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Name of Correspondent: ~~Peter J. Wallizer~~

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- Y - Study

# THE RONALD REAGAN PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION

On February 27, 1985, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation was created to fund the design, construction, endowment, and supervision of a Presidential Library and a Center for Public Affairs and to develop and maintain other activities related to the study of the Presidency and public affairs.

The Reagan Presidential Library will be the ninth library in the Presidential Library system. The practice, begun by President Franklin D. Roosevelt with the dedication of his library in 1940, preserves all documents of the President, provides public access to Presidential records in a single facility meeting the highest professional standards, and enhances research opportunities for scholars and students through the generosity of private philanthropy.

The Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs will encourage and facilitate the advanced study of public affairs in the United States, focusing on the major national and international policy issues this country will face in the years ahead. To support this program, the Foundation seeks to build and operate the finest research center in the world.

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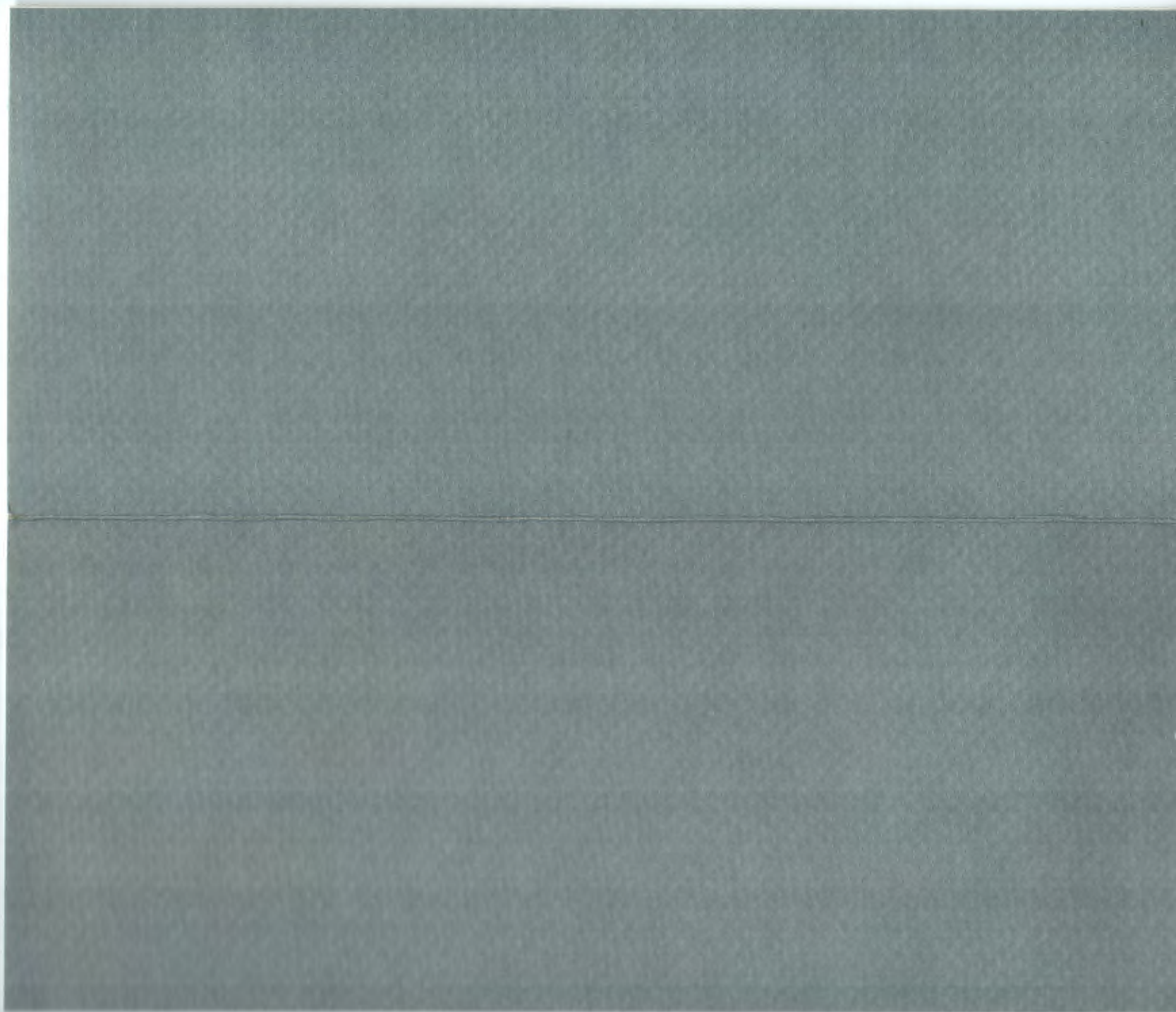
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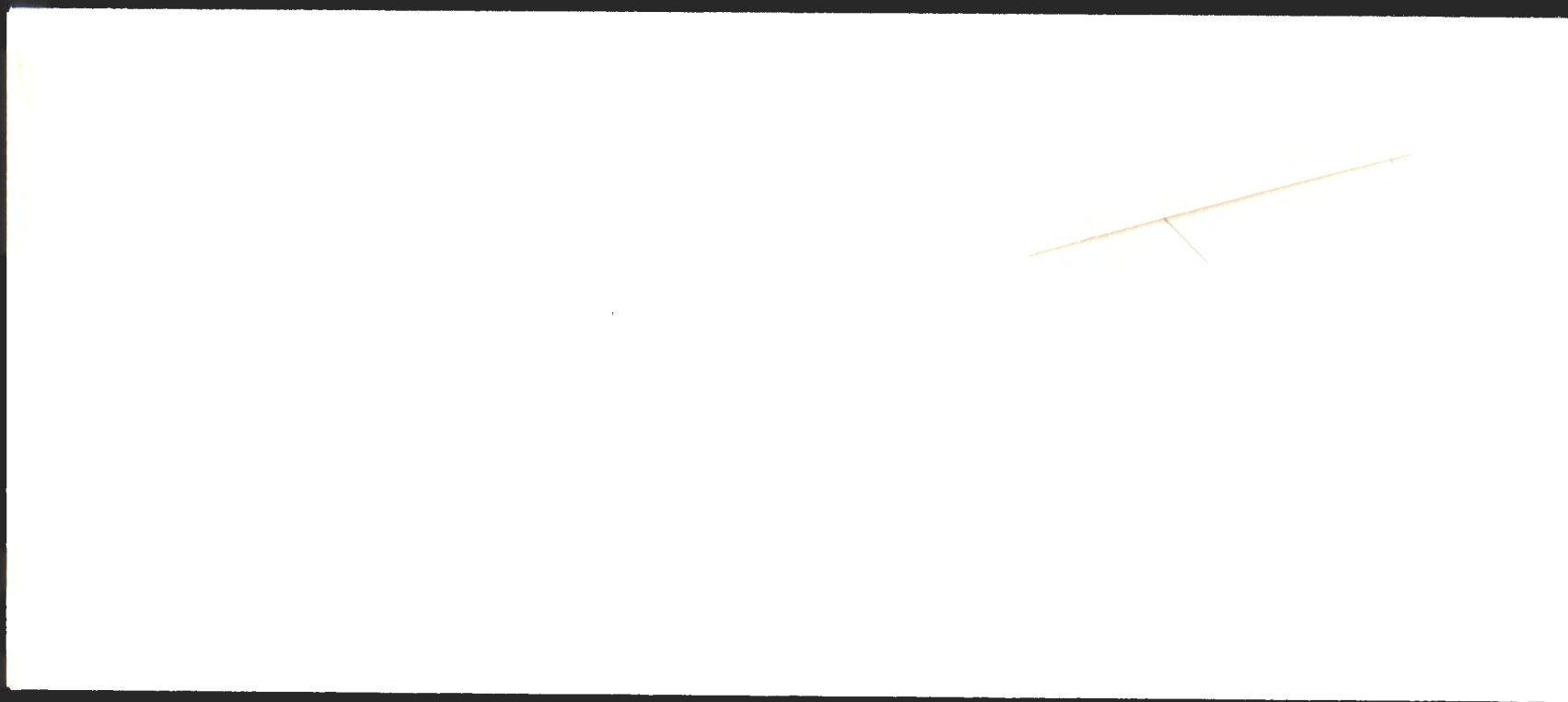


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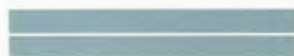
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The Proposed

Ronald Reagan Presidential Library  
to be constructed on the grounds of  
Stanford University, California





## The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

When President Ronald Reagan concludes his second term, his Presidential papers will be shipped to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library which will become a preeminent resource for scholarly research.

