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October 7, 1987

Dear Strom:

How very thoughtful of you to inscribe, autograph and frame the September 6 New York Times Magazine cover for me. It was a very nice surprise!

I think David Eisenhower did a good job, and I'm very pleased with the way the article developed.

Again, thank you for thinking of me in such a nice way, and for your constant help and support.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

HHB/MO/CAD/jz 10HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
Note: Magazine cover kept by Senator Baker

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Bantle:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Louis Bantle  
Chairman of the Board  
U.S. Tobacco Company  
100 West Putnam Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

HNB/JCT/efr 10HNB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEGB  
Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Robson:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Henry C. Robson, Jr.  
6002 Osborn  
Houston, TX 77033

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HHB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

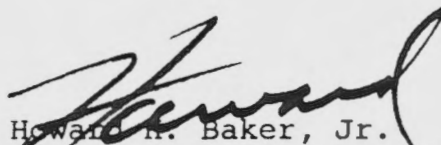
October 7, 1987

Dear Jack:

Thank you for the letter forwarding a copy of the letter from William Stiritz. I have given it to Tom Griscom who, together with General Colin Powell, co-chairs the planning group for the possible visit by General Secretary Gorbachev.

It was good to see you at the State Department yesterday.

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable John C. Danforth  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

THE WHITE HOUSE

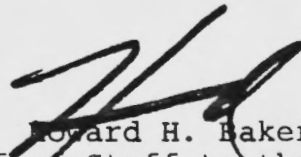
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1987

Dear Jeane:

I appreciated your letter as I always do. The Bork nomination does not look good now but the President perseveres.

Sincerely,



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

Ms. Jeane Dixon  
1312 19th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 7, 1987

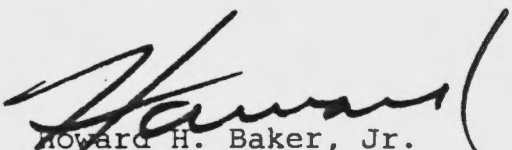
Dear Bob:

It was good to hear from you and I have turned your letter over to Bob Tuttle for follow-up.

With respect to the "P.S.," our "old memories" included the Fortas debate which has come home to haunt me!

With good wishes to Marge,

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable Robert P. Griffin  
Post Office Box 4255  
Traverse City, MI 49685

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 7, 1987

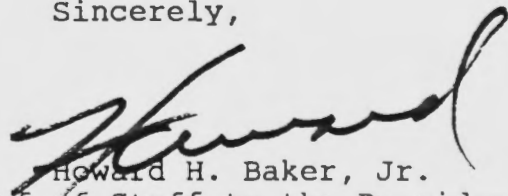
Dear Jack:

It was good to hear from you.

I was greatly honored by the naming of the chair at McCallie after me. I went to McCallie and made a brief and thoroughly unremarkable speech. But I enjoyed the day and the chance to visit with a few of our classmates.

With good wishes to you,

Sincerely,



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

Dean W. J. Payne  
Franklin College of Arts and Sciences  
The University of Georgia  
Athens, GA 30602

cc: Loraine Camarano



October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Shipley:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend the Chemical Bank's International Advisory Board Fall Dinner on October 26.

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

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Walter V. Shipley  
Chairman  
Chemical Bank  
277 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10172

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HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Dixon:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding National Association of Counties v. James A. Baker, III. The issue presented in this case is whether the Secretary of the Treasury is obligated to disburse to local governmental units nearly \$180 million in General Revenue Sharing funds (representing 4.3% of the FY 1986 appropriation) which were sequestered under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings before the revenue-sharing program was terminated by Congress.

As you may know, the Federal government has filed a notice of appeal of the ruling by Judge Green. Please be assured that the matter of whether this case should be appealed received the closest scrutiny among the pertinent agencies, the Civil Division at the Department of Justice, and the Office of the Solicitor General. Wherever possible the Federal government strives to resolve harmoniously conflicts with State and local governmental units. There are, however, instances where the conflict is unavoidable, especially when a significant amount of money is at stake and the Justice Department's review of the law found abundant support for the Secretary of the Treasury's action.

