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October 26, 1983

Dear Girls and Boys:

I was pleased to learn of the creative and clever way that you collected money to help restore the Statue of Liberty. The time and energy that young Americans devote to such special endeavors is a source of continuous encouragement to me. The Statue of Liberty reminds us all how lucky we are to live in a free country with many opportunities and privileges.

You have my appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

Students of Nottingham
Elementary School
570 Nottingham Oaks
Houston, Texas 77079

Enclosure: RR & Flag

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Sincerely,

RR

Address:

Students of Nottingham Elementary School

570 Nottingham Oaks

Houston, TX 77079

NOTTINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Spring Branch Independent School District

Henry Wheeler, General Superintendent

Dr. MaryAnne T. Woolfe
Principal

570 Nottingham Oaks
Houston, Texas 77079

September 22, 1983

Mr. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20005

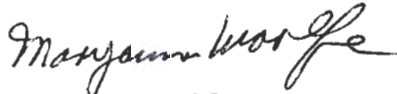
Dear President Reagan,

I sincerely hope you will read at least the first few letters written to you, which, I feel sure, you will find uplifting.

The students in Nottingham Elementary School are excited about their project and seek your approval.

All of our country's citizens here in Nottingham send you our best regards.

Yours truly,



MaryAnne Woolfe

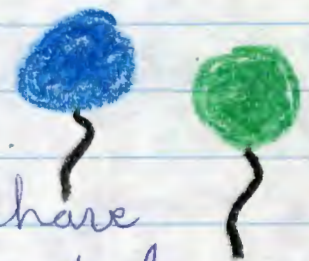
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Enclosures



14726 Oak Bend
Houston Texas 77079
September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,



Nottingham is going to have a balloon lift off September 30th. Each balloon will cost fifty cents. Kids in school will buy them. The money that they raise will be sent to help fix the Statue of Liberty. By the way, keep up the good work as president. You're The Best!

Sincerely,
John Paul Gutierrez



81 Threadneedle
Houston, Texas 77079
September, 20 1983

Dear Ronald Reagan,

Nottingham Elementary is having a carnival to save the statue of Liberty. As you know, it is rusted and old and just falling apart! So we're raising money by selling off balloons on September, 30th 1983. Each balloon is 50¢ and if the whole school buys one that will really add up to a lot of money! We're also selling tickets for a \$1.00 each. Last year 4th grade made \$254.00 and just think we'll have twice as much as last year. Nottingham is going to have rides and games to make money too.

All those papers must make you tired. Someday I'm going to take a plane to Washington D.C. and meet you, and Mrs. Reagan as well!



14619 Bramblewood Dr.
Houston, Tex. 77079
September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

My name is Janet and I am ten, in fifth grade at Nottingham Elementary School. I am writing to tell you about what our school is going to do to help the restoration of the Statue of Liberty.

On September 30, 1983 we will each bring fifty cents to donate to the statue. For bringing the money we will each receive a balloon in which we will write a note and tell whoever finds the balloon to donate fifty cents too. Later in the day the balloons will be filled with helium. Then they will be sent off.

I hope you will write back to me to tell me if you approve of this idea or not.

Good-Bye

Sincerely,

Janet P. Chien



13414 Westport
Houston, Tex. 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear Mr. President,

I am a fifth grade student at Nottingham Elementary School in Houston, Texas. Our school is helping with the campaign to restore the Statue of Liberty. We bought balloons for fifty cents. The money is going to be donated to the Statue of Liberty.

I do hope that it is restored, for I have never seen it. If I ever do, I would like it to be in good condition.

Sincerely,

James

Whiddon



AMERICAN

419 Barpu Knoll
Houston Texas
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan

We are going to have a
balloon lift off Sept. 30, 1983
in favor of the Statue of
Liberty. This will help restore
her, It would be a shame
if we didn't have the Statue of
Liberty for a monument any more.

Your friend,
Brent
Cordell



14800 Memorial Dr. # 200

Houston Texas 77079

Sept. 21, 1983

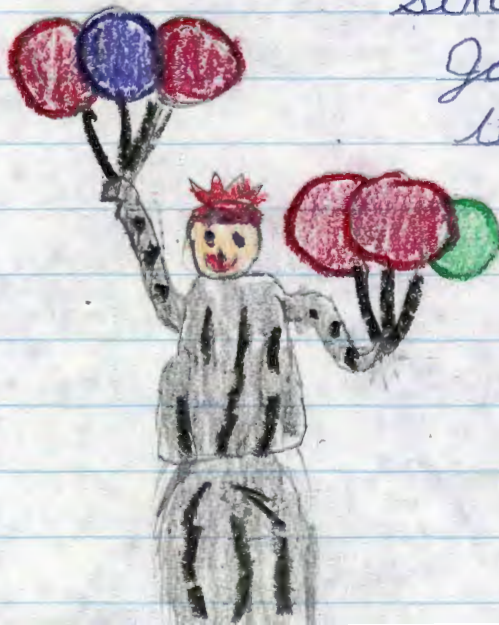
Dear President Reagan

I would love to tell you
about the balloons we are
sending off Sept. 30, 1983.

