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Name of Correspondent: Edmund R. Kennedy

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Subject: Request to use Presidential quote in
Advertisement

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

3/18/86

TO:

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FROM: **DEBORAH K. OWEN**
Associate Counsel to the President

- ☐ FYI
- ☐ COMMENT
- ☐ ACTION

*advised him "no"
when he called*

North American Space Operations
Rockwell International Corporation
2230 East Imperial Highway
El Segundo, California 90245



February 14, 1986

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington D. C., 20050

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Dear Mr. Fielding;

I am writing to request permission to use a quote from President Reagan in an advertisement.

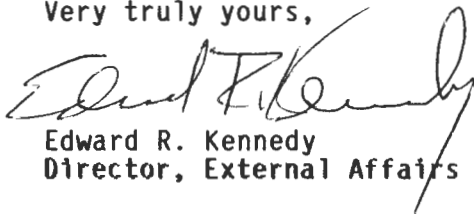
Rockwell International has a long history of involvement with America's space program, including being the prime contractor for NASA's Apollo Command and Service Modules and the Space Shuttle orbiter vehicles. We are currently one of the eight companies assisting NASA in definition and preliminary design of the permanently manned space station program.

As part of Rockwell's continuing commitment to the space program, we have been placing advertisements in support of the space station in selected publications. We believe that it is important to continue to do so now, in the spirit of the President's remarks following the Challenger accident and in the State of the Union address. We therefore respectfully request approval to use the words "We can follow our dreams to distant stars, living and working in space for peaceful and economic means", from President Reagan's 1984 State of the Union message, as the theme line for use in our spring 1986 space station advertisements. We request to use that particular phrase because it embodies not only the spirit of moving forward, but continues to stress the utility of our manned space efforts.

A layout of our proposed advertisement is attached. Following your approval to use the quotation, we plan to place the ad in the April issue of The National Journal, the spring issue of Commercial Space, and the May issue of Aerospace America magazines.

Since the closing date for placement of advertisements with these publications ranges from February 28th to March 15th, we would appreciate your early consideration of this request. If you need any assistance or additional information from us, I can be reached at (213) 647-5222.

Very truly yours,



Edward R. Kennedy
Director, External Affairs and Communications

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Waldorf Towers, 29 W.
New York, N. Y. 10022

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Mrs. Edwin Wilson
(Mildred.)

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~~Mr.~~ of

The Waldorf Towers

Dear Nancy,

I watched the Ceremonies at Houston, I listened to the President's eloquent words, and I mourned with the nation. Both you and the President bound this nation together at this tragic time with your words of understanding, your love and your caring. My tears relieved

the strain, and I thank God
for our having the President we
have - and for you -

With love -

W. L. D. ———

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Frank Ruddy
US Embassy, Malabo
C/O The State Department
Washington, D.C. 20520

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Feb 28, '86

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

What I could take credit for
that Challenger speech, but I cannot.
That was the product of Ronald Reagan -
who recalled the poem - and Mrs. Peggy
Norman. All the best

Pat Buchanan



Embassy of the United States of America

Malabo
February 9, 1986

The Honorable Patrick Buchanan
Director of Cummications
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr Buchanan:

Just a note to say that President Reagan's quotation from John Gillespie Magee's High Flight was inspired. One fallen hero speaking majestically and powerfully to other fallen heroes. It was magnificent. I took out my Prose & Poetry of America which we used in Xavier High School and probably by all the Jesuit schools in those days (although it is now surely much too bourgeois to be found in any Jesuit high school), and I read it again. I cannot now, and could never, even when I taught English, read it aloud from beginning to end. It is too powerful. It produces not only a gulp in the throat, but tears. I assumed, and I hope, you were responsible for the inclusion of those wonderful words of tribute to our astranauts.

On a lighter note, and apropos of absolutely nothing, I bring to your professional attention The Washington Post's review of James Charlton's Writer's Quotation Book which cites the remarks of The Duke of Gloucester on receiving the second volume of Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire: "Another damned thick square book! Always scribble, scribble, scribble, eh, Mr Gibbon?"

Cheers,

Frank Ruddy
American Ambassador

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eulogy on book about Ronald McNair

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 20, 1986

Dear Ms. Walch:

Thank you for your letter requesting permission to quote from the President's Challenger eulogy in a book you plan to publish on Ronald E. McNair.

This office has no objection to the use of a quote from the President's speech. However, the source of the quote should be clearly identified including the place and date of the President's remarks.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Ms. Rose Marie Walch
R.M. Walch Studio
P.O. Box 41092
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 20, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY B. STEPHENS

FROM: C. DEAN MCGRATH, JR. *CDM*

SUBJECT: Correspondence from Rose Marie Walch -- Requests
Permission to Quote the President's Challenger
Eulogy in a Book on Astronaut McNair

Rose Marie Walch has written the President and asked for permission to quote from the President's Challenger eulogy in a book she proposes to publish on the life of Ronald E. McNair.