The Boards of Trustees of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Stanford University have chosen a twenty-acre hillside site on the Stanford campus with views of the San Francisco Bay and the coastal mountain range. The building is expected to project a Western ambiance with extensive use of redwood, Spanish tile, adobe tile, functional patios, roof overhangs, frequent and easy access to the outdoors and the sound of moving water. Once constructed by the Foundation, the Library will be turned over to the Federal government for maintenance and operation.

The interior will accommodate the unprecedented volume of Presidential documents while providing easy access for researchers as well as meeting their functional needs. The Library will contain extensive archives (an estimated 60,000 linear feet) of the nation's first full two-term Presidency in nearly 30 years, including the personal and White House papers of the President and his associates, as well as photographs, motion pictures, sound and video tapes. An exhibition area will provide a vivid educational experience for both students and the general public by showing the formulation of public policy, the operation of government, and the record of the Reagan Presidency. Additional library programs will include documentary publications and an oral history project.

The Library will require extensive storage space to protect thousands of documents from deterioration and theft. State-of-the-art audio-visual and computer equipment will facilitate access to and use of the historic material.

Reading rooms, conference and seminar rooms, and an auditorium for films and scholarly lectures will be necessary in addition to basic facilities and amenities found in other research libraries and public buildings.

President Reagan's association with Stanford University dates from 1975, when he placed his gubernatorial papers at the Hoover Institution. He has continued to deposit his non-Presidential papers there and is also an Honorary Fellow of the Institution.

## The Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs

President Reagan's distinguished public career has been devoted to achieving and maintaining peace and economic prosperity while protecting and expanding our individual liberties. The Center for Public Affairs will facilitate advanced study in these areas and provide the resources for objective research and analysis upon which sound public policy must be based.

The Center will sponsor small conferences enabling the world's leading experts to meet heads of state and other distinguished leaders in order to discuss and analyze the most important public affairs issues of the time. Residential units for key conference participants will create a congenial setting for the exchange of ideas.

A group of visiting fellows, for whom the Center will provide residential units as well as offices and research support, will constitute the major portion of the research effort. The visiting fellows, appointed for specific terms, are expected to come from colleges and universities, other research institutions, government, the media, business, and the professions. Interacting in a scholarly, interdisciplinary environment, they will pursue independent inquiries and publish works on public policy issues.

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation is actively seeking a site for the Center in the San Francisco Peninsula area near the Reagan Presidential Library. The Center will consist of a state-of-the-art conference facility with audio-visual and computer capabilities, simultaneous translation equipment and television and recording studios. Seminar rooms, meeting rooms and a small auditorium will be available to meet the Center's conference requirements. Offices for the staff and resident scholars of the Center, as well as a small library, will be included.

Through the activities of its fellows and conference program, the Center will attract worldwide attention and make a substantial contribution to the nation's continued prosperity and to the preservation of its freedom.



