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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DTR:

FYI, POTUS had two incoming calls
from Paul Laxalt today:

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Kathy O.

DTR

The President, before we
arrived, mentioned "an
influential Senator" telling
him that people are
having a hard time understanding
what he did & Iran.

Tom

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FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
FROM: CRAIG FULLER

Bud has not seen the Washington Post article. He is out of Washington but is returning tonight.

His comments to me at 9:00 a.m....

- o I tried to explain to Lou ^xCannon that the President did not make any error or mistake.
- o I made an error in not understanding that it would be difficult for people to distinguish between what is intellectually sensible -- reaching out to a faction in Iran -- and what the public perception would be with regard to the sale of arms.
- o I felt that you could distinguish between providing arms for the purpose of improving relations and providing arms for the release of hostages.
- o It was a mistake on my part and I should have not allowed it to go forward.
- o Public perception can be hard to differentiate from reality.

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Pat -
this has been
sent to N.Y. Times
for their consideration
as op-ed.
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suby PRAISE FOR REAGAN'S IRAN POLICY
By Burton Yale Pines

As the Reagan-bashers have their field day, it is important to sort through what the administration did and separate right from wrong.

First of all, the administration's chief goal -- to encourage moderate elements in Iran and develop influence with them -- was and remains necessary.

But how to do so? The unlovely fact is that arms transfers are the only negotiable currency for this kind of international transaction. The Israelis, the Angolan freedom fighters led by Jonas Savimbi, the Nicaraguan "contras," and a host of Third-world nations all insist that the U.S. prove its support by making arms available. That the Iranians should request arms, then, was neither unexpected nor unacceptable.

For their part, the only way the Iranians could prove their true power and influence was by obtaining the release of hostages. Unfortunately this left the appearance of an arms-for-hostages deal, which it wasn't. Still, why should we have rejected a chance to get the hostages out when it presented itself?

Burton Yale Pines is Senior Vice President and Director of Research at The Heritage Foundation.

The Iranians, true enough, appear not to have fully delivered on their promises. But the crucial consideration was never that, it was to identify those in Iran's power structure we could work with.

This was being accomplished -- even though the Iranians may have tried to "take advantage" of us, whatever that means. But such a policy can succeed fully only over time and with many more contacts. Obviously, the connections would have to be severed should they prove unreliable.

The policy did require that we blink at our Iranian arms embargo. All nations sometimes must break pledges to reckon with unpleasant realities, as was the case here. Indeed, in recent years Iran has purchased \$9 billion in arms from various nations, including Britain, France, Austria, Belgium, Israel and other Western countries. By allowing some U.S. arms to go to Iran, President Ronald Reagan wisely recognized world realities. It's likely that this actually enhances other nations' respect for us.

Congress is throwing a fit over not being informed. Yet to have informed Congress would have jeopardized confidentiality, which is why the law does not require the president to inform Congress immediately. Reagan probably did go to the outer limits of this law, but still he did nothing either illegal or imprudent, outbursts of congressional indignation notwithstanding.

Nor was it illegal, though clearly unwise, to enlist the National Security Council for the operation. The NSC has conducted foreign policy in the past -- most notably during the reigns of Henry Kissinger and McGeorge Bundy, and for about the same reason that apparently prompted the Reagan White House to opt for the NSC: the unreliability of the State Department, which would have sabotaged the policy through leaks and bureaucratic roadblocks.

Indeed, President Reagan's chief blunder for the past four years has been to keep a secretary of state who refuses to force the State Department bureaucracy to follow presidential policy. As former White House speechwriter Ben Elliott has said, "It is common knowledge that while Reagan was carrying 49 states in 1984, he would not have carried a single precinct within his own State Department."

Another blunder of the Iranian policy was trying to complicate it by using arms sales to pursue the laudable goal of funding the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. The two policies should have remained separate. Should Ronald Reagan have been informed of the channeling of funds to the freedom fighters? Not really. After all, considered within the full context of U.S. foreign policy, even the overall Iranian contact effort, to say nothing of this detail of it, is hardly a top priority. While the president approved of the general thrust of the policy, he should not be burdened by every detail of it. Micro management was one of the things that paralyzed the Carter presidency.

The final major blunder is the White House's muddled attempts to explain its policy. Once leaked, this generally sensible policy should have been fully articulated to the American people. Yet this was not done until Attorney General Edwin Meese's November 25 briefing.

The goal of developing contacts within Iran's power structure remains worth pursuing, even if it requires some clandestine activities and some arms transfers to Iran. Risks remain, but certain risks must be accepted in foreign policy.

It should be America's goal to open lines of communication with members of Iran's power elite. The U.S. must strive to be in a position to wield some influence within Iran once the Ayatollah Khomeini goes.

