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Gerald Gidwitz  
Chairman of the Board

July 16, 1985

Mr. Robert C. McFarlane  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. McFarlane:

I want to thank you for your July 6 letter.

I have long been a student of what the Communists have been doing to the free world, even entering into a debate with a "liberal" University of Chicago professor 20 years ago, and participating in a panel discussion against "liberals" at a Brown University commencement during the few weeks immediately after the Kent State shooting, that started so much trouble on our campuses.

I am particularly concerned about the United States inability to handle the terrorist problem. It seems that people have forgotten that many years ago there were Barbary pirates who preyed on shipping and when they seized an American, one of our warships anchored off the North African Coast sent a message ashore that either our citizen came back alive or the head pirate would be brought out dead.

According to an article I read a week or so ago, there are sixty-six known terrorist training camps in the Middle East, with 20 in Syria, a number in Iran and 20 or more in Libya. The sponsoring countries have declared war on the United States and its citizens and seem to believe they can do it with impunity. The President of the United States makes strong statements, then in the eyes of the terrorists and the rest of the world, we do nothing. Preemptive strikes are recognized as legitimate when there is a clear danger. We have permitted our defenses to deteriorate to such an extent that with terrorist activities sponsored and financed by the Soviets, we're not in a position to do anything about the Soviets. However, it seems to me that the time has come to do something against the most active and the most blatant of the terrorist countries.

I would suggest a simultaneous strike against every terrorist camp in the Middle East (and in Cuba). This should be done at the same time the President is on radio demanding the return of the seven U.S. citizens that are held captive in the Middle East. In that way the terrorist camps will not be forewarned and the trainers and the soon-to-be graduate trainees will be destroyed.

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Mr. Richard C. McFarlane  
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If that does not produce the captives then we should bomb the headquarters of the governments, with the hope of changing the administration. An accurate conventional guided missile might knock off Castro, Khadaffi and Khomeini.

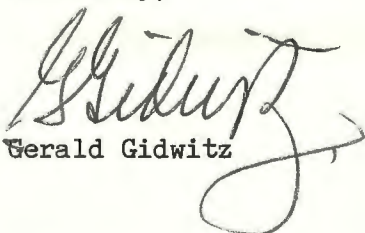
I am sure that our State Department would be against any kind of retaliation or strike as described above for spurious reasons that have no validity whatsoever.

The people who are involved in terrorism have no respect for anything other than force. As long as they've declared war on us, we should accept the fact that we're at war and start fighting. Most of our citizens will welcome such an act, particularly if it's clearly stated on radio and TV that the only way to stop terrorism is to eliminate the terrorists at their sources.

I have discussed this idea with a number of people and no one had any objection to the program. In a phone discussion with the manager of a business in a small town in Illinois, I was told that the mood in the town was such that the program would be welcomed with enthusiasm.

I suppose it is too much to expect the administration to be bold and do this. The President is not going to run for another term and almost every legislator is thinking of the next election and won't condone anything unless they are almost forced into it by the voters.

Sincerely,



Gerald Gidwitz

P.S. Since dictating this I have brought up this subject with a half dozen more people. So far there have been no objections. One person, rightly said that it is possible that this act might result in attacks against many of our citizens traveling abroad. This is true -- but the attacks are taking place with increasing frequency and might be a greater deterrent to attacks than any other plan we could devise.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Mr. Gidwitz:

On behalf of the President, let me thank you for your booklet "You Are The Victim in a Giant Chess Game."

It is particularly pleasing to note that you have made distribution of your comments to every member of Congress. It is my hope that the continued efforts by you and others committed to this nation's security will help maintain the vigilance necessary to deal with the (Communist threat to democracy in Latin America.) The recent successful vote for humanitarian funding for the freedom fighters struggling against the Sandinistas is a welcome sign. Keep the faith!

With best wishes,

*Robert C. McFarlane*  
Robert C. McFarlane

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## MEMORANDUM

## NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

June 25, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: CHRISTOPHER M. LEHMAN 

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from Gerald Gidwitz

Attached at Tab II is a letter and enclosed booklet from Mr. Gerald Gidwitz, a long time supporter of the President.

His enclosed booklet is a short and persuasive statement on the threats we face and the need for a strong defense.

Because of Mr. Gidwitz's past support and because the President might find Mr. Gidwitz's booklet informative and useful, we have drafted a proposed reply to be signed by you at Tab I.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the reply attached at Tab I.

Approve Disapprove 

## Attachments

Tab I Letter to Mr. Gerald Gidwitz for signature  
 Tab II Incoming letter and enclosure

GERALD GIDWITZ  
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April 26, 1985

The President  
The White House  
Washington D. C.

