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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1984

Dear Tim,

The addresses you requested are as follows:

Senator Steven Symms  
509 SHOB  
US Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman Phil Crane  
1035 LHOB  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

You might note that the House and Senate each have their own zip codes, as shown above. It is not really necessary to have the office numbers of Senators and Congressmen for letters to reach them. Another useful thing to know is that to call any congressional office you can dial 202-224-3121 and ask to be connected.

I hope this information is helpful.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the  
President for Public Liaison

*I'm working  
on the other  
matter. MB*

Mr. Timothy Wheeler  
RR 3 Box 127  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

November 8, 1983

Dear Morton:

I really appreciate your call, and your suggestions concerning my tax problems.

It's a particular comfort to realize that RALLY still has friends who might help out in a crisis. I hope it doesn't come to that, but I'm afraid it will. Thanks for the thought; it wouldn't have occurred to me, and I breathe easier for it.

Needless to say, I'd be glad to work off the tax bill if any friends of RALLY can use the services of a good writer and editor.

One other small thing: can you get me addresses for Phil Crane and Steve Symms?

Thanks again for everything.

Best regards,



Tim Wheeler



Timothy J. Wheeler

RR 3 Box 127, Shelbyville, IN 46176

Mark  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1984

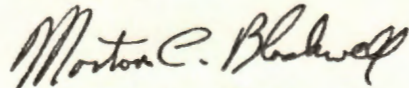
Dear Mrs. Wachter,

I am writing in reply to your inquiry regarding President Reagan's Saturday radio broadcasts.

The President's weekly address is available to all radio stations to use as they see fit. Although we have no way of knowing exactly which stations broadcast the full address, we are aware that the Mutual Broadcasting System does carry the program each week. It is likely that other stations in the New York area carry the President's message besides the Mutual affiliate.

I hope this information is helpful.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the  
President for Public Liaison

Mrs. John H. Wachter  
550 Clark St.  
Westfield, N.J. 07090

550 Clark St.  
Westfield, NJ 07090  
29 Oct. 1983

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Will you please have someone advise me  
RIGHT AWAY the radio station over which President  
Reagan's Saturday address is now broadcast?

I have been accustomed to hear it over  
WINS (1010) from New York City. I suppose some  
other NY station has taken it over, but don't know  
where to find out. Just a lot of "blab" over  
WINS 12:05 to 12:15 p.m. today - no mention of  
President Reagan's weekly address.

*Evelyn S. Wachter*

Mrs. John H. Wachter

MRS JOHN H WACHTER  
550 CLARK STREET  
WESTFIELD, N.J.  
07090



Mr. Morton C. Blackwell  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1983

Dear Mrs. Chittick,

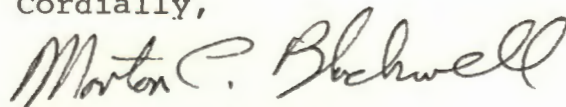
Thank you for your letter of July 31, 1983, in which you re-emphasized your concerns about the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (PPSSCC) report recommendations on eliminating the Veterans Administration and decreasing Veterans preference. I am sorry for the delay in responding. The recommendations on these subjects appeared in early versions of reports while still in preliminary draft stage. They were subsequently dropped after a quality review and did not remain in the draft reports approved and released by the PPSSCC at their subcommittee meeting on May 17, 1983.

This Administration is committed to improving services for all veterans. The Veterans Administration, with its comprehensive benefits and medical care programs, is essential to achieving this goal. There is no plan to eliminate or otherwise reduce the effectiveness of the Veterans Administration with its tradition of service to our nation's veterans.

