you're in California let us know and we'll buzz down and see you. It would be so great. It's been far too long. Special love to Nancy in which Cynthia joins.

Sincerely,



Albert E. Schwabacher

x then on to my 41st Regimental Reunion Amazing!

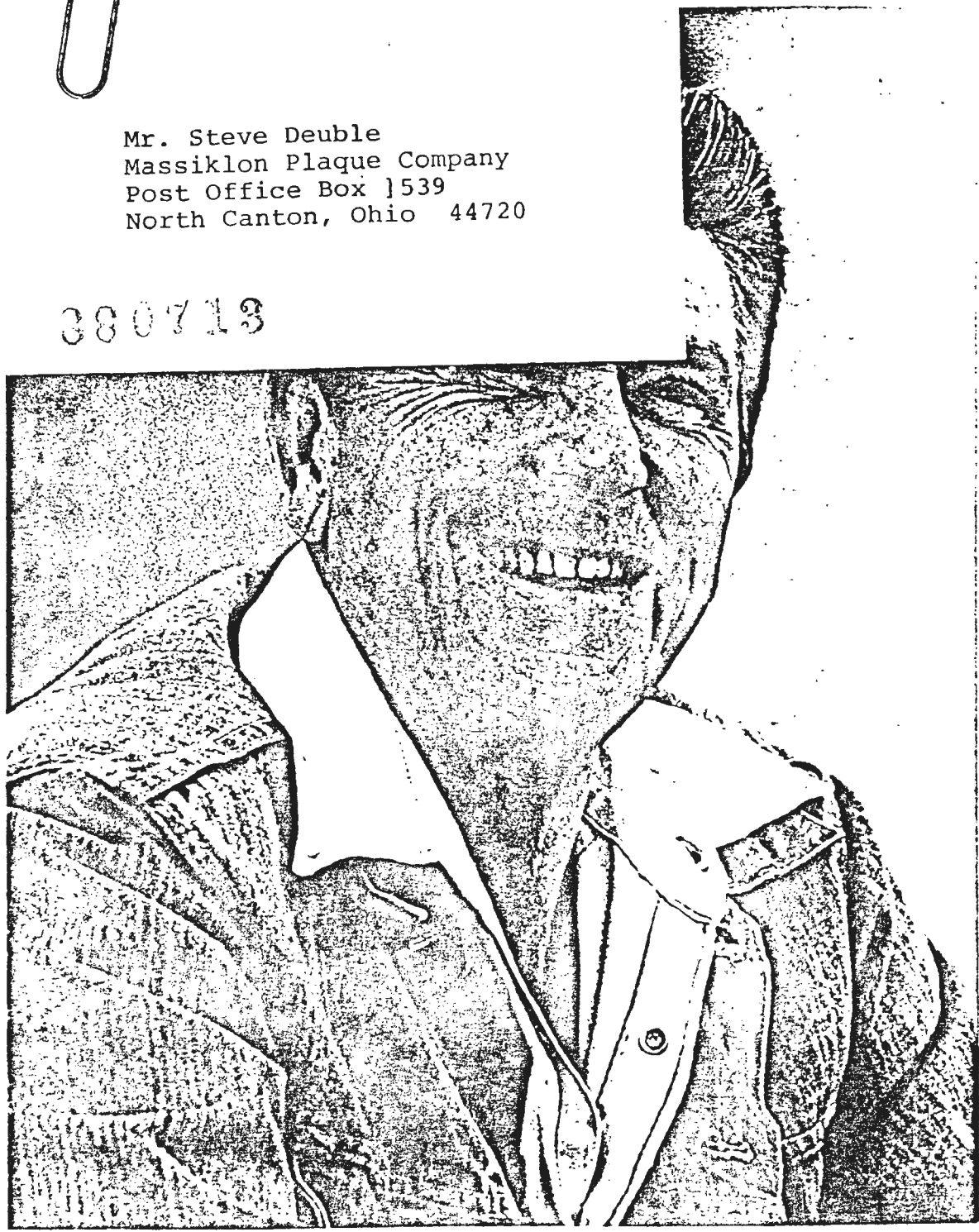
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Steve Deuble
Massiklon Plaque Company
Post Office Box 1539
North Canton, Ohio 44720

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To Steve Deuble - With Thanks, every
good wish & Very Best Regards!
Sincerely Ronald Reagan