The Reagan policy properly was attempting to do this, and deserves our praise, not contempt.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: ALFRED H. KINGON *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Document Request for Ongoing Iran/arms Investigation

Comment

I have thoroughly searched our files, including documents in Central files, and only one document falls within your request.

A copy of that document is attached.

Attachment

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from ORW

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN

THROUGH: ALFRED H. KINGON *AK*

FROM: EDWARD J. STUCKY *ES*

SUBJECT: Mr. Golitschek

(imminent)
Willy von Raab called to tell me that he understood you had an interest in a case being tried in the Western District of New York involving a Mr. Golitschek, who was accused of violating the Arms Export Control Act.

On March 31, 1986, Mr. Golitschek was sentenced to 3½ years for wire fraud and conspiracy to violate the Arms Export Control Act. He apparently was trying to ship 10 Cobra helicopters to Iran.

If you want more information on the case, Willy will be happy to send you a report.


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 29, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT AND
HEADS OF OFFICES OF THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Document Requests Regarding the Pending Iranian
Arms Sales Investigation by the Justice Department

In conjunction with its investigation of arms sales to Iran and the use of funds from such sales to assist the forces opposing the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, the Department of Justice has requested the following documents:

All memoranda, briefing materials, minutes, handwritten notes, telephone logs, diaries, computer data, electronic records, and any other records, documents, and material of White House staff and the White House Office from January 1, 1985 to the present regarding

- (a) all arms activities involving Iran;
- (b) all hostage negotiations or similar communications involving arms transactions;
- (c) all financial assistance transactions involving the Nicaraguan resistance movement related either to Iran or Israel; and
- (d) all activities of Robert C. McFarlane, Adm. John M. Poindexter, Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, Comdr. Paul Thompson, Don Fortier, Richard V. Secord, Michael Ledeen, and Adolfo Calero related to items "a-c" above.

This request includes all personal and official records of White House staff members as well as all records in White House Office central files. This request also includes copies of records and materials from the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense, Department of State, and the National Security Agency regarding the above-described matters which may be in White House staff files or White House Office central files.

Any records which you or your staff have which may be responsive to this request should be forwarded to me or my Deputy, Jay B. Stephens, so that we can coordinate production of these materials to the Department of Justice in an orderly manner. If you or members of your staff have no responsive records, please provide us with a brief memorandum confirming this fact. Your prompt and complete cooperation with this request is appreciated.

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CLYDE F. INGRAM

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMS SHIPMENT TO
IRAN ISSUE AND ENCLOSES COPY OF A MEDIA
RELATIONS SELF-DEFENSE COURSE "COMMANDMENTS"
HE ATTENDED

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1986

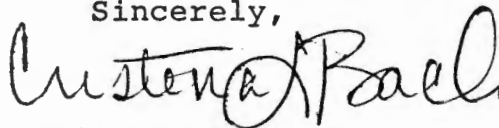
Dear Mr. Ingram:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent letter of strong support. It is gratifying to see locally elected officials, such as yourself, rally behind the President, and it is most appreciated.

If there is anything that my office can do for you please don't hesitate to contact me.

Continue your good work.

Sincerely,



Cristena L. Bach
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Clyde F. Ingram
County Assessor
Office of Fremont County Assessor
St. Anthony, Idaho 83445

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Office of Fremont County Assessor

St. Anthony, Idaho 83445

Clyde F. Ingram,
Assessor

Vicki Hansen,
Chief Deputy

November 25, 1986

Ronald Reagan
The President of the United States
The White House, Washington , D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I can't help feeling sorry for you, because I know somewhat of what you're going through with the news media and Congress.

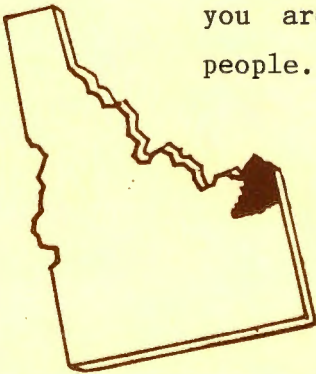
Being the Assessor of Fremont County here in Idaho, I have my problems on a much smaller scale, but it's still a problem with the news media and some heads of state. They sometimes frown on the decision I make, and get upset because I didn't say anything. I have always found the more moving parts you have the more problems it creates.

I really don't believe Sam Donalson or Senator Byrd, either one could make a decision if they had to. I think the only thing they can do is make comments on others decisions.

If it is any consoltation, Mr. President, I support you one hundred percent and say, "Go get 'em". This is the first time they have had a leader out front and they don't know how to act. Then on the other hand, it might bother them because they can't see you for the dust.

