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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN *PB*  
SUBJECT: IRAN/CONTRAGATE

Have given much thought to our "problem" since our conversation of a week ago. And here is how I see it.

On the defensive side (i.e. Is the President perceived as leading the investigation, rather than participating in some cover up?) we have done fairly well. The call for an Independent Counsel, the promise (and delivery) of co-operation with the Committees, the request for "use immunity" all bespeak a President who has nothing to worry about, who wants the full story made public.

However, the silence of Poindexter and North is still a cloud hanging over this Presidency that we cannot ourselves remove, and which the liberal Democrats have no interest in removing. They are looking to full-blown Watergate-style hearings in both Houses this coming year. Also, the President is yet perceived as being the prisoner of events, not being fully in command. He has not been seen much of late; and -- given the holidays and the surgery -- will not be seen much before the SOTU.

How do we lance this boil; how do we get the President not only in front of this issue, but this issue behind us, so we are not preoccupied with it for the next six months of the Reagan Presidency.

OPTIONS

- A) The President again insists that "use immunity" be provided, and warns the committee that in the absence of same, he may consider a pardon to get the full story out, now. National interest demands it. (Some courageous soul might trial balloon this one to ascertain reaction.)
- B) The President calls in Poindexter and North and asks them -- nay, directs them -- as on-duty military officers to relay what they know of this to the Hill, tells them at the same time he realizes that they were acting in pursuit of the President's policy, if not explicitly on presidential orders. And announces publicly that he has done this. (If, of course, they refuse, the burden, however, is then on the President to cashier them from the service.)

- C) The President pardons both men, and directs them to tell all they know to the Hill -- after they come in and tell him what they know. A major firestorm here -- but it could bring an earlier conclusion.
- D) We make an effort publicly to get both John and Ollie to make public statements -- strictly limited to "What did the President know?"
- E) We do nothing more re: John and Ollie.

Have no other immediate ideas for getting the story "out" and carving the President away from it.

#### On Re-asserting Leadership

If the President is going to re-establish his authority, it will have to be done dramatically -- else leadership is going to pass quickly away from his Presidency. To re-assert it, he needs to deal in "Big" issues -- issues of profound moment and deep controversy. Almost, by definition, these are foreign and defense policy matters. Herewith is a list of steps that might be taken -- which are consistent with the President's philosophy and beliefs and agenda, which could focus national attention away from Irangate, and would bring the President's natural coalition in behind him.

- A) A Presidential request that the Senate bring up -- and defeat -- the Salt II Treaty.
- B) A Presidential decision to deploy SDI by a date certain in the future.
- C) A Presidential decision to begin deployment of an ABM System -- that is permitted by the ABM Treaty, leading to eventual deployment of SDI.
- D) A Presidential declaration that the objective of the United States is now the "liberation" of Nicaragua from the Soviet Bloc, coupled with a break in diplomatic relations -- making Central America the issue of 1987.
- E) A Presidential Summit Conference on Southern Africa, along the lines of the plan drawn up and discussed last year.
- F) A Presidential enunciation and expansion of the "Reagan Doctrine" of supporting anti-Communist movements worldwide, which would be a rallying point for his people.

If, however, the President makes a dramatic move in the other direction -- toward an INF Agreement, based on the "Zero option," or the Bowen Catastrophic Health Plan, as his great domestic legacy, he will win Democratic applause -- but split his coalition and party and base in so doing. The same -- in spades -- would occur with a Presidential decision to go for a full-fledged arms control agreement along the lines of Reykjavik -- with any concessions on SDI.

But whichever route the President chooses to travel, we must be bold. If we merely move to accommodate an existing centrist consensus, then lame duckery will set in, quickly, finally and permanently.

#### Dealing with Irangate

Still believe that we should consider appointment of a Special Counsellor, with a rank comparable to the Chief of Staff, a lawyer-politician who can handle the entire Irangate franchise, who will oversee selection and dispatch of documents, who will be assisted by a Korologos-type legislative old hand, a tough customer, who will have in turn a spokesperson in Larry's shop, when it is reconstituted (see attached). Because these hearings are going to move, more and more, into political struggles -- with the Democrats using them to maximize damage on the Reagan Presidency and image -- we will need there people who know something about waging public political warfare -- and can draw blood as well as deliver memoranda.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: PAT BUCHANAN

This is a followup to our Wednesday meeting. At this time, I cannot conceive of a communications plan that will allow peak-period White House business to go forward in January, uninterrupted by Iran issues. No matter what we say, dissolution will show. I offer a two track White House mechanism to get past crunch of Budget and SOTU.

