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May 29, 1987

Dear Reverend Davis:

Your letter dated May 5, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located on the campus of Eureka College--the President's alma mater in Eureka, Illinois--has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

The Rev. Wayne H. Davis Morrison Presbyterian Church 126 Bates Branch Road Franklin, North Carolina 28734

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY B. STEPHENS

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT:

Correspondence Suggesting Ronald Reagan

Presidential Library be Located at

Eureka College

As requested, the attached letter is for your signature. Please note that we are providing a copy of the incoming correspondence and your response to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

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Morrison Presbyterian Church

ROUTE 2 · BOX 987 (OLD 23-441 SOUTH) · FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA 28734 (Mailing address: 126 Bates Branch Road)

May 5, 1987

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have just read that Stanford University is not certain it will accept your "Presidential Library". If it does not, then please very seriously and sincerely consider this:

You have a wonderful alma mater: EUREKA COLLEGE! What greater honor and service could you do than to designate its small but lovely campus to be the home of "The Reagan Presidential Library"! This would be a great boon, and boost, to Eureka College; it would bring literally hundreds of thousands of visitors and scholars to Eureka, and would enhance the college's standing among the better institutions of higher education. Easy access is no problem whatsoever -- what with being centrally located nationally, and not too distant from Chicago!

I have visited your alma mater -- many years ago when I was being considered for a position as field representative. I could have had the position, but at that time Eureka was pioneering the "single subject" curriculum and I just wasn't sold on that concept. As you know, Eureka later abandoned it in favor of a return to the time-tested format.

Mr. President, please: DECIDE IN FAVOR OF YOUR ALMA MATER!

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

Mayne D. Davis
THE REV. WAYNE H. DAVIS

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

Your letter dated April 27, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Des Moines, Iowa, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. George L. Hamlin 7357 Hopkins Way Clarksville, Maryland 21029

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

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7357 Hopkins Way Clarksville Md 21029 27 April 1987

President Ronald W. Reagan The White House Washington, D.C. 20500 502501 Cu

Dear Mr. President,

Who knows! This letter might beat the astronomical odds and actually reach you.

I have been following the business out in Southern California, culminating in the decision late last week, wherein the resident liberals keep resisting any proposal put to them concerning the Reagan Library and public affairs center. I can predict the same resistance to any site proposed in Southern California. We don't need this.

How about reconsidering the matter and putting the complex where it should have been planned all along? The best location would, first, serve history and second, help tourism where it could do some good (as opposed to Los Angeles, which doesn't need it). Third, it would help to create a sort of library centroid, with Eisenhower's, Truman's and Hoover's within serious travel range--perhaps even Ford's--for the researcher. It might even promote good will where we could use some more.

That location is Des Moines.

Sincerely,

GEORGE L. HAMLIN ex-WHO, Voice of the Middle West

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your recent letter, addressed to the White House, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Danville, Illinois, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. Harlan Smith C. H. Smith Insurance Agency, Inc. 915 E. Main Street Danville, Illinois 61832

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

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915 E. Main St. - Danville, Illinois 61832

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To: The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Re: Location of Reagan Library in Danville, Ill.

It is believed Danville would be an excellent location for the Reagan Library and heartily recommend this location.

Much of the roots of Reagan originated in the Mid West of which Illinois is certainly a part.

Consider Danville, Illinois! -

Harlan Smith



Invitation from the Heartland

I think the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library should be located in Danville.

There's some background to this, of course. It has nothing to do with partisan politics or the kind of voting support people here have given the president. After all, he obviously has received plenty of voting support from plenty of towns and states.

My idea comes from my recent visit to Washington, D.C. I was there for about three days working in the USA TODAY building. I spent most of two days on the 17th floor reading 316 contest entries in the monthly Gannett news competition.

My arrival — the first-ever to the capital — came late at night at National Airport. The pilot advised us that we would pass near the Pentagon, but I was on the wrong side of the plane. What I did see, though, was inspiring to me. My college degree is in history and I have spent my lifetime in news, much of it oriented toward events in the capital.

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The morning after arrival, I get to the office where I'll spend a lot of time. The view in daylight from that floor is also impressive. There it is again, the Washington Monument and the Capitol Dome and Lincoln and Jefferson.

Our building is on the banks of the Potomac in Arlington. A tour of the building allows a view of the arched bridge over the river into Arlington National Cemetery. Images of the John Kennedy funeral and the Eternal Flame swim to the surface.

On my final morning in Washington, I get to the office early and visit some of my colleagues at Gannett News Service. A cup of warm coffee brightens the morning as I read that day's USA TODAY.

A little item from California catches my eye. Stanford University faculty members don't want the Reagan presidential library located there, so a different site in southern California will be sought.

It's incredible that such academic narrowness could occur. I can't believe they wouldn't embrace such a chance.