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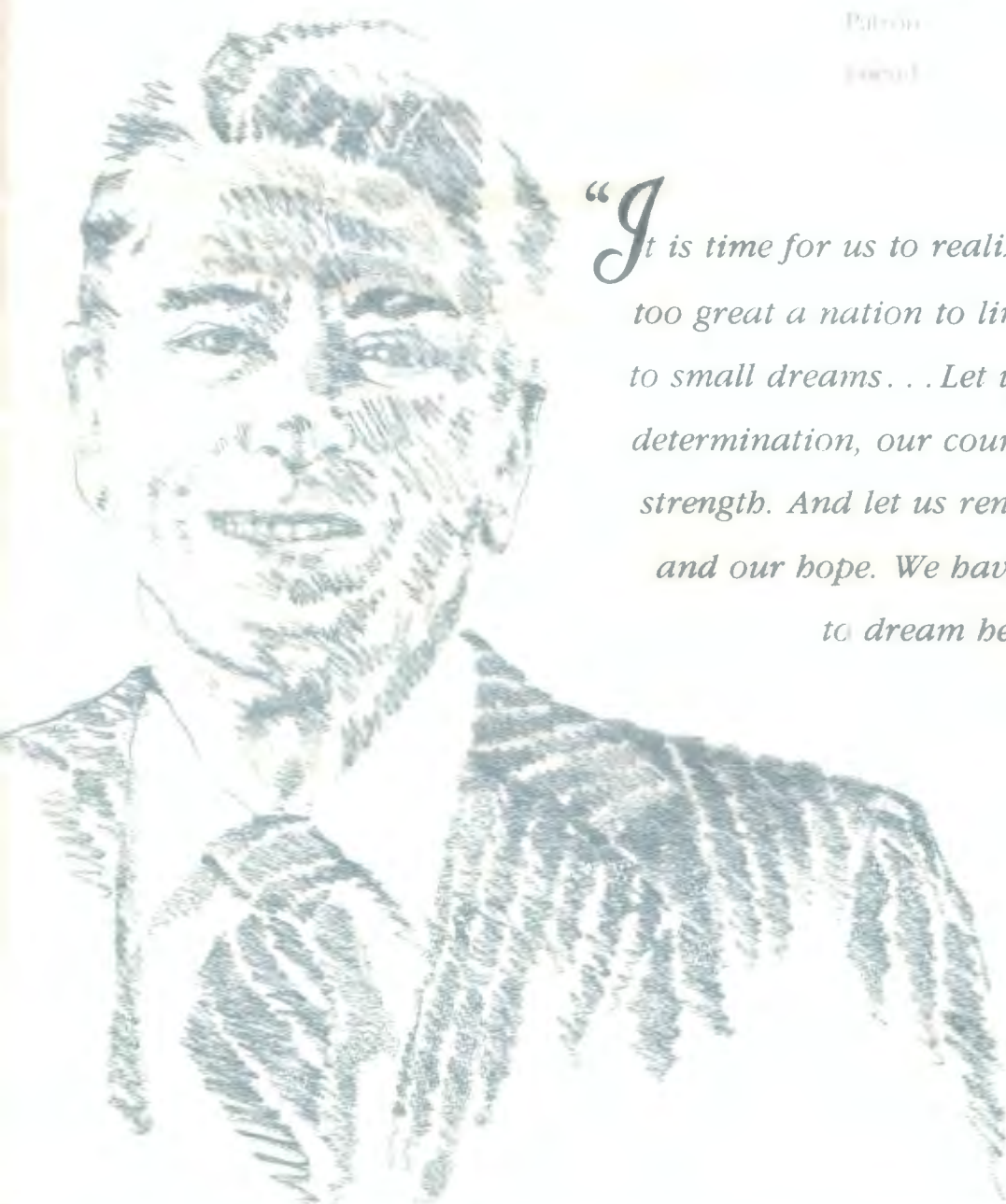


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To accomplish this, the Foundation provides several ways supporters can endorse their donations for the President. The Foundation will recognize every contributor—individuals, corporations and foundations by naming specific areas of the facilities after the donor.

Other donors will be listed on prominently displayed plaques at both the Presidential Library and the Center for Public Affairs according to the following categories:

President's Circle	\$100,000+
Founder	\$75,000+
Benefactor	\$50,000+
Patron	\$25,000+
Friend	\$10,000+



*“It is time for us to realize that we’re too great a nation to limit ourselves to small dreams. . . Let us renew our determination, our courage and our strength. And let us renew our faith and our hope. We have every right to dream heroic dreams.”*

Ronald Wilson Reagan  
January 20, 1981  
Inaugural Address



It is time for us to reach that far  
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Benefactor	\$ 50,000
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# The Ronald Reagan Presidential Library

## The Development Fund

The Foundation is seeking \$30 million to construct and furnish the Presidential Library, planned to be 115,000 square feet. Stanford University is providing the land for the Library (20 acres estimated to be worth \$15 million). Major building gifts will be recognized on appropriate plaques naming specific areas of the building.