I also want to assure you that this Administration will not impair the provision of veterans preference as mandated by Congress in the Veterans Preference Act. Both the President and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management support the continuation of veterans preference, and no action is contemplated to reduce this very important and necessary benefit.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you in resolving future concerns of your organization. I am looking forward to working with the Gold Star Wives in responding to concerns of veterans.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the  
President for Public Liaison

Mrs. Geraldine Chittick  
National Legislative Chairman  
Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.  
Post Office Box 306  
Frankfort, Indiana 46041



WIVES  
OF AMERICA

*Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.*

P. O. Box 306  
Frankfort, Indiana 46041

July 31, 1983

163501

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20000

Dear President Reagan,

I have been so pleased that on the occasions I have felt it advisable to "speak out" for Gold Star Wives of America, I have always received a response from an aide or assistant in the area of concern.

Perhaps I still have not permitted sufficient time to receive a response to my letter of May 3, 1983 in which we expressed our concern regarding the recommendation of your Private Sector Survey on Cost Control Task Force to eliminate the Veterans Administration and transfer veterans' programs to other departments and agencies of the government.

Gold Star Wives of America's membership is comprised of those women whose sacrifice to this country is the lives of their husbands. Unless my letter of May 3 has gone astray, I shall not repeat the need we set forth that the proposal be wholeheartedly rejected.

Now we also learn that this same committee recommends that "Veterans' Preference" in Civil Service be decreased. Every Gold Star Wife is a beneficiary of veterans' preference!

Mr. President, we as individuals as well as an organization support your efforts to eliminate "waste" in our government. But may we be assured that the sacrifices of those who were willing to defend our country will not be forgotten and the country's "gratefulness" now be considered "waste"?

Gold Star Wives of America does look forward to an announcement from the White House that such proposals as the elimination of the Veterans Administration and veterans' preference are inappropriate.

Sincerely,

*Geraldine B. Chittick*

Mrs. Geraldine B. Chittick  
National Legislative Chairman  
(also, Board of Directors Chairman  
and National President 1968-70)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1984

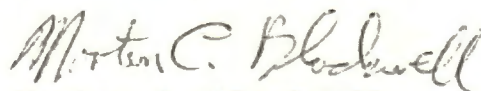
Dear Ms. Hoyt,

This is in response to your letter dated September 11, 1983, in which you referred to a complaint you filed with the Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services.

I have been in touch with the Office for Civil Rights. That office informed me that a Letter of Findings was forwarded to you on November 10, 1983. I sincerely regret the delay in issuing the final determination. Your patience in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to write this office. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the  
President for Public Liaison

Ms. Jane D. Hoyt  
130 South Warwick Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

MR  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Vermillion:

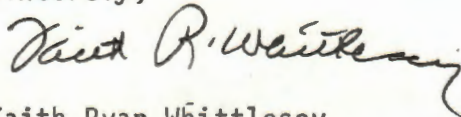
Thank you for your letter of December 18th. I am pleased to know that you found the White House Digest Papers useful.

Your name is on our mailing list to receive future Digest Papers. We have not issued any papers since the last one you received. This office does not have jurisdiction over any other publications.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Bureau of Public Affairs, U.S. Department of State. That office should be able to provide you with material regarding the subjects in which you are most interested.

If this office can be of further assistance in any way, I hope you will let us know.

Sincerely,



Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Mr. Kenneth Joseph Vermillion  
1696 Hill Rise Drive-Apt. No. 9  
Lexington, Kentucky 40504



**MARTY JUSTIS**  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

AMERICANISM AND  
CHILDREN & YOUTH DIVISION  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

AC 317 635-8411  
P.O. BOX 1055  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND. 46206

# The American Legion

★ NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ★ P. O. BOX 1055 ★ INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46206 ★  
(317) 635-8411 ★



For God and Country

January 5, 1984

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Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Executive Office Building  
17th and Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Former American Legion Boys Nation program coordinator Robert Kruse has resigned his position with The American Legion, and with that, all program responsibilities have been assigned to this office.

I write to introduce myself and to acknowledge appreciation for the high degree of cooperation that Boys Nation has enjoyed from The White House for so very many years. Having been in attendance at the 1983 session of Boys Nation, I must take this opportunity to thank you for bringing official greetings from the President and for your message to our Senators. It is my hope that you could again join with us in 1984.