Well, Ronald Reagan's Presidential Library would be welcome in Danville. There's even

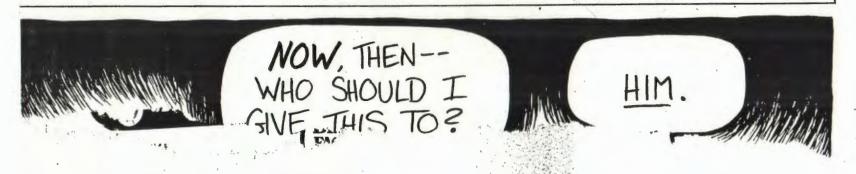


Chuck Carpenter

C-N Managing Editor

some logic to such a decision. He is a native son, went to college in Illinois and draws many of his feelings about our government from Abraham Lincoln, who walked the streets of Danville.

What better place than here, the Heartland of America, to leave a presidential legacy. I think the people of Danville should let the president know that we would welcome the library here. I would think just clipping this column and sending a note to The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500 would do.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1987

Dear Mr. Richter:

Your letter dated May 8, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located on the campus of Palomar Community College in San Marcos, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

OPIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. Paul J. Richter 835 Del Rio Avenue Leucadia, California 92024

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

PAUL J. RICHTER 835 DEL RIO AVE. LEUCADIA, CA. 92024 (619) 436-7787

8 May 1987

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My Dear Mr. President,

I am a student at Palomai Community
College in Ian Marcos, Palifornia and I
would be thicked if you would consider
this school as a site for your library.
Curently, I'm working on a formal
proposal explaining the benefits of locating
The Reagan Presidential Library here.

My petition is that you would refrein from selecting a site until you recieve my correspondence.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely, Paul J. Richter

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1987

Dear Mrs. Gulley:

Your letter dated May 6, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Illinois, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

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Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mrs. Ralph Gulley R.R. #2, Box 38 Veedersburg, Indiana 47987

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

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Weedersburg, Indiana
R.R#2 Box 38
5/6/1987

The White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagam..

The midwest would love to have the presidential library inour part of the country. We hope some consideration will be given to placing it in Illinois as that was your home. It would be a great honor.

Sincerely yours mrs Ralph Hulley

Invitation from the Heartland

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The morning after arrival, I get to the office where I'll spend a lot of time. The view in daylight from that floor is also impressive. There it is again, the Washington Monument and the Capitol Dome and Lincoln and Jefferson.

Our building is on the banks of the Potomac in Arlington. A tour of the building allows a view of the arched bridge over the river into Arlington National Cemetery. Images of the John Kennedy funeral and the Eternal Flame swim to the surface.

On my final morning in Washington, I get to the office early and visit some of my colleagues at Gannett News Service. A cup of warm coffee brightens the morning as I read that day's USA TODAY.

A little item from California catches my eye. Stanford University faculty members don't want the Reagan presidential library located there, so a different site in southern California will be sought.

It's incredible that such academic narrowness could occur. I can't believe they wouldn't embrace such a chance.

Well, Ronald Reagan's Presidential Library would be welcome in Danville. There's even



Chuck Carpenter

C-N Managing Editor

some logic to such a decision. He is a native son, went to college in Illinois and draws many of his feelings about our government from Abraham Lincoln, who walked the streets of Danville.

What better place than here, the Heartland of America, to leave a presidential legacy. I think the people of Danville should let the president know that we would welcome the library here. I would think just clipping this column and sending a note to The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500 would do.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Decker:

Your letter dated May 22, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Davenport, Iowa, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

Mr. Donald Decker President Rejuvenate Davenport P. O. Box 4333 Davenport, Iowa 52808

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR JAY B. STEPHENS

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT: Requests to Locate Presidential Library in

Davenport, Iowa and Riverside County, California

As requested, the attached letters are for your signature. This is additional correspondence on this subject. As in our previous responses, we are providing the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation a copy of each letter and its response.

P.O. Box 4333

Davenport, IA 52808

May 22, 1987

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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I understand that you have begun the selection process for location of the Reagan Library. Rejuvenate Davenport would like to request that Davenport, Iowa be included on the list of cities being considered.

Not only did you begin you broadcasting career at WOC in Davenport, but we also share a reasonable proximity with your home town of Dixon. In addition, we feel the banks of the mighty Mississippi would lend a scenic backdrop to your Library.

If your exploratory committee could contact our Board of Directors, we would be more than happy to explore specific building sites. Several possible sites have already been identified.

Locating the Reagan Library in Iowa would be a tremendous boost for the entire state. Any consideration we may be given is appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Darke

Donald Decker

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Enclosure

Libraries can't find homes

Backers seek new sites for Reagan, Nixon papers

QUAD-CITY TIMES wire service

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — It's one frustration after another these days for boosters trying to locate two new presidential libraries in California.

First, the planned Ronald Reagan library had to abandon its proposed site on the Stanford University campus south of San Francisco when environmental activists and liberal faculty members combined to force drastic cutbacks in the design.

And now, four years after officials of the planned Richard Nixon library chose an ocean-view location in this seaside town to which Nixon retreated after his resignation, land-use questions are raising serious doubts that ground will ever be broken at that site.

Development of the Nixon library is stalled because city and state officials want more public open space included in a 253-acre commercial and residential development that's slated to surround the library.