We are doing everything we can to assure that this issue is resolved expeditiously, by agreeing with counsel for the local governments to file an early notice of appeal and to request jointly of the U.S. Court of Appeals that it hear this case by the end of the year.

Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Richard B. Dixon  
Chief Administrative Officer  
County of Los Angeles  
713 Hall of Administration  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

HHB/GK/LRC/CAD/Legal Counsel/efr 10HHB  
Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear George:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding National Association of Counties v. James A. Baker, III. The issue presented in this case is whether the Secretary of the Treasury is obligated to disburse to local governmental units nearly \$180 million in General Revenue Sharing funds (representing 4.3% of the FY 1986 appropriation) which were sequestered under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings before the revenue-sharing program was terminated by Congress.

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Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable George V. Voinovich  
Mayor of Cleveland  
Cleveland, OH 44114

HHB/GK/LRC/CAD/Legal Counsel/efr 10HHB  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear Mayor Morris:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding National Association of Counties v. James A. Baker, III. The issue presented in this case is whether the Secretary of the Treasury is obligated to disburse to local governmental units nearly \$180 million in General Revenue Sharing funds (representing 4.3% of the FY 1986 appropriation) which were sequestered under Gramm-Rudman-Hollings before the revenue-sharing program was terminated by Congress.

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Thank you for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable William N. Morris, Jr.  
Mayor of Shelby County  
Memphis, TN 38103

HHB/GK/LRC/CAD/Legal Counsel/efr 10HHB  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear John:

I want to apologize for the delay in responding to your letter on legislation concerning the banking laws and recapitalizing the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC). As you know, because of the overriding need to recapitalize the FSLIC, the President approved H.R. 27 on August 10.

We fully share your concerns about Title II of H.R. 27 and opposed it during Congressional deliberations on the measure. In our view, regulated financial institutions should be permitted to engage in activities that are currently closed to them and thereby compete more effectively with unregulated firms that engage in similar activities without restriction. In this regard, the Administration proposed in 1983 comprehensive legislation that would have largely deregulated the non-banking activities of bank and thrift holding companies (e.g., by permitting insurance underwriting and brokering).

By restricting, instead of expanding, the activities in which depository institutions may permissibly engage, Title II of H.R. 27 is directly contrary to the Administration's policy. When the President approved this legislation, he said that his "willingness to sign this bill is based in part upon [a] statement of congressional intent not to renew or extend the moratorium on the granting of needed new authorities for banks beyond March 1, 1988. . . ." By that time, we hope that the Congress will present the President with a comprehensive measure consistent with the pro-competitive, pro-consumer legislation the Administration has long sought.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John F. McGillicuddy  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
Manufacturers Hanover Corporation  
270 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10017  
HHB/OMB/LRC/CAD/MAD/D.Crippen/lrc/jz 10HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Belton:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. James E. Belton  
Apartment 301  
2760 North Pine Grove  
Chicago, IL 60614

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MHB-17

cc: Lorraine Comarano - 51 OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear Ned:

Thank you for your letter of September 23 recommending Elizabeth Owen to a position on the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board.

Please know that I will see to it that everyone involved in this decision is aware of your support for Elizabeth. You can be sure that she will be given every consideration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Ned McWherter  
Governor of Tennessee  
Nashville, TN 37219-5081

HHB/MO/CAD/jz 10HHB

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

October 7, 1987

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your letter of September 25 enclosing your very interesting game plan regarding the selection of a new Secretary of Transportation.

I appreciate having your insight in this matter. Please know that I will share your thoughts with everyone involved in this decision.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Dan McKinnon  
Watergate South  
700 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

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



October 7, 1987

Dear August:

I too enjoyed our meeting on September 18 and the chance to discuss with you issues of public importance.