We're going to make 50¢ to a 75¢ a
person. We're going to send it to
the Statue of Liberty funds.

I hope and you hope it
doesn't break and fall into
the water, but I think we
can save it.

Sincerely,
Jason C.
Walker

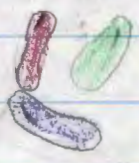
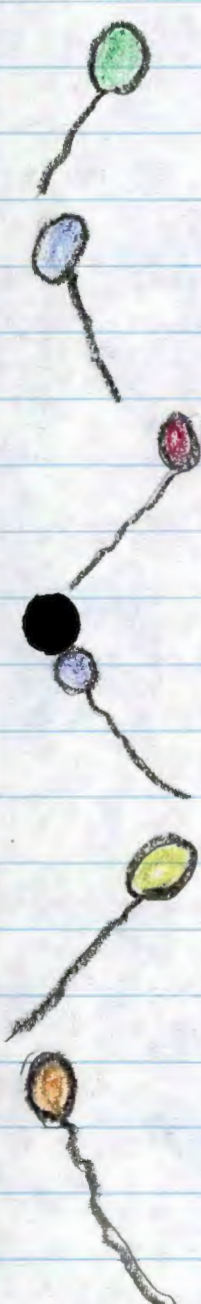


14723 Kellywood
Houston Tex. 77079
September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

My name is Nathan McMurry and I am writing from Nottingham Elementary School in Houston, Texas. When my teacher, Mrs. Townsend, said we, our class would be writing to you, I was very proud to be able to write to the President of the United States.

On Sept. 30, our school is going to have a balloon lift-off to make some money to restore the Statue of Liberty. I know it is in bad condition and that is why our school is sending the money. The balloons will be sold for \$.50 a piece and there are about 400 students in



Nottingham, We will send
about \$300.00 because some
students will buy more
than one.

Yours truly,
Nathan McElmurry

819 Greenpark
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

My school is concerned about the Statue of Liberty. So we are going to raise money by selling balloons at our school on Sept. 30, 1983 for fifty cents. All at one time the people who bought balloons will let go of them. On the string of the balloon there will be a piece of paper with the person's name, address, state and city and the zip code. And where ever the balloon lands the person who finds it can write back. The money we make from this will go towards repairing the Statue of Liberty. I hope this money will help pay for the repairs!!



Yours truly,
Sarah Lindsay

14526 Bramblewood
Houston Tx.

77079

Sept. 21, 1983



Dear President Reagan,

At Nottingham Elementary School, on September 30th we are going to send off some helium balloons.

You can buy as many as you want for fifty cents each. All the money we raise from the balloons will help restore the Statue of Liberty, our nation's symbol.

On each balloon will be the purchaser's signature, address, and phone number, plus a note saying that the finder should contact him or her if they find that balloon. That will add to the fun.

I'm buying two balloons!



Signed,
Carolyn

L.
Oard

14959 Bramblewood
Houston, Tx. 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,
Our school, Nottingham
Elementary will be selling
helium balloons for 50¢ on
September 30, 1983. Then we will
release the balloons. The
money raised from the
balloons will be donated to
the Statue of Liberty restoration
fund. I am looking forward
to helping the Statue of Liberty.



Sincerely,
Carrie
Crawford

620 Nottingham Oaks Jr. #110
Houston, Tx. 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

This year at our school carnival (really a day before) we're going to sell balloons for fifty cents each. With the money we make, we are going to give it to the Restoration of the Statue of Liberty. We hope it will be enough to make the Statue of Liberty last longer because it's a symbol of freedom in America.

Your friend,
Trisha Wisner





yah!

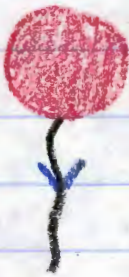



yah!

Look at them go!





yah!



602 Winter Oaks
Houston Texas 77079
September 22, 1983



Dear President Reagan,
How are you? I am
fine. My school, Nottingham
Elementary, is going to let
off helium balloons for
fifty cents a piece to raise
money for the restoration
of the Statue of Liberty
on September thirtieth.
The Nottingham carnival
is going to be on October
first. The theme of the carnival
is "Up With America."
You are a great President!

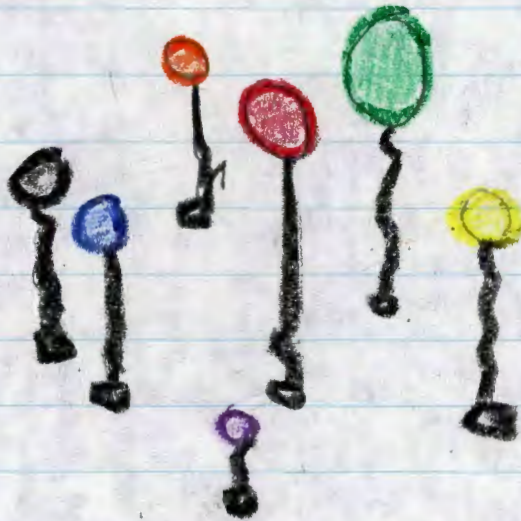


Your friend always,
Joyce Elaine Ferrer

820 Threadneedle #246
Houston, Texas 77079

Dear President Reagan,

How are you? I hope you're doing fine. All those papers must give you a headache. All I want to say is on Friday, Sept. 30, 1983, our school is having a balloon lift off. The money we earn goes to the fixing of the Statue of Liberty. Our school knows the Statue of Liberty is getting old, rusting, falling apart, etc. I hope you are pleased with this event.



