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MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Bill

In sorry about Ralph.  
It's my fault - I didn't follow  
through as I should. I'll send a  
note to Ralph also. In checking  
on Leon Weil - it looks O.K. as of now  
but we haven't announced.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
National Review  
150 East 35th Street  
New York, New York 10016

4/17/81

*do note*

Wm. F. Buckley Jr.  
National Review  
150 E. 35th St.  
New York 10016

*Bud*  
*do you know anything about this?*

April 9, 1984

Hon. Michael Deaver  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Michael:

Sometime, before I grow older and grayer, I hope you will tell me what went wrong in the matter of inviting Ralph de Toledano to the Medal of Honor affair involving Whittaker Chambers. As well forget to invite Boswell to the investiture of Samuel Johnson. It cannot have been your fault, but I feel personally guilty for neglecting to put in a call (I was in Switzerland) directly to you. The damage done is, to be sure at a non-political level--Ralph is loyal to our Friend--quite devastating.

Anyway, that awful mistake to one side, may I say a word for Leon Weil as ambassador to Nepal? If I promise to restrict myself to two sentences?

He is bright, hard-working, wealthy, devoted. He was for Reagan before Reagan was for Reaganism, if you follow me. He is a truly impressive, gentle, soft-spoken, philanthropic, loyal friend of what we stand for. I should not conceal (the papers are before you) that he was the Treasurer of my brother's campaigns, successful, and unsuccessful, for the Senate. Please see that he does not get as lost in the turmoil as the



Lost Chord. Always my cordial regards,

*Wm*  
Wm. F. Buckley Jr.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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March 15, 1984

Dear Bill:

On behalf of the President and Mrs. Reagan, I would ~~like to thank you for your letter regarding attendance at the Medal of Freedom Awards Presentation on March 26, 1984.~~

Regrettably, the number of requests that we received prevents me from being very encouraging. However, should something develop, we will be back in touch with you.

In the meantime, please accept our appreciation for the interest you have shown.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



William F. Sittmann  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. William F. Buckley, Jr.  
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New York, NY 10016

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WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

Editor

March 8, 1984

Dear Mike:

Just a note to thank you for letting me in on your letter to John Chambers. I am terribly sorry I won't be in the country to participate in the celebration, but I shall write a piece commending the President on the designation. It is one of the finest things he has done. I shall of course write him directly.

With warm personal  
regards,

*Bee*

Wm. F. Buckley, Jr.

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

P.S. I am making a request through channels that Ralph de Toledano be invited. He was one of Whittaker's three closest friends (I had the honor of being one of those) and most loyal and steadfast supporters. It would be unconscionable for him to miss this wonderful vindication. I feel sure that John Chambers would put him on the list except that he must give priority to his wife, sister, mother, and children.

*letter*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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March 9, 1984

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William F. Sittmann  
Special Assistant  
to the President

Mr. Ralph De Toledano  
825 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037



RALPH DE TOLEDANO  
825 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20037

24 February 1984

Hon. Michael K. Deaver  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

*Bill*  
*7*  
*will go in*  
*to get more*  
*of these*

Dear Mike:

It is a good and great thing the President has done in awarding the Medal of Freedom posthumously to Whittaker Chambers.

I was perhaps Whittaker's closest friend, so I would be most appreciative if you could arrange to have me invited to the ceremonies which, I believe, will be in mid-March.

The President, I know, read and applauded "Seeds of Treason," my book on the Hiss-Chambers case. He will, I am sure, have no objection to my presence.

Very best regards,

*Ralph*

APPROVE \_\_\_\_\_

Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Alice Green **Burnett**  
Howard University  
Department of Development  
2900 Van Ness Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008



MICHAEL K. DEAVER

Alice

Thanks for remembering  
the Deavers with the  
Great Lady.

with appreciation and  
friendships. Mike

Dear Mike,  
The colored woman was brought  
in a market in Senegal just you  
you see these reasons: to say  
thanks for my face Corps appearance;  
to express the devastating you see.

### Peace on Earth

Just in much of Africa; and to get  
you know that I have learned what  
you have known a long time - one  
way or another we all have to carry  
our own water!  
I hope you and the family  
have a peaceful and happy  
holiday and that you see you  
hope for long.