It does bother me when I hear that someone in your own cabinet can't keep their mouth shut. I agree if the news media had kept out of this we would of had thè hostages home and no one would have been the wiser. I don't believe you have to let everyone know what you are doing when it's in the best interestof the country and the people.

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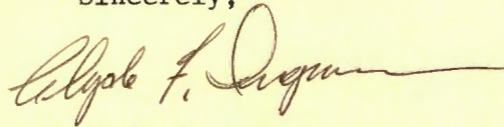
Clyde F. Ingram,
Assessor

Vicki Hansen,
Chief Deputy

I am sure if you took a survey you would find the majority of the people are behind you. I have trouble keeping my mouth shut when I think something is right or my people are not being treated fair. I have hit the front page not knowing the media was even around, so I know what it's like. I attended a media relations self-defense course awhile back and if you don't mind I would like to share it with you. I have enclosed a copy.

I would like to take this time to wish you and Mrs. Reagan a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year ever.

Sincerely,



Clyde F. Ingram



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MEDIA RELATIONS SELF-DEFENSE COURSE
COMMANDMENTS

1. If you don't want it printed or broadcasted, don't say it.
2. Say it in 30 seconds.
3. Don't make smart comments.
4. Never say "No Comment".
5. Never wear dark glasses during a T.V. Interview
6. Don't be misled by "off the record".
7. Never give reporters your personnel opinion.
8. Avoid being outwardly hostile toward the media.
9. Always convey the impression to reporters that you are trying to help them.
10. Be organized -- be in charge.
11. If you don't have a media relations policy -- draft one.
12. Avoid the appearance of cover-up.
13. Always get your story out first.
 - * A good statement in the original story is worth a half dozen letters to the editor later.
14. Record all sensitive interviews.
 - * Assume all calls from reporters are being taped.
 - * You don't have to respond immediately to a telephone call from a reporter.
15. Be wary of still photographers.
16. Be alert for the "waiting" tactic.
 - * Under pressure the mouth speaks when the mind is disengaged.
 - * If you have said all you need to say, shut up.
17. Be aware of newspaper deadlines.
 - * Deadlines sometimes assume more importance than the need to gather complete information.
 - * Don't get into fights with people who have ink delivered by the tank car.
18. Release bad news after the 6 P.M. TV news on Friday.
19. Don't let media take over the headquarters building.
20. Try to be prepared for a media blitz.
21. Never change the ground rules in the middle of the game.
22. Don't assume the interview is over until the T.V. crew drives away.
23. Always maintain a good balance in your media relations account.
24. Always be 100% right in a confrontation with a newspaper.
25. Don't fight with people who have ink delivered by the tank car.
26. Never voluntarily submit to an interview with 60 minutes or 20/20.
27. Don't screw up on a slow news day.

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE A. CHASE JR.

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
IRAN ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1986

Dear Representative Chase:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support concerning the Iran situation. I know how much the President appreciates your patriotism and words of encouragement.

Please be assured that your comments will be shared with the President, and I know he will appreciate your support during this time.

Again, thank you for taking the time to send your important message. If I can be of any assistance in the future on other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin
Special Assistant to the President
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Lawrence A. Chase, Jr.
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of New Hampshire
107 Colonial Dr.
Portsmouth, NH 03801



State of New Hampshire

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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November 20, 1986

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 Sullivan, Mary J.
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 Wagner, Joan A.

Dear Mr. President:

After watching the press conference this past thursday evening, I felt compelled to send you this letter. Certain members of the press should be ashamed of themselves for the manner in which they asked questions of you. If they are so smart and appear to know all the answers, why bother and have a press conference. It was very clear to me, that their only purpose was to discredit you and your administration.

As a citizen of this great country and an elected State Representative, I want you to know that I have all the faith in the world in your capabilities to run this nation. And if there was any doubt in the minds of the American people, you would never have won a second term as the President of the United States.

Your decision to work with some moderate factions within Iran was for gainful reasons, and I agree. Your decision not to inform certain members of congress and the senate until you felt comfortable was also understandable. Well, Mr. President I could go on and on, but you are a busy man. And I'm sure you understand where I'm coming from. Keep up the great job, God Bless, and I wish you well in your last two years, and as you and Mrs. Reagan prepare to leave California, you both can rest assured that your eight years in the White House and your service to this country will be greatly appreciated for many years to come.

With Warmest Regards.

Lawrence A. Chase, Jr.
 State Representative Dist. # 28

Lawrence A. Chase Jr.

107 Colonial dr. Portsmouth NH 03801

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. FRED PARKS

SUBJECT: EXTENDS SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICE TO DEAL WITH
THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO IRAN ISSUE

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MANAGEMENT.