Sincerely,
Jeff Johnson
Jeff Johnson

14743 Cardcrest

Houston, Texas 77079

September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

To help repair the Statue of Liberty, our school, Nottingham Elementary, will have a balloon send off September 30, 1983. Each balloon will be 50¢. We will then send to the Statue of Liberty, and hopefully relight her torch.

Yours truly,
Abigail M.
Larkey



307 Greenbelt Drive
Houston, Tx. 77079
September 21, 1983

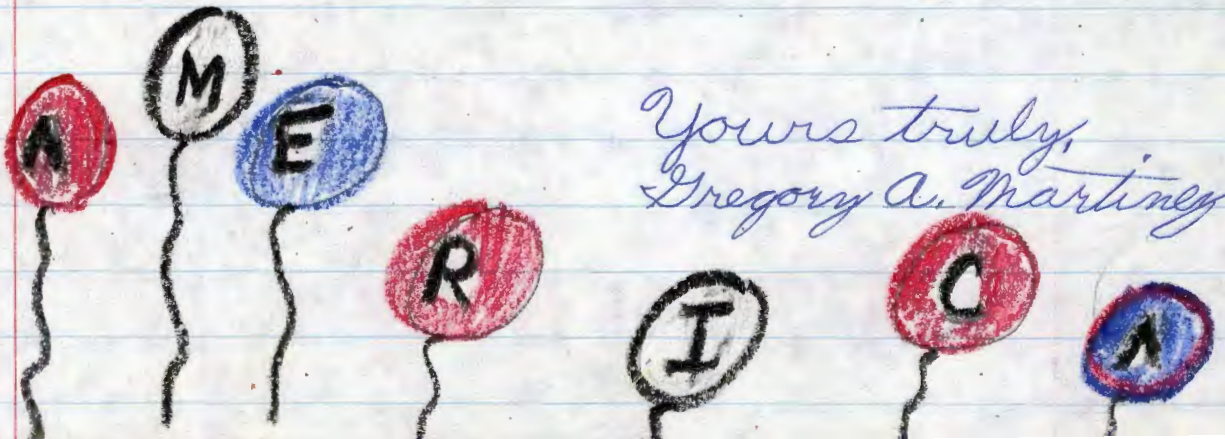


Dear Mr. President,

On September 30, Nottingham Elementary school students will be able to participate in casting off balloons on Nottingham's school grounds.

The balloons will cost the students fifty cents each. The money will therefore, go to the Statue of Liberty for repairs.

We students hope that we will have enough money to help start repairs.



Yours truly,
Gregory A. Martinez

850 Threadneedle
Houston, Tex. 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I'm writing to you to tell you how our school is helping to raise money for the Statue of Liberty. On September 30 our school will be selling balloons for fifty cents each. Every child who would like to buy as many as they would like could buy one and after all the balloons are sold they will let them all go. Inside these balloons are slips of paper to ever who finds a balloon the paper inside asks if they would also make a donation for the Statue of Liberty. That's how our school will try to help the Statue of Liberty.



Respectfully,
Stephanie
Carbrough

14511 Bramblewood
Houston, Tx. 77079
Sept. 20, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I am in fifth grade at Nottingham Elementary School. My school is trying to raise money to help the Statue of Liberty. We are going to be able to buy balloons for \$5.00 each. We are going to send them off. The money goes to help the Statue of Liberty.

Sincerely,
Allison Huchan



14527 Chadbourne
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 19, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

This years carnival is going to be great. We are raising money for the Statue of Liberty. They're going to have great rides this year like a farris wheel. On Sept. 30th we are sending off balloons. If you buy a balloon for 50¢, they will put your name on the balloon and send it off. All the money from people buying balloons will go to the Statue of Liberty.

The Statue of Liberty is a very important symbol to me. I am sure that it is an important symbol to all the other people in the United States.

Yours truly,
Andrew Old



14927 Carolcrest
Houston, Texas 77079
September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

Our school, Nottingham Elementary, is having a balloon send off. The money earned will be for the Statue of Liberty.

On September 30th 1983, balloons will be purchased for \$.50. Then the balloons will be let go and they will fly to other cities or states.

I hope this money will help the statue survive bad weather and rude people who vandalize.