Exhibition Pavilion will serve the Library's exhibit program. Original Presidential documents, photographs, and videotapes will show how government policy is formulated and document the themes and events of the Reagan Presidency.

Presidential Suite will include a working office with space for support staff.

Executive Auditorium will be used for educational films, public programs, conferences and symposia.

First Lady's Theater will be available for films introducing visitors to the Presidential exhibits.

Administrative Suite will include offices for the Library Director and support staff.

Scholars' Research Reading Room will be open to all visiting researchers for study of the President's papers.

Seminar Rooms will be available to university faculty and students in order to hold classes and study group sessions at the Library and make the fullest possible use of the Presidential papers.

Multi-purpose Conference Rooms will provide flexible space for use during conferences, social gatherings, luncheons and meetings.

Executive Dining Room will be used for hosting distinguished visitors.

## The Endowment Fund

An endowment, supporting certain Presidential Library projects, will offer additional opportunities for recognizing major gifts.

Special Programs of the Presidential Library are not funded by the government. Gift opportunities may include named endowment funds for grants-in-aid to scholars, prizes for publications based on the papers, publication grants, conferences, and exhibitions.

# The Ronald Reagan Center for Public Affairs

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## The Development Fund

**T**he Foundation is seeking over \$30 million to construct and furnish the Center for Public Affairs which is planned to be 145,000 square feet. Major building gifts will be recognized on appropriate plaques naming specific areas of the facility after donors.

Heads of State Suites will be made available as residential suites to heads of state.

Guest Living Quarters will be offered to distinguished guests as temporary lodging.

Fellows Residences will be offered to Visiting Fellows who need long-term living accommodations.

Executive Office Suites will include areas for a small staff and conference room.

Administrative Suite will include offices for the Director of the Center and staff, and a conference room.

Guest Offices will be available to visiting heads of state and distinguished guests.

Fellows Pavilion will contain clusters of individual offices for a distinguished group of Resident and Visiting Fellows who will constitute the major thrust of the Center's research program.

Center Dining Room will be used by the Director, Fellows, and participants in programs of the Center. It will be appropriately appointed for hosting distinguished visitors.

Center Library will house books, periodicals and newspapers for public policy research.

Center Meeting Room will be the principal meeting area.

Multi-media and Communications Center will house state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment, including television and communications via satellite, a motion picture and video projection facility, a simultaneous translation capability, and computer services with network linkages.

Seminar Rooms will be used by Fellows, visiting scholars and other guests.

Senior Commons Lounge will be an informal area for impromptu discussion and communication among the Fellows.

## The Endowment Fund

**A**n endowment, supporting the programs of the Center for Public Affairs, will offer additional opportunities for recognizing major gifts.

Endowed Chairs will be established at the Center.

The Center will award fellowships to individuals for various periods of residence from a few months to a year or more.

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The Foundation invites the general public to participate in the project. Both facilities will be built with private funds contributed by thousands of individuals and organizations from across the country and around the world.

The greatest assistance and flexibility to the Foundation in pursuing its goals are gifts of:

- Cash
- Stocks and Bonds

Other types of useful gifts include:

- Bequests, which provide estate tax advantages for the donor and are valuable tools in building an endowment.
- Multi-year gifts pledged for periods from three to five years, which produce immediate impact as well as continuing support for the program.
- Deferred Giving Programs, which provide immediate tax benefits to donors without loss of income capital and are also valuable in building an endowment.
- Computers, audio-visual equipment, and art works would be helpful to both the Library and the Center.

For those donors who, in addition to their personal gift, would like to participate actively in the creation of the Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs, the Foundation will provide assistance in scheduling luncheons or receptions to let others know about its mission.

*On a hillside overlooking Stanford University  
will rise the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.*

*It is no monument, because this is a  
man who would never want one.*

*It will be a home to ideas. . . a hearth to  
keep aflame the prairie fire that gave  
passion to Ronald Reagan's life.*





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- Multi-year gift pledged for period of three years or more - other period
  - One-time gift pledged for period of one year or more - other period
  - Monthly Giving Programs which provide immediate and consistent support
  - Corporate and personal equipment and services which would be used in building
- Both the Library and the Center

For those donors who, in addition to their personal gift, would like to participate actively in the creation of the Presidential Library and Center for the Study of the Presidency, the Foundation will provide assistance in selection







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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1986

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Peter Wallison:

Please note Bill Thompson's incoming letter  
and notes between Charley Shepherd and me,  
and advise your thoughts.

