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July 31, 1987

Dear Mr. Knauft:

Thank you for your follow-up letter inviting Senator Baker to address the World Affairs Council of Orange County.

I'm sorry this must be a disappointing response, but Mr. Baker's hectic schedule will prevent him from being with you in the near future. If an unexpected opening should arise while he is in California, however, I will be sure to get in touch with you.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. M. Roy Knauft, Jr.
Executive Director
World Affairs Council
of Orange County
Post Office Box 1926
Santa Ana, CA 92702

LNМ/WJB/AVH/ckb 7HHBC

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB
Lura Nell Mitchell-FYI

July 31, 1987

Dear Reverend Swaggart:

Thank you for your letter requesting a Presidential executive order banning the sale of pornography on all military installations and ships. I apologize for my delay in responding.

I appreciate having the benefit of your views and I want you to know that the Department of Justice must address the legal and constitutional issues raised by such an executive order prior to consideration by the White House domestic policy staff. Accordingly, we have formally requested a comprehensive legal opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel.

As you may know, the Administration is working on a bill which would significantly enhance our efforts to combat child pornography and obscenity. I believe you will find this bill responsive to some of your concerns.

Thank you again for your thoughts on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Reverend Jimmy Swaggart
Post Office Box 2550
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2550

HHB/ABC/JCT/LRC/CAD/ckb 7HHBC

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 31, 1987

Dear Dr. Morgan:

Thank you for your letter requesting a Presidential executive order banning the sale of pornography on all military installations and ships. I apologize for my delay in responding.

I appreciate having the benefit of your views and I want you to know that the Department of Justice must address the legal and constitutional issues raised by such an executive order prior to consideration by the White House domestic policy staff. Accordingly, we have formally requested a comprehensive legal opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel.

As you may know, the Administration is working on a bill which would significantly enhance our efforts to combat child pornography and obscenity. I believe you will find this bill responsive to some of your concerns.

Thank you again for your thoughts on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. Jimmy D. Morgan
State Director-Texas
The Conservative Caucus, Inc.
Post Office Box 610204
Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, TX 75261-0204

HHB/ABC/JCT/LRC/CAD/ckb 7HHBC

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - QEOB

July 31, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of your request to arrange a meeting with the President to present the recommendations of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board on Defense.

I will discuss this important matter with Fred Ryan in the President's Scheduling Office. You may be sure that your request will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable John H. Rousselot
Chairman, United States Section
Canada-United States Permanent
Joint Board on Defense
Commonwealth Building, Room 1108C
1300 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209

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cc: Lorraine ~~Camarano~~ - Rm. 61 OEOB
Fred Ryan w/incoming

July 31, 1987

Dear Congressman Lowery:

Thank you for your letter recommending Beverly Selby for the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Ms. Selby's behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation is valued and that she will receive every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Bill Lowery
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 31, 1987

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Thank you for your strong words of support for Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) funding and deployment.

We are making great progress in the program. This Administration is doing all in its power to continue on the course the President has set for a vigorous, balanced SDI research program leading to an informed decision on deployment.

Through the efforts of concerned citizens such as you, we will be successful in maintaining the support of the American people and in convincing the Congress to provide full funding for this important program.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Lawrence D. Pratt
President
United States Border Control
Post Office Box 1188
Springfield, VA 22151

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 31, 1987

Dear Ms. Leake:

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of Mrs. Jackie Whaley and her son, Steven. President Reagan shares my appreciation of the extra efforts you and Mrs. Teague have taken to ensure that Medicare coverage decisions about the home health services which Steven Whaley receives are correct.

I have taken the liberty of referring your letter to Dr. William L. Roper for appropriate action. Dr. Roper is the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), the agency which administers both the Medicare and Medicaid programs. It is my hope that this matter will soon be resolved and that Mrs. Whaley obtains all the home health care Medicare benefits for which her son is eligible.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Betty S. Leake
Executive Director
Your Home Visiting Nurse Service, Inc.
5703A Broadway
Knoxville, TN 37918

HHB/JBS (Legal Counsel)/JCT/AVH/ckb 7HHBC

cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61~~ OEOB
Dr. William L. Roper (HCFA) w/incoming for action

July 31, 1987

Dear Mack:

Thanks for your kind note.

I enjoyed seeing you the other day and very much appreciate your taking the time to come by and brief me on pending issues in NATO.

