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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 29, 1986

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE HAROLD A. PIERCE

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN CONTRA ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1987

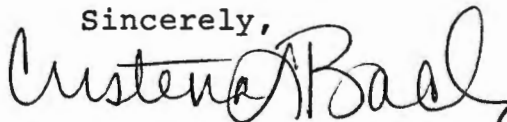
Dear Mayor Pierce:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your recent letter of strong support. It is gratifying to see so many Americans rally behind the President, and it is most appreciated.

If there is anything that my office can do for you please don't hesitate to contact me.

Continue your good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristena L. Bach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Cristena L. Bach  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Harold A. Pierce  
Mayor of Marinette  
Post Office Box 135  
Marinette, Wisconsin 54143

Gateway to the North

# CITY OF MARINETTE



## WISCONSIN



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*C. Bach*

Mayor  
HAROLD A. PIERCE

December 22, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I would like you to know that I stand beside you  
on the Iran Contra situation.

I cannot help but feel that if Lieutenant Colonel  
Oliver North's greatest offense was in defense of  
liberty, then it would seem that he should receive  
a medal that you had previously mentioned.

Mr. President, the Congress is much like my City  
Council, they have the power of the vote, but not  
always the wisdom to exercise it properly.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you  
and Mrs. Reagan a very happy and joyous holiday  
and may God bless you.

Please accept my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

*Harold A. Pierce*

Harold A. Pierce  
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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 29, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GEORGE T. STACK

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

Dear Mr. Stack:

Thank you for your letter dated December 20, 1986, addressed to the President, which has been referred to me for response.

The President has asked me to convey his deepest gratitude for the expression of support from your detachment. I am certain that you will find your confidence in the President justified by the Administration's accomplishments during the remaining two years on both the domestic and foreign policy fronts.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

Peter J. Wallison  
Counsel to the President

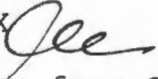
Commandant George T. Stack  
Capt. R. L. Green Detachment  
Department of Pennsylvania  
Marine Corps League  
P. O. Box 121  
Titusville, Pennsylvania 16354

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 21, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX 

SUBJECT: Iran Correspondence from Commandant  
George T. Stack

The attached letter for your signature is a variation of our standard response.

*Military Office*

## Department of Pennsylvania - Marine Corps League

From the Office of \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMANDANT

Capt. R. L. Green Detachment  
Department of Pennsylvania  
Marine Corps League  
P. O. Box 121  
Titusville, PA 16354

20 December 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
United States of America  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President and Commander-in-Chief:

On 16 December 1986, at the last meeting of the Captain Robert Lee Green Detachment, Department of Pennsylvania, Marine Corps League, the detachment voted to support and stand behind you on the Iran-Contra affair.

We fully endorse aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, and improving relations with Iran.

It is important and vital to our National security and the free world that the spread of communism be prevented in both of these countries.

Wishing you continued success and good health.

Semper Fidelis,

*George T. Stack*

George T. Stack  
Commandant

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. IVAN DOCHEFF

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE ARMS TO IRAN ISSUE

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# Bulgarian National Front, Inc.

## CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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DR. IVAN DOCHEFF

Honorary President

INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
NOVEMBER 7, 1958  
NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
ILLINOIS 23307, NOVEMBER 16, 1962  
TRADE MARK REGISTRATION "BORBA"  
N.Y. SBR-11031, NOVEMBER 20, 1967

MAILING ADDRESS:

DR. IVAN DOCHEFF  
P.O. BOX 703  
MANAHAWKIN, N.J. 08050  
U.S.A.

December 27, 1986

Hon. Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan,

Wishing you a happy and successful New Year I want to tell you , on behalf of all the members of the Bulgarian National Front, Inc. and myself, that all this noise which the media and the democratic opposition makes regarding sending arms to Iran and supporting the Nicaraguans Freedom Fighters, does not and will not change our commitment to support you.

We know that all this is nothing but an attempt to undermine your popularity and gain a chance to win the election.

We believe that you will not let them break you and will successfully complete your term, and we, all together, again will win the White House in 1988.

God bless you.

Sincerely yours ,

Dr. Ivan Docheff  
Honorary President  
Bulgarian National Front, Inc.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 30, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE JAMES G. MILES

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN/CONTRA ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 14, 1987

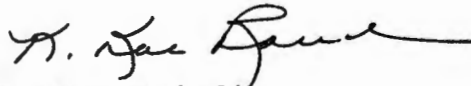
Dear Senator Miles:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support for him concerning the Iran situation. I know how much the President appreciates your patriotism and words of encouragement.