Thanks.

Kathy Osborne

1986 JUL 15 11 41 AM '86



1986 JUL 17 AM 10:34

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: *Chauncy*

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: 7-16-86

*FYI and return*

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

7/16/86

Kathy:

The attached letter from Thompson seems to present a golden opportunity -- the second paragraph on p. 2 (is that your arrow?) I believe that you should send him a letter (draft attached) and that someone -- you or the President -- ought to get in touch with Dan Terra and let him know the score. I am sure that Thompson has indicated RR approval of his schemes in some way.

Since he also indicated he would expect to hear from you, the attached would not seem out of place.

If Bill Thompson continues on with his "country museum" scheme, this will evolve into years of fund raising, etc., all of which he will try to involve the President.

What think ye?

charley

SUGGESTED DRAFT TO RESPOND TO 7/12/86 BILL THOMPSON LETTER:

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of July 12 to President Reagan. The President appreciates the photographs you sent and he has asked me to convey his best wishes to you ~~and~~ Mrs. Thompson.

Although the President appreciates your enthusiasm for planning a "Reagan Country Museum," we hope you will understand that he is committed to the official entity for establishing Reagan historical projects in Dixon, the (REAGAN FOUNDATION? SORRY, I'VE FORGOTTEN THE NAME!) Therefore, it would not be possible, or appropriate, for the President to be involved with a competing effort in the same town. We hope you understand.

(This para is optional -- you may just want to ignore his request)  
In response to your request to send further items for the President's signature, I must refer you to the Counsel's letter to you of \_\_\_\_\_.  
His decision that further items should not be signed still stands.

With best wishes,

S/KO

(Kathy: the above may seem a little rough on BT, but, the guy just doesn't seem to get the message. I believe that it may be important for your sake, and the President's, to have a copy of this letter in your files to prove in the future that RR did not encourage Thompson and the "Reagan Country Museum." kcs)

P.S. If you do send it, I would bcc Counsel.)



"Reagan's Roots"  
in Dixon ~

To Jean & Bill - With appreciation &  
Warm regard  
Ronald Reagan

From the desk of Jean and Bill Thompson  
517 Brinton Ave - Dixon, Ill.  
61021

July 12, 1986

Dear Dutch:

Just a ~~quick~~ long note to say hello.

Well, another of our good friends from days gone by has passed away.

Jean and I were away for a week, knocking around one of your old stomping grounds - Des Moines, and didn't know about Light's passing until we returned on Wednesday - the day after his Memorial Service. Jean called Juanita to talk to her, and she said he just slept away sitting in a chair. She said someone from down there had called the White House to let you know.

I thought maybe you would like to see his obituary, and am enclosing a copy.

I hadn't seen Light for a couple months - but talked to him on the phone a week or so ago - he had just had lens implants, and seemed okay. We had planned to get together soon.

I guess it is a good way to go & in Light's case, a blessing, as I'm sure he wouldn't want to be bedridden, he was always too active.

Not many of us left out of the old gang of River Rats at Lowell Park.

Hang in there Dutch - the country needs you!

Dutch - as I have mentioned I think before, Jean and I are working towards the establishing of a Reagan Country Museum here in Dixon, for Ronald Reagan memorabilia over the years to be displayed for posterity, and have the idea that your old grade school, South Central, (the only building left standing where you attended school) would be ideal & make a wonderful museum.

I have talked to the Supt. of Schools & the President of the School Board, and filled them in on what I would like to do. Jean and I have also talked to Ambassador Dan Terra a couple times regarding this project, and he has promised to visit Jean and I, and look over the school to study its possibilities. He thinks it's a great idea & told us that the school must stay as it is & not be destroyed.

→ Is there any reason why you would object to the idea of using the school as a Reagan Country Museum? If there is, please let me know, before I go too far on this project.

