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February 3, 1988

Dear Professor Kutler:

I have received your letter of January 12 and must, once again, decline your request for a meeting to discuss the history of Watergate. The views I expressed in my letter to you have not changed, and I will not be able to discuss these matters while I am serving as Chief of Staff to the President.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Professor Stanley I. Kutler  
Department of History  
College of Letters and Science  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
3211 Humanities Building  
455 North Park Street  
Madison, WI 53706

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WASHINGTON

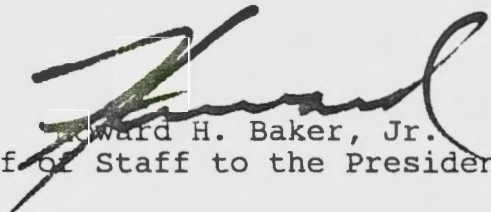
February 3, 1988

Dear John:

Forgive me for not replying to your letter before now. I received it in good time, and it is in the planning process now. I will let you know what the decision is as soon as I can.

I enjoyed seeing you and Phyllis at the Sea View.

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable John Y. Brown, Jr.  
Cave Hill Place  
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*Lorraine Camarano*

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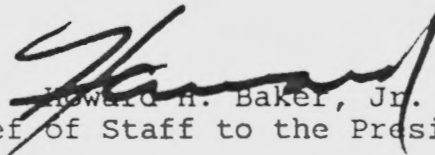
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February 3, 1988

Dear Jennings:

Thank you very much for your letter and the Emerson poem as well as the article. It was good to hear from you. I think about you often.

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable Jennings Randolph  
United States Institute of Peace  
Suite 700  
1550 M Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-1708  
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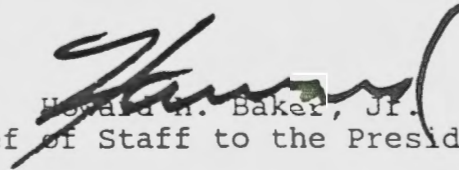
February 3, 1988

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for sending me the materials for the President's televised speech last night on aid to the Democratic Resistance. I shared them with Tom Griscom and the speechwriters.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable Charles Z. Wick  
Director  
United States Information Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20546  
*Lorraine Camarano*

February 3, 1988

Dear Professor Loverd:

Thanks for a copy of your article, "Presidential Decision Making during the 1975 New York City Financial Crisis: A Conceptual Analysis." I look forward to reading it in-depth when I have a moment. I remember that particular time quite well, and I certainly appreciate your insights.

Let's get together to complete our discussions. Please contact Lura Nell Mitchell on my staff to arrange a suitable time.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Richard A. Loverd  
Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science  
Villanova University  
Villanova, Pennsylvania 19085

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Mithcell, First Floor, West Wing

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February 3, 1988

Dear Mr. Adkins:

Thank you for your letter asking my assistance in getting your son an internship at the Central Intelligence Agency.

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to that agency, and you may expect to hear from them directly.

Again, thank you for writing. You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John Adkins  
8705 Fox Lonas Road  
Knoxville, TN 37923

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February 3, 1988

Dear Vic:

Thank you for your letter of January 20 recommending David Ladd to replace Bob Bork on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

We'll keep his name in mind as we review candidates for this vacancy. I'd hoped, of course, that the opening would exist because of Judge Bork's elevation to the Supreme Court. I think he intends to be heard from, and we intend to continue putting forward nominees, like Judge Kennedy, who believe in the principle of judicial restraint.

With warm regards, -

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Victor S. Johnson, Jr.  
Post Office Box 100255  
Nashville, TN 37210

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February 3, 1988

Dear John:

Thank you for your follow-up letter of January 11 inviting me to the annual fundraiser of the Tennessee House Republican Caucus in Nashville.

Regrettably, due to commitments in my schedule, I will not be able to be with you on March 1. I'm sure I'll be missing a great event and a wonderful Tennessee audience. Please extend my best wishes to everyone gathered on this occasion.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable John Chiles  
Member of the House of Representatives  
of the State of Tennessee  
103 War Memorial Building  
Nashville, TN 37219

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February 3, 1988

Dear Mr. Topping:

Thank you for the kind invitation to speak at a dinner of the editors of The New York Times regional newspapers on March 23 at the Willard Hotel in Washington.