Attention: Jeanne Hyde

Dear President Reagan:

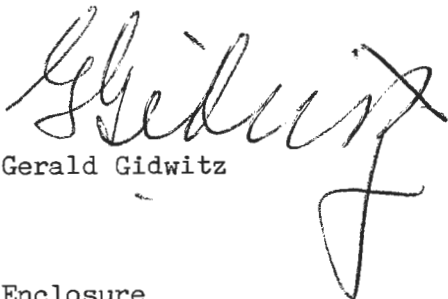
I am enclosing a copy of a booklet headed 'You Are The Victim In A Giant Chess Game'. You will notice on the inside front cover that I make a statement that the Soviets have a reputation of helping its friends enough to win, and the United States has earned the reputation of helping its friends enough to lose. This is what is taking place in the Congress by first watering down the assistance to the Contras and to the government of El Salvador and lastly, voting down any assistance at all last week.

The booklet shows the history of the progress of the Communists and in fact outlines how their conquest speed is accelerating.

Bill Giemer of the Jamestown Foundation in Washington has just arranged for a distribution of the booklet to all the Congressmen and is having the Congressmens foreign affairs aids urged to read it in an effort to help change the attitude of the Congress towards helping the Contras.

I was told by Dick Allen that this is the best publication he has seen on this type of thing. Even though it was written five years ago, it is still pertinent. I hope that you can use the booklets which should now be in the hands of all the Congressmen in your lobbying effort.