Yours truly,
Megan Monteith



810 Greenbelt
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

Hello my name is Todd Anderson.
I would like to tell you about our balloon
lift off that we are going to have on Sept.
30th at Nottingham School. Each child can buy
a helium balloon for 50¢. After all the
balloons are sold, we will have the lift
off. Everybody will let the balloons off
at the same time. It'll be a lot of fun.
When the lift off is over, we will send
all the money we made to the people who
are restoring the Statue of Liberty.

Your friend,
Todd W. Anderson



610 Winter Oaks
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

This year my school is going to have a school carnival. We are going to sell helium balloons for 50 cents each. Then all the people who have balloons, they are all going to let them go at the same moment.

All the money that we get from the balloons is going to go to help to repair the Statue of Liberty.

Yours truly,
Hanneke Van Santen.



14302 Twisted Oak
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear Mr. President,

Our school, Nottingham Elementary, is trying to raise money by sending off balloons. They will cost 50¢ a balloon. We will donate the money for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Our school wants to share in saving this national landmark.

Sincerely,
Eric Emel

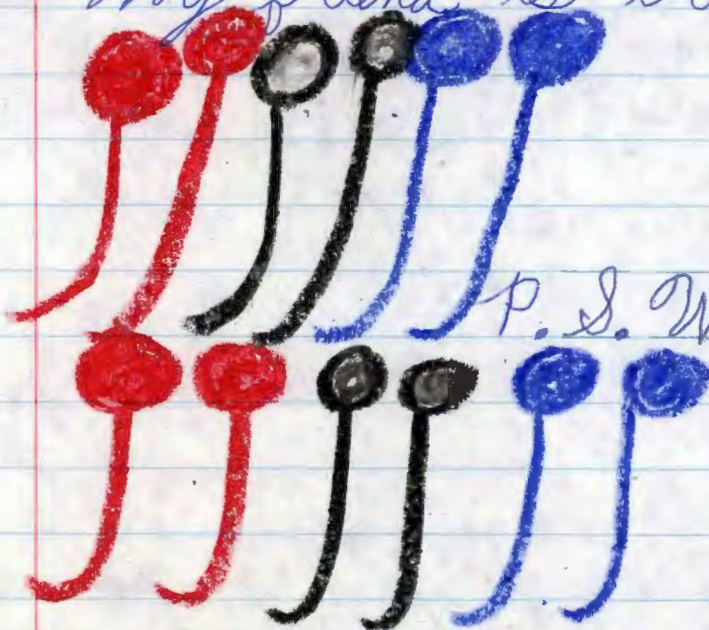


Jelly Bellys

14934 Kimberly
Houston, T.X. 77019
September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I'm writing to tell you that our class is helping the Statue of Liberty. On Sept. 30th our school is casting off helium balloons into the air. The balloons cost fifty cents. There are about four hundred students in our school. So it's about \$200.00 for the Statue of Liberty. Some students are buying more than one balloon so there will be more money. My friend is buying 10.



P.S. Wish us luck!

Your friend,
David Dubow

9211 Blankenship
Houston, Tex. 77080
Sept. 20, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

We're going to let a lot of balloons off in our school yard for 50 cents each. We'll let them go and watch them blow away. Any body that finds them will see the tag with our name, address, and phone number on it. All the money will go to help refurbish the Statue of Liberty. I hope we get a lot of money.



Sincerely,
Ramona J.
Goodson



14527 Cindrywood
Houston, Tex. 77079
September 21, 1983

Dear Mr. President

Each year my school has a special carnival. The carnival is special because the proceeds go to something special.

This year the proceeds go to the restoration of the "Statue of Liberty." Who ever started this association must be a real patriot to start something like the "Restoration of the Statue of Liberty."

I sure would like to meet whoever did it.

Yours truly

Tommy Schultz

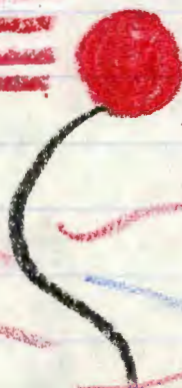
P.S. That is a force shield To Make Sure The letters don't go out of the envelope

14735 Bramblewood
Houston Texas 77079

Sept 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,
Our school, Nottingham
Elementary, is going to
have a carnival and
we are going to have
a balloon send off. The
money from the balloons
is going to be donated
to the Statue of
Liberty for repairs and
we don't want to
lose it.

Sincerely
Stephanie Kervin





15039 Kimberly Lane
Houston, Texas 77079
September 20, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I want to tell you about our school carnival, and the event before our carnival. The event will be a balloon launch and drive to donate money to the Statue of Liberty. The balloon launch will over a hundred and twenty dollars. The balloons will cost fifty cents each. The balloons will have our addresses and phone numbers, and we will see how far they will go. Television station two will cover the event, Stratford Senior High School Band will be there. I hope the Statue of Liberty will be restored



Yours truly,
Nader Mansour

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819 Thornwick

Houston, Texas 27079

September 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

I bet you've heard about how badly the Statue of Liberty needs help.