I appreciate as well your generous offer of help and certainly plan to take you up on it.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Mack Mattingly
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

cc: *Will Ball*

July 31, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your kind letter following up on our recent meeting. I'm always glad to hear from you, and I certainly appreciate your help in this matter.

I'll be discussing your four recommendations with Bob Tuttle in the President's Personnel Office. All four of these men appear to be quite capable, and their impressive credentials will be given every consideration.

Please feel free to forward any additional resumes to me, and we'll see if there's a spot where they might be of use to the Administration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Robert D. Ray
President and Chief Executive Officer
Life Investors, Inc.
4333 Edgewood Road, N.E.
Cedar Rapids, IA 52499

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
Katja Bullock w/incoming

July 31, 1987

Dear George:

I'm sorry our schedules didn't mesh while you were in town, but I appreciate your note enclosing the exercise article -- you've chosen a very effective vehicle to get out the fitness message and I'm sure it will have real impact on how many of our citizens utilize their leisure time. Thanks for keeping me apprised.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable George Allen
Chairman
The President's Council on
Physical Fitness and Sports
Washington, DC 20001

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 31, 1987

Dear David:

Thank you for your encouraging and complimentary letter of July 1. I agree that the Administration has made great advances over the last six years. The task before us now is to help the President complete his agenda, while at the same time preserving the hard-fought gains of the past. I remain optimistic on both fronts.

I appreciate having the material you sent. I will review it and pass it along to the appropriate White House staff members. I will also check on the status of the Economic Policy Advisory Board and keep your request to serve on the Board in mind.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. David B. Bostian, Jr.
President and Chief Economist
Bostian Research Associates, Inc.
360 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10017

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
Bob Tuttle w/copy of incoming
Katja Bullock w/copy of incoming

July 31, 1987

Dear Mr. Tisch:

Thank you for sending me the very attractive stamp album commemorating the bicentennial of the establishment of our diplomatic ties with the Kingdom of Morocco.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Preston R. Tisch
The Postmaster General
Washington, DC 20260-0010

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 31, 1987

Dear LaDonna:

Thank you for your letter recommending Jean Elder for the position of Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services.

I'm glad to forward your letter to Bob Tuttle, and I'll make sure he is aware of your support for Ms. Elder.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. LaDonna Harris
President
Americans for Indian Opportunity
Suite 200
1010 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

cc: w/incoming to Katja Bullock [KB NOTE: We are aware that Ms. Elder has requested that her name be dropped from consideration for this post, but we are not in the position to tell this to Mrs. Harris in this letter.]

August 3, 1987

*typed
with HB's
office*

Dear Ed:

George Webster's son graduated from Duke Law School in 1986, and would very much like to have a job as a trial attorney in the Tax Division of the Department of Justice. I am enclosing his resume, and I urge consideration of Hugh Webster for such a position.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Room 5119
10th and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

August 3, 1987

*typed
in H.H.B.'s
office*

Dear George:

I would be delighted to try to help your son find a position as a trial attorney in the Tax Division of Justice. I have written Ed Meese to that effect, and I enclose a copy.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

George D. Webster, Esq.
Webster, Chamberlain, Bean & McKeivitt
1747 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

August 3, 1987

Dear Max:

Thank you for your note recommending Judge McLaughlin for appointment to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

I have sent your recommendation and the enclosed resume to A. B. for his careful review. You may be sure that Judge McLaughlin's qualifications will receive every consideration.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Max Hugel
Carmen, Carmen & Hugel, Inc.
1667 K Street, N.W., Suite 950
Washington, DC 20006

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cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano~~ - Rm. 61 OEOB
A. B. Culvahouse w/incoming

August 3, 1987

Dear Trent:

Thank you for your letter recommending Dr. Jim Colvard for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Engineering and Systems.

You know that I value your judgment, and I'll make sure Bob Tuttle and the other key players in the decision-making chain are aware of your comments and support. I assure you that Dr. Colvard will be given every consideration.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Trent Lott
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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cc: ~~Ferraine Camarano~~ - Rm. 61 OEOB
Katja Bullock w/incoming

August 3, 1987

Dear Dr. Sheerin:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. William Sheerin
9 Cranston Place
Bronxville, NY 10708

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Saulnier:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Raymond J. Saulnier
Lehman Hall
Barnard College
Columbia University
New York, NY 10027

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/dsf7
HHB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Bradshaw:

Thank you for your message recommending Alice Allgood for appointment as Chairman of the National Museum Services Board.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. William Bradshaw
Executive Director
Cumberland Science Museum
800 Ridley Boulevard
Nashville, TN 37203-4899