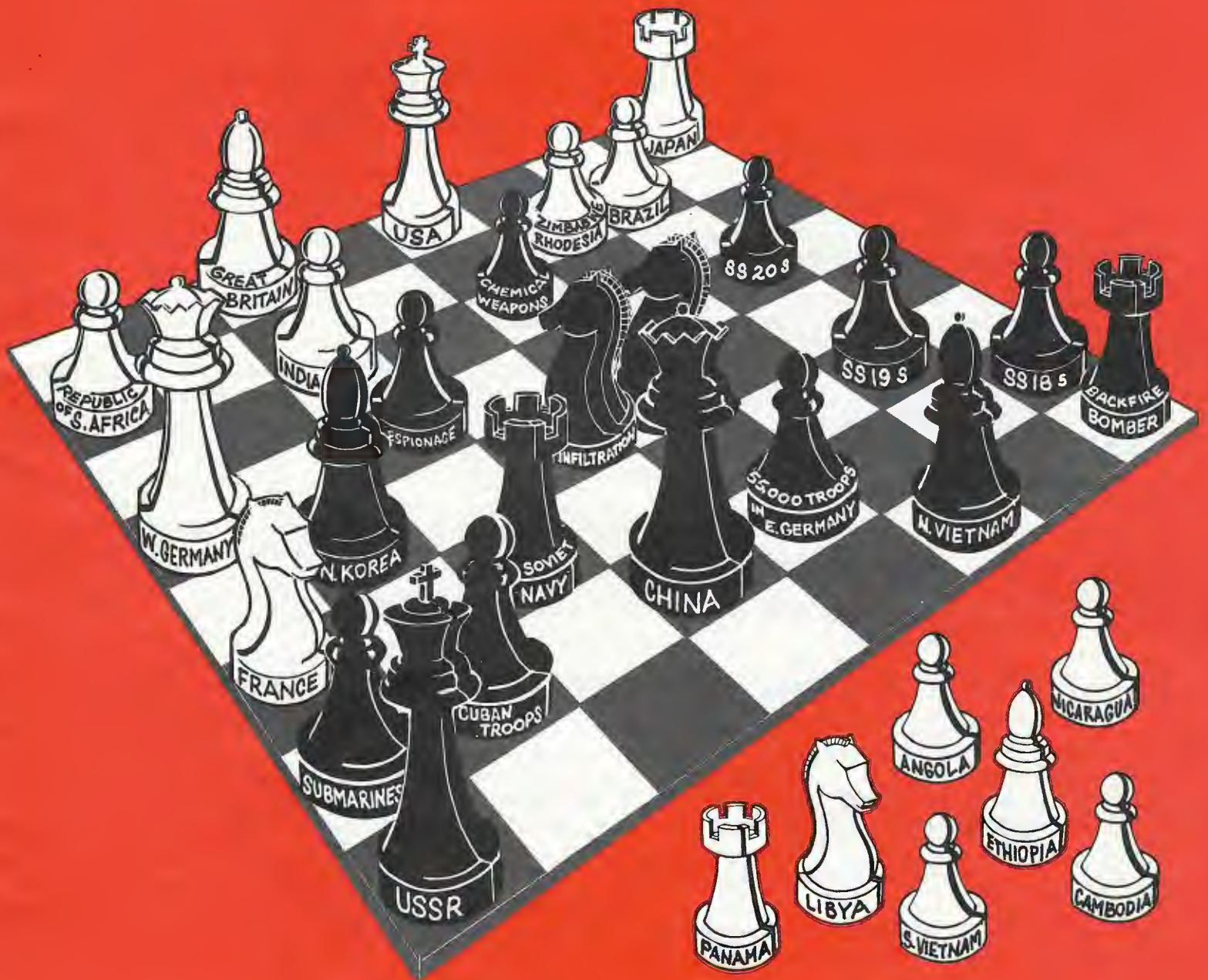
Sincerely,



Gerald Gidwitz

Enclosure

You are the victim in a  
giant chess game...



and you are losing fast.

Comments on defense by Gerald Gidwitz

We all would like to live in a peaceful world.

When World War I, World War II, and the Korean War started, each time it took us two years to field an army.

Today we face an avowed enemy who has the largest and most deadly armed force the world has ever seen. The USSR is still building that force as fast as it can.

It has the most extensive terrorist and guerrilla networks and the most sophisticated propaganda machine that ever existed.

It has demonstrated its willingness to use its own troops or the troops of its allies anywhere in the world.

The free world is now partly intimidated or totally intimidated. The USSR is trying with all its tools to gain hegemony over the world as the events in Lebanon, Afghanistan, Africa, Vietnam, and Central America prove.

**The Soviets have a reputation of helping its friends enough to win. The United States has earned the reputation of helping its friends enough to lose.**

We can stop the destruction of the free world only by:

- recognizing the problem.
- demonstrating the will to stop it regardless of the cost.
- having the armed might to convince both our friends and our enemies that we can stop it.
- meeting the propaganda and subversion challenges whenever they arise.

The first and most important responsibility of the federal government of the United States is to protect us from outside enemies. Since the first edition of this paper was published in January, 1980, our position vis-a-vis the communists has weakened, not strengthened. This has a direct effect on the government's ability to defend us. Diplomacy, unless reinforced by strength and will, is ineffectual.

Let us build our armed forces now!

G. G.

The philosophy of inferiority promotes war or the diplomatic surrender of our friends and, ultimately, ourselves. We are now on that threshold.

The Communists took over the democratic Kerensky government in Russia in 1917 by force. A small group of armed men surrounded the legislature and gave them three options: 1) stay captured and starve, 2) resign, 3) be shot. The Communists executed first the Czar and then about 10 million opponents they had placed in slave labor camps during the next 20 years. At the same time, they built a subversive organization throughout the world.

World War II gave them the real opportunity to expand. Allied with Hitler, they divided Poland, absorbed the Baltic states, parts of Finland. And immediately after the war, the USSR swallowed up enormous pieces of territory and subjugated its eastern European neighbors making them Soviet satellites.

Since then, through infiltration, subversion, lies, deceit, and proxy wars (such as the Cubans in Africa), the Soviets have expanded. At the same time, they have:

- built a military-industrial complex like mad
- propagandized us into *not* building ours
- gotten us to sign SALT I while working the loopholes and making outright violations
- built a force superior to ours.

With SALT II, we will let down our guard again. Ignorant politicians whose wrong policies have devastated our economy and spawned a welfare state to keep themselves in power, now claim that defense is too expensive. The votes they are buying with welfare programs are forcing us down the path to slavery.

"The arguments made for SALT II today are the same as those put forward on behalf of the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922 and the other arms-limitation and arms-reduction arrangements on which the Western governments lavished too much time, attention, and hope during the 20s and 30s. . . . The post-World War I arms-limitations agreements. . . reinforced the blind and willful optimism of the West, thus inhibiting the possibility of military preparedness and diplomatic actions through which Britain and France could easily have deterred the war," writes Professor Eugene V. Rostow.<sup>1</sup>

Professor Hugh Seton-Watson is quoted as saying, "The present mood of the Soviet political class alarmingly recalls that of William II's Germany. There is the same fist-thumping, bullying, boastfulness: 'We will be a *Weltmacht*, we will be present in every ocean.' . . . This arrogant rise of a parvenu power, with tremendous forces at its disposal, is exactly what we are seeing today in the shape of Soviet hegemony spreading to the South Atlantic and Indian Ocean."<sup>2</sup>

The *New Republic* calls the USSR "an imperialist totalitarian state, a scourge of liberty and human values everywhere, a menace to the West both militarily and politically. We judge that Soviet leaders, having advanced to their posts by stealth, guile, and ruthlessness, are not to be trusted by people and nations who revere law and common decency. We look at Soviet gulags, death camps, and psychiatric torture centers, and at Soviet barbarism in Czechoslovakia

and Hungary and we have a picture of what the world would be like if the Soviet system prevailed. We do not doubt that if the Soviet Union could attain military superiority over the United States, it would try to exploit it, as it has exploited our post-Vietnam political vulnerabilities in Africa and the Middle East."<sup>3</sup> In spite of that accurate analysis, these blind people still favor SALT II.

