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March 17, 1987

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Dear Bob:

Thanks for calling. Sorry I missed you.

I take seriously your offer of assistance
and will be in touch.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Robert Strauss
Suite 400
1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036

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Sue → do you have address?

Bob Strauss 214 528-1845
Congratulations call if there
anything he can do.

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My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your special letter.

I recall with great fondness and admiration your service here in Washington, most especially the fine dinner you hosted for Prime Minister Ghandi.

I trust your work at NIAS is going well, and I hope the same will be said of my work here after the excitement of the first few weeks yields to the hard work of the next 22 months.

I am not sure Bohemian Grove is in the cards for me this year, but I appreciate the invitation nevertheless, and I look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable K. S Baipai
Distinguished Visiting Fellow
N.I.A.S.
Meyboomlaan 1, 2242 PR
Wassenaar
Holland

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March 1, 1987.

The Hon. Howard H. Baker,
Chief of Staff to the President,
The White House,
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator Baker,

You must be flooded with mail, but having had the pleasure of knowing you when I was India's Ambassador to the U.S.A. - you may recall my visiting you and also welcoming you at my dinner for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, - I cannot but convey to you how very heartening it is that you have taken charge as Chief of Staff.

Congratulations has never seemed to me an adequate word to use when someone gets what his qualities merit, and I am particularly unsure of its appropriateness in the present circumstances. It is perhaps rather that one should congratulate your President and your nation on getting you to serve them in this awesome assignment at this crucial time.

You have so many friends and admirers who would like to see you at your new address in another capacity one day, but I wonder if even that could be more challenging than that which you have presently accepted. After retiring from Washington some months ago I accepted this fellowship here to reflect in academic tranquility on some of the issues of our troublesome world which do not always get the attention they deserve. These include the enormous burdens on the American Presidential system, especially in view of America's horrendous global responsibilities. Such thoughts as I have on that only reinforce my admiration for the task you have consented to work on. The whole world is so influenced by what the White House does, and after this

period of crisis there is both a need and a potential for the dynamism adaptiveness and strengths of American leadership to be especially manifest and especially effective. I know of no-one who could help bring that about more wisely and reassuringly than you. Please accept my deepest felicitations and the best of good wishes in that great undertaking.

With personal regards,

Yours sincerely,



K.S. Bajpai.

P.S. Would it not be both pleasant and useful to come for a week-end to the Bohemian Grove in July? You have such a choice of possible hosts, but I would be honored to be the one if it suited you, and it would be an great pleasure to see you then.

Yrs.

PS

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March 17, 1987

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Dear Paul:

Thank you for your note and for the copy of The Times, whose news judgment is excellent as always.

I'm sorry that this new situation must interrupt an extraordinarily good partnership with my friends at V&E, but I suspect you'll manage without me.

I've enjoyed our personal association also and look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Paul C. Deemer
Vinson & Elkins
47 Charles Street
Berkeley Square
London W1X 7PB
England

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Howard Baker
Vinson & Elkins, Washington Office

From: Paul C. Deemer
Vinson & Elkins, London Office

Date: March 9, 1987

I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Chief of Staff to the President. Although our London office staff and I are sorry that you will be leaving the Firm, we are very encouraged and relieved to have you in the White House, and we wish you the greatest success.

The response to your appointment in the British press was, as you are probably aware, very positive, as indicated by the enclosed copy of The Times. However, The Times headline could have been more accurate if it had referred to you as the President's "younger rival"!

Best regards.

PCD

PCD/dh

Enc.



Howard Baker takes over after Regan resigns

Reagan's old rival becomes Chief of Staff

● Mr Howard Baker, aged 61, a former Senate Republican majority leader, last night replaced Mr Donald Regan as White House Chief of Staff

● Mr Regan resigned in the wake of the blistering criticism in the Tower report on the Iranian arms affair, which blamed him for the White House chaos

● Earlier, Mr Drew Lewis, a former Transport Secretary, and Mr Paul Laxalt, a former Senator, turned down the job as Chief of Staff

● Americans have been left aghast by the Tower Commission's revelations of President Reagan's lack of control of his policies (Page 5)

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan last night replaced Mr Donald Regan, his disgraced Chief of Staff, with Mr Howard Baker, who once ran against him for the Republican nomination and who asked the famous Watergate question: "What did the President know, and when did he know it?"