January 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Parks:

Your letter of November 26 has just reached me, and I want you to know that I'm proud and grateful for your friendship and thoughtful suggestions.

I agree wholeheartedly that there is an urgent need for full disclosure of all facts surrounding the Iranian arms controversy. With the appointment of an Independent Counsel and with the Special Review Board I established, all the facts will come before the American people at the earliest possible time. We must get on with the business at hand and put this issue behind us.

Thank you for thinking of me. May God bless you and yours during 1987.

Sincerely,



RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Fred Parks
1300 Houston Club Building
Houston, Texas 77002

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Dear Mr. Parks :

letter of November 26

Your ~~message~~ has just reached my desk, and I want you to know that I'm proud and grateful for your friendship and support/~~I'm proud and more than a little grateful to have you on my side. Your friendship and support make it all worthwhile.~~ *thoughtful suggestions.*

I agree wholeheartedly that there is an urgent need for full disclosure of all facts surrounding the Iranian arms controversy. With the appointment of an Independent Counsel and with the efforts of the Senate and House Select Committees and the Special Review Board I established, all the facts will come before the American people at the earliest possible time. We must get on with the business at hand and put this issue behind us.

Thank you for thinking of me, ~~and for your prayers.~~
May God bless you and yours during 1987.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fred Parks
1300 HOUSTON CLUB BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

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FRED PARKS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
1300 HOUSTON CLUB BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002
PHONE (713) 222-6251

November 26, 1986

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
2800 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

My dear President Reagan:

It may be presumptuous on my part to write you this letter of support together with suggestions and advice on your present problems in this trying time, but be that as it may, here goes from an old trial lawyer who has spent his life in the courthouse and confronted the public at large and many jurors, in particular, with some degree of success.

My wife, Mabel and I have always been loyal supporters of you and Mrs. Reagan and your administration. I treasure the handshake we had in the oval office, the several letters you have written me, and Mrs. Parks and I remember quite well the unexpected elevator ride in the White House with you and Mrs. Reagan.

My suggestions and advice are based upon the following assumptions:

1. You are an extremely popular president; and, in my opinion, history will record you as one of the greatest presidents that the United States has ever had.
2. The American people and most of the congress will believe in the truth.
3. The media is biased and, I am sure, are delighted with having a negative issue about your administration that they can highly publicize.

In order to bring some semblance of order and get the Iranian affair behind you, I suggest for your consideration you do the following:

- a. Convene as soon as possible a small number of hard core loyal supporters who may be members of your cabinet or otherwise for a conference.
- b. Present at the conference in a frank, open, truthful and complete manner all of the material facts of the Iranian matter.
- c. Based upon the considered judgment and agreement of the members of the conference agree upon the dismissal of any and all

people from their positions that have any culpability in this matter or that have failed to keep you properly informed. Let the chips fall where they may.

d. Based upon the considered judgment and agreement of the members of the conference agree that you will appoint any necessary new members to your cabinet who will be loyal, follow your policies and keep you accurately informed.

e. Restrict the announcement of the results of Attorney General Meese's investigation, the dismissal of all personnel, the restructuring of your cabinet until you are ready to make a personal television appearance and report these matters to the American people which would be followed by Attorney General Meese giving his report on his investigation.

All of the above should be accomplished by January before your State of the Union message next year. Needless to say, there should be no leaks to anyone of the meeting or the business of the conference.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that the above suggestions if acted upon promptly and based upon facts will be accepted by the American people and the majority of the congress and will maintain your creditability with the majority of people in the United States resulting in your being able to accomplish a great many important matters in your two remaining years in office.

In my opinion, you have one of the best advisors close at hand; that is your dear wife, Nancy. Women sometimes seem to have a great intuition to do the right thing at the right time.

Sincerely, your friend,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fred Parks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Fred Parks

FP/ad

P.S. This has been dictated from my home in the Vintage Club in Indian Wells, California to my secretary in Houston therefore it was not personally signed by me.

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RUDY BOSCHWITZ

SUBJECT: FORWARDS COPY OF COMMENTS HE MADE TO THE
MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE IN THE IRANIAN WEAPONS
ISSUE

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WASHINGTON

December 12, 1986

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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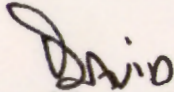
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1986

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature
is a proposed response to a
letter from Sen. Rudy
Boschwitz regarding Iran.



David L. Chew

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1986

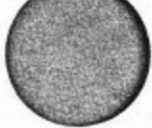
MEMORANDUM FOR PETER WALLISON ✓
ALTON KEEL

FROM: WILLIAM L. BALL, III *Jet for*
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Minneapolis Tribune

Durenberger calls Reagan's speech on Iranian weapon deals confusing

By Kurt Chandler
Staff Writer

Sen. Dave Durenberger said he was left confused and uninformed by President Reagan's message Thursday night on the administration's reported arms deals with Iran.