"The kinds of data that permit us to make strong and confident statements about what the Soviets are doing are usually late and seldom are crystal-clear and unequivocal. Consider what happens when the Soviets start a new development program. All the signs of a new program starting up, that we see in the U.S., are missing. Secrecy precludes our finding out much. Secrecy, as practiced in the Soviet Union, is not a 'dirty communist trick'; it's an old Russian habit!" That's the view of Amrom H. Katz on SALT II.<sup>4</sup>

SALT II is purely a device for the Soviets to continue to build superiority while we agree to a position of inferiority. With a vastly superior strategic missile system, their method of proxy wars using Cubans and others to foster "national liberation movements" and coups such as in Libya in 1969 and Afghanistan, and a threatening military superiority in Europe, the Communists will drop the U.S. like a ripe plum. When it is obvious that all our friends already have collapsed and that the Soviets can close the sea lanes to our supplies of oil, minerals, and transport of what little military power we have to offer, it will be too late. Without ACTUAL military forces being in place, we cannot negotiate or use diplomacy. We can only beseech.

More than 18 years ago, the USSR premier, Khrushchev, told his party leaders of the Soviet Communists plans in a major address.

- The traditional goal of Communism, the conquest of the entire world, is held far more strongly and hopefully than in the past.
- Armed struggle is inevitable.
- A global thermonuclear war is not entirely inevitable. If the free world capitulates, then such a war may be avoided.
- The Soviet Union and the Soviet bloc must increase their military power in order to fight.
- For the time being, such conflict must be avoided.
- In the first phase, the armed struggle will mostly take the form of liberation wars and uprisings. In particular, it must be pushed in Latin America.
- The achievement of a military, political and psychological paralysis of the free world is a paramount objective of Soviet strategy. This objective can be attained by peace propaganda, Pavlovian conditioning, infiltration, threats and diplomatic negotiations.

Despite the candor and clarity of that statement, the Western world was unwilling to accept it as reality. Successors to Khrushchev have made no changes in that basic policy, and indeed, we can see the accuracy of the predictions. Armed struggles in "wars of liberation" especially in Latin America have been promoted. Although it appears that the Communists greatest successes have been in Asia and Africa so far, Latin America is now falling.

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# 1917 - 1940



**Original Communist state**  
 Russia (later incorporated into USSR)

**Victims to Communism through 1940**  
 Mongolia  
 Eastern part of Poland  
 Eastern part of Finland  
 Estonia  
 Latvia  
 Lithuania  
 Eastern part of Ukraine  
 Bessarabia and northern Bukovina parts of Romania

**Potential victims**  
 Carpatho-Ukraine parts of Czechoslovakia  
 Tannu Tuva  
 Karafuto (southern Sakhalin)  
 Kurile Islands  
 Northern part of eastern Prussia  
 Yugoslavia  
 Albania  
 Bulgaria  
 Czechoslovakia  
 East Germany  
 Hungary  
 Romania  
 Petsamo district of Finland  
 Poland east of Curzon line  
 Poland  
 China  
 Sinkiang Uighur  
 Tibet  
 Inner Mongolia

# 1941 - 1950



**Victims to Communism through 1940**

- USSR—incorporates eastern part of Poland, eastern part of Finland, eastern part of Ukraine, Bessarabia and northern Bukovina parts of Romania
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Carpatho-Ukraine parts of Czechoslovakia
- Tannu Tuva
- Karafuto
- Kurile Islands
- northern part of eastern Prussia
- Petsamo district of Finland
- Poland east of Curzon line
- Soviet satellites*
- Mongolia

**New victims**

- Soviet satellites*
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- East Germany
- Hungary
- Romania
- Poland
- China—incorporates Sinkiang Uighur, Tibet, Inner Mongolia
- Yugoslavia
- Albania
- North Korea

**Potential victims**

- North Vietnam
- Cuba

# 1951 - 1960



**Victims to Communism through 1950**

- USSR—incorporates
  - eastern part of Poland
  - eastern part of Finland
  - eastern part of Ukraine
  - Bessarabia and northern Bukovina parts of Romania
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Carpatho-Ukraine parts of Czechoslovakia
- Tannu Tuva
- Karafuto
- Kurile Islands
- northern part of eastern Prussia
- Petsamo district of Finland
- Poland east of Curzon line