Love at home,  
Gail Burrell

P.S. The colored letter - minutes  
our from my friend, Sara  
Norton. You supported her desire  
to be a Country Director. You  
have helped a lot of us - we  
are grateful.



Mr & Mrs Stuber  
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MICHAEL K. DEEVER

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Thank you sincerely for  
your note. I'm grateful for  
all your kindnesses & support  
in me.

many thanks. Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Harold Burson  
866 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

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PMS MICHAEL K DEEVER, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON DC 20500

ALL GOOD WISHES IN YOUR NEW ENTERPRISE. YOUR RETURN TO THE  
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS/PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPGRADES THE  
FIELD. WE LOOK FORWARD TO BOTH COMPETING AGAINST YOU AND WORKING WITH  
YOU. THERE'S ENOUGH OUT THERE FOR ALL OF US CAPABLE OF DELIVERING A  
WORTHWHILE SERVICE.



AGAIN, ALL THE BEST FROM ME AND MY ASSOCIATES AT BUR-MARSTELLER  
HAROLD BURSON

1116 EST

1132 EST



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Harold

Congratulations!

See you on March 1.

Cheers.  
Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Harold Burson  
866 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022

2/14/84

Burson

M. L.

de C. C. C.

8 February 1984

Just want you to have the address  
[redacted] (on a confidential basis) the  
Tuesday 2/14) That person. Handwritten will  
more into the #1 spot in O'Day's  
Nations for 1983 performance. It took  
in 30 years to get there & we are  
naturally delighted. Enjoyed our meeting  
& look forward to meet you March 1.  
Thurs.



# Burson-Marsteller

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New York, N.Y. 10022  
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*Set-up  
for me.*

~~8/21~~ *Yui*  
~~10:00am~~

8/27  
~~10:30~~

10:00

Personal & Confidential

August 2, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
4521 Dexter Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mike:

While I would have preferred delivering this in person so that I could explain and elaborate, I do not want to delay your getting it until you return from California.

Let's get together soon after your return. My schedule is tight the latter part of August because I am leaving Aug. 29 for three weeks in Asia (return to New York Sept. 20). I can come to Washington Aug. 20 or 21 (Monday or Tuesday); Aug. 24 (Friday) also possible. Will you let me know which of these dates is convenient for you.

Jim Dowling, Ed Ney and I are all enthusiastic about this and feel there's a substantial role for you to play in our organization.

Sincerely,

*Harold Burson*  
Harold Burson

HB:mr

Enclosure

cc: Mr. J.H. Dowling (w/att.)  
Mr. E.N. Ney (w/att.)

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866 Third Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10022  
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August 2, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

You may want to pass along to those responsible for position papers for the campaign the name of my friend Mark K. Benenson, about whom we have talked in the past. Mark's areas of expertise are gun control and human rights (he is a registered Republican who has been head of Amnesty International in the U.S.).

He can be reached as follows:

Mark K. Benenson  
Benenson, Kates & Hardy  
666 Third Avenue  
New York, N.Y. 10017  
(212) 687-5630

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Harold Burson

HB/dr





MICHAEL K. DEEVER

*didn't do*

Harold

*I'll get back to you on  
Coca-Cola in China but I  
doubt the schedule would permit.  
Sorry but Caroline and I are  
committed on the first. Thanks again  
Mike*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Harold Burson  
Burson-Marsteller  
866 Third Avenue  
New York, New York 10022



# Burson-Marsteller

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*note*

*checked  
does this  
make any  
sense?*

March 6, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

In setting up the President's itinerary in Peking, you may want to consider having him visit the local Coca-Cola bottling plant. This facility is in central Peking -- a short drive, I am told, from where the President will be staying.

Coca-Cola is the only U.S. brand name product produced in the Peoples Republic of China. Moreover, more so than any other brand name, Coca-Cola symbolizes the United States the world over. The President's visit to the plant in the PRC where Coca-Cola is bottled would, I believe, deliver a powerful message for trade between our two countries.

Should you wish to pursue this idea, I will, of course, be happy to facilitate it with Roberto Goizueta at The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. I will look forward to hearing from you.

Regards.

Sincerely,



Harold Burson

HB/dr

# Burson-Marsteller

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*See Here  
no action  
unproper to deal  
with their clients.*

July 24, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
4521 Dexter Street N.W.  
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Mike:

A subject for your media planning which I did not get around to mentioning when we met, is one that I have some interest.