"I found the president's speech tonight at best confusing," he said. "I went into the viewing with the idea that the president was going to explain to all of us some of the explicit." Instead, the Republican Minnesota senator said, he heard "flap" accusations of the media's coverage of the Iranian deal, leaving him without an adequate explanation of the United States' relationship to Iran, weapons deals and negotiations to free U.S. hostages held by Iranian supporters.

"He is either unable or unwilling to play it straight with us," Durenberger said.

Although Reagan said that the policy of the Iranian government under Ayatollah Khomeini has been to "dispel Western influence," improved relations with Iran would "preserve Iran's independence from Soviet intervention." Moreover, Reagan said, the arms deal was an offer of "good faith" to the Iranians for bettering relations.

But Durenberger questioned the president's objectives, saying that selling weapons to Iran will not benefit the United States nor stem terrorist activity. "There is no way that we can end that war by supplying arms to the Iranian people," he said. "That isn't going to do the trick. If you're just patient enough, other possibilities will present themselves."

Durenberger suggested that the United States wait out the Khomeini regime before trying any sort of "liaison with a more friendly Iran."

But, Durenberger's Republican colleague, Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, credited the president for attempting to address the Iran-Iraq conflict. "When you're dealing with Iran, or Iraq for that matter, there are no good options, no easy answers," Boschwitz said. "And it's very easy to be a Monday morning quarterback about almost anything that is attempted."

"Consider the following facts. Iran and Iraq and their neighbors sit on most of the world's oil reserves. The ayatollah is very aged and is losing his grip. Third, a war is going on that has cost half a million lives and could easily destabilize the world. Finally the roots of world terrorism in recent years is found in Iran. So when an opportunity arises to negotiate, I suppose any of us would try to grasp it realizing that it may look just terrible in the real world of press and perceptions."

In his speech, Reagan said "appropriate members of Congress are and will be informed" of Iranian dealings. By law, eight select members of Congress — including the chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee — must be informed by the president of any military involvement, including the sale of arms.

But Durenberger, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said he was not informed of McFarlane's mission nor of the arms shipped to Iran. A meeting between congressional members and the president was held Wednesday. He was unable to attend.

"The president could have avoided all of this a year ago, had he just come to the appropriate eight people and laid it out," he said. He expects congressional investigations "all over the place" of the administration's Iranian dealings.

Mr. President
These are the comments I made
to the press on Iran as we
discussed at the Library of Congress
Thursday Eve.



Rudy Boschwitz

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 12, 1986

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: RABBI BERNARD MANDELBAUM

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
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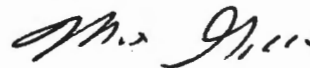
WASHINGTON

December 18, 1986

Dear Rabbi Mandelbaum,

On behalf of the President (who does read letters of support like yours), I want to thank you for your endorsement of his policies. During this politically difficult time, your letter is particularly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Max Green
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Rabbi Bernard Mandelbaum
President
Foundation for Future Generations
393 West End Avenue
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Dear Mr. President:

As a Rabbi, indeed as a person brought up by fine parents, I cannot tell a lie. I never believed that I would feel this way about you, especially since I worked very hard for President Carter...and am glad we lost!

From the very beginning, I have been behind you in this Iran matter. Your press conference was not a "shambles." As you put it, you were not on the defensive, but answering questions honestly.

Clearly, the new revelations today about the use of these funds for the Contras are distressing. However, what the New York Times wrote today - that "Some think the damage is irreparable" is preposterous! The American peoples' love for you and their respect for your achievements will carry you through the remaining two years as President - and the many more post-presidential years - to continued creative achievements.

Don't let them get you down and God bless you.

Respectfully,

((Rabbi) Bernard Mandelbaum
Pres.-Emeritus, Jewish Theological
Seminary

[To the first reader of this letter: May I humbly suggest that the president personally see such letters of strong support!]

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN A. SPELLACY

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE HANDLING OF THE
RECENT IRANIAN SITUATION

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

Dear Judge Spellacy:

Thank you for your letter dated November 25, 1986, addressed to the President, which has been referred to me for response.

The President has asked me to convey his deepest gratitude for your expression of support. I am certain that you will find your confidence in the President justified by the Administration's accomplishments during the remaining two years on both the domestic and foreign policy fronts.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

Peter J. Wallison
Counsel to the President

The Honorable John A. Spellacy
District Court of Minnesota
Ninth Judicial District
Courthouse
P. O. Box 237
Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744

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District Court of Minnesota

NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CHAMBERS OF JUDGE JOHN A. SPELLACY/COURTHOUSE/P. O. BOX 237/GRAND RAPIDS, MINN. 55744

November 25, 1986

Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

I can take no active political stands, but that does not prevent me from assuring you that you have my utmost confidence in your handling of the recent Iranian situation. Anyone who is smart enough to take out a map should realize that Iran is contiguous to the Soviet Union and if Iran goes to Russia either by default or by conquest, our oil supply is in real danger.