City officials say the project also would violate planning guidelines by chopping 40 feet from the height of existing 100-foot oceanfront cliffs and filling in three small canyons.

And analysts for the California Coastal Com-







President Reagan

mission, which has veto power over all construction on the state's beachfront, say the project runs counter to longstanding policies aimed at preserving canyons and coastal bluffs

"I think we'd have a major problem with the overall project, even though there's no problem with the library itself," said analyst Chris Kroll.

As a result, the library may move. Backer didn't say where to, but Nixon's childhood home of Whittier and the nearby college town of Irvine both competed for the library in the early '80s.

The planned Reagan library also has had no problem finding donors, but plenty of site selection troubles.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 5, 1987

Dear Mr. Pyron:

Your letter dated May 3, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Riverside County, California, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Thank you for your kind words of support for the President. Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY J.B.S.

Jay B. Stephens
Deputy Counsel to the President

Mr. W. Ferne Pyron 1109 Avenida del Corto Fullerton, California 92633

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

W. FERNE PYRON 1109 Avenida del Corto, Fullerton, California 92633

May 3rd, 1987

President Ronald Reagan The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

I have been reading about the search for an appropriate site for the Reagan Library and am wondering whether a property owned by our family might provide a suitable location.

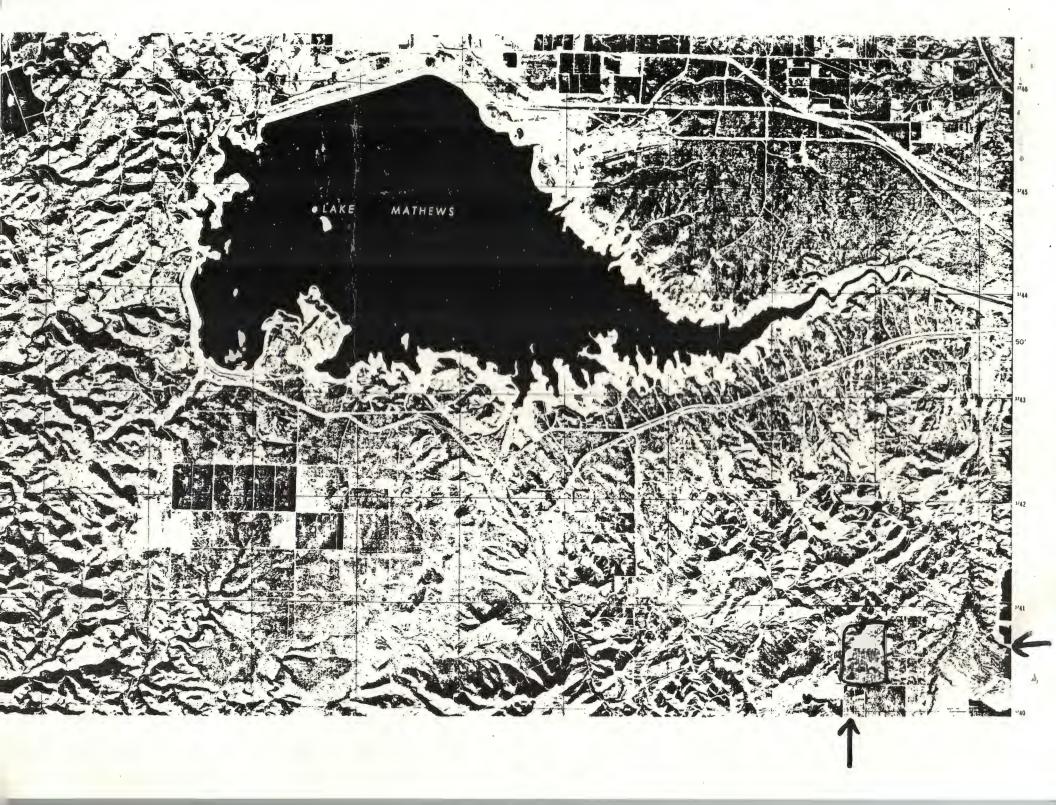
The property is located in Riverside County, some 50 miles east of Los Angeles, and the view to the north overlooks Lake Mathews. The total property is 69.5 acres, but the southern portions are planted in oranges and avocados. The northern portion is in its natural state and could provide a suitable location for the library complex. I enclose some maps of the area and a photograph taken from where the library could be located.

I would be grateful if you would pass this on to the appropriate individuals.

With kindest regards and our continued support for you in the excellent job you are doing as President.

Sincerely,

W. Ferne Pyron





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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 24, 1987

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Your telegram dated June 15, 1987, addressed to the President, suggesting that the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library be located in Tipperary, Ireland, has been referred to this office for response.

We have, in turn, referred your letter to the Honorable W. Glenn Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library Foundation, for his consideration.

Your interest and courtesy in writing are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by ABC

Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr. Counsel to the President

Mr. Matthew R. Ryan 975 San Pasqual Street Pasadena, California 91106

cc: The Hon. W. Glenn Campbell (w/enc.)

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