Regrettably, a previous commitment for that date will prevent me from being with you. However, please accept my best wishes for a successful evening.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Seymour Topping  
Director, Editorial Development  
Regional Newspapers  
The New York Times Company  
229 West 43rd Street  
New York, NY 10036

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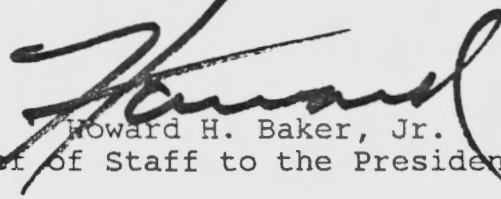
February 3, 1988

Dear Nicki:

I am sorry I missed you. I am pleased that you and Ambassador Sorzano had an opportunity to visit. He gave me a good report of your conversation.

The Mubarak visit went well, although I am sorry it prevented us from seeing each other.

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable Nicolas Barletta  
c/o Ms. Nita Renfrew  
8 East 74th Street  
New York, NY 10021

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February 3, 1988

Dear Doris and Michael:

I am delighted to send warm congratulations on your marriage. I know that you will always remember this special time in your life.

It is with great joy that I join with your many friends and family in celebrating this union. May your love for one another grow ever deeper and may the future shower you with every success and happiness.

Please accept my best wishes as you begin your new life together.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Noonan  
Post Office Box 67  
Bellport, NY 11713

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February 3, 1988

Dear Mr. Norcross:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter.

In answer to your question, Bob Dove was the Senate Parliamentarian. If you need any further information, please let me know.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. David F. Norcross  
Myers, Matteo, Rabil  
& Norcross  
Suite 100  
412 First Street, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

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February 3, 1988

Dear Mr. Pinola:

Thank you for inviting me to address the  
Lincoln Club of Los Angeles.

I am sorry that the demands of my schedule  
did not permit me to accept. Please accept  
my warm wishes for a most enjoyable evening  
in the great Republican tradition.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. J. J. Pinola  
President  
Lincoln Club  
Suite W59-1  
707 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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February 3, 1988

Dear Mr. Guillemette:

Thank you for your letter of January 20 inviting me to address the National Young Leaders Conference in February or March.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule in the months ahead will again force me to decline. It is good to hear of your fine work and I wish you great success in your upcoming conference.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Lawrence F. Guillemette, Jr.  
Conference Director  
Congressional Youth Leadership Council  
Suite 842  
1511 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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February 3, 1988

Dear Ms. Gates:

Thank you for advising us of the position of your organization, the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, on the acid rain legislation currently before Congress.

Our nation is the world's leader in environmental improvement and protection. The environmental protection program already in place has substantially reduced harmful emissions despite rising electricity consumption and an increase in the number of motor vehicles.

The Reagan Administration's approach to solving our environmental concerns has been to promote the kind of new clean coal technologies to which you refer so that our economy can continue to grow and new jobs and opportunities can be created. In that regard, the President has pledged to invest \$2.5 billion over the next several years, in partnership with the private sector, to develop needed technologies.

We appreciate your interest and wish you success in your efforts to make your position known.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Jacquelyn Gates  
National President  
The National Association of  
Negro Business and Professional  
Women's Clubs, Inc.  
7451 Northwest 41st Court  
Lauderhill, Florida 33319

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February 4, 1988

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your January 20 letter. I do remember your father-in-law, W. D. Human, and it was with sadness that I learned of his death last April. As you say, he is sorely missed, but I believe his legacy will live for years to come.

With regard to your request for a political briefing here at the White House on April 15, I have asked Mr. Frank J. Donatelli, Assistant to the President for Political and Intergovernmental Affairs, to arrange such a session. He will be in touch with you soon regarding the specifics.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. C. O. Thompson  
Eaton Corporation  
Eaton Center  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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cc: Frank Donatelli w/copy of incoming

February 4, 1988

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter supporting John Johnson's invitations for January events and his invitation to ride on a Mardi Gras float on February 14.

Regrettably, the demands of my schedule forced me to decline. I have notified Mr. Johnson and sent him my appreciation for his thinking of me.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

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

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 4, 1988

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. He appreciates your thoughtful invitation to address your "President's Dinner" on March 14 in Houston.

Regrettably, the Chief of Staff will be unable to join you due to a previous commitment. However, he asked me to send you and all the members of the Texas Daily Newspaper Association his very best wishes for a most enjoyable occasion.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Richard J. V. Johnson  
President and Publisher  
Houston Chronicle  
Post Office Box 4260  
Houston, TX 77210

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 4, 1988

Dear Mr. Rollins:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you and Ms. Green for your letter. Although he appreciates your interest, the Chief of Staff is unable to comply with requests for letters of recommendation. I hope you will understand.