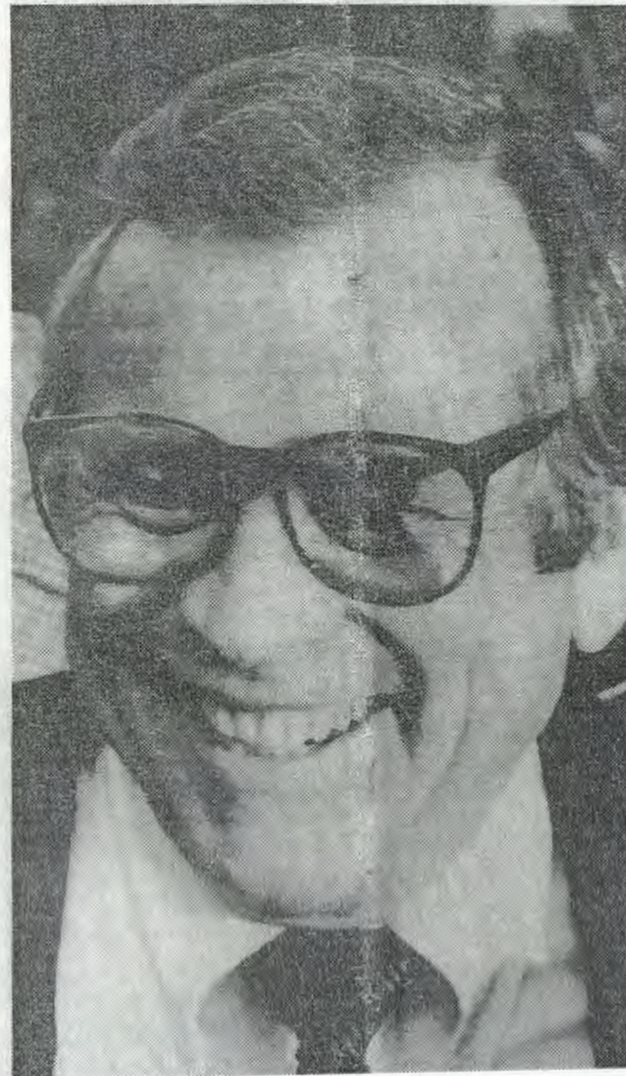
Mr Regan was held primarily responsible by the Tower Commission for the chaos in the White House over the "Irangate" affair.

In a letter, brief to the point of outright rudeness, sent to the President yesterday afternoon, he said: "Dear Mr President, I hereby resign as Chief of Staff to the President of the United States of America. Respectfully yours, Donald T. Regan."

Mr Baker, aged 61, a Tennessee lawyer, was a respected senator and an effective majority leader during President Reagan's first term in

1981. He was visibly shaken on Thursday by the vehemence of the criticism in the Tower report of his poor management style, has cancelled his weekend visit to Camp David, and is spending the next two days reading the report in detail.

Mr Marlin Fitzwalter, the White House spokesman, said: "The President is rightfully angry about the management described in this report, and he intends to make



7 airmen die in Falkland crash

From Graham Boun
Port Stanley

Seven Royal Air Force servicemen were killed in Falklands yesterday when RAF Chinook helicopter crashed a few miles from new Mount Pleasant air base.

A preliminary accident investigation team is on the island which has been cordoned off and a full team is expected to arrive from Britain within the next few days.

The aircraft, which was down in rolling sheep-farm land just two miles south of the new base, was involved in what was officially described as a "routine operational flight" when it disappeared from radar screens. According to reports, billowing smoke was rising from the wreckage.

The circumstances of the crash are not clear but it is known that weather conditions in the area were good. Yesterday was one of the finest days of the Falkland summer.

The accident has been a serious blow to the garrison. "A lot of people have friends in the crash," a spokesman said.

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March 17, 1987

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Dear Mitch:

Thanks for your note. I look forward to working more closely with you again, and I appreciate the offer of help.

I'll need it, and I'll ask for it.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

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March 4, 1987

Dear Howard,

What an unselfish,
statesmanlike act! You have
my total respect and admiration.

Good luck in the weeks
and months ahead. Let me
know what I can do to
help.

Mitch

PS.

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CJ

March 17, 1987

Dear Alan:

I appreciate your note, and you may be certain I will be calling on you early and often for assistance.

Thanks for your encouragement, and I look forward to working with you to make these next two years productive and successful for all concerned.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Alan Cranston
Assistant Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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United States Senate

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THE DEMOCRATIC WHIP

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March 4 '87

Howard -

congratulations (I think)!

I admire you for taking
on this tough task.

I'll do my best to be
helpful. Call whenever I might
be of assistance.

Alan,

Alan