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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR DONALD T. REGAN

FROM: WILLIAM L. BALL, III *WLB*
Subject: House select committee on Iran

Comments
Speaker-elect Jim Wright and Republican Leader Bob Michel announced the following Members of the House to serve on the select committee to investigate the Iran/Contra matter:

DEMOCRAT

Lee Hamilton (Chairman)
Dante Fascell (Vice Chairman)
Edward Boland
Ed Jenkins
Les Aspin
Tom Foley
Peter Rodino
Jack Brooks
Louis Stokes.

REPUBLICAN

Dick Cheney (Ranking)
William Broomfield
Henry Hyde
Jim Courter
Bill McCollum
Michael DeWine

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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
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TO THE SECRETARY

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RR -
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Kathy

November 28, 1986

~~Dottie -~~

On Wednesday, Secretary ^{Don}Hodel spoke with you about his message of support for the President. He wanted me to pass on to you the enclosed copy of his Thanksgiving Day message to Department of the Interior employees. Please note the last three paragraphs. He thought it was important that people understand he's supporting the President.

The last time I saw you was at the Citizens for the Republic dinner during Inaugural Week. Hope all is going well for you.

Don Peaceman

x



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE TO DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
EMPLOYEES

FROM

SECRETARY DON HODEL

November 26, 1986

Tomorrow, we join our fellow Americans in giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us. This year, Barbara and I celebrate Thanksgiving Day in Switzerland, where I have been on business for the last several days. I have thought about the many things for which we should be thankful and wanted to share with my fellow employees some of my feelings. But, as I began to put on paper some of my thoughts, it occurred to me that I cannot improve upon President Reagan's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to the Nation, which I will be privileged to read to an American Thanksgiving service in Bern tomorrow.

I urge you to read and take to heart the President's message. Please share it with your families, for the President so clearly and movingly describes why it is that we truly should be grateful to God. As he states, "rooted deeply in our Judeo-Christian heritage, the practice of offering thanksgiving underscores our unshakeable belief in God as the foundation of our Nation and our firm reliance upon Him from Whom all blessings flow."

Because of my absence from Washington, I have missed many of the media accounts of the current events which appear to have generated so much excitement in the United States. I think you should know that, in virtually every speech, I make the point that serving this President is the greatest privilege of my life because he has changed the course of our Nation for the better.

The people with whom I have met on my current trip to Europe clearly recognize that President Reagan's leadership of our great Nation and his profound commitment to the principles and values of our Founders have restored faith and confidence in America.

I urge you to join with me in giving the President support as he endeavors to secure further the God-given blessings of peace and freedom for all mankind.

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RICHARD HELMS

McPhee
Approved
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Washington, D.C.
November 28, 1956.

Personal

Dear Mr. President,

You are receiving

a surfeit of advice, I am sure, not
the least from columnists and editorial
writers. But in this particular unpleasant-
ness I thought it might be helpful
if one who spent years in the
classification or covert world made
some points for you to consider.

As soon as possible criminality
is alleged, or with the diversion of
funds to the Contree, efforts
to maintain some secrecy tend to go
by the boards, and one should recognize
this from the outset. You will be
under pressure to protect the ongoing
aspect of an operation or that individual
personally involved or some foreign

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1986

DONALD T. REGAN:

FYI and return to my
office.

David Chew

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~~activity~~ activity which has assisted, but
such understandable requests must
be resisted. You must not be tainted
in any way either through your own
conduct or that of others near you.
As President you must continue to
lead our country and the Free World.
Standing up for friends, associates,
allies in a John Wayne tradition
is a luxury you cannot afford.
May I recommend that you seek
independent counsel from someone
who understands the pressures of
Washington and the need for balancing
the competing interests and who is not
serving any particular constituency in
your Administration. Bill Rogers comes
to mind. We know that past Presidents
have benefited from finding and
working with such a person.

RICHARD HELMS

I write what I have on the preceding page based on my experience during the Church Committee proceedings. The CIA operatives felt betrayed by their government. From World War II onward we had been given to understand that our operations would be kept secret, but once President Ford and Director Colby opened the paper floodgates at Congressional behest, that undertaking was forgotten. A precedent has thus been set, faced with possible perjury charges, looming jail sentences, few witnesses were prepared to keep secrets, some saw it as a chance to even scores. That will happen again. You must keep your distance from those who will look to you for protection or involvement. This is not your way, I recognize. But Ronald Reagan is President. He may

not allow himself to be crippled or
to give over the reception of his being.