90 Day Special Counsellor -- Appoint a Special Counsellor to head a "Swat Team" to deal exclusively with the Iran/Contra issue. Goals: 1) Day-to-day management and tracking of all aspects of the Iran issue; 2) Restore the President's standing.

The Special Counsellor should have standing equal to the Chief of Staff and direct access to President; be able to command White House resources; impact the President's schedule; shape events; oversee and sign off on statements and speech materials. He should come equipped to provide the President with sage advice on legal and legislative matters and external relations.

The Counsellor should be provided three substantive detailees (White House experience), full time for 90 days, and staff support as necessary. The detailees should bring experience to accommodate three areas of particular importance.

- o Legal Advice -- Individual works with Counsel's office, DOJ, Tower Commission (as appropriate).
- o Legislative affairs -- Work with White House and agency legislative shops to direct resources, identify hot spots, and provide intercession where necessary.
- o External relations -- Create and disseminate materials and work support groups. Work with White House Staff Secretary; Public Affairs, OPL, Speech Writers, Political Affairs, to orchestrate support for RR.

I believe this arrangement would be viewed as a positive development on the outside. It is difficult now, but soon will become impossible for you or anyone else on staff, likewise concerned with State of the Union and the Budget, to track all aspects of the Iran/Contra issue.

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March 19, 1987

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Dear Mary:

Thank you for your heartwarming letter. You made my day. You know sometimes I find myself thinking that maybe ours was a kind of special generation. You were kind to write as you did and I'm truly grateful.

Give Jim my regards and again thanks.

Sincerely,

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myself thinking that <sup>MAYBE</sup> yours was a kind of special  
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I'm truly grateful.

Love Jim my regards & again thanks,  
Sincerely Ron

March 15, 1987

Dear Mr. President,

I read and listen to all everyone has to say about the "arms situation" and where the "truck stops here," and I get half-sick.

I, too, understand from whence it all comes and why.

Thanking God I was not there, because I would have said it like it was as did Maureen <sup>(had anyone cared to ask)</sup> (bless her). I'm glad her dad was "royally P.O'd," and ~

I still think your initial reaction was right, Row. Had it been me, I would have decided the same way. And isn't it a crying shame that it's OK today that any American can be incarcerated by insane criminals just because alone they are Americans? World powers - the nuclear age - all that rot ~

I'm sure glad we geriatrics were born when we were! At least we can remember what it was all about in our country - and proud of it!

Thinking back to yesteryear and

historic decisions that were made  
by those in your chair - by  
Golly, 'ole Teddy, and a few others,  
didn't have to listen to, nor did  
they, compromise gut-ethics.

I know why you had to do  
what you had to do, but I  
wept bitter tears for you.

For what little significance of  
warmth and respect this  
little old lady in "tennies" has  
to offer you - darn it, you  
were right, and I'm proud you  
are our friend! Jim echoes this too,  
(a follow-up article in COPE is forthcoming in  
Thought maybe you'd like to <sup>maybe</sup>  
know there's still a few of us  
left out here.

With our love and always  
deepest respect -  
Mary Curtis

Hope yours and Nancy's Anniversary  
was special - anyhow. We were  
thinking of you - both of you.  
Don't ever lose that beautiful smile,  
Ron; we need to know it is always  
with you. Bless it! Vive!

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 9, 1987

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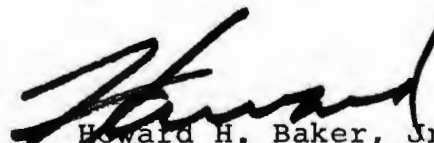
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Dear Jack:

Many thanks for your kind note of March 3. I very much appreciate your willingness to give us an opportunity to work together to resolve the NSC subpoena issue. I have asked our staff to sit down with your Subcommittee staff during the next few days to try to reach some common ground, and trust we can work this out.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

cc: Will Ball ✓  
Jay Stephens  
Frank Carlucci

Honorable Jack Brooks  
Chairman  
Legislation and National  
Security Subcommittee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JACK BROOKS  
9TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

3 March '87

Dear Howard -

Hope we can work this  
out.

Good luck in your new  
and challenging assignment!

Yours an exceptionally good  
choice for a difficult job.

Your friend -

Jack Brooks



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# NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
 Tuesday, March 3, 1987

## BROOKS AGREES TO WHITE HOUSE REQUEST FOR DELAY OF POINDEXTER APPEARANCE

Congressman Jack Brooks (D-Tex.), Chairman of the Legislation and National Security Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations, announced that he has postponed until March 17 the date on which former National Security Advisor Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter and former Special Assistant to the President Kenneth de Graffenreid are required to appear before the subcommittee. The action was taken at the request of newly-named White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, according to Brooks.

The Subcommittee unanimously voted to issue subpoenas to the two former White House officials on February 25 when Poindexter and de Graffenreid failed to appear at a subcommittee hearing on legislation designed to prevent the restriction of public access to government and private sector information. The focus of the hearing was on a directive issued by Admiral Poindexter when he was National Security Advisor, which Brooks characterized as "an effort to restrict public access to a wide range of unclassified information, including scientific, technical, and engineering data held in civilian agency and private sector computerized data bases."

"At the request of White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker, I have agreed to modify the return date of the subpoenas which were issued by the subcommittee to Tuesday, March 17," Brooks stated. "This will give Mr. Baker and other members of the White House staff an opportunity to become familiar with the facts of the situation that gave rise to the subpoenas and to evaluate the Administration's position in this matter."





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March 20, 1987

Dear Clark:

Thanks for that long telegram you sent me. I certainly appreciate having all your views and will share them with the staff. I continue to be grateful for your friendship and support.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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PMS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

CARE: KATHY OSBORNE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

CONGRATULATIONS ON AN EXCELLENT SPEECH. YOU WENT AS FAR AS YOU COULD AT THIS TIME, AND PLEDGED A CONTINUING COOPERATION WITH CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES.

YOUR ACTIONS IN APPOINTING HOWARD BAKER, BILL WEBSTER, FRANK CARLUCCI AND DAVE ABSHIRE GAVE IT CREDIBILITY WITH ME AND WITH REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS ALIKE. THE RECORD AT THIS POINT REPRESENTS A FORTHRIGHT EFFORT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT USED "EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE" TO HIDE EMBARRASSING LAPSES. I WOULD SEE NO

SERIOUS PROBLEM, IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE FORTHRIGHT IN EXPRESSING "DISAPPOINTMENT" OR "ANGER" AS THE FACTS WARRANT WITH SUBORDINATES WHO FROM TIME TO TIME HAVE BEEN SO INTENT ON GETTING A JOB DONE THAT THEY HAVE CUT CORNERS WITHOUT GIVING PROPER THOUGHT TO HOW THEIR ACTIONS MAY BE REGARDED LATER.

YOUR NEXT PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT TEST, AND I AM SURE YOU WILL BE PREPARED FOR MANY QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE PRESSED BY REPORTERS WHO DO NOT HAVE A BACKGROUND TO VIEW THE PRESENT PRESIDENTIAL PROBLEMS IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF HISTORY, BUT ARE THINKING OF SHORT TERM AND SUPERFICIAL MATTERS AS EXPLOSIVE RHETORIC FOR NEWSPAPER HEADLINES OR FOR TELEVISION NEWSCASTS.

ONLY A FEW OF THE CURRENT CROP OF WHITE HOUSE REPORTERS HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OR THE BACKGROUND TO UNDERSTAND IN PERSPECTIVE THAT ALL OF OUR MOST RECENT PRESIDENTS (AT LEAST BACK TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN) HAVE MADE SUBSTANTIAL MISTAKES OF FACT OR LAW BECAUSE THEY WERE GIVEN

FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION BY TRUSTED SUBORDINATES.  
FEW OF THE PRESENT CROP OF REPORTERS WILL REMEMBER THE SERIOUS MISTAKES THAT MR TRUMAN MADE IN DENYING SERIOUS CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT IN THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE. MR TRUMAN MADE THOSE MISTAKES BECAUSE HE WAS MISLED BY THE SECRETARY OF TREASURY AND THE COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE.

IN A SIMILAR MATTER, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER WAS MISLED WITH REGARD TO THE DIXON-YATES CASE, THE LADEJINSKY CASE, THE GOLDFINE-SHERMAN ADAMS MATTER AND OTHERS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS MISLED BY CABINET OFFICERS, WHITE HOUSE AIDES AND OTHERS ON THE TMX SCANDALS, THE BILLY SOL ESTES CASE, AND THE OTTO OTEPKA AFFAIR. PRESIDENT JOHNSON, A VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CANNY PRESIDENT, WAS UNINFORMED ON THE EXTENT OF THE ACTIONS OF BOBBY BAKER AND ROBERT MCNAMARA ON MATTERS HE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HAVE APPROVED.

PRESIDENT NIXON WAS UNAWARE OF SOME OF THE MAJOR ACTIONS OF HIS TOP



SUBORDINATES IN THE WATERGATE AFFAIR UNTIL AFTER THE FACT, AND THEN MADE THE MISTAKE OF SEEKING TO HIDE THEIR QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES BY USING "EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE." THERE WERE A HOST OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS IN THE FORD AND CARTER ADMINISTRATIONS WHERE THE PRESIDENTS WERE MISLED BY TRUSTED SUBORDINATES, AND DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR ACTIONS UNTIL THEY WERE PUBLICLY EMBARRASSED BY THEIR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE.

IN HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE, I FEEL THAT MR TRUMAN AND MR EISENHOWER WERE AMONG OUR BEST PRESIDENTS DESPITE VULNERABILITY TO PROPER CRITICISM

ON SOME POINTS. PRESIDENT KENNEDY RETAINED A BRIGHT IMAGE UP TO THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, IN THE FACE OF SOME ILL ADVISED EFFORTS BY HIS ADMINISTRATION TO HIDE RELEVANT FACTS FROM CONGRESS IN THE TFX SCANDAL, THE BILLY SOL ESTES SCANDAL AND WITH REGARD TO THE IMPROPER AND UNETHICAL METHODS USED TO FIRE OTTO OTEPKA. MORE RECENT INCIDENTS ESTABLISHING THAT PRESIDENTS ARE NOT TOTALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE PROBABLY WITHIN THE MEMORY OF SOME OF THE MORE SENIOR AND MORE STUDIOUS AMONG THE WASHINGTON REPORTERS. OTHERS WILL HAVE TO BE REMINDED OF THE FACTS THAT ESTABLISHED THAT NONE OF OUR PRESIDENTS, EVEN THOSE THAT WERE AMONG THE BEST AND MOST REVERED, HAVE BEEN INFALLIBLE.

I HAVE INVESTIGATED IN DEPTH ON THE SCANDALS AND SHORT-COMINGS OF EVERY PRESIDENT FROM MR TRUMAN TO THE PRESENT. I HAVE WRITTEN TEN BOOKS WITH DEPTH DOCUMENTED TREATMENT OF ALL OF THE EVENTS I HAVE RECALLED HERE, AND CAN SAY FROM THAT PERSPECTIVE THAT YOUR MISTAKES

HAVE BEEN NO WORSE THAN THOSE MADE BY ANY OF YOUR SEVEN IMMEDIATE PREDECESSORS.

YOU HAVE EXCELLED ALL OF YOUR MOST RECENT PREDECESSORS ON SEVERAL POINTS: 1 YOU WISELY DID NOT TRY TO USE "EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE" TO AVOID HAVING EMBARRASSING FACTS MADE PUBLIC. 2 YOU HAVE BROKEN NEW GROUND IN PERSONALLY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT PRESIDENTS CAN PUBLICLY ADMIT THEY WERE MISLED AND THAT PRESIDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE MYTH OF PRESIDENTIAL INFALLIBILITY.

BEING FORTHRIGHT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE OF YOUR "MISTAKES" WILL GIVE YOU THE INITIATIVE IN YOUR NEXT PRESS CONFERENCE. IT COULD BE AUGMENTED CONSIDERABLY BY SOME PRESIDENTIAL HONORS FOR SOME CONSERVATIVES WHO HAVE BEEN NON-PARTISAN SYMBOLS OF CONSISTANT AND COURAGEOUS FIGHTS FOR INTEGRITY IN GOVERNMENT. I WOULD RECOMMEND: 1 FORMER SENATOR JOHN J WILLIAMS, OF DELAWARE, WHO WAS THE CONSCIENCE OF THE SENATE FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. 2 FORMER

CONGRESSMAN H R GROSS, OF IOWA, WHO WAS THE CONSCIENCE OF THE HOUSE FOR A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. 3 A ERNEST FITZGERALD, AIR FORCE COST ANALYST, WHO HAS BEEN THE CONSCIENCE OF THE PENTAGON IN DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATIONS FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS. 4 FORMER SENATOR BARRY GOLDWATER, OF ARIZONA, AN HONORABLE MAN WHO WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN PRESIDENT, BUT ROSE FROM DEFEAT TO BE FINALLY RECOGNIZED AS A WISE AND PERCEPTIVE CRITIC OF DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTS.