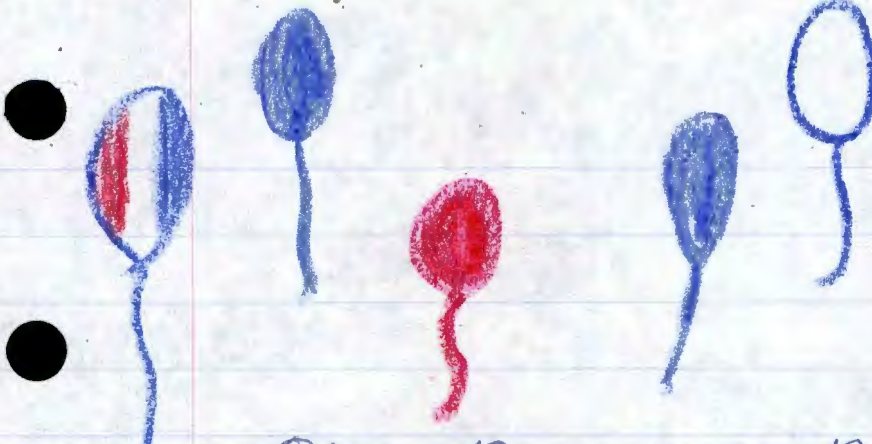
Our school, Nottingham Elementary, is trying to raise money to give to the Statue of Liberty fund. We're sending off balloons on September 30 with notes on them, asking for who ever finds them to help us raise money for the statue of Liberty. We need your help.

We'll help, will you?

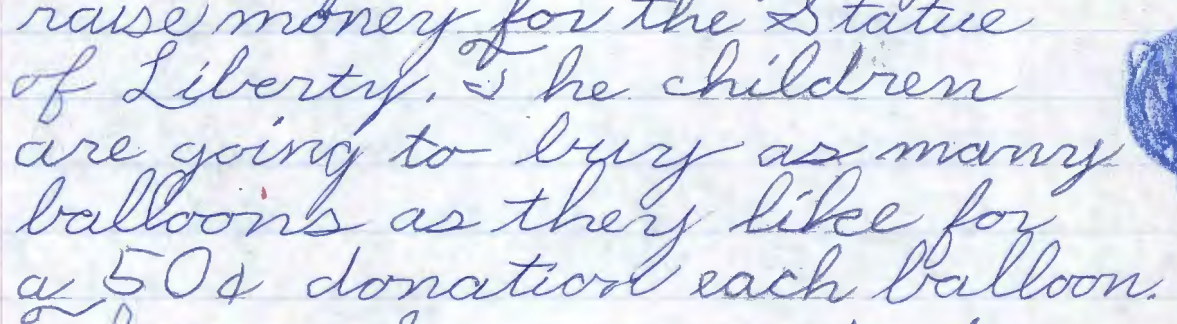


Yours Truly,


Stacey Klingman





14507 Carolcrest
Houston, Tex. 77079
Sept. 21, 1983



Dear President Reagan,
My school is going to raise money for the Statue of Liberty. The children are going to buy as many balloons as they like for a 50¢ donation each balloon. Then on Sept. 30, 1983, to start our school carnival, we are going to let all of our balloons off and see who's balloon goes the farthest. The money made will be sent to help repair the Statue of Liberty.



I'm going to buy as many balloons as I can.



Yours truly,
Brady Hetherwick

14911 Woodthorpe
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,

On Sept. 30, 1983 we are going to buy balloons for fifty cents, put our name and address on them, and let them go. The money is going to help rebuild the Statue of Liberty.


On October 1, 1983 we are going to have a carnival at our school, Nottingham school, to raise money for supplies.

Yours truly,

Lane Becker

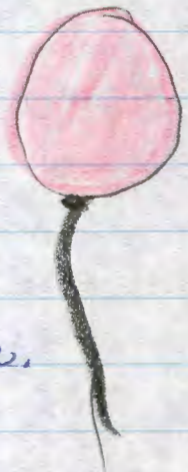


502 Briar Knoll
Houston, Texas 77079
Sept. 21, 1983




Dear Mr. President,

I wanted to write you and tell you what my school is doing. My school is going to have a carnival. The money that we make will go for school equipment. My school is also going to have a day when the kids will pay 50¢ for a helium balloon. Then we will let them go and the person that finds it will write and tell us how far it went. That money will go to the Statue of Liberty.



Sincerely,
Laine
Pasadakis



14800 Memorial Dr. #283
Houston, TX 77079
Sept. 21, 1983

Dear President Reagan,
My name is Adrienne.
I'm in 5th grade at
Notttingham Ele. My
school is having a
balloon lift off. We will
donate all the money
we make to the Statue
of Liberty fund. We are
doing this so our nation's
symbol will still stand
tall in a few years. We
hope that if somebody
finds a balloon, they will
write us and we can
write to them asking
for more donations
for our nation's symbol.

Sincerely yours,
Adrienne Balfour

In honor of our President...



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**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

- O - OUTGOING
 - H - INTERNAL
 - I - INCOMING
- Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 83110125

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Jere Fullerton, Sr.