**Soviet satellites**

- Mongolia
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- East Germany
- Hungary
- Romania
- Poland

**China—incorporates**

- Sinkiang Uighur
- Tibet
- Inner Mongolia
- Yugoslavia
- Albania
- North Korea

- New victims**
- North Vietnam
  - Cuba

**Potential victims**

- Algeria
- Syria
- Iraq
- Libya



# 1961 - 1970

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## Victims to Communism through 1960

- USSR—incorporates
  - eastern part of Poland
  - eastern part of Finland
  - eastern part of Ukraine
  - Bessarabia and northern Bukovina parts of Romania
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Carpatho-Ukraine parts of Czechoslovakia
- Tannu Tuva
- Karafuto
- Kurile Islands
- northern part of eastern Prussia
- Petsamo district of Finland
- Poland east of Curzon line

## Soviet satellites

- Mongolia
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- East Germany
- Hungary
- Romania
- Poland

## China—incorporates

- Sinkiang Uighur
- Tibet
- Inner Mongolia
- Yugoslavia
- Albania
- Cooperating Communist military allies
  - North Korea
  - North Vietnam
  - Cuba

## New victims

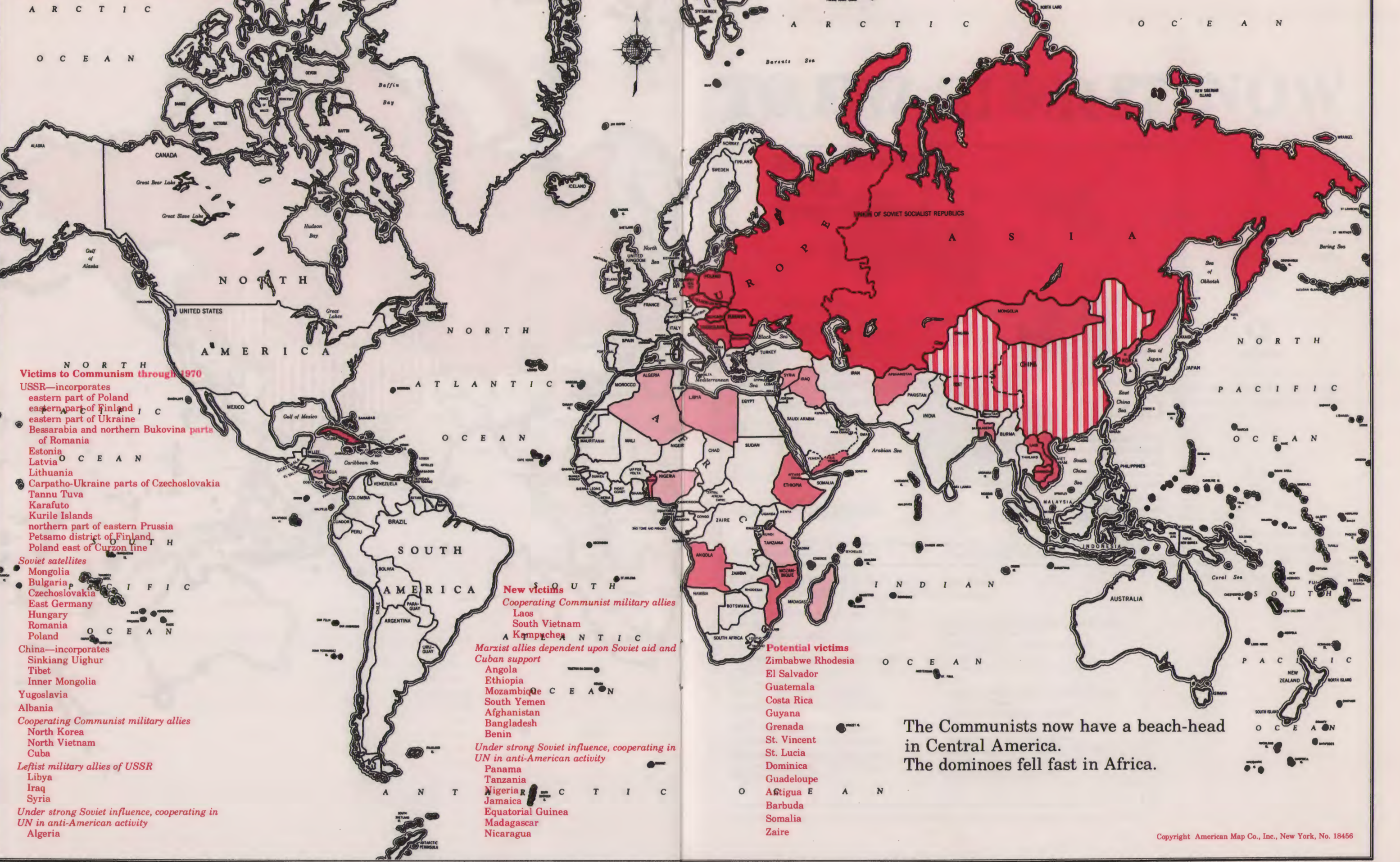
- Leftist military allies of USSR
  - Libya
  - Araq
  - Syria
- Under strong Soviet influence, cooperating in UN in anti-American activity
  - Algeria