I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU DELAY THE NEXT PRESS CONFERENCE UNTIL YOU ARE FULLY PREPARED ON DETAILS OF THE HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE TO BE ABLE TO PATIENTLY INSTRUCT YOUR QUESTIONERS REGARDLESS OF THEIR MOTIVATIONS.

WITH BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT FINAL ACT OF WHICH I HOPE I CAN WRITE:  
"HIS STRENGTH WAS AS THE STRENGTH OF TEN BECAUSE HIS HEART WAS PURE."

CLARK R MOLLENHOFF



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March 23, 1987

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Dear Mr. Matheu:

My heartfelt thanks for your kind letter and generous words. I remember our meeting in 1982 and am more than happy to hear from you.

I am hopeful that perhaps we have put the Iran affair behind us and can now get on with matters of greater importance, such as the CBI program and our relationship with our Central and South American neighbors. I believe our own people have begun to realize how much the whole affair was blown out of proportion by our press.

Again, my thanks to you, and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

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Again my thanks to you & very best wishes.

Sincerely  
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Guatemala, March 5, 1987

President Roland Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.  
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U. S. A.

Dear Mr. President:

We just held in Washington our annual Board Meeting of the Foundation of the Americas for the Handicapped at which your friend Barney Oldfield was present. He suggested I write you letting you know the feelings I so earnestly expressed to him in favor of your good self, your track record as President from the point of view of those of us who live outside the United States, the credibility you hold with us and our decided backing on your continued effort in fostering the economic development of nations of democratic and freedom loving people.

In June of 1982, when I had the privilege of being the spokesman for the Heads of State and Ministers of Economy and Foreign Affairs that briefly met with you at the Oval Office, you might remember I mentioned that we certainly were the ones to be grateful for your having proposed to Congress the CBI program which would give us for the first time, since our Independence, the opportunity of working shoulder to shoulder in the economic development of our countries by taking advantage of your nation's great market and political stability.

Although the CBI Program hasn't been as rapid in developing volume of business, the in-roads in development that have already been accomplished in a little over three and a half years, gives us a good base for it to work as expected in the remaining nine and a half years. With the help of C/CAA, we will continue to work as strong as we did initially in the passing of the bill, so that the new attitude of protectionism does not create barriers that will hurt the success of the program.

The shocking impression most of us, thinking people have had in Latin America over the disproportion of importance that the media and the politicians have given the Iran scandal, with no regard for the harm they have done internationally to the image of the United States, its Government,

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and the White House, to us outside of the United States, seems incredible, many people will have qualms of conscience for their lack of responsibility.

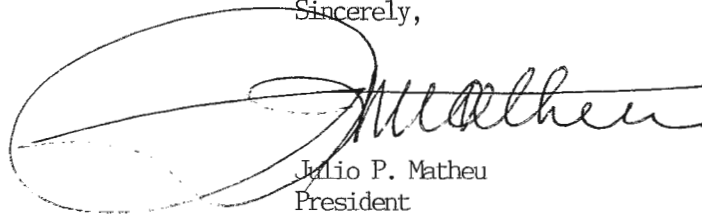
Last night I heard direct through satellite, your speech to the Nation, and felt you again assured us with the wisdom of your words, your presence and delivery, that you have the same zest stamina, unbent moral intention, and willfulness to continue working for the better development of the United States, its people and all of the friendly nations that share in the same hopes and beliefs in continuing to make the world we live in a better world for our children and all those who come after us.

Mr. President, the people who believe in you have grown in number, thanks to your attitude and your stature of a true spiritual American with faith in God and the future.

We are praying for your continued success and your continued conquests during the next 22 months of Government, and we are certain history will place you as one of the greatest presidents the United States has had.

With best personal regards, which I would appreciate your extending to Mrs. Reagan, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julio P. Matheu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Julio P. Matheu  
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