The first production model B1-1 Bomber (designated officially, I believe, as B-1B) will roll out of Rockwell International's Palmdale, California plant on September 4. It is ahead of schedule.

Presumably, the Pentagon (Airforce) will be making a lot of this. I think the accomplishment reflects credit on the President for pushing this program.

Not so incidentally, Rockwell International is a long-time Burson-Marsteller client.

Sincerely,

*Harold*  
Harold Burson

HB:sm



MICHAEL K. DEAVER

Mrs. Burton

If you'll get in touch  
with my assistant, Donna  
Blume, she'll be happy to  
arrange a tour of the White  
House for you. Call 202-456-1414  
Sincerely, Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burton  
116 Harbor Drive  
Black Point, California 94947



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Deaver:

FYI:

I can respond, set up tour  
of the WH and notify that  
Congress is expected to  
be in session thro. Oct. 8th.

Gail

*note*

August 15, 1984  
116 Harbor Drive  
Black Point, Cal  
Monro 94947

Mrs. Michael Deever  
of the White House  
Washington, DC.

Dear Michael -

Our son, Larry Burton, has suggested we write you regarding our trip to Washington this fall. You may remember us from a vacation spent in Palm Springs while you were at San Jose State with Larry about 1958-59. We have recently retired from our real-estate business in Marin County, where we have lived since 1961. We will be visiting Washington for the first time and are naturally anxious to see and do all we can in a week. Martin is especially interested in visiting the House & Senate while they are in session, as well as the White House, of course. Our present plans are to arrive October 2nd but, if it means missing a because of Adjournment, can come by Oct 1st. We'll be visiting relatives in Savannah & flying to Washington from there.

Any advice or assistance you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Barbara & Martin Burton



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Dick ———

Thanks for the up date  
on the Campbells. I'm looking  
forward to life outside.

Stay in touch. Sincerely,  
Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Richard O. Campbell  
Crow Land Company  
1120 Linclon Street  
Suite 1515  
Denver, Colorado 80203





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January 4, 1984

Mr. Michael Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

*note*

Dear Mike:

Congratulations and good luck in your "new" career, but more importantly, congratulations on a job well done. I'm sure few Americans outside the White House truly appreciate the value and depth of your contribution to the making of The President and to the success of the Reagan Administration.

As you can see from the letterhead, I too made a career change in the past year, leaving the practice of law, and joining the Trammell Crow group. I am having a lot of fun, and hopefully, the financial returns will make it all worthwhile.

Should business or pleasure bring you to Denver, I would look forward to the opportunity of visiting with you.

Best of luck to you and your family.

Yours truly,

*Rich*

Richard O. Campbell  
President

ROC/lb



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Rita

It was good seeing back  
you and Glen. Thanks for  
sending me your resume.

I appreciate your comments  
and will be getting back to you  
soon. Sincerely, Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Rita Ricardo-Campbell  
Hoover Institution  
Stanford, California 94305



# HOOVER INSTITUTION

ON WAR, REVOLUTION AND PEACE

Stanford, California 94305



November 21, 1984

*Note*

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mike:

Thank you very much for seeing me last Tuesday, November 13, and for your positive response to my desire to serve as Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers. Because you are possibly unaware of my qualifications, I enclose a one page summary of my career activities.

At Jim Baker's suggestion made to me the next morning, I am writing to the President directly. That letter reiterates my belief that the major function of the Council is not to make forecasts and that I would rely basically on those forecasts made by the Office of Management and Budget and the Department of the Treasury. As Chairman I would concentrate on giving briefings on economic matters as needed, including among others, those in the health sector, housing, agriculture, social security and civil service retirement benefits.

As already expressed to you, I believe that my thoughts on the issue of "comparable worth" could temper a potentially explosive issue. As a collateral descendant of the famous British economist David Ricardo, (that incidentally qualifies me as an Hispanic under the law!) I note that the well known Ricardian theory of the debt supports the President's economic policy which I fully endorse.

Again, I admire your taste and envy the Hassan paintings in your office.