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Mr. Steve Deuble
~~Maxwell~~
Maxwell Plaque Co.
P.O. Box 2539
North Canton Ohio
44720

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 14, 1988

Dear Mr. President:

At approximately 11:30 a.m. (EDT), July 12, 1988, a Panamanian tanker (Japanese owned) sent out a distress call reporting it was under attack by two small boats and in need of assistance. Units of the U.S. Middle East Joint Task Force, responding to the ship's distress call, dispatched five U.S. helicopters to an area approximately 23 nautical miles west north west of Farsi Island in the Northern Persian Gulf. Two of the helicopters, while on their way to provide assistance, observed two small boats heading towards Farsi Island. As they closed to identify visually the boats, the boats fired at the U.S. helicopters. This hostile action posed an immediate and direct threat to the safety of the helicopters. Accordingly, acting in self-defense, the helicopters returned fire, firing rockets and machine gun rounds at the small boats, which then left the scene. At this time it is believed that one of the boats may have been hit with a rocket. The extent of damage to the boat is unknown. There were no casualties or damage to U.S. forces; the tanker caught fire as a result of the attack.

The actions of U.S. forces in response to being attacked by the Iranian small boats were taken in accordance with our inherent right of self-defense, as recognized in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, and pursuant to my constitutional authority with respect to the conduct of foreign relations and as Commander in Chief. There has been no further hostile action by Iranian forces, and, although U.S. forces remain prepared to take additional defensive action to protect our units and military personnel, we regard this incident as closed.

Since March 1987, I and members of my Administration have provided to Congress letters, reports, briefings, and testimony in connection with developments in the Persian Gulf and the activities of the U.S. Armed Forces in the region. In accordance with my desire that Congress continue to be fully informed in this matter, I am providing this report consistent with the War Powers Resolution. I look forward to cooperating with Congress in the pursuit of our mutual, overriding aim of peace and stability in the Persian Gulf region.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable John C. Stennis
President Pro Tempore of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MR. PRESIDENT:

After you have had an opportunity to review this memorandum this morning please return it to the Usher so that it can be sent to Capitol Hill before the 48-hour deadline runs out at 11:30 a.m.

Return to Rhett Dawson

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Jim Wright
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1988

MR. PRESIDENT:

When you have had a chance
to review and sign the
attached package, please
give it to the Ushers Office
to be returned to my office.
Thank you.

Return to  Rhett Dawson

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 19, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ *Alan -*

SUBJECT: Thank-You Note from Senator Howell Heflin (D-AL)

Attached is a note from Senator Heflin thanking you for the dinner you hosted on July 8.



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

HOWELL HEFLIN
ALABAMA

July 11, 1988

No Reply

Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for the lovely evening that I had with you and other Members of Congress at the story-swapping dinner. It was a delight to see you relaxed and telling your yarns and experiences.

It was a most memorable evening which is indelibly etched in my recall mechanism.

Thanks again for everything!

With kindest personal regards, I am

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howell Heflin", written over the typed name.

Howell Heflin

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1988 JUL 19 AM 10:52

July 19, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ALAN M. KRANOWITZ *Alan -*

SUBJECT:

Letter of Thanks from Senator Dave Karnes

Attached is a letter from Senator Karnes thanking you for your participation in a fundraiser dinner on his behalf at the Marriott on Monday, July 11.

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David K. Karnes
Nebraska



July 14, 1988

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

Dear Mr. President:

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I'd like to once again take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of myself and my family for your very kind, warm remarks and your attendance Monday evening. Your encouragement and my desire to continue the leadership and philosophy that you have championed these past 7 1/2 years is incentive enough for me to redouble my efforts to be successful in November. The polls continue to show the gap narrowing between myself and my very liberal Democratic opponent. In my mind, and in the minds of many other Nebraskans, it would be a travesty if Nebraska would once again have two Democratic Senators representing such a conservative, free enterprise State such as Nebraska.

I look forward to other opportunities to work with you during the remainder of your Presidency. Similarly, I would appreciate any future opportunities to share the spotlight with you on legislation, Presidential events and any other scheduled activities. With your popularity in Nebraska, it is of great benefit and a matter of personal pride to me.

Again, my sincere thanks for your tremendous leadership and your years of commitment to public service and Republican values.

Sincerely,

Dave
David K. Karnes

*Once again my special thank you!!
Also my 4 yr old Laurel thanks you!*

Dave

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