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HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB
w/cinoming to Presidential Personnel

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Pennington:

Thank you for your message recommending Edwin Zschau for appointment as Secretary of Commerce.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Daniel G. Pennington
Apartment 26
200 Cadillac Drive
Sacramento, CA 95825

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HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

cc and incoming: Presidential Personnel

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Halmos:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. E. E. Halmos, Jr.
Magazine Editorial Consultant
Information Research Group
Post Office Box 259 or 132
Poolesville, MD 20837

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HHB-3A

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Paul W. Kaiser, Jr.
Kaiser & Kaiser
9 North County Street
Waukegan, IL 60085-4373

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HHB-3A

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mrs. Churchill:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Ronald Churchill
4300 Grand
Western Springs, IL 60558

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HHB-3

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mrs. Bearse:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Helen Bearse
Apartment 7
3601 Vegas Plaza Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89109

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HHB-3

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thanks so much for the inscribed copy of your new novel, Freedom; I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness -- and, looking at your volume, your thoroughness as well. I am especially looking forward to having time to read your book to absorb your insights into the Presidency at a time of great national crisis.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. William Safire
c/o Doubleday Publicity
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
245 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10167

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Green:

This is in response to your message concerning the recent suspension of Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) payments.

CCC program payments were temporarily suspended on May 1 because CCC had nearly depleted its \$25 billion in borrowing authority. The CCC supplemental funding request, which will provide sufficient funding to allow the Corporation to resume all payments, was signed by the President on July 11 and payments were resumed on July 13.

We regret any financial hardship the CCC payment suspension may have caused and hope that legislative proposals submitted with the President's Fiscal Year 1988 budget request will help avoid similar payment interruptions in the future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Arthur Green
Chairman
Oklahoma Wheat Commission
505 Northeast 46th, Suite 2
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
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August 3, 1987

Dear Messrs. Hewett:

Thank you for your letter of May 26 concerning the potential for exporting Australian table grapes to the United States and the development of a regional food terminal in Mildura. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

We certainly understand your interest in pursuing these ventures. However, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) personnel have recently advised the Australian Government that more specific identification of Australian grape pests is required before they can consider allowing Australian table grapes to enter the United States. We understand that you intend to pursue this matter with Australian officials. After the necessary data is received, USDA officials will be pleased to discuss with their Australian counterparts the possibility of changing the entry status of Australian grapes.

While the U.S. Government is unable to provide resources for the development of a regional food terminal in Australia, members of the private sector in this country may be interested in investing in your project. Mr. Douglas Freeman, Acting Director of the Public Sector Relations Division (PSRD) in the USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD), would be pleased to assist you in providing information to the U.S. private sector about this investment opportunity. He could also identify consultants who may be available to share their expertise in the establishment of such an enterprise. If you wish to discuss this matter with Mr. Freeman, his address is PSRD, OICD, USDA, McGregor Building, Room 344, Washington, D.C. 20250-4300. His telephone number is (202) 653-7873.

Again, thank you for bringing this project to my attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Hal Hewett
Mr. Don Hewett
Integrity Rural Products
Box 1576
Mildura 3500
Australia

HHB/CAD/ws 8HHBA
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
CLEARED THRU NSC

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you and the members of The Military Coalition for your letter recommending Beverly Selby for the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Ms. Selby's behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation is valued and that she will receive every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. R. I. Clark
The Military Coalition
201 North Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Ms. Henry:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to be guest speaker for a Georgia Young Republicans Dinner this fall.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline your kind offer. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a most successful gathering.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Mary B. Henry
Apartment V-19
180 Wallace Road
Nashville, TN 37211

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HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Ms. Binder:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend the Siskin Foundation, Starnight '87, benefit concert.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline your kind offer. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a most successful event.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Claire Binder
Chairman, Starnight '87
Siskin Memorial Foundation, Inc.
529 Oak Street
Chattanooga, TN 37403

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HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend your mountain rally on September 12.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline your kind offer. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a most successful gathering.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John Henry
Chairman
Johnson Countians for a
Better East Kentucky
Post Office Box 179
Paintsville, KY 41240-0179

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

August 3, 1987

Dear Ms. Powers:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to speak at the Osbourn High School "soap box" forum on September 18.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline your kind offer. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a most successful gathering to celebrate the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Gail M. Powers
Chairperson
Social Studies Department
Osbourn High School
9005 Tudor Lane
Manassas, VA 22110

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB