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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JOHN SHERMAN COOPER

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

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HITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Senator Cooper:

I am deeply grateful for your thoughtful letter of encouragement. While some may not agree with the actions I authorized with regard to Iran, I am certain that most support our policy goals in the region: to end the war in the Middle East, to prevent Soviet expansionism, to halt terrorism and to gain the release of our American hostages.

During these rather difficult times, when some can only find time to criticize, it is heartwarming to receive a word of support. Thank you very much.

Nancy joins me in wishing you and your family all the best at this very special time of year.

Sincerely,

Rould Regon

The Honorable John Sherman Cooper Covington & Burling 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20044

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 24, 1986

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John and Will had already approved these letters. Ok to system

Thanks,

Sally

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

December 24, 1986

TO:

DAVID CHEW

FROM:

WILL BALL

Would you please have the President's signature put on the enclosed letters.

Thank you.

Dec. 24, 1914

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December 10, 1986

The President The White House Washington, D.C.

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER

DIRECT DIAL NUMBER (202) 662-5220

Dear Mr. President:

As you have demonstrated throughout your Presidency, you have, under the Costitution, responsibilities for our country and the authority to carry them out, above all to protect this land and its people, and you have done and are continuing to protect the United States.

I know you will continue to stand firm, and I am for you.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Reagan for the holidays and all the years ahead,

John Sherman Cooper

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER	R 16, 1986			
NAME OF CORRESPONDENT:	MR. MICHAEL A. W	ERBOFF		
SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPI	PORT OF IRAN ARMS	ACTIONS		
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1rof. Mimael A. Werboff, 412 Cathedral Parkway, new York, N.Y. 10025 Tel-212-864-27 14 456500 he American Artists Professional League. Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10003 (212) GRamercy 5-6650 The President and Wors. Reagan Recenter 9.1988 washington, D.C. Dear Mr. President and the First Lady, ANGELO JOHN GRADO x 1st Vice President MICHAEL WERBOFF I received today one of the happiest surprises 2nd Vice President PETER A. MATULAVAGE of any long life - a birthday greeting and Vice President & Treasurer MILDRED STARRS lest wither from both of You. My bertuday LUCILLE C. HAMPTON is Comorrow December 10 - 1 will be go years MICHAEL J. HUGHES loung. I Thank both of You profoundly Directors for this Kind and generous gesture and **GRACE BOGERT** GRANVILLE W. CARTER, N.A. LOTTIE MEYER CATOK for the honor of receiving it. It is very LINDA ANNE MISJA PATRICIA SPROULS difficult-realy impossible to put into words LUCILLE T. STILLMAN CECILIA CARDMAN BEN BOTVENEK the emotion that this kind of gesture CHARLES J. GERHART Advisory Board
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DONALD DE LUE, N.A.
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Cocuntry and deeply cheriches the great homer Advisory Board GEORGE READ BARTON of its citizenship. May I take this apportunity to with You and Your Family a Happy Christmas and the best possible her Year. May god Continue to Bless You and our Country, and protest you from Your enemies -foreign and downestie. Respectfuly and most gratefuly -Michael A. Werboff.

The American Artists Professional League

P.S.

I would like to add to my letter an expression, of a profund undignation and disgust at the Stupid efforts of the so called "liberal Paes" cend (the Partyslaves of Congress Trying to make a "usantain" out of a molehill of the transion affair "! they do not see beyond their noses and do not realise the visdom and even the necessty of your efforts to brung peace and to free the american citizen from the forced detection. I wonder how they would feel if the hostages were their close relatives, we have diplomatic relation now-inspite of Rearl Harbor-with Japan, or with Gernary inspite of the Holourstron with Rustia unspile of afganistantite - the President of the United States is not like a King of England - en tigurhead It to couper, you are the best President our Courtry had in the 20th Celetury and the millions of us who reclassed afany Kind was done to our Country and the Dosfaces are free. You were right when you said that it the press would not meddle all fine hostages would be fee!

thank you again for you kind message for any birtuday - and most of all for what you do for our country. M.W.

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 456669

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 19, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RAYMOND T. MCNEAL

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT AND PRAYERS CONCERNING

IRAN ARMS SALES

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THE WHITE HOUSE

January 20, 1987

Dear Judge McNeal and Ms. Lee:

Thank you for your letter dated December 11, 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 Raymond T. McNeal
Ms. Barbara J. Lee, Judicial Assistant
Circuit Court
Fifth Judicial Circuit
Marion County Courthouse
110 N.W. Second Avenue
Ocala, Florida 32670

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM:

C. CHRISTOPHER COX

SUBJECT:

Iran Correspondence From the General Public

The attached letter, which is a simple expression of support, was evidently referred to this office because it comes from a State court judge and his judicial assistant. The responsive letter for your recommended use thanks the correspondents for their support.





CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF FLORIDA

RAYMOND T. MCNEAL JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BARBARA J. LEE

MARION COUNTY COURTHOUSE
IIO N. W. SECOND AVENUE
OCALA, FLORIDA 32670
904/622-0444

December 11, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We want you to know our prayers are with you. This mess concerning the sale of arms to Iran will not end overnight, but you are a man of strength and courage. We know all of your decisions are based on what you think is morally right and in the best interests of our country. We are a better nation as a result of your presidency.

God bless you and your family. Have a joyous holiday season.

y respectfully yours

RAYMOND T. MCNEAL

Circuit Judge

BARBARA J. LEE

Judicial Assistant

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THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 071

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 22, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GEORGE CHAMPION

SUBJECT: SENDS HIS SUPPORT AND PRAYERS IN VIEW OF THE

IMPACT WHICH THE NEWS MEDIA HAS CAUSED OVER

THE IRANIAN PROBLEM

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Dear George:

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

Thank you for thinking of me. May God bless you and keep you during this holy season.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. George Champion 1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

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AH oc.Ks GEORGE CHAMPION
1211 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10036

December 17, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan President of the United States Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You have been in our thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks, in view of the impact which the news media has caused over the Iranian problem, and I hope the Good Lord has given you enough courage and stamina to withstand these poisonous accusations without foundation. You know that the humanists, socialists and communists are exerting every effort to undermine our government and the Judeo-Christian disciplines and ethics which have prevailed in our country since its founding. The news media and academia have been helping these termites more than any other group. You have and will continue to have a great and devoted following for the leadership you have given and we wouldn't want any compromise on your fine programs.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

CO 071

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 22, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: COMMODORE EDGAR MARTIN SKINNER III

8639367

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE "IRANIAN INITIATIVE" AND HIS PLANS TO EXPOSE THE ACTIONS OF THE MEDIA, CERTAIN CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING OF THE ISSUE

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DATE: 1/6/87

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FOR: Mr. Frank C. Carlucci National Security Council

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	TO:	President Reagan	FROM:	Commodore Edgar Skinne	r	
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

January 6, 1987

Commodore Edgar Martin Skinner, III Marine Harbor South Apartment 10 100 Lehane Terrace North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I am replying to your letter to President Reagan concerning U.S. transfer of arms to Iran.

The President appreciates your support and the special effort you made to let him know your views concerning the Iran initiative. We read and noted your comments with interest.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing material that I believe will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

George B. High Senior Deputy Assistant

Secretary for Public Affairs

Enclosures.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE REFERRAL

DECEMBER 31, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 456728

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 16, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: COMMODORE EDGAR MARTIN SKINNER III

MARINE HARBOR SOUTH

APARTMENT 10

100 LEHANE TERRACE

NORTH PALM BEACH FL 33408

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE "IRANIAN INITIATIVE" AND

HIS PLANS TO EXPOSE THE ACTIONS OF THE MEDIA, CERTAIN CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING OF THE ISSUE

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

456728

Commodore Edgar Martin Skinner, III Marina Harbor South 100 Lehane Terrace, Apartment 20 North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Phone: (305) 845-7725

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The President The White House Washington, D.C. December 16, 1986

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to reiterate my strong support and inform you of planned actions.

If, by chance, the speculations by the press about the "Iranian initiative" may be true, namely 1) sale of arms to a third-party nation which sold the arms to Iran in return for pressure by Iran to obtain the release of American hostages, 2) mark-up on the price of the arms sold to Iran so that the excess would go to the freedom-fighters of Nicaragua, and 3) countering the advantage of the arm sale to Iram by providing helpful military information to Iraq, - such a plan is so masterfully in the best interests of our country that those government officials who may have initiated such a plan should be given the highest award and commendation.

The only <u>crime</u> is that the media, certain Congressmen and other individuals have irresponsibily reported and commented upon unfounded allegations concerning sensitive subjects, originally initiated by the hostile government of Iran,

- 1) with knowing added risk to the lives of existing American hostages,
- 2) with the result of an international political victory openly touted by Iran,
- at the unwarranted undermining of the President, the American government and the American people, and
- 4) being a party to a "shark-frenzied" media blitz which has unnecessarily incited and devided the American public and damaged our international relationships.