Sincerely,

*Rita R-C*

Rita Ricardo-Campbell, Ph.D.  
Senior Fellow

RRC/lm  
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## RITA RICARDO-CAMPBELL

Economist Rita Ricardo-Campbell, a senior fellow of the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, is an expert on the health care sector, social security programs, and drug industry regulations. In 1981 she became a member of the President's Economic Policy Advisory Board; in 1982, a member of the National Council on the Humanities.

Rita Ricardo-Campbell is a Director of the Watkins-Johnson Company and the Gillette Company, whose Finance Committee she chairs. From 1977 through 1983 she was a member of the Advisory Council of SRI International. Other memberships include the Mont Pelerin Society, Phi Beta Kappa and the American Economic Association. In 1980, Ricardo-Campbell was chairman of President-elect Ronald Reagan's social security task force and served on his national health policy task force.

In 1971, Dr. Ricardo-Campbell was awarded a Senior Fellowship of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and in 1972, the Alumnae Achievement Award of Simmons College. At the request of the State Department she has lectured throughout Scandinavia on medical care in the U.S.; under U.S.I.A. auspices in 1983, on health policy and social security in New Zealand, Australia, Singapore and Japan. Dr. Ricardo-Campbell has given testimony before the Senate Finance, Budget and the House Ways and Means Committees. From 1967 through 1975, she held the post of California Commissioner of the Western Interstate Committee for Higher Education, and was Chairman in 1970-1971.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Rita Ricardo-Campbell received a Bachelor of Science degree from Simmons College, and Master's and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. She held teaching posts at Harvard and Tufts Universities before serving as an economist on the Wage Stabilization Board in Washington, D.C. and, subsequently, as an economist for the House Ways and Means Committee.

Rita Ricardo-Campbell's books include The Economics and Politics of Health, published in 1982 by the University of North Carolina, and Social Security: Promise and Reality, published by the Hoover Institution in 1977. Among her other writings are: Drug Lag: Federal Government Decision Making; Food Safety Regulation, and The Economics of Health and Public Policy. With her husband, Glenn Campbell, Director of the Hoover Institution, Rita Ricardo-Campbell co-authored Economics of Mobilization and War.

Dr. Ricardo-Campbell has written many articles for professional journals and newspapers, been a consultant to various companies, and given speeches to business and professional groups.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mr. Lou Cannon  
THE WASHINGTON POST  
1150 15th Street  
Washington, D.C. 20071



MICHAEL K. DEAVER

How

just to set the record  
straight —

of the 156 days you record  
RR at the Ranch — 60 were  
either legal holidays or  
week-ends. 11/10/84 cheer! Mike



THE WHITE HOUSE

Mr. Joseph Canzeri  
1522 31st Street  
Washington, D.C.



Joe

Merry Christmas and many  
thanks for all your kindness to  
me and the family and to the  
Reagans. 1984 will be a special  
year for all of us and I look forward  
to working with you to be sure it's a  
success. Cheers! Mike

12/16/83



January 10, 1984

*Concl*

*Joe  
Thanks for  
replying on  
Ernie's letter.  
RR enjoyed it.*

The Honorable  
Michael Deaver  
Assistant to the President and  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

I thought this might be of interest to  
you. Ernie is an old friend and is very  
concerned about the President getting a  
bad rap.

Sincerely,



Joseph W. Canzeri



MICHAEL K. DEAVER

*Joe  
Thanks for replying on the  
letter from Ernie Canero —  
RR got a kick out of it.*

January 10, 1984

Concl

Joe  
Shanklin for  
sending on  
Ernie's letter.  
RR enjoyed it.

The Honorable  
Michael Deaver  
Assistant to the President and  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Sincerely,



Joseph W. Canzeri

Enclosure



ERNEST CUNEO  
1600 SOUTH EADS STREET  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202

(703) 920-2211

January 5, 1984

The Honorable Joseph Canzeri  
3213 P Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Joe:

It occurs to me that I may be able to throw some light on the genesis of the Washington Post's Sunday, January 1, article headed, "Where Did Reagan Hear That One?" and subheaded, "His Medal of Honor story may be a Hollywood script" (herein enclosed).

