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August 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for recommending S. Bruce Smart for the position of Secretary of Commerce.

I especially appreciate having the benefit of your counsel concerning this important post, and I have brought your recommendation to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured that Mr. Smart will receive every consideration in the selection process.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Wilmot F. Wheeler, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Jelliff Corporation
Southport, Connecticut 06490

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

August 10, 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
Assistant Secretary General
for Defense Support
U.S. Mission to NATO
Box 62
APO New York 09667

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

August 10, 1987

Dear Pete:

Thank you for your July 2 letter in which you encourage the Administration to back away from the 1984 Mexico City policy on abortion and family planning.

As you know, the policy of this Administration is to provide strong support for voluntary population programs, but firm opposition to abortion as a method of family planning. To implement this policy, the Agency for International Development (AID) does not provide U.S. funds to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. This policy does not infringe on the rights of foreign organizations to decide how they will spend their own funds, nor on the opportunity Third World women have to obtain advice from whomever they wish regarding their pregnancies. Rather, the United States has the right to decide how it will spend its funds for population assistance.

The Administration is firmly committed to the Mexico City policy. It is important to note, however, that implementation of the Administration's policy (i.e., AID's withholding funds from foreign organizations which engage in abortion activities) has not reduced total U.S. family planning assistance. AID has increased its support for family planning under this Administration, and AID remains the largest single donor in international family planning, providing more than 40 percent of the estimated \$500 million in assistance from all international donors last year.

Again, thanks for setting aside the time to send me your thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.
Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison
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2200 Geng Road
Palo Alto, CA 94303
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August 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your gracious gift. I am pleased to receive this very attractive stamp album commemorating 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

His Excellency
M'hamed Bargach
Ambassador of Morocco
1601 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20009

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

August 10, 1987

Dear Ms. Blumenfeld:

Thank you for your recent letter. I'm sorry no photograph of Senator Baker's mother is available. However, I am enclosing a photograph of Senator Baker which I hope you can use. It comes with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Esther Blumenfeld
1231 Lenox Circle, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

Enclosure: 8x10 B&W photo of Sen. Baker

August 10, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to meet with community leaders from Ohio and Indiana during the second annual Washington Leadership Conference on October 5.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable conference.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable John Hiler
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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August 10, 1987

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to meet with community leaders from Ohio and Indiana during the second annual Washington Leadership Conference on October 5.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable conference.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Mike DeWine
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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August 10, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend the House Wednesday Group Dinner on September 15.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a successful and enjoyable evening.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Bill Gradison
Chairman
The House Wednesday Group
Annex 2
386 House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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August 10, 1987

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to address the fall meeting of the United States National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation on October 14.

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

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Richard M. Fairbanks, III
President
United National Committee
for Pacific Economic
Cooperation
Suite 420-421
1755 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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August 10, 1987

Dear Ms. Picasso:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend one of the Hispanic Designers Gala events in September during National Hispanic Heritage Week as you pay tribute to the accomplishments of Hispanic fashion designers.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for your success in benefiting Hispanic women's organizations and Hispanic fashion school students.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Paloma Picasso
National Honorary Chairperson
Hispanic Designers Fashion Show
and Benefit
Suite 420
1201 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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August 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Ricardo:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to address the American Whig-Clisophic Society at Princeton University during the Fall Speakers Program.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for the continued success of this distinguished Society.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Henry J. Ricardo
Secretary
The American Whig-Clisophic Society
Whig Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ 08544

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August 10, 1987

Dear Ms. Richardson:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend an upcoming Santa Barbara Lincoln Club event.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for the continued success of your distinguished club.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Hazel M. Richardson
President
Lincoln Club
Post Office Box 30100
Santa Barbara, CA 93130-0349

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Each of the major U.S. organizations that have requested new grants since August 1984, except Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which has sued AID, has accepted funding subject to the restrictions against providing appropriated funds to foreign organizations that conduct abortion activities. These U.S. organizations continue to operate effective programs making subgrants to nongovernmental organizations in foreign countries.

In conclusion, I do not believe the Administration is prepared to alter the Mexico City policy.

Again, thanks for setting aside the time to send me your thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Herman B. Wells
Chancellor
Indiana University
Owen Hall
Bloomington, IN 47405

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

August 11, 1987

Dear Dr. Wells:

Thank you for your July 22 letter in which you express concern about the policies governing the Administration's support for overseas family planning programs.

The policy of this Administration is to provide strong support for voluntary population programs, but firm opposition to the use or advocacy of abortion as a method of family planning. This policy, as you are aware, is based on the statutory law governing U.S. foreign assistance, and it was announced by the United States at the International Conference on Population sponsored by the United Nations and held in Mexico City in August 1984.

To implement this policy, the Agency for International Development (AID) does not provide U.S. funds to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. This policy does not infringe on the rights of foreign organizations to decide how they will spend their own funds, nor on the opportunity Third World women have to obtain advice from whomever they wish regarding their pregnancies. Rather, the United States has the right to decide how it will spend its funds for population assistance.