Since the President's eulogy is part of the public record, I have no legal objection to Ms. Walch's request. I have prepared the attached letter to indicate that she may quote from the President's eulogy so long as she identifies the time and place of the quote.

Attachment

53 THE WORK OF
OUR HANDS

R.M. WALCH STUDIO

394577 *u*

February 20, 1986

F. Fielding

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Mr. President:

As do all Americans, I mourn the Challenger Seven. I feel that the Black Community suffered a particularly heavy loss with the death of Ronald E. McNair. Black children sorely need such responsible and stimulating role models.

I am an artist/writer. Therefore, I contacted my publisher, Winston-Derek, suggesting that they consider a book about McNair for the six to twelve age group. I recommended that Mr. Peebles, the publisher, approach one of his fine black writers with the idea. Instead he called and asked me to write and illustrate it myself. At his insistence, I contracted to do so. I enclose his follow-up letter.

1 end.
I've contacted Kennedy and Johnson Space Centers for biographical data and visuals. Through Houston I hope to reach the McNair family to obtain information about Ron's childhood.

I would like to use a passage from your eulogy at Houston on a special fly leaf at the front of the book. Those who read it should realize that Ron McNair was a member of a tight-knit crew, all of whom were committed to a dream that every child can share. The passage I wish to quote is

"We promise Dick Scoby and his crew that their dream lives on, that the future they worked so hard to build will become a reality." As I listened to your address, those words struck me. I jotted them down, not realizing at the time how meaningful they would be to the work I've since undertaken. Along with permission to use your statement, I also need to be sure that my wording is accurate.

I have taught the intermediate grades, high school English, and art at Seton Hill College. As a teacher - and a mother of four - I have a vested interest in the future of our young people. It may be a dream...but I would like to see this book in every grade school library, in the hands of every grade school child, regardless of sex, race, or religion.

The word "Challenger" should not mean tragedy. Our children should retain its intrinsic meaning - a personal challenge to their intellectual curiosity and courage. I believe that the seed sown at this age will flower into achievement.

Thank you for your assistance in what is, truly, a work of the heart.

Sincerely,

Rose Marie Walch
Rose Marie Walch

P.O. BOX 41092 PITTSBURGH PA 15202

RES. PHONE 412-734-3191

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Winston-Derek Publishers, Inc.

PENNYWELL DRIVE - POST OFFICE BOX 883
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37209
TELEPHONE 615-356-7384

February 10, 1986

Rose Marie Walch
8179 Ohio River Blvd. #3
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Dear Ms. Walch,

This letter is a follow-up to our phone conversation of February 6, 1986. As I expressed to you in that conversation, I was so deeply moved by your interest in the life of Ronald McNair and your sensitivity in suggesting that his story be told by a Black writer. Thank you for both.

We believe that the story of Mr. McNair will be an inspiration to young Blacks so in need of their own folk heroes and heroines. But the impact of this gifted life should not be limited to Black children. White children as well, as they struggle beyond the stereotypes to a more wholesome and realistic view of Blacks and the Black experience, could be equally enriched and freed by having an opportunity to vicariously experience a Black life of the calibre of Ron McNair.

For that reason, after prayerful reflection and consultation, I believe that you should write Ron's biography from your own heart for a universal audience of children. The very multi-racial, multi-ethnic, bi-sexual complexion of Challenger's crew suggests such an approach. This crew belonged to the world community as no other crew has, and the retelling of the life of any crew member should reflect this universal character without jeopardizing his/her racial or ethnic origins and the importance of this life to and for the cultural group which gave it birth.

This book was your inspiration, and should be written by you; and I am confident that your final product will be significant, timely, beautiful, and universally appealing. Go with your vision. We will assist you in any way we can.

Since this is such a timely topic, one to which the public is currently so sensitized, the sooner we can go to press the better.

A contract is enclosed.

Sincerely,

James W. Peebles
James W. Peebles
Publisher

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In view of the sentiment expressed here, it is of interest to note that J.W. Peebles is a Black publisher.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 1, 1986

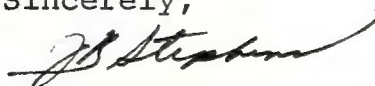
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Sincerely,



Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Ms. Rose Marie Walch
R.M. Walch Studio
P.O. Box 8179
Ohio River Boulevard #3
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jay --

Attached letter dated
August 20 was returned
for insufficient address
(out-of-use P.O. box).