If, as the story states, President Reagan has ordered the Air Force Historical Office to make a search, they may find the following useful:

Starting with the Munich Pact in 1938 President Roosevelt ordered the country prepared for war. The main burden of this was placed upon Louis Johnson, then Assistant Secretary of War. I, as part of the Palace Guard, was assigned the job of Roving Ghost for the Preparedness Program. Walter Winchell, now all but forgotten, had by far the largest circulation in America--some thirty million daily. Moreover, his Sunday night broadcast rated number one and reached eighty-nine out of every one hundred American adults. I spoke to him and found him eager to assist the President on the Preparedness Program. He was gung ho for arming the nation and to simplify matters, I ghosted him on national affairs.

As you know, manipulating the press is a misnomer: it's more a matter of guiding the spotlight of dramatic events which illuminate a policy. I was on the sharp lookout for these and since practically everything a President does is a news peg, we were able to create the news and ride its crest. I might add that FDR and Churchill were the greatest "surf-boarders" I ever witnessed when it came to riding the crest of the news.

This is my best recollection of the event! Walter Winchell and I were watching the ticker when a flash came over that a couple of young American pilots, aloft with a planeload of enlisted men, were lost in a terrific blizzard over Lowry Field in Colorado. Guided landing equipment, of course, was in its infancy and indeed, there was no radar at that time. The young officers, battling through the storm over the Rockies, ordered the enlisted men to jump. One enlisted man froze. The co-pilot spoke to him, then the Captain went back and spoke to him, but he would not jump. The Captain then ordered the co-pilot to jump saying he was going to



The Honorable Joseph Canzeri  
January 5, 1984  
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stay with his enlisted man. The Lieutenant declined, as I remember, and said he would ride down too. The story had a happy ending--they made it. Winchell recited the incident to the nation in breathless detail. It was a real-life cliffhanger. Darryl Zanuck called it one of the great, uniquely Twentieth Century dramas.

Knowing a dramatic story when I see one, I called Louie Johnson at once urging him to give the Captain a Congressional Medal of Honor. Louie was gung ho for that, but a Congressional Medal of Honor can only be awarded for courage over and above the call of duty in the face of an armed enemy in time of war, and we were not yet at war. Louie did come through, however, with a "happy ending," I believe, the Distinguished Flying Cross.

For days we hammered home to the nation the incident as the model of an officer's devotion to his men, a tradition unbroken from the days of the Continental Army. We called upon the American people to live up to their traditions, to witness that the traditions of our civilian army were still intact, as demonstrated by the heroism of the pilot who stayed with his enlisted man, with the admonition that the American people should prepare for the coming ordeal.

As a young man in Hollywood, President Reagan could not have missed our "Yankee Doodle" drumfire. Subsequently, the incident did appear, in various versions, in the movies; for once, art followed life!

Thus, if I am correct, the President is correct. I am absolutely certain of my basic facts. A medal, second only to that of the Congressional Medal of Honor, did issue. Thus, more appears to be wrong with the research of the press than with the memory of President Reagan. Perhaps the researchers missed it because there was no Air Force at that time. The Air Corps was part of the Army and hence, the incident might be recorded in the records of the Army, not the Air Force.

However, whether or not the decoration was recorded, I am absolutely certain of the facts.

Sincerely,



Ernest L. Cuneo



## INSIGHT

# Where Did Reagan Hear That One?

## His Medal of Honor story may be a Hollywood script

By Lars-Erik Nelson

A NEW YORK Daily News reader in Brooklyn may have the source of a World War II anecdote President Reagan told a group of Congressional Medal of Honor winners in New York a couple of weeks ago. At the time, efforts to check out the anecdote failed — it didn't seem truthful.

In Reagan's version, a B-17 bomber was returning to its base in England after a raid over Nazi-occupied Europe. It had been hit by anti-aircraft fire and the ball-turret gunner had been wounded. The crew parachuted out, but as the pilot was about to jump, the young gunner cried out in fear. The pilot sat down beside him, took his hand and said, "Never mind, son. We'll ride it down together."

Then Reagan added, "Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously awarded." It is a story he has repeated throughout his political career. He insists he read the medal citation while he was serving with an air corps unit in Hollywood during the war.

In fact, no Medal of Honor was awarded for an incident like the one Reagan described. Each of the 434 awards made during World War II is accompanied by a citation that describes the precise circumstances and reasons for the award. Reagan's anecdote is not among them. The White House has vowed to substantiate the president's story, even if it takes months, and has ordered the Air Force Historical Office to make a search, thus far fruitless, to document the yarn.