You have Senator Baker's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Avon William Rollins  
3321 Andover Drive, S.E.  
Knoxville, TN 37914

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 4, 1988

Dear Ms. Gates:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Thomas Glenn Moore for an appointment in the Reagan Administration. The Office of Presidential Personnel has circulated his resume for positions appropriate to his tax law background.

Please be assured that your comments will be added to Mr. Moore's file, and as we endeavor to select the most qualified individuals to serve throughout the government, your recommendation will be given careful consideration.

Thank you for letting us know of your interest in this candidate.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Carolyn H. Gates  
Commissioner  
Shelby County Board of Commissioners  
Suite 619  
160 Mid America Mall  
Memphis, TN 38103

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February 4, 1988

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your letter and kind words of encouragement.

I appreciate your invitation to address the Kiwanis Club of Kingsport on September 2. I always enjoy returning home to Tennessee and seeing my friends. However, it is impossible at this early date to know what my schedule or the President's will be for September. Please get in touch again in mid-summer when I'll be in a better position to determine what invitations I can accept for the fall.

It was good to hear from you. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ben M. Brown  
1226 Linville Street  
Kingsport, TN 37660

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February 4, 1988

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter in behalf of Ed Phillips. I appreciate your interest, but the opening at the Department of Housing and Urban Development is for a career position, and not a political appointment. As Chief of Staff, I cannot become involved in the selection process. I know you will understand.

Nevertheless, it was good to hear from you. Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. James F. Neal  
Neal & Harwell  
2000 One Nashville Place  
150 Fourth Avenue, North  
Nashville, TN 37219-2417

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB



February 4, 1988

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Thanks very much for your kind letter enclosing the catalogue, "Georgia O'Keefe: Arts and Letters." Joy and I have heard extraordinary comments about this exhibition at the National Gallery, and we're not at all surprised that the show has been so well received. We too are sorry that we couldn't join you at the dinner in honor of her remarkable artistic achievements. You can be proud of your role in this centennial exhibition.

Again, thanks for your thoughtfulness. You have my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Zane E. Barnes  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Southwestern Bell Corporation  
1 Bell Center  
St. Louis, MO 63101

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February 4, 1988

Dear Mr. Kingsbury-Smith:

Thanks very much. I appreciated hearing from you, and I enjoyed seeing the advance copy of Bill Hearst's column on the comparative strength of the U.S. economy. The encouragement is most appreciated.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Joseph Kingsbury-Smith  
The Hearst Newspapers  
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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February 4, 1988

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your note, and for sharing your no-nonsense letter to CBS with me. I'll pass on the message to Vice President Bush. It was good to hear from you.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. James C. Talley, II  
1477 Touraine Place  
Knoxville, TN 37919

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February 4, 1988

Dear Alyne:

Just want you to know that I followed through on your request of December 4.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. Jack C. Massey  
4431 Tyne Boulevard  
Nashville, TN 37215

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Howard Baker to Lt. General William J.  
McCaffney.

Copy of 1/12/88 letter from Colonel  
James W. Wensyel to Howard Baker

February 5, 1988

Dear Mr. Datt:

Thank you for your letter recommending Dean Kleckner for service on the National Economic Commission. I have directed that his name be placed on our list of potential appointees. As you are fully aware, I have met with Dean on several occasions and have a high regard for him. I think he would be a very valuable member of the Commission.

As you know, the President has only two appointments (compared to 10 for the Congress). It will be very difficult to select only two from a very distinguished roster of possible appointees. However, I will make sure that the President is aware of your recommendation and that Dean receives every consideration when the decision is made.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John C. Datt  
Executive Director  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
Suite 800  
600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 5, 1988

Dear Marty:

Thanks for sending along the Economist piece on LDC debt problems. While I understand (and tend to agree with) your conclusion, I wonder if the banks will provide even the level of capital you cite. As you know, the regional banks are already writing down their existing loans and generally leaving the LDC market. I understand several regionals intend to shed all their Mexican debt in the upcoming "swap" -- assuming they can. The money-center banks are under great pressure to follow suit. These developments, coupled with foreign banks write-offs, leaves me less than sanguine about the prospects for further substantial bank lending.