The dates for the coming session have been set for July 20-28, and we fully expect to return to the campus of the American University in Washington, DC. To have you again participate in our program as a representative of The White House would be for us an honor and a privilege. The week's activities will be scheduled over the next few months, and as your July appointments permit, I ask that you consider this an invitation to address Boys Nation at a point in the week that is to your convenience.

Realizing that time available to President Reagan is at an absolute premium, I ask your thoughts on the possibility of a meeting with the Chief Executive, whereupon he might greet, as a body, the 98 Boys Nation Senators. I am aware that the possibility of such is very much dependent upon world events and that early planning is necessary, but please know that we are prepared to schedule any of our activities around such a meeting. If something in the form of a reservation is possible, could you please inform me of what must be done to make arrangements.

I look forward to hearing from you in the affirmative, and to once again meeting you in person at the 1984 American Legion Boys Nation.

Sincerely,

MARTY JUSTIS, Deputy Director  
Americanism and Children & Youth Division

cc: Mylio Kraja, Executive Director, Washington Office  
K. Michael Ayers, Director, Americanism and Children & Youth Division

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1984

Dear Dr. Lowery:

This is in response to your recent mailgram to the President regarding the "kidnap" of Bishop Schlaefer from Nicaragua.

As you now have no doubt heard, the Sandinista government claim that the bishop had been kidnapped was totally false. After the first report of the "kidnapping," the Sandinistas claimed the freedom fighter contras had killed the bishop. This too was false.

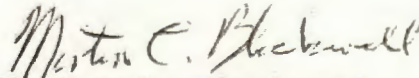
Our U. S. intelligence reports were accurate and timely. Our interest was high because of the importance of the situation, which you recognized.

As the news media have reported, Bishop Schlaefer promptly revealed the truth at a news conference when he reached safety in Honduras. He escaped without injury from the Sandinista bombs and mortar attacks on the fleeing Nicaraguans who broke out of mass imprisonment in Sandinista detention camps.

I am sure you will be pleased to learn that the President subsequently called Bishop Schlaefer to congratulate him on his courage in voluntarily accompanying the thousands who fled to freedom.

No doubt many Americans will gain a better understanding of the nature of the Sandinista government from this incident.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell

Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Dr. Joseph Lowery  
President  
Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30312

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334 AUBURN AVE  
ATLANTA GA 30312 22AM

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN  
WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

*M. Slackwell*

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT ON TUESDAY 12-20 THE SMALL TOWN OF FRANCIA-SIRPI IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA WAS INVADED BY THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCE AND MORE THAN 700 NICARAGUANS WERE KIDNAPPED. AMONG THIS GROUP WAS A NORTH AMERICAN BISHOP FATHER SALVADOR SCHLAEFER FROM CAMPBELL PORT WISCONSIN. THIS KIND OF ACTION CARRIED OUT BY A FORCE SUPPORTED WITH AMERICAN DOLLARS IS DEPLORABLE. WE ARE ASKING THAT THE US GOVERNMENT DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO INSURE THE SAFETY AND RETURN OF THESE NICARAGUANS. THE US GOVERNMENT, HONDURAN GOVERNMENT AND THE CONTRAS WILL BE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY HARM THAT MAY BEFALL THESE VICTIMS I AM CONVINCED THAT THE PEOPLE OF NICARAGUA WANT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THEIR CONFLICT. THIS KIND OF ACTION WORKS AGAINST PEACE AND I TRUST YOU WILL ADDRESS THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY SINCERELY

DR JOSEPH LOWERY PRESIDENT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

334 AUBURN AVE  
ATLANTA GA 30312

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Sincerely,  
MCB etc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1984

Dear Mrs. Jaffe:

Your letter of December 28, with enclosures, has just been brought to my attention, and I am pleased to learn about the Propaganda Research Institute. As you obviously so well understand, there is a real need for improved public awareness of what is really happening in our country insofar as the media is concerned.