The actions of such people are tantamount to TREASON ("the betrayal of a trust or confidence; breach of faith; impair the well-being of a state to which one owes allegiance;"- Random House.), and they should be severely admonished before the public, at the very least.

Therefore, I plan to help expose those irresponsible people by activating an organization I formed years ago after leaving President Nixon's Administration to represent a non-profit association of 65,000 member American managers.

In the meantime, Mr. President, rest assured that I am among millions of responsible Americans who will stand up to be counted in your support.

With continued respect, appreciation and best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Edgar M. Skinner, III

THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 22, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GENGHIS KHAN ELKADIRI

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING IRAN-IRAQ WAR ACTION DISPOSITION ACT DATE TYPE C COMPLETED ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME) CODE YY/MM/DD RESP D YY/MM/DD ORG 86/12/22 LINAS KOJELIS REFERRAL NOTE: REFERRAL NOTE: REFERRAL NOTE: REFERRAL NOTE: REFERRAL NOTE: COMMENTS: ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA: L INDIVIDUAL CODES: PL MAIL USER CODES: (A) (B) (C) *********************** *DISPOSITION *OUTGOING *ACTION CODES: *CORRESPONDENCE: *TYPE RESP=INITIALS *A-APPROPRIATE ACTION *A-ANSWERED *C-COMMENT/RECOM *B-NON-SPEC-REFERRAL OF SIGNER *D-DRAFT RESPONSE * CODE = A *C-COMPLETED *F-FURNISH FACT SHEET *S-SUSPENDED *COMPLETED = DATE OF *I-INFO COPY/NO ACT NEC* OUTGOING *R-DIRECT REPLY W/COPY * *S-FOR-SIGNATURE *X-INTERIM REPLY

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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DECEMBER 31, 1986

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 456768

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 18, 1986

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. GENGHIS KHAN ELKADIRI

CHAIRMAN

ARABIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING

CORPORATION SUITE 110

11328 SOUTH POST OAK ROAD

HOUSTON NJ 77035

SUBJECT: VIEWS REGARDING IRAN-IRAQ WAR

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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

United States Department of State



Washington, D.C. 20520

Mr. Genghis Khan Elkadiri Chairman Arabian National Shipping Corporation 146-42 Guy Brewer Blvd. New York, New York 11434

Dear Mr. Elkadiri:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of December 18, 1986, to President Reagan concerning U.S. policy toward Iran and the Gulf war.

We have consistently sought an end to the war that would preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of both Iran and Iraq. To that end, we have supported and continue to support constructive international diplomatic efforts to find a negotiated settlement to the war.

Unfortunately, Iran has adamantly refused to join Iraq in working toward a negotiated settlement. We have therefore worked actively for some time to discourage arms shipments from all sources to Iran, and we continue to do so. All interested governments are well aware of U.S. policy in that regard.

As you know, the President authorized the sale of a limited amount of military equipment to Iran from U.S. stocks last year. As the President has said, that decision was taken with specific objectives in view, including contributing to efforts to end the Gulf war. The President has ordered that, in light of subsequent developments, no more arms will be supplied to Iran.

I hope that this brief summary of our policy on the Gulf war will be of use to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Peter Burleigh

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Bureau of Near Eastern and

South Asian Affairs



DEPARTMENT OF STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S_	8639368		
Date	February	18,	1987

FOR: Mr. Frank C. Carlucci

National Security Council

The White House

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Г	To: President Reagan
	Genghis Khan Elkadiri, Chairman,
	From: Arabian National Shipping Corporation
Ι	Date: December 18, 1986
S	Subject: Views Regarding Iran-Iraq War
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Melvyn Levitsky Executive Secretary



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Arabian National Shipping Corp.

Dec 18,1986

President Ronald Reagan

Dear Mr. President,

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From time to time I have been sending you telegrams & letters expressing my views to the benefit of American and the Arab World. As Middle East specialist my views are solicited by T.V. stations such as ABC and I have written few articals in The New york Times and The Washington Post.

Unfortunately I did not elaborate about who emerged victorious in this current delema. Israel has been helping Iran for the past few years, by providing arms & spare part shipments plus above all Melitary Advisors, long before this became public knowledge,. And finally to push the blame from them they dragged America in to the picture, by this they came out as America's allies, they only did that to the benefit of USA.

Israel's desire to weaken Iraq and strengthen Iran in the terms of "My Enemies Enemy is My Friend" furthermore Israel"s supreme wish is to aliente the Arabs from America. I hate to admit that they succeeded in both.