Your visit was extremely helpful to me, and I appreciate the time we spent together.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. August A. Busch, III  
Chairman of the Board and President  
Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.  
1 Busch Place  
St. Louis, MO 63118-1852

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear John:

I too enjoyed being with you at the State Dinner in honor of His Excellency the Prime Minister of Sweden and Mrs. Carlsson. I'm delighted to hear that you had such a good time.

Please know that your kind words of support and encouragement mean a great deal to me in the task at hand.

I do hope we may have an opportunity to visit again sometime soon.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John J. Phelan, Jr.  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
New York Stock Exchange, Inc.  
11 Wall Street  
New York, NY 10005

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Haley:

Thank you for your letter of September 28 recommending Frederick B. Abramson for a vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

I have forwarded your correspondence to the appropriate White House staff for their review. You can be sure that Mr. Abramson will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. George W. Haley  
Suite 300  
1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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

October 7, 1987

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of September 28 recommending William L. Davis for a vacancy on the District of Columbia Superior Court.

I have forwarded your correspondence and Mr. Davis' resume to the appropriate White House staff for their review. You can be sure that he will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ralph W. Emerson  
Emerson and Emerson  
Suite 607  
2501 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

HJB/MO/CAD/jz 10HJB

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

October 7, 1987

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of September 28 recommending Frederick B. Abramson to a vacancy on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Please know that I have forwarded your strong endorsement of Mr. Abramson and the copy of his resume to the appropriate White House staff involved in this important selection. You can be sure that Mr. Abramson will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable William D. Rogers  
Arnold & Porter  
1200 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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

October 7, 1987

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your note on my address to the ANPA Government Affairs Committee luncheon. It was an honor and privilege to join such a distinguished group of newspaper people.

Warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Jerry W. Friedheim  
President  
American Newspaper Publishers Association  
Box 17407  
Dulles Airport  
Washington, D.C. 20041

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

October 7, 1987

Dear Freeman:

Thank you for your kind get-well note. It was a pleasure to hear from you.

I had a bad reaction to an antibiotic and spent one night in the hospital. I'm feeling fine now, but I'll probably only see chiropractors since they don't prescribe medicine!

Again, thanks for thinking of me. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Freeman H. Cary  
1505 West Pines Drive  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

HNB/SW/LRC/JLT/efr 10NHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - GEOR  
#Get Well

October 7, 1987

Dear Jan:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Jan Baran  
General Counsel  
National Republican  
Congressional Committee  
320 First Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

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Board Meeting



October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

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Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas N. Burnham  
Burnham, Connolly, Oesterle & Henry  
Suite 300  
121 West Washington Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Carol:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

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Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Carol Cook  
Finance Chairman  
Tennessee Republican Party  
Park Place  
2817 West End Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37203

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Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Demery:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

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Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas Demery  
6110 Edgewood Terrace  
Alexandria, VA 22307

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Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. DioGuardi:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Joseph J. DioGuardi  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Dreier:

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The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable David Dreier  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Gaylord:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Joseph R. Gaylord  
Executive Director  
National Republican  
Congressional Committee  
320 First Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

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Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Gilmore:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Jim S. Gilmore  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer  
Jim Gilmore Enterprises  
202 Michigan Building  
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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Board Meeting

October 7, 1987

Dear Jim:

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Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. James Haslam II  
President  
Pilot Oil Corporation  
7401 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37919

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Board Meeting



October 7, 1987

Dear Mr. Hawley:

I wanted to express my regrets at being unable to attend the National Advisory Board meeting on Tuesday, September 15. I understand you had a good group in the Roosevelt Room. The President told me he enjoyed his meeting with you.

The task you have taken on for the NRCC is an important one. I am glad we have such loyal supporters like you who are willing to do what is needed for a successful election cycle in 1988. I have asked Guy to keep me apprised of the Board's activities.

Good luck to you and thank you for everything you are doing.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Kip Hawley  
Vice President  
for Washington Affairs  
Union Pacific Corporation  
Suite 600  
1120 20th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Board Meeting