## Potential victims

- Angola
- Mozambique
- Ethiopia
- South Yemen
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Panama
- Tanzania
- Nigeria
- Jamaica
- Equatorial Guinea
- Madagascar
- Nicaragua
- South Vietnam
- Laos
- Kampuchea



# 1970 - Present



**Victims to Communism through 1970**

- USSR—incorporates eastern part of Poland, eastern part of Finland, eastern part of Ukraine, Bessarabia and northern Bukovina parts of Romania
- Estonia
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Carpatho-Ukraine parts of Czechoslovakia
- Tannu Tuva
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- Kurile Islands
- northern part of eastern Prussia
- Petsamo district of Finland
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**Soviet satellites**

- Mongolia
- Bulgaria
- Czechoslovakia
- East Germany
- Hungary
- Romania
- Poland

**China—incorporates**

- Sinkiang Uighur
- Tibet
- Inner Mongolia

**Yugoslavia**

**Albania**

**Cooperating Communist military allies**

- North Korea
- North Vietnam
- Cuba

**Leftist military allies of USSR**

- Libya
- Iraq
- Syria

**Under strong Soviet influence, cooperating in UN in anti-American activity**

- Algeria

**New victims**

- Cooperating Communist military allies
- Laos
- South Vietnam
- Kampuchea

**Marxist allies dependent upon Soviet aid and Cuban support**

- Angola
- Ethiopia
- Mozambique
- South Yemen
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Benin

**Under strong Soviet influence, cooperating in UN in anti-American activity**

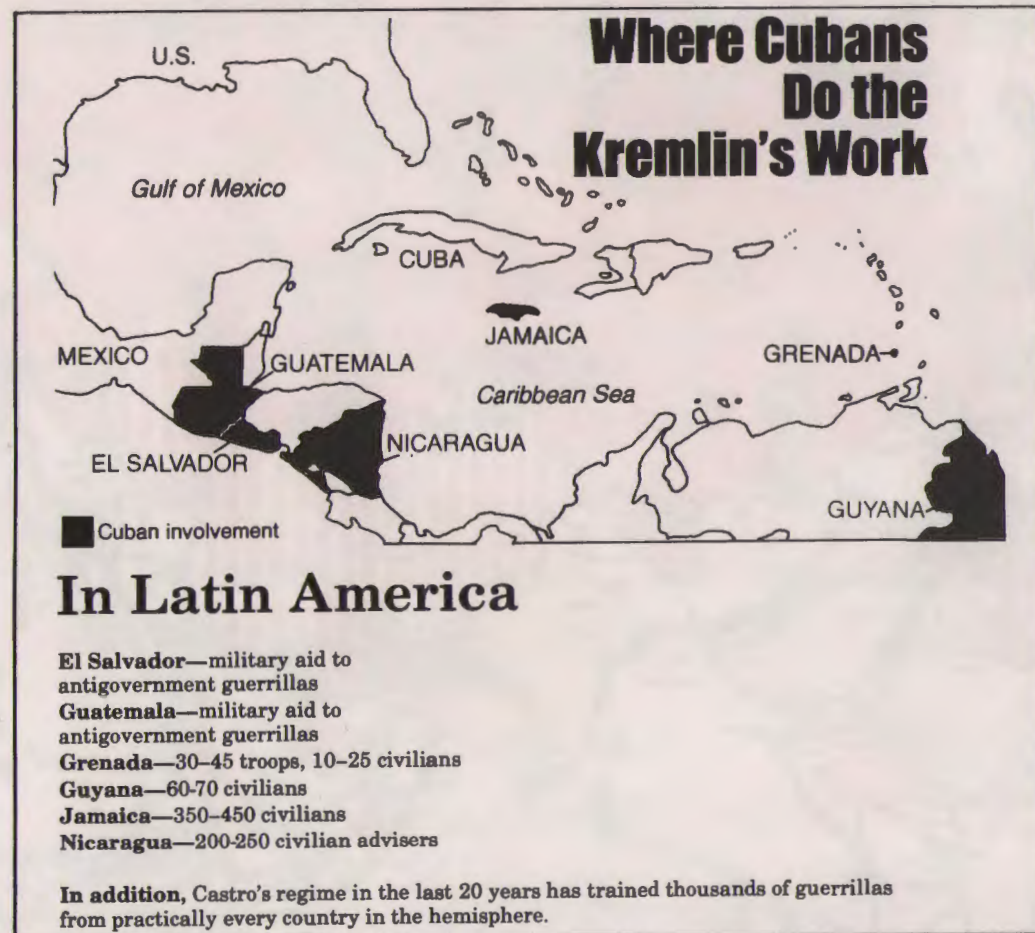
- Panama
- Tanzania
- Nigeria
- Jamaica
- Equatorial Guinea
- Madagascar
- Nicaragua