The Russians has been telling the Arabs that America is not your friend we are your only faithfull friend, Now they say did't we tell you always.

I have a way out for you to turn this event in your favorand you will & the USA will regain the respect of your party and the world.

My high regards for you induced me to write to you again and offer my humble knowledge, please do not judge my world wide knowledge on the basis of the english gramer of this letter. 0r the typing.

I wish you long life and success

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Sincerely Yours

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Dear President Reagan:

The interests and welfare of nearly 250,000,000 U. S. Americans far transcend concern for the plight, however melancholy, of a few kidnapees.

Perhaps massive military assistance to Iraq and Delta Force punitive-rescue missions in the Bekaa Valley would serve our national interests far better than arms to Iran.

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Robert Devine

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Bribing Iran with arms — the wrong way to fight terror

Though five years have passed since the end of the hostage crisis, the news of secret contacts between the United States and Iran is both surprising and disturbing.

There's no problem figuring out what Tehran stood to gain from these negotiations with the U.S. — despite the continuing stream of anti-American slander that spews forth from the Ayatollah Khomeini and his mullahs.

Iran remains at war. Its badly battered war machine is in immediate need of spare parts and cheap arms — for the unending war with Iraq.

That explains their interest. What about Washington's?

The answer, sad to say, likely turns on the American hostages in Lebanon. Iran is a major sponsor of international terrorism, and the benefactor of many of the shadowy terror cells that operate in the Mideast.

But if Washington did, in fact, send former National Security Adviser Bud MacFarlane on a mission to bribe the mullahs — with spare parts and promises — into ordering the hostages in Lebanon freed, that's nothing short of deplorable.

America has made clear to all the world, again and again, its unwillingness to reward coercion by negotiating with terrorists. And now the British, by breaking relations with Syria, have strengthened considerably that hard line.

For the U.S. now to break ranks — to go off on its own and deal with one of world terrorism's chief sponsors — would be a blow to any hope of an international alliance against terror.

American criticism of, say, the French (for their dealings with Syria) or the Italians (for their pact with Khadafy) would ring altogether hollow. If Washington bought David Jacobsen's freedom from the mullahs in Iran, it made a serious mistake.

But might there have been a larger American purpose to these dealings with Tehran?

Khomeini is aging and reportedly ili. His passing is only a matter of time.

To have a presence in a post-Khomeini Iran is surely in the American — and Western — interest. What if these secret negotiations were intended to open channels of communications with moderate elements in Tehran such as they are?

A risky business indeed — as events have demonstrated.

But failure to explore possible avenues will assure, albeit down the road, Soviet domination of Iran and the Persian Gulf — by default.

And that would be a disaster — political, military and economic.

Most of Western Europe's energy supply — and all of Japan's — passes through the Gulf and the Straits of Hormuz into the Indian Ocean.

If Moscow gains the power to turn that spigot at will, the Soviets assume a measure of control over Europe and Japan with frightening implications for the whole Free World.

Today, of course, Khomeini's hatred of Moscow is exceeded only by his hatred of Washington. The Iranian Communist party — the Tudeh — is proscribed, its members hunted and killed.

But Moscow is well aware of Khomeini's frailty, and the Soviets are doubtless looking toward a foothold of their own — or more than a foothold — in that same post-Khomeini Iran.

Washington cannot simply write off Iran — forever.

But while a case can likely be made that the recent, secret negotiations concerned both the hostages and these long-term strategic considerations, Washington and Tehran know what was atop the agenda. And so — soon — will the rest of the world.

Let's hope there was no hostage-forweapons trade-off — for the sake of all who have an interest in defeating international terror.

Turning down the volume

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1987

Dear Mr. Bunn:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support for him 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

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Dear President Regan:

I, a Democrat, previously elected Representative of the General Assembly from the Capital area of Raleigh, support you and your policies. I do not in the slightest care whether you did or did not know of the Iranian Arms and the funds for the Nicaraquan Contras. The interesting thing is that the only comments I hear are in support of you and boredom and disgust of the news media which apparently takes delight in supporting our adversaries position with the obvious result of damaging the United States in its efforts to fight terrorism and reach peaceful solutions. The general public recognizes that our nation cannot do every political and warlike act with notice and approval of the news media for the very obvious reasons that were demonstrated in this instance. Hostages lives and, yes, even the safety of our own Country is of little consequence to the gluttonous news media. For various reasons, bordering on treason, you cannot trust the news media with sensitive information and yet they become incensed and vindictive towards you and the government in such instances as the attack on Grenada without them being informed and included.

