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To: WH-RM (EOP043)  
From: HUD (EOP190) Posted: Mon 13-Aug-84 9:48 EDT Sys 64 (29)  
To: WH-OCA (EOP020)  
To: C.FULLER (EOP021)  
Forward: WH-OCA (EOP020)  
Subject: BOLLINGER BABY ARRIVES

LIN BOLLINGER WAS WIDOW OF STEPHEN BOLLINGER, FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERED A HEALTHY BABY BOY SUNDAY AUGUST 12 AT 3:17 PM. THE BABY'S NAME WILL BE STEPHAN JAMES BOLLINGER. HE WEIGH 7 LBS. 14 OZ. AND IS 21 INCHES IN LENGTH. LIN AND THE BABY ARE DOING FINE. LIN IS AT THE GREATER BALTIMORE MEDICAL CENTER AND IS DUE TO GO HOME ON TUESDAY.

Comments from: WH-OCA (EOP020) Posted: Tue 14-Aug-84 17:27 EDT Sys 64  
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Comments from: C.FULLER (EOP021) Posted: Tue 14-Aug-84 18:31 EDT Sys 64  
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Comments from: WH-OCA (EOP020) Posted: Thu 16-Aug-84 15:51 EDT Sys 64

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August 15, 1984

BOLLINGER, LIN

Dear Stephen:

Welcome to the world! Your arrival creates a special joy which only a baby can bring.

Yours is a treasured heritage and someday you will understand what a wonderful gift God has given you by making America the land of your birth. Many throughout the world do not share our precious liberty and it will be up to you and your children and their children to protect this sacred trust and to preserve it for future generations. Always be a good American, Stephen. You will never regret giving your best to your country and to your fellowman. Above all, cherish life as a favor only to be bestowed or taken by God.

STEPHEN BOLLINGER

I know that your father would have been very proud of you and his greatest delight would have been to watch you grow to manhood. He was a fine man and he served his country with dedication. Your future will be full of hope because he worked to leave the world a better place than he found it.

Mrs. Reagan and I wish you God's blessings, good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN <sup>A</sup>

Stephen James Bollinger  
10121 Falls Road  
Baltimore, Maryland 21022

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Dear Stephen

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FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Anne:

This is the child of Steve Bollinger who died 3 weeks before the birth of the baby. He was a political appointee at HUD, only 35 yrs old and this was their first baby. (He had a heart attack.) Because the P-81 mentions "parents" I thought I would do a variation and also mention the baby's father. Steve Studdert requested the message.

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*act*



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August 15, 1984

Dear Thu-Nga:

Message on

I have heard about your magnificent performance in winning the Colorado Republicans' Land of Opportunity speech contest.

Hal Krause and Bo Calloway tell me that when you delivered your address to the convention on Saturday, there were tears in everyone's eyes. Knowing what I know about your ordeal in escaping from Vietnam and your acceptance of the challenge of adapting to life in a new land, I am sure that I would have been as moved as those at the convention.

The United States has a long tradition of welcoming those looking for a better life. Perhaps more importantly, it recognizes that our nation is immeasurably richer because of the contributions made by new Americans like yourself.

Nancy and I send you our best wishes for every future success and happiness as you make a new life for yourself in the land of opportunity.

Sincerely,

A

RONALD REAGAN

Miss Thu-Nga Tran  
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dwyer  
2607 Silver Creek Drive  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

RR/RDC:CAD:plr 8PMNB

cc: Edith Westermann

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August 15, 1984

Dear Miss Hayden:

I've been told about the help you gave Thu-Nga Tran in preparing for the Colorado Republicans' Land of Opportunity speech contest. In her deeply moving speech, Thu-Nga was quick to credit her teachers for the rapid progress she made in adapting to life in a new land.

This is indeed a compliment to you and to an educational system that can teach a Vietnamese girl to speak English in three short years. I know you played a vital role in that process, and I want to send you my personal thanks for your very special efforts in Thu-Nga's behalf.

Nancy and I send you our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

Sincerely,

*A*  
RONALD REAGAN

Miss Donna Hayden  
Forensics Coach  
Fort Collins High School  
1400 Remington  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80542

RR:RDC:CAD:plr 8PMNB

cc: Edith Westermann

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RR (RDC) ~~or~~

THU-NGA TRAN

cc: Edith Westermann

~~PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THU-NGA TRAN~~

#2 of 2 RRS → RR/RDC/00

THU-NGA TRAN

S/MJ  
per cc: Edith Westermann

~~PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THU-NGA TRAN'S FORENSICS COACH~~



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1984



MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: EDITH E. WESTERMANN  
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

*Edith E. Westermann*

SUBJECT: 3 RR LETTERS

As you will note from the attached Fact Sheet, Thu-Nga Tran, 16, a refugee from Vietnamese Communism won the first annual "Why America is Still the Land of Opportunity" oratorical competition sponsored by the Colorado Republican Party. She will be going to the Convention and may deliver her speech there.