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

Subject: Wants permission to bury 2 plastic capsules with names of 57,661 men who died in Vietnam and over 300,000 who were wounded at the foot at Vietnam Memorial

ROUTE TO:		ACTION	DISPOSITION		
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ACTION CODES:
 A - Appropriate Action
 C - Comment/Recommendation
 D - Draft Response
 F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
 R - Direct Reply w/Copy
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 A - Answered C - Completed
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FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:
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Comments: Please return enclosures

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PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

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- n - 2 - Nancy
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- G - Message
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- R - Report
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WHITE HOUSE
 CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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- Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 8310125

Name of Correspondent: Mr. Jesse Gullett, Sr.

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

Subject: Wants permission to bring a statue made with names of 57,661 men who died in Vietnam and over 300,000 who were wounded at the foot at Vietnam Memorial.

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Mr. Jere Fullerton Sr.
13 1/2 Vine Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

NOV 17 1983

Dear Mr. Fullerton:

I have received your request to bury at the foot of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, two plastic capsules containing the names of 57,651 men and women who died in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was authorized by Congress under Public Law 96-267, which states that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., be authorized to establish a memorial on public grounds, in honor and recognition of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam War.

The memorial was made possible through donated funds administered by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, who are responsible for the design and construction of the memorial. As part of the design, the memorial is inscribed with the names of those service men and women who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

Your request must be denied as the burial of the capsules would not be permitted under Park Service regulations pertaining to digging and excavating on Park Service land, see 36-Code of Federal Regulations, sections 50.7 and 50.10. Further, it would not be in keeping with the concept of the memorial. However, you may wish to consider donating the capsules to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund to become part of the official records of the memorial.

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund for consideration.

Thank you for your outstanding efforts and concern.

Sincerely,

(SGD.) James I. McDaniel

Regional Director, National Capital Region

cc:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
111 Vermont Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Jere Fullerton, Sr.
13 1/2 Vine Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Mr. Fullerton:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan requesting permission to bury two plastic capsules containing the names of Vietnam conflict casualties at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The President appreciates your patriotic spirit in wishing to memorialize our Vietnam veterans this way. This is a matter, however, that requires permission from the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. The Memorial was privately funded through that organization and all matters such as the one you proposed should be referred to the following address:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
1100 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Sincerely,

signed
John C. Becher
Executive Assistant

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We are returning this one as the VA is unable to assist in his request. The memorial is on land under the jurisdiction & control of the Department of Interior, National Parks Service and they have apparently denied his request. He wishes to have this denial overruled.

FROM *Curtis Reagan*
 Curtis Reagan
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

13 1/2 Vine Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05602
Oct 20, 1983

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Dear Mr. President,

I am going to run in the USMC marathon on Nov 6, 1983 and I plan on carrying with me the names of the 57,661 men who died in Viet-Nam. I am also running to honor the over 300,000 who were wounded and the millions of men who served their country with courage and dignity. I know I will finish the race because Jesus Christ will be with me each step of the way.

I have made up 2 plastic capsules with the names of the men in them. The names are on 16 mm microfilm and I am practicing running with buttons to strengthen my arms to carry them.

I am running the race under quite unusual circumstances. First of all, I have been hospitalized three times for Coronary heart attack. I have had radical surgery to both knees, disc problems in my back, an ulcer, a problem with 2 severe car accidents were I received scores of stitches, a broken arm & foot etc. My running 26.2 miles will be by the

grace of Almighty God. Let me put your mind at ease though. Yesterday, I ran almost 24 miles in 4 hrs and 20 minutes, so I am well prepared as possible under the circumstances.

I do have one problem that I respectfully request that you directly intercede in. My Senators, Senator Leahy + Senator Stafford have been unable to get me permission to bury my plastic capsules at the Viet Nam Memorial. They claim the forest + parks people won't allow it. I believe this is a very special case and I ask you to use your office to obtain me written permission to bury the capsules there. They would take up less than "one foot" of space as they are 7 inches long and one inch in diameter. By burying the capsules it is symbolic of burying the war for me forever and I am sure it will be the same for other Viet-Nam Vets and their families by the thousands!!!

I didn't do anything special in Viet-Nam but God has chosen me to honor my fellow Marines and Americans who died 12,000 miles from home and the wounded and their families. I believe the millions of Americans who willingly served should be remembered also. I was in Viet-Nam in 1967-68!

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If I am allowed to bury the capsules at the Viet-Nam Vets Memorial after the race I believe it would be fitting to have a chaplain here from Quantico as well as an honor guard.

My story has been carried by both UPI and Associated Press and been in 3 major news papers. It should be in the Washington Paper just before the race.

I would deeply appreciate your intervention in this matter as I haven't received any satisfaction fighting all the red tape to perform my mission. I trust that God will see fit to allow you to grant my wish.

With Deepest Sincerity
Mr. Jere Suelstrom Sr.



Fullerton.

Marathon

Associated Press

Jere Fullerton sets out after work every day in his gray U.S. Marines sweat suit, training for an upcoming marathon like any other dedicated runner.