I am thrown with various organizations, legal, political, the North Carolina State University Running Group for 23 years, Church and Men's Fellowship Groups, and what these citizens would like to see is not another slanted poll by the sanctimonious, judgmental news media, but a poll to the people of the United States regarding the dictatorial news media. Each of those I come in contact with, other than my liberal ACLU college friends would like to throttle the press for their destructive attacks upon our Government and seemingly defense and support of Kadafi, Syria, Russia and their communist allies. The pictures of Kadafi in the News and Observer are as much as a half page and flattering in a white suit, whereas those of the President of the

United States are consistently demeaning. See the attached clipping.

If freedom of speech is ever lost in this Country, it will be for one reason, the absolute abuse by the press of that freedom. The law teaches us that probably the finest defense is a good offense and I would certainly suggest that tactic against the news media, for if it is not curbed, the news media will surely destroy itself. They have ceased reporting the news, although that is their limited training and instead tell the County Commissioners, the City Councilmen, the Legislature, the Coaches, the Athletic Commissioner, the Government and yes, the President of the United States, exactly what they should have done and what they should and should not do. Due to their unbridled and merciless attacks, few have the stamina to oppose them and stand up for their rights.

I would suggest that your office publish a list of news media which is responsible and invite only those to any press conference. That it immediately begin its own poll of the people of the United States as to whether they feel the news media is proper and fair. They need to be put on the defensive and to clean up their act.

I am enclosing an Article from the "Nuisance and Disturber" in which the author says "No, the press is not wrong, you, President Regan are wrong". I say let's ask the people whether they feel the media has hurt every interest in the United States. Let's ask the people if they feel the press coverage of the Iranian deal has in any way benefited the United States, the hostages, or even the world situation. You might go further and poll the people on issues such as is the press more sympathetic to the communist cause than the democratic cause. Should certain political sensitive news be censored for the protection of our Country and its allies? Does the press go beyond news reporting, to dictate and even destroy its adversaries. You might even ask a real cutting issue of the public, do they feel the news media should file annual financial and ownership accounts for the public.

The manner in which the news media attacks the very Government which makes its freedom possible, reminds me of my father's story of the deer and the snake. There was an enormous forest fire and many of the animals were being consumed and as this deer fled the fire to the safety of the river, it saw a snake which was surely going to be consumed by the fire. The deer stopped, picked up the snake and carried it to the safety on the other side of the river where it put the snake down. The snake immediately bit the deer and as the deer lay dying, it ask the snake "why did you bite me" and the snake said "I guess because I am just a damn snake."

The vast majority of the people of the United States are in complete support of you and your efforts in behalf of our country and are disgusted and frustrated with our news media.

Yours very truly,

Thomas D. Bunn

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Baumann:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent letter of strong support. It is gratifying to see so many Americans rally behind the President, and it is most appreciated.

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

Continue your good work.

Sincerely,

Cristena L. Back

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December 18, 1986

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

Dear President Reagan,

I guess I have decided to finally sit down and write you concerning my feelings on recent events. I have intended for some time to, but never have till this point.

I have supported you since in 1976 when I voted for you in the Michigan primary. I was proud to support you then, and likewise and proud to support you now. I have no qualms or regrets.

I am totally disgusted with the national media's attempt to totally discredit you. I am totally baffled. For months and months I have listened to hostage families berate you, I have seen national reporters take you to task on your "lack of effort". I got so mad one night watching Nightline I nearly smashed my TV. Now that it has come out that you have made efforts to free the hostages, they again are kicking you in the rear end. So a few laws were broken...who cares!!! At least you were doing something. And you did try.

Whatever you do, please do not let them get you. I have not exactly agreed with all you have done since 1980, but you have been the only president in my lifetime that has kept his word on what he was going to do. When I voted for you in 1980, I was working 10 hours a day at GM. One year later I was laid-off and haven't been recalled. I think you must do something about imports to save the fabric of this country. But over-all, you have done one hell of a job.

I truly believe that in years to come, as we look back at this period in American History, you will certainly have your place at restoring the faith of America in herself. Bringing a shamed nation under Carter back to pride. And likewise, I truly believe

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WILLIAM WADSWORTH, JR. Councilman that you will be noted as one of our greatest leaders. Because you are. I thank God every day that I have had the opportunity to be here under your leadership. And I thank you, for giving these eight years to our country. I wish we could get you in again!!!!

Please, don't take this crap from the liberal press. Don't allow our Communist sympathizers in Congress to get to you. There are alot of people behind you.

All my Best! Sincerely yours,

Barry T. Baumann