Now, thanks to Dominic Antonucci, a disabled World War II veteran, documentation may be at hand. But the incident did not occur aboard an Army Air Corps bomber. It took place in a Navy TBF — a torpedo bomber with a three-man crew.

Also, it did not happen over the English Channel. It happened in the



Dana Andrews as a film World War II pilot.

gunner who was wounded, but a radio operator.

The gunner, known only as Tommy, reported that the radioman had been hit. The gunner then bailed out. The pilot, Ensign Hans Jacobson, asked the radioman if he was hurt. The radioman, known only as Mike, replied through an intercom, "It's my legs, sir."

Jacobson asked: "Can you move them? Mike, can you move your legs?"

Mike: "Uh-uh. We're burning back here. You'd better bail out, sir."

Jacobson: "I haven't got the altitude, Mike. We'll take this ride together."

This is Reagan's quotation, almost exactly.

As Jacobson and Mike plunged toward death in the Pacific, Dana Andrews yelled at them from another plane, "Jacobson, join up. Join up. Do you hear me?"

"I saw this movie when I served on the aircraft carrier USS Wasp during World War II in 1944, and we laughed at its corniness," Antonucci writes.

Could this be the incident that Reagan has confused with his Medal of Honor story? The White House is extremely interested. "Who did you say wrote the screenplay?" a White House researcher asked.

In fairness, "Wing and a Prayer" went to great lengths to mix genuine combat film in with its sound-stage theatrics — to the point that one reviewer noted that it was nearly impossible to detect where the combat film ended and Hollywood took over. In addition, a dozen Medals of Honor were awarded to pilots killed while fighting to land their planes rather than bail out and abandon wounded crewmen.

Also adding to the confusion, Dana



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MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Reverend Carey

many thanks for your  
very kind letter.

I'm not sure I deserve the  
attention but am flattered that  
you took the time to write.

Sincerely, Mike



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23 August 1984

Dear Mr. Deaver:

Please excuse an unsolicited letter, but this morning I read the Time article about your White House function, and the account interested me enough to want to write.

As an American studying ethics and theology at Oxford, my knowledge of United States politics has not been terribly current, my reading much more abstract materials in good scholastic tradition. Yet the critical article about your function brought a number of classical ethical terms to light, making me feel much more contemporary in the process of applying them to your work with the president and his wife.

In other words, your direct concern with prudence and all of its concomitant concepts — eubulia, synesis, and gnome — which basically refer to the task of right counseling in precise ways, has just as much relevance as in the days of Aristotle. The trouble is moral theory is not studied the way it used to be, although your White House role seems to possess almost jesuitical importance. This means that what might be interpreted as cunning intuition on your part actually has a long, distinguished tradition — however expressed.

Thus please know that one moral theologian will now be more attentive to your presence in government; for you have become an excellent subject for study. Indeed, it will be a pleasure to shift gears occasionally from theoretical pursuits!

Incidentally, you might consider in the coming presidential years, should a trip to England be planned, of having the president offer to debate in the very old Oxford Union Society. I believe it would be a perfect forum for his style, would provide a perfect setting for his sense of decorum, both in terms of the setting and the very old tradition of English debating, and would present him to a distinct English audience in the way of Oxford. Considering everyone from Sir Winston Churchill to Lord MacMillan have debated here, it might be an idea worth considering in the future.

This letter, however, was not to do business; merely intended to convey appreciation for your style from an academic viewpoint, which I hope has been accomplished.

Yours sincerely,

*Jonathan Sinclair*  
Rev. Jonathan Sinclair Carey

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MICHAEL K. DEAVER

Gerry

Thanks for your good note  
and your continued service to  
the President. I know you'll do  
a great job with this new challenge  
too!

Sincerely, Mike



Administrator

*note*

February 29, 1984

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
Deputy Chief of Staff and  
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The White House  
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Dear Mike:

Today is my last day at GSA. I just wanted to thank you for the support and working relationship that we have had.

While I have appreciated that help and support, it is the friendship which I will carry with me always. Let's try to stay in touch.

If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

GERALD P. CARMEN  
Administrator

*Thank for help  
to make it all  
possible*

General Services Administration Washington, DC 20405

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a great job with this new challenge  
too!  
Sincerely, Mike*