In recent years the 37-year-old ex-Marine has had a heart attack, two major knee operations, a separated shoulder and a bad back.

And that's just the beginning. He's been in two serious car accidents, broken his arm and his foot, had a drinking problem and been overweight.

He is training for a U.S. Marine marathon in Washington D.C., during which he will carry the names of all the people who died in the Vietnam War, rolled up on microfilm in two canisters. He is hoping to bury the canisters at the Vietnam Memorial.

"The burying of the canister is symbolic because it will bury the war for me forever," he said. "And I hope it will do the same for other people."

Fullerton has been asking for public support to cover the costs of the marathon and printing the names

Please return this article!

More On Marathoner

Editor, Times Argus:

In your article about my running in the USMC marathon (Associated Press, Oct. 18), I believe there were a few essential facts left out. First of all, it would have been nice to note that I am a Montpelier resident and my mailing address is 13 1/2 Vine St., Montpelier, Vt. 05602. That way, people would know where to send contributions to support my effort.

Secondly, 57,061 men died in Vietnam, 300,000 were wounded, and 12-13 million Americans served their country during that era. I myself served in the USMC and Vietnam in 1968 and 1969. I am running the marathon to honor these

people and their families. One third of the entire casualties of the Vietnam War were Marines and that is why I chose to run in the USMC marathon.

Anyone who has had a coronary and runs 36.2 miles is taking a risk, but I felt the benefit far outweighed the risk. I thank God and Jesus Christ for allowing me this great privilege to honor my fellow Marines and Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice in such an unpopular effort. If it were not for God's help, I could never do it and I ask all Vermonters to remember me in prayer!

Jere Fullerton Sr.
Montpelier

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November 4, 1983



Mr. M. James Stober
Assistant Treasurer
AO Smith Corporation
P.O. Box 584
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Mr. Stober:

Your letter to President Reagan was referred to our office for a reply. I have personally checked the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Directory of Names and your brother's name, Herbert J. Stober is not listed. I can assure you that if his name has been omitted due to an error, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is committed to rectifying it.

In order for you to decide what action to take, I wish to explain how VVMF obtained the list of names which are included on the memorial and our understanding of the criteria according to which the list was developed. During and after the Vietnam War, the Department of Defense compiled a list of Vietnam War casualties according to criteria set in an Executive Order and a Department of Defense Instruction. Executive Order No. 11216, signed by President Johnson on April 24, 1965, designated Vietnam and adjacent coastal waters, within specified geographical coordinates, as a combat zone. To our understanding, as hostilities spread, the combat zone was expanded to include additional areas, such as Laos and Cambodia, in or over which U.S. forces operated. Department of Defense Instruction 7730.22, "Reports of U.S. Casualties in Combat Areas", January 20, 1967, and March 20, 1973, provided that the casualties to be reported were all those occurring within the designated combat areas and those deaths occurring anywhere as the result or aftermath of an initial injury occurring in a combat area.

Public Law 96-297, signed on July 1, 1980, authorized VVMF to establish, on two acres of Federal park land, a memorial "in honor and recognition of the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam war". We testified before Congress that, as a special tribute, the names of those who died or remain missing in the war would be permanently listed on the memorial. The only official source of these names was the listing compiled by the Department of Defense. Our Board of Directors determined that the names contained on that list would be those to be inscribed on the memorial.

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

1110 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Suite 308, Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 659-2490

As I have stated, VVMF is committed to rectifying errors and will add names to the walls of the memorial if they have been omitted by error. VVMF, however, can not make independent judgments as to whether there has been an error or omission. We do not have access to official records, nor the expertise to determine, for example, whether a war zone injury was the cause of a subsequent death.

Fortunately, in recognition that names might have been omitted by error, DOD has set up a mechanism to review individual cases and determine whether a name should be added to the DOD Vietnam casualty list. If DOD indeed adds a name, we will have it inscribed on the memorial. The point of contact in DOD to review these cases is as follows:

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
for Public Affairs
Attn: Public Correspondence
Room 2E777
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

I suggest that you send copies of all records relating to your brothers' death to the above address so that a full and complete review can be made.

In closing, please remember that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial honors all who served in the war - not only those who gave their lives. The fact that a serviceman's death might not have occurred under such circumstances as for him to be officially considered a casualty of the war does not diminish the value or honor of his service to country. As we all know, military service involves dangers, and many brave Americans have lost their lives defending our country in all parts of the world and in peacetime as well as in wartime.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Carter
Executive Vice President

cc: Sally Kelley

RAC/caj

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NOVEMBER 2, 1983

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 11, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. M. JAMES STOBER
ASSISTANT TREASURER
AO SMITH CORPORATION
POST OFFICE BOX 584
MILWAUKEE WI 53201

SUBJECT: REGARDING HIS BROTHER HERBERT J. STOBER
WHOSE NAME WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THE "MONUMENT"

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October 11, 1983

M. JAMES STOBER
ASSISTANT TREASURER

5.K.
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

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I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention a matter which hopefully you will be inclined to help me with. In respectfully requesting your assistance in this matter, I am making my appeal on behalf of my brother who gave his life in service to his country in the Vietnam War, the most unpopular war our country has been engaged in during this century. I also am making this appeal to you in my capacity as an officer of the United States Air Force who has served his country faithfully for almost 20 years, and who trusts his country will honor and revere its fallen sons. Finally I appeal to you not only as the leader of my party, but most importantly, as a citizen to the highest official of this government.

