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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1986

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Our thoughts and prayers go with you. We ask that the blessings of peace and consolation may come upon you and sustain you through this difficult time.

With our deepest sympathy,

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Condolence Message

Mrs. Ronald E. McNair
1623 West Chelsea Place
Seabrook, Texas 77586

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STRAIGHTWIRE - JANUARY 31, 1986

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Condolence Message - Space Shuttle Challenger
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RONALD REAGAN

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WIFE OF RONALD McNAIR

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your approval are letters that will be sent as telegrams this afternoon to the families of the Challenger Seven who are holding memorial services Sunday and Monday. Hard copies of these letters will be given to you Monday for your signature, as well as letters to all the other families.

David
David Chew

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PMS KRS. RONALD E. MCNAIR, (DLR DONT DMR)
1623 WEST CHELSEA PLACE
SEASROOK, TEXAS 77586
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WHEN NANCY AND I MET YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AT THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, WE FELT THE GRIEF, THE PAIN AND THE LOSS THAT HAD BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER IN HOUSTON. ALTHOUGH NO WORDS OF OURS CAN EASE THE PANGS OF GRIEF YOU FEEL, WE HOPE THAT SOME COMFORT COMES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR SORROW IS SHARED IN EVERY AMERICAN HOME AND BY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

WE KNOW THAT, AS MEMBERS OF THE NASA FAMILY, YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE NO STRANGERS TO SACRIFICE OR DANGER. FOR YOU, THE PAIN OF SEPARATION, THE FATIGUE OF LONG HOURS, AND THE STRAIN OF ENDLESS PREPARATION HAVE BEEN A DAILY FACT OF LIFE. IF THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO JOIN OUR SPACE PROGRAM ARE A SPECIAL BREED, AND THEY ARE, SO TOO ARE THE FAMILIES WHO LOVE AND COURAGE SUSTAIN THEM IN THEIR EXTRAORDINARY MISSION. LIKE ALL HEROES, YOUR HUSBAND CARRIED WITH HIM THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF AN ENTIRE PEOPLE. THE MEMORY OF HIS SACRIFICE, AND OF YOURS AND YOUR CHILDREN'S, WILL BE FOREVER INSCRIBED IN THE HEARTS OF OUR PEOPLE.

DUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO WITH YOU. WE ASK THAT THE BLESSINGS OF PEACE AND CONSOLATION MAY COME UPON YOU AND SUSTAIN YOU THROUGH THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY,

RONALD REAGAN

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Jim: Please give me a call when the President has approved these. Thanks.

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