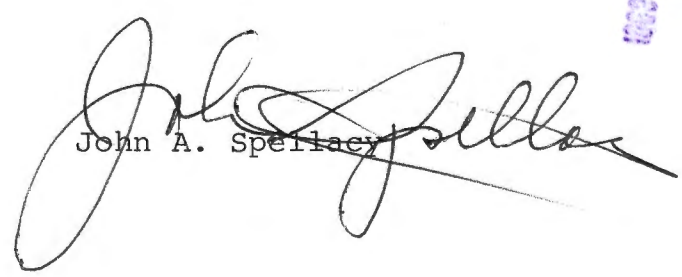
I know that your motives were the highest and the fact that the Iranians again proved to be not trustworthy is not a loss in my mind. The release of a couple of hostages was frosting on the cake.

I hope you continue your efforts to make peace with Iran. The American news media seems determined not to let any president serve as long as eight years. In order came the assassination of Kennedy, the practical resignation of Johnson, the potential impeachment of Nixon, and the throwing out of Ford and Carter.

You have been able to rise above the news media in the past and I hope you will continue to do so in the future. Their continued baiting and carping may appeal to those who hate you for the things you have accomplished, but I don't really believe it is affecting your image in the minds of most of the people of this country.

May God grant you excellent health and peace of mind during your remaining two years as our President.

Sincerely yours,


John A. Spellacy

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District Court of Illinois

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS

November 12, 1986

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to your letter of November 10, 1986.

The Court has reviewed the matter and has determined that the same should be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure. The Court has accordingly directed the Clerk to advise you of the same.

The Court has also directed the Clerk to advise you of the same.

I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you. If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk of the Court.

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

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COMMENTS: Re: Jan 21 87 RW memo to Anne Higgins

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: PETER J. WALLISON  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

SUBJECT: Iran Correspondence From General Public

A few weeks ago, this office provided three forms of response to correspondence from the general public on the Iran/Contra affair that could be used as models for responses by White House Correspondence. While your office is presumably handling most of the incoming correspondence on this subject on a continuing basis, certain of the correspondence from the general public continues to be forwarded to us. In order to save you time and effort, and to be of greatest assistance to your office, we have prepared additional responses to this correspondence, copies of which are attached. These are intended to provide additional models for use by your office.

Attachments

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Dear Judge Lodge:

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Peter J. Wallison  
Counsel to the President


The Honorable Edward J. Lodge  
Administrative District Judge  
District Court  
Third Judicial District  
Canyon County Courthouse  
Caldwell, Idaho 83605

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX 

SUBJECT: Responses to Letters of Support for the President on Iran

The attached letters of general support all merit the same response, which I have drafted in each case for your signature.

Because of the number of such letters to which you have recently been asked to respond, I suggest that we provide copies to White House Correspondence for use as models. As you know, we have provided that office with several model responses already; together with the latest responses, these should enable Correspondence to handle almost all Iran/Contra letters without referrals to this office.

Also attached, therefore, is a memorandum from you to Anne Higgins forwarding to her copies of all of the latest batch of response letters.

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P.J. Walker

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DISTRICT COURT  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF IDAHO



EDWARD J. LODGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
DISTRICT JUDGE  
(208) 459-0442

RESIDENT CHAMBERS  
CANYON COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
CALDWELL, IDAHO 83605

November 24, 1986

Hon. Ronald Reagan  
United States President  
Whitehouse  
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear President Reagan:

After watching last week's press conference, I felt compelled to write you a letter, even if it never reaches you, to let you know that I support you and am behind you one hundred percent.

The press would be well served if they would objectively critique their own performance before they cast dispersions on someone else's performance. The innuendos suggested by some of their questions, and the tone and manner in which some of its members asked their questions was embarrassing and very unprofessional in my opinion.

It is very difficult to teach our young people respect and appreciation for the leaders of our Country when they see the President of the United States examined as though he were presumed guilty rather than innocent.

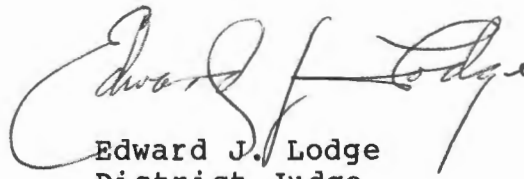
I just want you to know that when some members of the press conclude that the American people are questioning your credibility and/or performance, they are not speaking for me or the majority of the people I am talking with.