Please let me explain the situation. My brother, Sergeant Herbert J. Stober, of the United States Air Force, was killed in Ubahn, Thailand, on March 19, 1969. At the time of my brother's death, he was serving as a Munitions Specialist assigned to 4420 Combat Support Group (Operation Black Spot Task Force). I was completing my final year as a Cadet at the United States Air Force Academy. Due to my status, at that time, I did not pursue with the Air Force the particulars surrounding the accident which took my brother's life. The briefing I received from my Air Officer Commanding at the Academy simultaneous with his notification to me of my brother's death was that a bomb canister (CBU) my brother and several other crew members were loading on an AC-123 Aircraft somehow accidentally dropped from the equipment being utilized to load the munitions on the aircraft, subsequently causing the fatal detonation of the munitions.

In our grief, my parents and I were not particularly concerned with the specific details surrounding Herb's death. We were satisfied, at the time, Herb's death had been related to his honorable and faithful service to his country in the time of war, and Herb, indeed, had in his brief life given everything his countrymen could ask.

October 11, 1983

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In retrospect, I probably should have begun to become concerned with respect to the recognition my brother's acts were receiving by his country when my parents informed me my brother's grave in our family plot in Rochester, Wisconsin, was not being honored in the same fashion my other boyhood friends who gave their lives in southeast Asia were being honored. It seems there was some confusion on Memorial day soon after Herb's death, in that the local veterans group did not regard Herb's death as a Vietnam War death, since his blood was not shed on Vietnamese soil, but rather Herb's life was lost in Thailand. At the time I consoled my parents and attempted to put their minds at ease by rationalizing this situation was precipitated due to lack of understanding on the part of the group of World War I and II, as well as Korean veterans, who somehow really didn't understand the circumstances of "my generations's war".

Finally, I was heartened after years of grief and some bitterness, which I believe many of us who served in Vietnam share, when I heard the news a memorial would be erected. I certainly felt recognition of the sacrifices made by all who served, but particularly those who gave their lives during the Vietnam War was long overdue. Although not much consolation for the loss of a brother, I was thankful Herb's sacrifice would be remembered by his country and noted, if only by his name, etched in marble.

Shortly after the monument was completed, I learned an associate had business that would take him to Washington. I gave this associate information relating to the date of my brother's death, and asked the associate if he would be kind enough, while in Washington, to seek out that particular place within the many names etched on those marble faces where Herb's service and sacrifice were noted. At this place, I asked my associate to leave a rose on behalf of Herb's loved ones. I know, Mr. President, you will sympathize with the pain, shock, anger, and disbelief I felt when my associate returned and informed me my brother had been forgotten. Why? An oversight? A technicality? Surely an injustice! As a man of justice, principal and understanding, Mr. President, I pray this story will move you to take action.

October 11, 1983

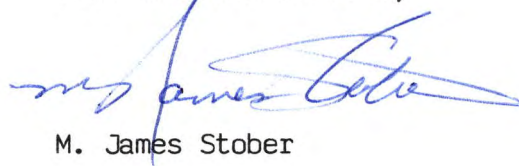
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For background purposes I think, Mr. President, it is important you be aware of the service other members of my family have given to our country. My father was a Marine during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese when the Phillipines fell early in the war. Having served yourself during that time, I know you are keenly aware of the atrosities endured by these men during the Bataan death march, and throughout their internment. My father died in a veterans' hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1949 due to the diseases and mistreatment he suffered at the hands of the Japanese during his long years in captivity. To put things in perspective, my father, Sergeant Mell Stober, gave his life for his country; and his son, my brother, Sergeant Herb Stober, gave his life to his country; and I, Major M. J. Stober, must be prepared as a pilot in the United States Air Force Reserves, to give my life, should that be necessary, to my country in its defense.

As a young boy, I was inspired by the words of the late President John F. Kennedy "Ask not what your country can do for you but rather what you can do for your country". Those words have always been embraced in my heart, even at my brother's grave site, as his final taps echoed in my ears and the 21 vollies throbbed my senses. Now, however, I am asking my country to do something, not for me, but for one of its fallen sons, my brother.

My most sincere thanks and gratitude to you, Mr. President, in advance for your efforts in having my brother's name inscribed on the memorial to Vietnam Veterans in Washington. God bless and keep you.

Your faithful servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. James Stober". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "J".

M. James Stober

P.S. I have enclosed with this letter certain information and documents pertaining to my brother's service and death. Hopefully, the information provided will be of some value to your staff in addressing and rectifying this problem.