It is important to note that implementation of the Administration's policy (i.e., AID's withholding funds from foreign organizations which engage in abortion activities) has not reduced our total family planning assistance. AID has increased its support for family planning under this Administration, and AID remains the largest single donor in international family planning, providing more than 40 percent of the estimated \$500 million in assistance from all international donors last year.

AID considers population assistance to be a critical part of its effort to improve the health and survival of mothers and children. Family planning makes possible adequate birth spacing, thereby lowering maternal and child mortality rates. Administration policy emphasizes contraception, rather than abortion, as a means of child-spacing, and AID's support for family planning services measurably reduces reliance on abortion.

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Again, thanks for setting aside the time to send me your thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Frederick C. Smith
1850 Kettering Tower
Dayton, OH 45423

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August 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your July 17 letter in which you express concern about the policies governing the Administration's support for overseas family planning programs.

The policy of this Administration is to provide strong support for voluntary population programs, but firm opposition to the use or advocacy of abortion as a method of family planning. This policy, as you are aware, is based on the statutory law governing U.S. foreign assistance, and it was announced by the United States at the International Conference on Population sponsored by the United Nations and held in Mexico City in August 1984.

To implement this policy, the Agency for International Development (AID) does not provide U.S. funds to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. This policy does not infringe on the rights of foreign organizations to decide how they will spend their own funds, nor on the opportunity Third World women have to obtain advice from whomever they wish regarding their pregnancies. Rather, the United States has the right to decide how it will spend its funds for population assistance.

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In conclusion, I do not believe the Administration is prepared to alter the Mexico City policy.

Again, thanks for setting aside the time to send me your thoughts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Lucile P. Hicks
Member of the House of Representatives
of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
State House
Boston, MA 02133

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August 11, 1987

Dear Ms. Hicks:

Thank you for your August 3 letter in which you express concern about the policies governing the Administration's support for overseas family planning programs.

The policy of this Administration is to provide strong support for voluntary population programs, but firm opposition to the use or advocacy of abortion as a method of family planning. This policy, as you are aware, is based on the statutory law governing U.S. foreign assistance, and it was announced by the United States at the International Conference on Population sponsored by the United Nations and held in Mexico City in August 1984.

To implement this policy, the Agency for International Development (AID) does not provide U.S. funds to foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform or actively promote abortion as a method of family planning. This policy does not infringe on the rights of foreign organizations to decide how they will spend their own funds, nor on the opportunity Third World women have to obtain advice from whomever they wish regarding their pregnancies. Rather, the United States has the right to decide how it will spend its funds for population assistance.

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August 11, 1987

Dear Mr. Hartquist:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the specialty steel Section 201 import relief program. I also appreciate your sending me a copy of the June 12 letter to the President signed by Lynn Williams and Richard Simmons.

As you know, on July 16, the President signed a proclamation extending existing import relief for the specialty steel industry until September 30, 1989, when the remainder of his national steel program expires. The objective of that program is to bring an end to constant trade disputes over steel by reversing global trends toward excess capacity, greater subsidization and increasingly protected foreign markets. Moreover, the relief was granted in the form most consistent with the President's belief that government should interfere with the market place as little as possible and that when government action is necessary, it should facilitate orderly adjustment in the industry.

Thank you for bringing the views of the specialty steel industry of the United States and the United Steel Workers of America to my attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. David A. Hartquist
Counsel
Specialty Steel Industry of
the United States
Suite 308
1055 Thomas Jefferson Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

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August 11, 1987

Dear Dr. Fellhauer:

On behalf of the United States Government, please accept my congratulations on your appointment as the Director-General of Deutsche Welle.

I know that Deutsche Welle and the Voice of America share many interests and have common concerns regarding the future of international broadcasting. I understand that Richard W. Carlson, Director of VOA, has contacted you about working with your organization in the months and years ahead on these important issues.

Best wishes for great success in your new position.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Heinz Fellhauer
Director-General
Deutsche Welle
Post Office Box 10 04 44
D-5000 Cologne 1
Federal Republic of Germany

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August 11, 1987

Dear Boone:

Thanks for the hunting invitation.

Getting away to 2B Ranch with you and Bea sounds marvelous, and I only wish I could make it. Regrettably, though, I'm all tied up for that weekend, which is good news for all those quail, turkey and deer who didn't want their pictures taken anyway.

Joy and I do hope that you enjoy your time at the ranch and we send our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. T. Boone Pickens, Jr.
Post Office Box 2009
Amarillo, TX 79189

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August 11, 1987

Dear Neely:

Thank you for your letter informing me that the problem confronting your friends, the Kaplans, has been resolved.

You don't know how good it is to have your words of encouragement. I truly appreciate your support and hope to see you again in Nashville before too long.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Neely B. Coble
Post Office Box 100430
Nashville, TN 37210

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August 11, 1987

Dear Ms. Hu:

Thank you for your kind letter recommending Linas Kojelis for the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Mr. Kojelis' behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation is valued and that he will receive every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Jane H. Hu
National Republican Asian Assembly
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