Tough decisions are never easy at best and are always subject to being second guessed, but I can only believe that it is a person who has never made a difficult decision that does not have some appreciation for the potential risks involved.

President Ronald Reagan  
November 24, 1986  
Page 2

My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward J. Lodge". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Edward J. Lodge  
District Judge

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 01, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. WARD L. QUAAL

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO  
IRAN ISSUE AND ENCLOSES A CARTOON APPEARING  
IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ON NOV 19

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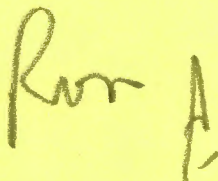
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Dear Ward:

There is nothing I value more than friendship and your support means more than you can know. Thanks for sharing the editorial and your concerns.

Nancy and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and every happiness in the New Year. With our warmest regards,

Sincerely,



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## George Shultz vs. the cowboys

This has been anything but a Super Bowl season for President Reagan in the foreign policy arena.

He has been embarrassed and his credibility damaged in recent weeks by the swap of journalist Nick Daniloff for a Soviet spy, the White House-engineered "disinformation" campaign against Libya, the Hasenfus case—which indicated White House involvement in weapons deliveries to the Contras in Nicaragua—and his obvious confusion in the arms negotiations with Mikhail Gorbachev at the Reykjavik summit.

Now he is caught up in the most embarrassing blunder of all, the naively conceived and amateurishly executed Iran operation, which, no matter what the President says, looks very much like an arms-for-hostages ransom arrangement.

And still to come may be another tough jolt: the resignation of Secretary of State George Shultz, who makes no secret of his disenchantment with the Iran deal and the damage it has inflicted on the administration's greatly admired "stand tall" approach to world affairs.

Mr. Shultz is the ornament of this administration. He is honest, open, forthright, smart, tough, loyal and respected by allies and adversaries. All four of Mr. Reagan's successive national security advisers put together—Richard Allen, William Clark, Robert McFarlane and Adm. John Poindexter—wouldn't make one George Shultz when it comes to brains and vision.

And yet Mr. Reagan chose to override Mr. Shultz's objections to the Iran scheme, keep him (and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger) largely in the dark about what was going on and allow Robert McFarlane and John Poindexter to proceed with embarrassing the President and the U.S.

Mr. Shultz has been reduced to admitting that he opposes delivering arms to Iran but that he cannot speak for the administration. That is a stunning admission from the secretary of state and obviously suggests that the thought of resigning has crossed his mind.

All these recent misadventures make it easy—too easy—to forget that President Reagan has by and large produced a successful and admirable foreign policy record. He does, after the dismal hem-and-haw performance of Jimmy Carter, have America standing tall again. He has inspired new pride at home, new confidence among the allies, new respect around the world. He did rebuild U.S. defenses, he did persuade the allies to deploy new missiles, he did stand up to the Soviets. He has made progress on the trade war front. To the chagrin of his critics, his air strike against Libya was a triumph. He has, until lately anyway, made progress in the war on terrorism.

But he runs the risk now of having all this forgotten because of the disarray so evident recently.

If he is to save himself from becoming a lame duck in these last two years of his presidency, if he is to save his place in history, Mr. Reagan needs George Shultz—or someone very much like him. (He could also probably use a new secretary of defense to replace Mr. Weinberger, who has become almost a parody of himself, and a new White House chief of staff in place of the belligerently insensitive Don Regan.)

What Mr. Reagan also needs is to take his foreign policy back from the cowboys in the National Security Council operation who are only embarrassing him and tarnishing the aura of credibility that has been his principal asset.

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The President of the United States  
The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20505

My dear Mr, President:

Under the most difficult of circumstances, you handled yourself admirably well last evening.

Also, I want to stress to you that I feel the questions asked in some of the current polls regarding you, Ron, have little meaning because of the wording of the questions that are asked. In short, some of these questions are "loaded" and show prejudice against you.

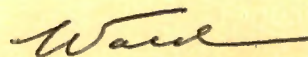
As I said in a note to you yesterday, Mr. President, I send along editorials to you even though I do not necessarily agree with them, in whole or in part. Such is the case with the accompanying editorial and a very unfair, ridiculous cartoon as both appeared in the Tribune of November 19.

There are some key points made about you and your fine administration and of course, some negatives regarding your colleagues.

I pass it along to you, Ron, only because it represents a comment from our mutual "home" area.

Warmest wishes and much gratitude for all you do each and every day to build a stronger and better America.

Very respectfully,



Ward L. Quaal

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January 21, 1987

Dear Mr. Morderosian:

Thank you for your letter dated November 28, 1986, addressed to the President, setting forth the results of your survey of persons throughout the country on the Iran/Contra matter.