This is exactly the
same, with the exception
of the date and correct
address.

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Box # 8179
Ohio River Blvd

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Dee -- can you
ask Nancy if they
want this returned
letter to go back to
JBS. Thank Jan

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WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.B. Stephens", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Ms. Rose Marie Walch
R.M. Walch Studio
P.O. Box 41092
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15202

March 27, 1986

Dear Sister Veronica Marie:

I'm sorry to be so late in responding to your letter but I just want you to know how touched I was by your letter about your cousin Judy Resnik.

Your prayers for our country during these days mean a great deal to me as does your own deep faith and courage in the face of the sadness that your family faced. All Americans were reunited in prayer for those families. It's our only consolation in such a time of sadness.

Nancy joins me in sending our thanks to you for your kindness in thinking of us at this time.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Sister Veronica Marie, P.S.N.
2121 North 1st Street
Fresno, California 93703

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J.M.J. Nazareth
House

2121 NORTH 1ST STREET, FRESNO, CA 93703
TELEPHONE (209) 237-2257

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Dear President Reagan and Mrs. Reagan:

I just want to take a moment to thank you for attending the memorial services offered for the seven crew members of the Challenger Space Shuttle, one of whom was my second cousin, Judy Resnik.

Two things which you said are so very true about Judy. She was reaching for the stars and is now over them; and we will never forget you (none of the seven will we ever forget).

My Mother converted to Catholicism many years ago, and as a young Catholic girl, I entered a religious order, the Sisters of Nazareth. My Mother is Judy's first Cousin and niece to Marvin Resnik and Judy's Mother "Kitty", as we called her.

As I have sat in our Chapel these last few days, I have continued to offer prayers for the crew members, their families, and you, dear President Reagan, because of the awesome responsibility which is yours, in leading this country and in encouraging NASA to keep the space program moving forward non-stop.

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J.M.J. Nazareth
House

2121 NORTH 1ST STREET, FRESNO, CA 93703
TELEPHONE (209) 237-2257

As I have been thinking about Judy and praying for her, this thought came to mind: Her life was a journey of faith — faith in God, faith in the Space Program — a journey of faith which took her not only to the stars, but far beyond, to eternal life. Each of us are on that same journey of faith, and someday we will all meet again in that eternal life.

Again, dear President and Mrs. Reagan, thank you very, very much. May Almighty God grant you many blessings.

With warmest gratitude, love, and deepest prayers, I remain faithfully yours in Christ,

Sister Veronica Marie P.S.N.

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April 8, 1986

Dear Elsa:

This is very late, but I do understand that Kathy sent the speeches you requested. Nancy and I very much appreciate your kind words about the memorial service for the CHALLENGER astronauts. Of all the memories we shall ever have of our time here, that day will stand out as the saddest and most touching.

Again, thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ron A

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Mrs. Elsa Sandstrom
Apartment 112
8860 VL La Jolla Drive
La Jolla, California 92037

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ELSA SANDSTROM

January 31, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 200

Dear Mr. President -

How soul-stirring and fittingly beautiful were your words of comfort to the bereaved; and how fortunate we are to have a truly compassionate President and First Lady . . .

You spoke the words, but they were also our words . . . expressing a nation's sorrow. As you moved down the line to each of the mourners, our arms reached out with yours in consolation and tears. To those of us who have known sudden grief, we can only extend the understanding, remembering heart, offering God's word, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." What a blessing it is to "believe" and have faith . . . one can only pity and pray for the atheist.

Suddenly, our nation and the world were thrust into a perspective that reached beyond the skies and diminished the significance of the earthly. If the memories of our seven heroic Americans become a "spiritual catalyst" to the millions of young people now "growing upward", they will have bequeathed an eternal gift from God to all mankind. We read in His word, "I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord." (Psalms 119, 17)

Because you are such a sincerely compassionate and deeply spiritual individual and leader, you were able to reach into the hearts of the loved ones in their grief . . . and into the hearts of a nation in mourning. They are in His care now . . .

Thank you, Mr. President,

Elsa
Elsa Sandstrom (Mrs.)

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ELSA SANDSTROM

January 31, 1986

Dear Kathy -

In my note to you on Nov. 21, 1985, enclosing a letter to the President, I asked for some copies of speeches, etc. They have never been received; and you are always so wonderful in helping me. What concerns me is that they may have been lost in the mail. If available, I would also appreciate copies of the President's various remarks on this past tragic event. All of this is requested for me personally, I am sure you understand.

I have a birthday card for the President, but did not feel I should enclose it with this letter . . . will forward it in a day or so.

With love, and many thanks


Elsa