**Potential victims**

- Zimbabwe
- Rhodesia
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Costa Rica
- Guyana
- Grenada
- St. Vincent
- St. Lucia
- Dominica
- Guadeloupe
- Antigua
- Barbuda
- Somalia
- Zaire

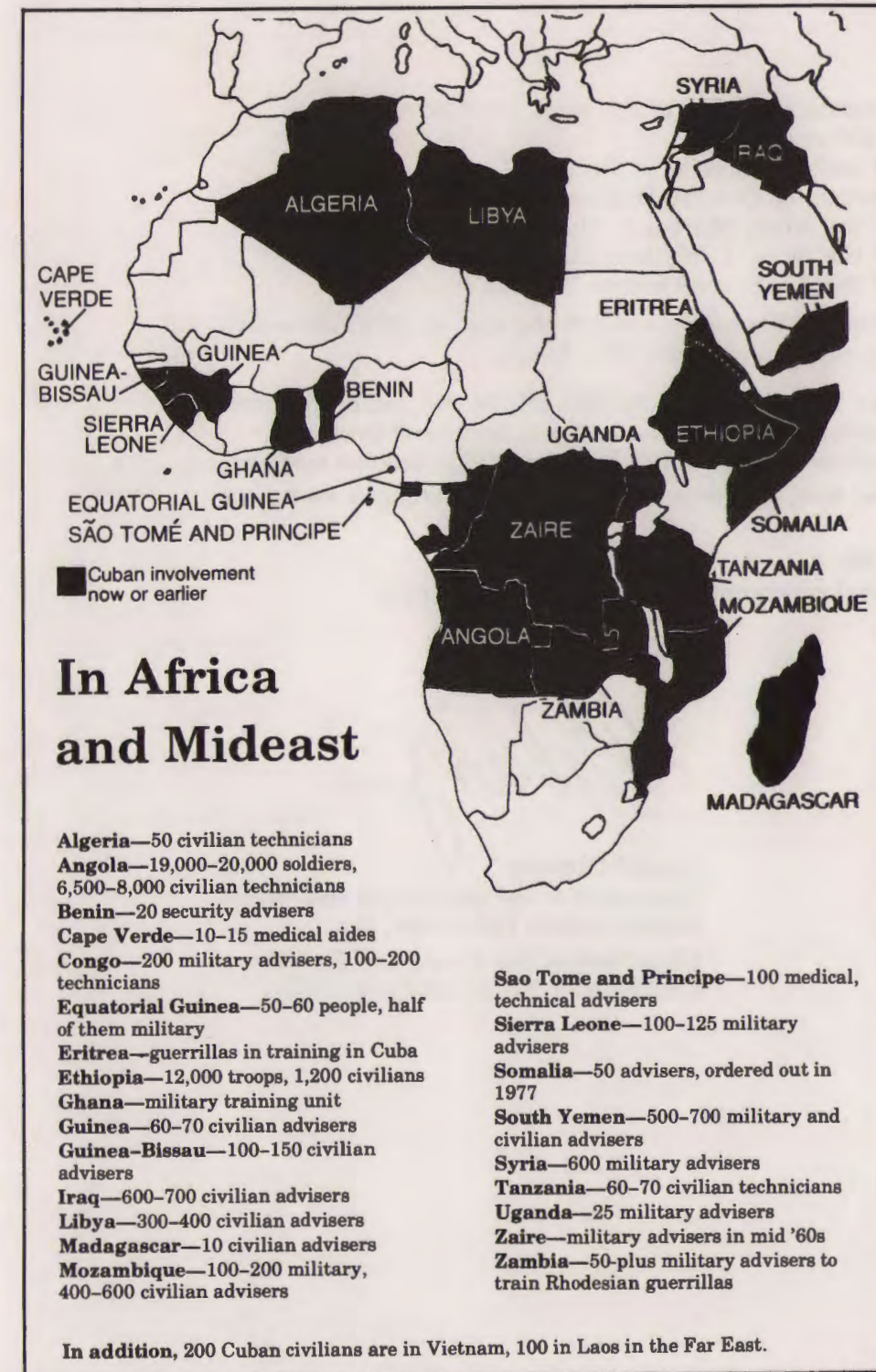
The Communists now have a beach-head in Central America. The dominoes fell fast in Africa.