The information that you provided, as well as your interpretation of the data, were very interesting. You can be assured that the Administration intends to deal with these matters in a thorough, fair and expeditious manner in order to serve the dual purposes of bringing to light all relevant information necessary to permit corrective action, and enabling the nation to proceed with the urgent business of our domestic and foreign policy agendas.

Again, thank you for sharing your information with the White House.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

Peter J. Wallison  
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Mr. Lawrence D. Morderosian  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX 

SUBJECT: Iran Correspondence From the General Public

The attached letter for your signature acknowledges receipt of an informal opinion survey conducted by the correspondent on the Iran/Contra affair.

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# Special Investigations Agency

P. Wallison

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November 28, 1986

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

Dear President Reagan:

I am taking the liberty of addressing this letter to your personal attention, although I am sure that it will be responded to by a member of yo-r staff.

However, I believe that it may be time for your Staff to become aware of what the average person thinks about matters of current concern, mainly the Iran Arms matter.

The SIA is a private organization that has associate contacts across the country as well as in foreign countries. In the matter at hand, I have been in communication with associates in all major parts of the country, since the affects of the Iranian arma matter seems to be snowballing by the news media and the Democrati party-

Basically, I can summerize what was queried into several questions. The following are questions with the majority reponses:

- 1). What is your opinion of the Iranian Arms matter? 75% were very concerned.
- 2). What is your opinion of the major responsibility for the situation? 55% said that they felt that the Administration HAD to be aware of the arrangements, and that they felt that the Administration should acknowledge that the full details would warrant that grave errors of judgement had been made. In essence, that the Administration should acknowledge eror and thus preclude any more of the smoldering attempts by the Democratic party to upset the national foreign policy and status among the world leaders be damaged further;
- 3). What is your opinion of the claim that Col. North is the major gulty person? Here was a very definite pro-North reaction. The major opinion roughly 75% fel that the civilians involved, including the Israeli Government was creating another Viet Nam Mai Lai type of white wash. The opinion: How could a relatively low rankin officer have so much power? To the extent that the four star generals did not know what he was doing?
- 4). Do you believe that the Israeli Government is more deeply involved than is now acknowledged by the U.S. and Israeli Governments? Here it was a definite response o 75% that felt that the Isralei Government and arms merchants had a major hand, citing the known facts that Isralei has been selling arms to any buyer, including th Libyas, Iran, S. Africa, etc.. I can assure you that the general feeling was that the U.S. policy is controlled from Israel!
- 5). How do you feel this Iran matter can be "cleaned" out?  
The majority ( 65%) said that the administration should accept open blame for a maj

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error in management. While that may seem to be somewhat negative for the Administration, it does allow an opening for ending the apparant massive buildup that appears to be in the making.

6). How do you rate the President in this matter?

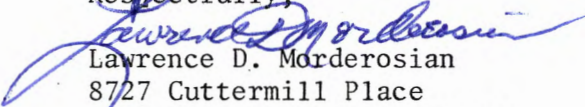
Here 60% were behind the President, commenting that he had poor advisors.

One point which I believe might bear some consideration, is an offshoot from the contacts made. I found that there is a considerable amount of resentment against the Israeli Government for the massive destruction of Lebanon. There is also some belief that the U.S. by its covert shipments to Israel for the Iran matter might be indicative that this same method of shipment (via U.S. Air Force cargo planes) contained the majority of war tools that have been used by Israel to bomb and almost flatten the country of Israel. One suggestion was that the U.S. should ask the United Nations to declare Lebanon off limits to any other country and create another Korea area. The feasibility of this seems to be complex and no further queries were made.

I believe that the Administration might seriously consider the effects that it is not trying to protect the national interest by allowing the Middle East war(s) to mount into large scale wars. The possible loss of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, etc., if Iran wins that conflict can ruin the world economy by massive oil price controls.

I realize that the SIA has no right to tell the Administration how to conduct its national and foreign policy and is not trying to do that. The intent of this survey was to try to emphasize that the Reagan revolution can be saved, but, a delay to correcting the public opinion now can become disasterous.

Respectfully,

  
Lawrence D. Morderosian  
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P.S. Please excuse this typing. I didn't want anyone else to type this since it is a matter which can be easily misinterpreted. Errors in typing merely prove that I will never put any typist out of work!

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 22, 1986

Dear Senator Johnson:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support concerning the Iran situation. I know how much the President appreciates your patriotism and words of encouragement.

Please be assured that your comments will be shared with the President, and I know he will appreciate your support during this time.

Again, thank you for taking the time to send your important message. If I can be of any assistance in the future on other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Owen H. Johnson  
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