This proposed museum would be a place for people in the Rock River Valley to donate for display, area memorabilia encompassing things out of the past - historical items, vintage clothes, hats, accessories and periodicals from the 1800's to date, etc. (Jean has a wonderful collection I'm sure she would be happy to donate.

I'm sure there are a lot of your Dixon friends who have Reagan memorabilia they would love to donate or loan for such an exhibit in a museum. It also could house things from Charles Walgreen, Lovella Parsons, John Deere etc. Great place for area historical items as an extension of the Presidential Exhibit at the Dixon Library.

My idea for the future would be a complete historic site & historic walk, beginning with the Reagan Boyhood Home, visitors center etc., to the South Central School (Reagan Country Museum), to the First Christian Church, where you and Nelle attended, taught Sunday School etc, *and also to include the Pres. Memorabilia exhibit in the library.*

I would really like to know your feelings on this. Jean and I are scouring the country, trying to find all the old Reagan memorabilia - movie photos - advertising etc. over the years, to place in the museum. This is what we were doing in Davenport & DesMoines. Had pretty good luck - found some old <sup>1st</sup> Kentucky Club tobacco cans, Chesterfield cigarette ads, movie ads for Desperate Journey, King's Row, Night Into Night, etc. etc. Having lots of fun! Would you believe some of these old movie ads & cigarette ads out of magazines are selling for \$18.00 - \$25.00 each!

As I mentioned before, I am also collecting Time magazine covers over the past 40 years, contemporaries, dignitaries, prominent figures, friends of yours etc.; sending them to the person to be autographed & returned for framing to hang in our future Reagan Country Museum as an historical part of the exhibit.

I have received over 100 signed, including Man of the Year Covers - all three living <sup>former</sup> Presidents, Tip O'Neil, Warren Burger, Ted Kennedy, Al Haig, Governor Wallace, Bob Hope, Astronauts, Sports figures, movie stars etc. etc. This is great fun & very interesting, and will make a wonderful exhibit when it is completed, and we have 200 or more to display.

As I mentioned in my last note, I still have a few Time covers, First Monday covers & photos of you with movie friends that have been signed by them, and I would like to send these to you for autographing, so I can complete that part of the collection, have them framed and ready for the museum exhibit.

I know you are busy, so if you will just have Kathy let me know when it would be convenient to send these items for your signature, then you can do it at your leisure some weekend at Camp David.

Vice President Bush is doing some for me at present, too.

I am sorry to have made this short note a volume, but I got carried away when I started writing about the proposed Reagan Country Museum. Jean and I will be meeting with Dan Terra on the 10th of August at a reception in Evanston, and will fill him in on our activities at that time, and he may talk to you regarding the museum at a future date.

Dutch - take care of yourself. Good luck on your tax and budget proposals. Stick to your guns!

Jean joins me in sending our love, and best wishes to both you and Nancy. Let us hear from you when you have time.

With Fond Regards,

*Bill and Jean*

*Ps ~ Have enclosed some pictures I thought would be of interest to you - old times + old friends of yours.*

## Obituaries

### **Dwight Thompson**

PRINCETON — Dwight K. Thompson, Sr., 74, Route 2, died Saturday, July 5, in his home after a short illness. He owned and operated Mystic Metal Movers, Inc. for many years.

He was born April 16, 1912 in Chicago to Willard A. and Hazel (Crowfoot) Thompson. He was married to Juamita VanMetre May 9, 1943 in Dixon.

He was a member of Princeton Masonic Lodge AF&AM 587, Order of the Eastern Star Ruth Chapter, Mohammed Temple of Peoria, United Sidecar Association, St. John's Alumni Association, graduate of St. John's Military Academy and served with the CBS during World War II.

He was preceded in death by one brother.

Survivors include his wife of Princeton; sons, Kent and Rick, both of Princeton and Todd of Lawrence, Kan.; daughter, Robin Ambrosen of Goshen, Ind., 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be 7 p.m. Tuesday in the family home, on Route 2. The body was cremated. Arrangements were completed by Norberg Memorial Home.

Memorials have been established to the Elks Crippled Children Fund or the Shriners Childrens' hospitals.

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