All of that is to say I continue to worry about the LDC's in general and the political instability in several of the countries. I suspect we do not need a major debt problem given the current state of the financial markets and the economy.

I enjoyed our meeting and conversation in December and look forward to seeing you again when our schedules permit.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Martin Feldstein  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.  
1050 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02138

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 5, 1988

Dear Mr. Olszewski:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. He is honored by your invitation to be keynote speaker at the opening of the American Legion Auxiliary Awareness Assembly on February 28.

Regrettably, the demands of his schedule force him to decline your kind invitation. However, he asked me to send his very best wishes for a most successful program.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Alan M. Olszewski  
Director  
American Legion Auxiliary  
1608 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

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cc: Laura Nell Mitchell w/copy of incmg.

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 5, 1988

Dear Mr. D'Ettore:

Thank you for your letter inviting Senator Baker to serve as Honorary Chairman and Guest Speaker for your 21st Annual Lincoln Day Dinner on February 29, 1988.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and to send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Joseph D'Ettore, Jr.  
Chairman  
Lincoln Day Dinner  
Republican Executive Committee  
Post Office Box 1944  
New Port Richey, FL 33552

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB



February 5, 1988

Dear Girls and Boys:

I'm delighted that you were able to be with us at the White House this past Christmas. It was very nice to see and read the very kind letters you sent me, all of which had such colorful artwork!

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Pupils of Ms. Barbara Maloney's  
First Grade Class  
St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School  
4700 Whitehaven Parkway, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61-OEOB

February 5, 1988

Dear Jake:

I know by now that you have been apprised of the situation concerning Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan. It is my understanding that John Tuck and John Whitehead have been in direct contact with Jeff Bingham on this matter.

I'm informed that your request that I meet personally with Ambassador Dougan is no longer necessary. It is also my understanding that her resignation has been submitted, and that all concerned in this affair are aware of that fact.

If there is anything further you wish me to do, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Jake Garn  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OE/OB

February 8, 1988

Dear Tony:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 18 and the warm words of encouragement and support. Permit me also to thank you for the kind words on behalf of the President, and your thoughtful invitation to him to speak at the Shively Heights Baptist Church.

I cannot foresee at this time Presidential travel beyond the June time frame and, at present, there are no plans for the President to travel to Louisville in the next few months. If things change I will certainly let you know. Thanks for keeping in touch.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Anthony B. Carson  
Pastor  
Shively Heights Baptist Church  
2627 Crums Lane  
Louisville, Kentucky 40216

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 8, 1988

Dear "Preacher":

Thanks for the letter. I always appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your views.

I'm sorry we didn't have an opportunity to talk a while. I want to think a little more about your article before I try to respond to your thoughts on the UPI situation.

It was good to see you.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Edgar Miller  
Managing Editor  
The Oak Ridger  
Post Office Box 3446  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 8, 1988

Dear Ms. Pyle:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker concerning acquisition of the historic post office building in Gettysburg for the Adams County Public Library.

We have been advised that officials of the Postal Service's Philadelphia Facilities Service Center are working with local government representatives who wish to submit a joint proposal for the purchase of the building. We also understand that the Postal Service will retain space at that site for use as a retail unit.

Generally speaking, when the Postal Service owns a building which is determined to exceed their needs, Postal Service Facilities Department officials ask the General Services Administration (GSA) to screen all Federal agencies and advise if any of them is interested in acquiring the property at fair market value. In this case, the Postal Service is awaiting GSA's response.

If neither GSA nor any other Federal agency has a need for the property, it is offered to local governments. This is done prior to public advertising. If an acceptable sale cannot be negotiated with local government officials, the property is publicly advertised for sale to the highest bidder. All property must, however, be disposed of at fair market value.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Michaela S. Pyle  
President  
Friends of the Library  
of Adams County  
59 East High Street  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

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February 8, 1988

Dear Mr. Lessey:

Thanks for your letter of January 22 asking that I formally swear you in as Director of the Selective Service. It sounds like you've really taken the reins there and assembled quite a team of professionals who are doing an outstanding job.

While I'm honored that you would ask me to perform such a ceremony, it seems that the lawyers here feel that I have no such authority. So, regrettably, I must decline the kind offer.

I wish you and your team continued success, and I commend you for your dedication and hard work.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Samuel K. Lessey Jr.  
Director of Selective Service  
Washington, D.C. 20435

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