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# TO DO— DO IT NOW



1.

Write the government—both the Reagan administration and the Congress. Tell them "More defense." Get others to write. NOW.

2.

If they don't vote for our protection, let's put people in office who will.

3.

Arm now with maximum effort. Take the unemployed off the welfare rolls and put them to work building the military equipment we need.

Listen to the recommendations of five of the most knowledgeable and respected authorities on defense:

- Former Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld
- Former Deputy Secretary of Defense William P. Clements
- Former Secretary of the Army Martin R. Hoffman
- Former Secretary of the Navy J. William Mittendorf
- Former Secretary of the Air Force Thomas C. Reed

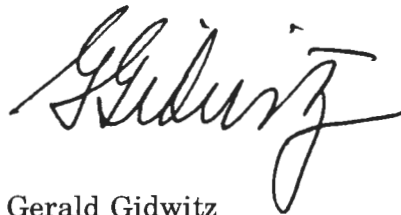
In a meeting with a group of senators toward the end of 1979, these five experts urged the Senate not ratify the SALT II treaty.

Further, they urged an additional \$20 to \$25 billion per year for three years be *spent* (not appropriated) in addition to the current and proposed budgets and that the emphasis for spending be on strategic defense systems.

Only this action, started now, will return us to the arms strength we had in 1977.

Time is short. Don't wait.

Write your Congressional representative now. Better yet, call.



Gerald Gidwitz  
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July 8, 1985

Dear Mr. Ball:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan and for the recordings which you asked Mayor James Dixon to forward to the President as a belated gift. While I regret that this cannot be a more personalized response because of the volume of mail that the White House has received regarding the famine in Ethiopia and other African nations, I want to assure you that the President shares your deep concern for the helpless victims of this terrible crisis. The Administration is committed to steps that will alleviate the suffering in Africa and offer the victims hope for the future. I have enclosed some information that I know you'll find of interest.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins  
Special Assistant to the President  
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. David Charles Ball  
Apartment 2  
1347 Third Avenue  
Rockford, Illinois 61108

cc: The Honorable James E. Dixon  
Mayor of the City of Dixon  
Dixon, Illinois 61021

Enclosures: 1. Statement by RR on African Hunger Relief Initiative, 1/3/85.  
2. Statement by RR, 4/5/85.

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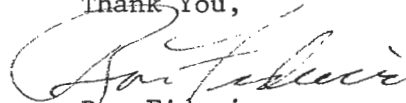
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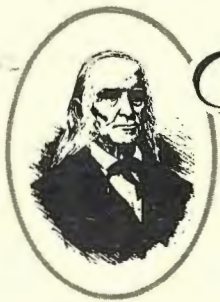
JULY 9, 1985

Attached is the original to a letter  
that was sent to you June 17th, along  
with a gift from the city of Dixon.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ron Fiducia".

Ron Fiducia  
Presidential Advance



# City of Dixon

JAMES E. DIXON  
Mayor

815 288-1485  
P.O. BOX 386  
DIXON, ILLINOIS 61021

"FATHER" JOHN DIXON

May 2, 1985

Mr. James L. Hooley  
Staff Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Room 179  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jim:

I enclose a letter and two records which I, for some unknown reason, received. The sender asked that they be forwarded to the President.

Do with them as you see fit.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF DIXON

James E. Dixon, Mayor

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Original incoming  
attached for filing  
with outgoing letter.

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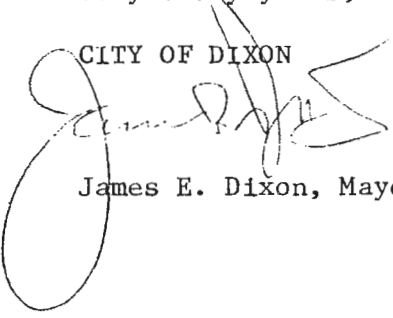
Dear Mr. Ball:

I have forwarded your letter and the records to the President's Office.

I am sure the President shares your concern about the starving people in Africa.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF DIXON

  
James E. Dixon, Mayor

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cc: James Hooley

Dear Sirs,

Better Late Than Never!  
These are my Christmas  
gifts for 1984, to Ronald  
Reagan. I believe he is doing  
a good job, what better gift  
than to feed Starving children  
in his name. I hope that  
you will see that he gets  
these. I know he will listen  
to the songs.

Thank you  
Sincerely

David C. Ball  
David Charles Ball