Warmly and respectfully,

Dick

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WASHINGTON DC 20500

BECAUSE OF ADMIRATION AND RESPECT SEVERAL TIMES I HAVE ADDRESSED
CORRESPONDENCE TO MY MUY MACHO PRESIDENT. PLEASE ASK HIM, THAT NOW
MORE THAN EVER, HE SHOULD LISTEN TO ONE PERSON ONLY AND THAT IS NANCY
REAGAN. CON APRECIO

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S/S 8637345

Date December 10, 1986

For: Dr. Alton G. Keel, Jr.
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Yitzbah Shamir
Date: December 4, 1986 Subject: Response to
President's letter of December 2 *re hand*
Referral Dated: ID# 8650
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The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State

Action Taken:

- A draft reply is attached.
- A draft reply will be forwarded.
- A translation is attached.
- An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- Other.

Remarks: The attached is in response to President Reagan's letter of December 2, 1986.

Lisa Kubishe
for
Nicholas Platt
Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 8, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Rodney B. McDaniel
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

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This correspondence was received in the Information Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on 12/5/86.


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EMBASSY OF ISRAEL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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4 December 1986

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At the same time we understand very well your decision to reaffirm your neutrality in the Iran-Iraq war, and your approach to the transfer of arms to Iran.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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I look forward to meeting you soon.

Very sincerely,

Yitzhak"

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Meir Rosenne
Ambassador

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington D.C.



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December 9, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER WALLISON
ALTON KEEL

FROM: WILLIAM L. BALL, III *let*

Gerald

Subject: Presidential Letter to Congressman Solomon

Congressman Solomon sent the attached note and press release to the President regarding the Iranian arms sale. I would like the President to send the attached acknowledgement.

I would appreciate your comments by noon today.

NSC # 860 8710

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1986

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dear Jerry:

I am deeply grateful for your warm letter of encouragement. While you may not agree with all of the actions I authorized with regard to Iran, I know you support the purpose behind our policy in that troubled part of the world: to end the war in the Middle East, to prevent Soviet expansionism, to halt terrorism and to gain the release of our American hostages.

Jerry, thank you for your support over the years, and particularly now during these stormy times. You have long been a trusted ally and valued friend.

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

Sincerely,

The Honorable Gerald B. Solomon
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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December 3, 1986

Honorable Ronald R. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

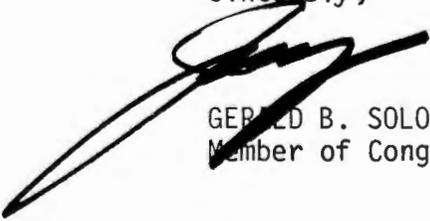
I just want you to know that in my book you and the presidency are still the best thing that's happened to America in a long long time. ✓

As I told you right after the Iowa Caucus when we were all a little down, I would "Follow you to the end of the Earth"....and nothing will ever change that commitment.

Keep your chin up high and....."lets win another one for the Gipper".

Regards to that wonderful woman, Nancy.

Sincerely,


GERALD B. SOLOMON
Member of Congress

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Congressman Jerry



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SOLOMON OPPOSED ARM SALES TO IRAN, BUT WON'T ABANDON PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C. -- Congressman Jerry Solomon (R.C.-Glens Falls), at a recent Congressional hearing in Washington, said "I don't support arms sales to Iran and I never have, but I don't think we ought to abandon a president just because we disagree with him on part of the issue, no more than I would abandon President Carter when he, against advice, authorized an aborted attempt to military rescue 52 hostages from Iran in 1980."

Solomon said "the primary issue is the effort to establish a relationship with the moderate ayatollahs who might be able to prevent a continuation of the Islamic radical followers of Khomeini or a communist takeover should Khomeini die, which, due to age and health reasons, could happen in the near future."

"In my opinion (without revealing classified information), the Soviets, anticipating this occurrence, have been laying in wait while positioning themselves for a takeover similar to their actions in Afghanistan...and that would be a disaster."

Solomon also said, "instead of arms sales, there were other options such as frozen Iranian assets that could have been used in trying to establish a relationship, but regardless, we in Congress ought to be working together in presenting a bipartisan foreign policy and not just looking to hang someone."

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As for the controversy over Contro aid, let's not lose sight of the fact that the revelations of Contra funding, as well as the call for an investigation, both came from inside, not outside, the Administration, and I commend President Reagan for his prompt action in bringing this matter to the public.