The article by Tim Golden of the LOS ANGELES TIMES regarding our efforts here with the Central America Outreach Program, is a good explanation of what we in the White House are trying to do. I have arranged for you to be notified of our future briefings and for your name to be placed on our mailing list to receive future DIGESTS. Under separate cover, I am forwarding the papers already released.

*fwb 1/12 → ck 1/17*

*J.B. 1/12*

I am glad to know about Marilee Melvin whom I have met but do not know well.

I certainly hope that you will get in touch with us in the event you are able to attend one of our briefings.

Sincerely,

*Faith Whittlesey*

Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Mrs. Mimi Jaffe, Director  
Propaganda Research Institute  
Post Office Box 249  
Montebello, California 90640

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 16, 1984

Dear Dr. Ledeen:

I know what a busy schedule you have so we particularly appreciate your taking the time to speak to our Outreach Group last Wednesday. Your humor made your presentation most effective. Never had we had so much laughter!

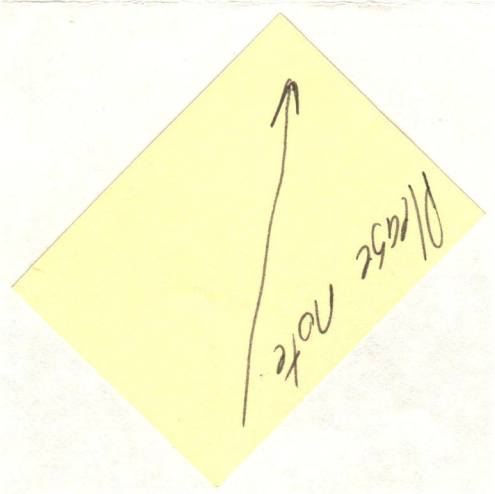
Many thanks.

Sincerely,



Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Dr. Michael A. Ledeen  
U.S. Department of State  
S/LPD, Room 6253  
Washington, D.C. 20520



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1984

Dear Dr. Ledeen:

Thanks so much for accepting the invitation to speak before the White House Outreach Group on such short notice. I am pleased you could fit this event into your busy schedule.

From the number of questions you received, it is evident you generated a great deal of interest on the contents of the captured Grenada papers.

I found your comments to be extremely interesting and was left with the desire to hear more about the contents of these captured documents.

Your participation helped make this an exceptional meeting and I am grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Dr. Michael A. Ledeen  
United States Department  
of State  
S/LPD, Room 6253  
Washington, D. C. 20520

FRW/MCB-jb

Jean:

*had words*  
FRW prefers these letters to be short. Some of the phrases not acceptable are:

feel free  
great deal  
input  
grass roots  
kind regards (unless she knows person)

M.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1984

Jean, will you please put in the mail to Mr Hall one set of the published DIGESTS and put his name on mailing list. Also, will you please send over to me one complete set. THANK YOU.

Marguerite

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 17, 1984

Dear Mr. Hall:

I appreciate your taking the time to send me the clippings from the Lewiston Morning Tribune and am pleased to know that you are glad that I answered that criticism about the Korean children.

Because you obviously are interested in foreign policy, I have had your name added to the mailing list so that you will receive copies of our White House DIGESTS, the result of our Outreach Working Group described in the enclosed reprint of an article from the Los Angeles Times. Under separate cover, I have mailed the DIGESTS that have been released to date.

During the Christmas holidays, I spent 10 days at Sun Valley with my 3 children and 2 of their friends, and loved your beautiful state. It was our first visit.

Sincerely,

*Faith*

Faith Ryan Whittlesey  
Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Mr. Bill Hall  
Editorial Page Editor  
Lewiston Tribune  
Lewiston, Idaho

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