It would be greatly appreciated if Presidential Letters could be sent to Thu-Nga Tran, her forensics coach, Donna Hayden, and to the Superintendent of Schools in her area. Suggested letters are attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

FACT SHEET ON THU-NGA TRAN  
WINNER, COLORADO GOP SPEECH CONTEST

1. Thu-Nga Tran, 16, a refugee from Vietnamese Communism has won the first annual "Why America is Still the Land of Opportunity" oratorical competition. The contest, sponsored by the Colorado Republican Party was a demonstration for possible national implementation.
2. Thu-Nga arrived in the United States in 1981 unable to speak English. On Saturday, July 14, 1984 she was the clear winner over seven other regional contest winners.
3. Thu-Nga's eight minute speech to the full Colorado State Convention was a moving, dramatic experience which had delegates alternately laughing and crying. Part of Thu-Nga's effectiveness results from her history. One of three children smuggled out of Saigon by her parents, Thu-Nga joined about 70 people on a 16 foot escape boat. After enduring many privations, she emerged to begin forging a life in this country--life which, up to this point, stands as a classic example of self-help and the seizing of opportunity.
4. Against the tableau of negativism the speakers at the Democratic National Convention tried to create, Thu Nga's speech is an eloquent rebuttal to those who say the disadvantaged are being denied opportunity.
5. Five prominent citizens judged the contest, none was selected because of political beliefs.
6. Colorado Republican women have raised the money to send Thu-Nga to the Republican Convention as a page. Her foster mother will accompany her.
7. Thu-Nga's foster parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dwyer, 2607 Silver Creek Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525. Phone (303) 223-3036.



THU-NGA TRAN

PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THU-NGA TRAN

Thu-Nga Tran  
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dwyer  
2607 Silver Creek Drive  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

Dear Thu-Nga:

I have heard about your magnificent performance in winning the Colorado Republican's Land of Opportunity speech contest. Hal Krause and Bo Calloway tell me that when you delivered your address to the convention on Saturday, there were tears in everyone's eyes.

Knowing what I know about your ordeal in escaping from Vietnam and your acceptance of the challenge of adapting to life in a new land, I am sure that I would have been as moved as those at the convention.

The United States has a long tradition of welcoming those looking for a better life. Perhaps more important, it recognizes that the nation is immeasurably richer for the contributions made by people like you.

You have my heartiest congratulations, and I hope that we have the opportunity to meet personally in the near future.

With every good wish,

Ronald Reagan

(fact sheet attached)

# THU-NGA TRAN

PRESIDENT REAGAN TO THU-NGA TRAN'S FORENSICS COACH

Ms. Donna Hayden  
Forensics Coach  
Fort Collins High School  
1400 Remington  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80542

Dear Ms. Hayden:

I've been told about the help you gave Thu-Nga Tran in preparing for the Colorado Republican's Land of Opportunity speech contest. In her deeply moving speech, Thu-Nga was quick to credit her teachers for the rapid progress she made in adapting to life in a new land.

This is indeed a compliment to you and to an educational system that can teach a Vietnamese girl to speak English in three short years. I know you played a vital role in that process, and I want to send you my personal thanks for your very special efforts in Thu-Nga's behalf.

With every good wish,

Ronald Reagan



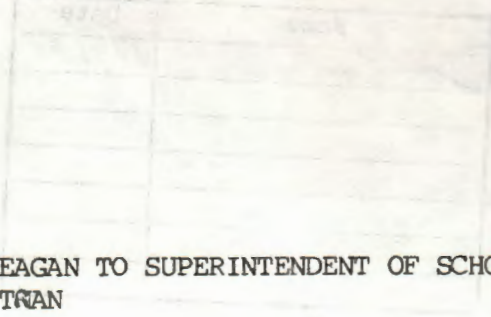
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I recommend we not  
do a letter to the Supt.  
of Schools. It's too  
remote & the letter  
amounts to a Presidential  
endorsement of Ft.  
Collins' school system.

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THU-NGA TRAN



PRESIDENT REAGAN TO SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN FT. COLLINS, CO  
RE THU-NGA TRAN

Don Webber  
Superintendent of Schools  
2407 LaPorte Avenue  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521

Dear Superintendent Webber:

One of your students, Thu-Nga Trán, has won the hearts of people from coast to coast with her magnificent performance in winning the Colorado Republicans Land of Opportunity Speech contest.

With all the attention focused on Thu-Nga, as it should be, there's a chance that those who helped her might be overlooked. I don't want that to happen.

Thu-Nga herself expressed gratitude for the excellent assistance she received from your school system personnel. To her thanks I add my own for your very special efforts in moving this young lady from a point at which she could not even speak English to one at which she can captivate an audience with her story of success.

I have a long-standing belief that education is the key to all progress, and your work with Thu-Nga represents the very best of public education.

With thanks and good wishes,

Ronald Reagan



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August 15, 1984

Dear Mrs. Zuttermeister:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. The National Endowment for the Arts each year bestows this tribute on a very few artists for their excellence and their commitment to our country's artistic traditions. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

Your values and your artistry have enriched our nation immeasurably. I know your contributions inspire our young people to keep alive these traditions as a vital part of American culture.

Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely, *A*  
**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. Emily Zuttermeister  
451031G Waialele Road  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Vigil:

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Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN** <sup>A</sup>

Mr. Cleofes Vigil  
Ranchito Mon ti Calvario  
Post Office Box 130  
San Cristobal, New Mexico 87564

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Tiulana:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

*A*  
**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Paul Tiulana  
4400 East Fourth Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Tarras:

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Sincerely,

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**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Dave Tarras  
Apartment 14-H  
601A Surf Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11224

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mrs. Tafoya:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN** *A*

Mrs. Margaret Tafoya  
Box 221  
Española, New Mexico 87532

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
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August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Stanley:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN** *A*

Mr. Ralph Stanley  
Route HC05, Box 576  
Coeburn, Virginia 24230

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Sims:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

*A*

**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Howard (Sandman) Sims  
Apartment 5G  
157 West 123rd Street  
New York, New York 10027

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Mulvihill:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

*A.*  
**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Martin Mulvihill  
3067 Hull Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10467

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mrs. Mougin:

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Sincerely,

*A*  
**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. Genevieve Mougin  
1708 Mississippi Boulevard  
Bettendorf, Iowa 52722

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



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Dear Mrs. Manigault:

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Sincerely,

*A*  
**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. Mary Jane Manigault  
Route 1, Box 147  
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29464

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mrs. Hunter:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

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**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. Janie Hunter  
Apartment H-1  
3628 Maybank Highway  
Johns Island, South Carolina 29455

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Fahlbusch:

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

*A*  
**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Albert Fahlbusch  
1807 11th Avenue  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska 69361

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Craig:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. The National Endowment for the Arts each year bestows this tribute on a very few artists for their excellence and their commitment to our country's artistic traditions. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

*A*

**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Burlon Craig  
Route 4  
Vale, North Carolina 28168

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows

August 15, 1984

Dear Mrs. Cotten:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. The National Endowment for the Arts each year bestows this tribute on a very few artists for their excellence and their commitment to our country's artistic traditions. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

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**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. Elizabeth Cotten  
c/o Lily Ellis  
419 West Ostrander Avenue  
Syracuse, New York 13205

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Cormier:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. The National Endowment for the Arts each year bestows this tribute on a very few artists for their excellence and their commitment to our country's artistic traditions. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,



**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Joseph Cormier  
21 Leonard Street  
Waltham, Massachusetts 02154

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mrs. Cook:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. The National Endowment for the Arts each year bestows this tribute on a very few artists for their excellence and their commitment to our country's artistic traditions. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN** *A*

Mrs. Bertha Cook  
Route 2, Box 187  
Boone, North Carolina 28607

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



August 15, 1984

Dear Mr. Chenier:

I am delighted to congratulate you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. The National Endowment for the Arts each year bestows this tribute on a very few artists for their excellence and their commitment to our country's artistic traditions. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

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Again, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition. Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success.

Sincerely,

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**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Clifton Chenier  
619 South Magnolia  
Lafayette, Louisiana 70501

RR/TElmore/DE/AVH/pt(8PGR)  
08/15 Heritage Fellows



DRAFT/Date August 14, 1984

RR/ T. Elmore / DE /  
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Sincerely,

need 17 of these, addressed to the names listed on the attached. Needed ASAP for transmittal by Aug 20.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: ASAP for transmittal by Aug 20.

Enclosures:

Other: Note for Review and Files: the 17 completed letters will go flat to Theresa Gilmore's office after signing (attn. Laura Eddy) Rm. 1 for transmittal to National Endowment for the Arts.

TEXT OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S LETTER TO RECIPIENTS OF HERITAGE FELLOWSHIPS/1983

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to you as you are honored with the National Heritage Fellowship. These awards from the National Endowment for the Arts are presented each year to just a few master artists who embody both excellence and commitment to our country's many artistic traditions. So it is a very special tribute to you.

The values of craftsmanship, artistry, hard work, and high standard shine throughout your work and our country is the richer for your contributions. ~~It is my~~ hope that your excellence and traditions will pass on to the young people in your communities and that these arts may continue as a vital part of American culture.

Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for continued success and again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

President Reagan

cf page 3 for names.



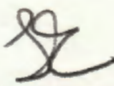
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR:

ANNE HIGGINS

FROM:

THERESA A. ELMORE   
WHITE HOUSE LIAISON FOR  
THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

SUBJECT:

Heritage Fellows Presidential Letters


Attached is a request for Presidential letters for the 17 recipients of the Heritage Fellowship Awards. This is an identical request as one which was processed for last year's recipients. Attached is a copy of last year's letter, which the National Endowment for the Arts proposes again for this year. Also included is a list of the names and addresses of the 1984 recipients.

The National Endowment for the Arts would like to have these letters by Monday, August 20th, so that they may have them framed for presentation on September 7th.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments

*Dan - can you  
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letter*



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