I am waiting to be fully briefed on all details of this case, and for anyone to jump to conclusions, be they in government or in the media, would be worse than premature, and would surround the issue in more smoke than light.

Although I have never supported arms sales to Iran, I see no reason whatsoever to part with President Reagan on either supporting freedom fighters in Nicaragua or on shaping our overall foreign policy and I will continue to be one of the President's strongest supporters in the Congress because he's "Our President" and in my opinion Ronald Reagan is about the best thing (politically speaking) thats happened to America in a long, long time.

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The White House**

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Dear Mr. President:

The Country is filled with a majority of devoted and concerned citizens who recognize that this entire current crisis is based on the blood lust of the Washington press corps, the opportunism of the opposition Party and the machinations of America's enemies.

That the result of this uproar is the conduct of the most delicate of international operations under klieg lights is well within the grasp of the average man. That this constitutes yet another destructive assault on our intelligence community is realised by a smaller number.

But through it all there is one constant factor.. ..the unshakeable faith of the people in you, the greatest President in our history.

It has been an immeasurable privilege to know you, over the years, even before the days of the steering committee of the Citizens for the Republic. I speak for many in saying that there is no sacrifice whatever that I would not make to be of help to you who are giving so totally to our Country. My personal gratitude to you is unbounded and there are few moments in the day when you are not in my mind and prayers. I am speaking as an American citizen who like so many others loves her Country more than anything else in life.

The confidence of the people of the United States in you, in your ability to govern wisely against any handicaps, to maintain your courage and your buoyancy, remains unchanged.

With heartfelt best wishes I am sincerely

Connie

Connie Armitage Antonsen

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Don't answer



Dear Dutch:

I guess you will soon be taking off for the ranch. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your family.

My thoughts and prayers have been with you and am hoping that all these disturbing events will soon be over and the country back to solving just everyday affairs. Our church has been praying for you and the country to overcome these difficulties. And now you will be having surgery when you get back to The White House, so best of luck in the solving of that problem.

I'm wondering if you kept your copy of the drama events of your contest way back in April of 1930 when you were in the program of drama at Northwestern University presenting "Aria da Capo" by Edna St. Vincent Millay. I have a copy of it, maybe from my brother who was at Northwestern that next year, and he may have brought a copy of it home, or maybe your Mom may have given Mom a copy of it for you were living next door to us at 226 Lincolnway at the time. Anyway I made a copy of it and am sending it to you with your Christmas card. Also I had a copy made of your Mom taken in 1950 when she was back in Dixon with you. It was from a picture of Nelle and me, and I had the photographer take her picture off of it. When the photographer finished it we found that there was shadowy line on her face, which didn't show up on the original, and I was so disappointed about that for it happened when it was enlarged. She has just a hint of a smile.

Happy Holidays to you all and best of luck on your surgery after the Holidays.

God Bless you both.

Your friend,

Helin Lawford
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GEORGE RUSH
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20005

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF A MAILGRAM SENT TO:

ALL IMPORTANT MEDIA - U.S.A.

DEAR EDITOR,

AS YOU ALL KNOW, MY SUCCESS AS A BAND LEADER DEPENDS ON GETTING THE BEST PERFORMANCE POSSIBLE FROM MY MUSICIANS DURING EACH ENGAGEMENT I PLAY. IN MY BAND WE'RE ALL TEAM PLAYERS. IT HAS TO BE THAT WAY OR WE'D NEVER GET THAT GREAT SOUND YOU HEAR.

THAT'S WHY I FEEL PRESIDENT REAGAN HAS BEEN GETTING A RAW DEAL. FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS WE'VE ALL BEEN ON THE REAGAN BANDWAGON AS HE LED US TO LOWER INFLATION, LOWER INTEREST RATES AND A STABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION AT HOME. NOW, A FEW FORMER "TEAMPLEAYERS" HAVE CHOSEN TO DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM THIS GREAT PRESIDENT AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MEDIA'S PRE-OCCUPATION WITH IRAN ARMS SHIPMENT STORIES BY MAKING STATEMENTS DESIGNED FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL AMBITIONS.

IT'S TRULY AN OUTRAGE THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED AND IT'S MORE DETRIMENTAL TO AMERICA'S REPUTATION ABROAD THAN ANY IRANIAN ARMS SHIPMENTS COULD EVER BE. DISCORD ALWAYS HAS AN UGLY SOUND AND THE DERISIVENESS BY THE MEDIA HAS CREATED A CIRCUS-LIKE ATMOSPHERE WHERE SUSPICION, SUPPOSITION AND INNUENDO REIGN, WHILE RESPONSIBLE THINKING IS ABSENT.

YES, IT'S APPARENT THAT A FEW PEOPLE GOT CAUGHT UP IN PATRIOTIC FERVOR AND BENT SOME RULES, BUT THE PRESIDENT NOR THE VICE PRESIDENT CAN BE BLAMED FOR SOMETHING THEY WOULDN'T HAVE APPROVED OF TO BEGIN WITH.

MOST PEOPLE THINK THE MEDIA HAS BEEN OVER-REACTING ON THIS STORY. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICS FOR MANY YEARS AND THE PICTURE IS CLEAR: ONE PERSON HAS TO SET THE TUNES TO BE PLAYED. IN MY BAND, THAT'S ME, IN AMERICA, THAT'S PRESIDENT REAGAN. THE PRESIDENT WILL SURVIVE THE MEDIA BACKLASH, HIS DETRACTORS WON'T SURVIVE THE PEOPLE'S BACKLASH! THERE ARE STILL MANY MORE HAPPY NOTES TO BE PLAYED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN THAT WILL MAKE AMERICA EVEN STRONGER, BUT THERE CAN



BE NO MORE DANCING UNTIL THE COUNTRY RIDS ITSELF OF ALL THE SOUR NOTES THAT WOULD HAVE US FORGET WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAS DONE FOR AMERICA.

AS AN AMERICAN, I BELIEVE THAT OUR ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING FOR THE WHOLE BETTERMENT OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE WORLD, AND I GIVE THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT MY FULL SUPPORT.

SINCERELY,

LIONEL HAMPTON
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(CONTACT CHUCK JONES FOR ANY CLARIFICATIONS NECESSARY.)

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Dear Strom:

I am deeply grateful for your sincere 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 preserve Iran's independence from Soviet domination; to bring an honorable end to the bloody Iran-Iraq war; and to halt the export of subversion and terrorism in the region.

Strom, thank you for your continued support, particularly now during these difficult times. It is heartening to hear a word of encouragement from a valued friend when so many seem to offer only criticism.

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

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Strom^x Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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IRAN WHITE PAPER #1

The Iranian arms situation is a policy problem, a legal problem, and a political problem for the Reagan Administration. With respect to the political aspects of the problem, a few statements by Democrats in Congress are revealing.

Tip O'Neill

The outgoing Speaker deserves a strong response from Republicans for his assertion that Ronald Reagan would toy with national security for partisan gain:

"I still think that the most important thing to them was 'let's get these hostages home before the election, it'll help us.'"

--- Associated Press, 11/14/86

Teddy Kennedy

The senior Senator from Massachusetts considers the Iranian debacle to signal "open season" on the entire Reagan agenda:

"It's the end of the Reagan era," said Sen. Edward Kennedy. "If there was any doubt that it ended with the election, it ended last night" with the Reagan news conference.

--- Associated Press, 11/21/86

Paul Kirk

The Democratic National Committee Chairman says now is the time for his party to steal bases:

Paul Kirk, the party chairman, said the crisis gave the party "an earlier chance than we expected to seize control of the national agenda, by speeding the onset of the post-Reagan era."

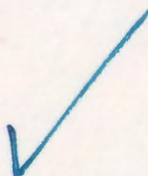
--- New York Times, 11/27/86

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DEC 10, 1986

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HOW THE DEMOCRATS SEE THE CRISIS

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--- Associated Press, 11/21/86

"The natural instinct is, 'This is terrific -- it means we're going to take the White House in 1988,'" [Rep. Michael] Barnes said. But he said that "as a party, we'd best be careful."

--- AP, 12/2/86

"I want people tried and convicted."

--- Sen. Patrick Leahy
UPI, 11/29/86

"Now that the White House has shown it can't act responsibly or won't act responsibly...we'll legislate in some responsibility,"

--- Sen. Patrick Leahy
Washington Post, 11/20/86

"...no one expects him to know what's going on. That's a pretty low standard. This president has gotten away with not knowing very much."

--- Sen. Gary Hart
Washington Post, 11/20/86

"You can't continue to deceive the American people and expect us to trust him."

--- Sen. John Glenn
Washington Post, 11/20/86

"You can't have a significant foreign policy initiative being undertaken without a single member of Congress being informed."

--- Sen. Dale Bumpers
Washington Post, 11/20/86

POSTSCRIPT

"Khomeini will be somewhat of a saint when we get over the panic."

--- Andrew Young
Facts on File, 1979