Please be assured that your comments will be shared with the President, and I know he will appreciate your support during this time.

Again, thank you for taking the time to send your important message. If I can be of any assistance in the future on other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable James G. Miles  
Member of the Legislature of the  
Commonwealth of Guam  
P.O. Box CB-1  
Agana, Guam 96910

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**Eighteenth Guam Legislature**

P.O. Box CB-1  
Agana, Guam U.S.A. 96910



**JAMES G. MILES**  
Senator

**12 December 1986**

**Office of the President  
Washington, D.C. 20270**

**Dear President Reagan:**

The "better Red than dead" segment of the news media has, as usual, made a mountain out of a mole hill as evidenced by the so-called Iran/Contra flap.

In any event, I just wanted to let you know that I fully support what you were attempting to accomplish in Iran. I'm convinced that it would have resulted in an early release of hostages and paved the way for an improved dialogue with moderate factions in Iran. Objectives clearly in the best interests of America and world peace.

As far as support of the Contras is concerned, America should provide whatever it takes to insure the defeat of communist supported force in Nicaragua. Even if it means direct combat support by U.S. forces.

Keep up the good work Mr. president and God Bless.

Sincerely yours,

*James G. Miles*  
**JAMES G. MILES**

JGM:rr  
cc: Congressman Ben Blaz

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1987

Dear Jim:

This is a late answer to your kind and warm letter of December 11, but it has only just arrived at my desk. That happens back here many times. Let me give you a clear channel. Letters reach me on schedule if you put on the front of the envelope, c/o Kathy Osborne.

Jim, thank you for writing as you did. Nancy and I are most grateful. I'd like to read your views on the Middle East if it isn't too much trouble. Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

**RON**

Mr. James M. Hall  
2922 Owen Street  
San Diego, California 92106

**HANDWRITING FILE**

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To Mr. James M. Hall 2912 Owen St.  
San Diego Calif. 92106

Dear Jim

This is a late answer to your kind & warm letter of Dec. 11 but it has only just arrived at my desk. That happens down here many times. Let me give you a clear channel. ~~If you can write again~~ Letters reach me on schedule if you put on the front of the envelope, C/O Kathy Osborne.

Jim thank you for writing as you did, Nancy & I are most grateful. I'd like to ~~have~~ read your views on the Middle East if it isn't too much trouble. Again thanks.

Sincerely Ron



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JAMES M. HALL

2922 Owen St.

San Diego Calif. 92106

11 December 1986

Dear President and Mrs Reagan,

There are many of us who were once privileged to serve you who are ready to stand with you in the current Iran situation. Unfortunately, we have no way of communicating with you, so we are left to observe the unfolding events in frustration. Having spent the last seven years traveling to and from the Middle East, particularly Saudi Arabia, I have some theories about the current situation that are probably not representative of the advice you are currently receiving, but which I believe are accurate.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a much happier New Year.

Sincerely,

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 31, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MRS. ANN WATTERS BECKER

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE IRAN/CONTRA ISSUE

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COMMENTS: WRITER'S HUSBAND, THE HONORABLE RALPH E. BECKER IS A FORMER AMBASSADOR

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December 24, 1986

Dear Ann:

Your message has just reached my desk, and I want you to know that I'm proud and more than a little grateful to have you on my side. Your friendship and support make it all worthwhile.

Thank you for thinking of me. May God bless you and Ralph during this holy season and throughout the coming year.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

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Mrs. Ralph E. Becker  
Apartment 1530  
4000 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20016

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ANN WATERS BECKER

ADDRESS: 12345 AVENUE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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December 16, 1986

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

You have the support of tens of millions of Americans in spite of the media and the so called polls.

The very next day after the allegations were made you came out honestly and in a forthright manner in response. The American people admire you and they respect you. Your great record speaks for itself. No president in the history of our great country has equaled your record of accomplishments and your popularity. You and your wonderful Nancy have made a tremendous contribution to our America.

As loyal Republicans we regret the fact that you are <sup>face</sup> with these difficult problems now. This too shall pass.

Ralph joins me in wishing you good luck and God Bless you and Nancy

Sincerely,  
Ann Waters Becker

My husband, Ralph E. Becker was a founder and chairman of the Young Republican National Federation (1946-49) a lawyer, Founding trustee and General Counsel, National Cultural Center under Eisenhower (now the Kennedy Center) 1958-76, Ambassador to Honduras, 1976-77. I have been active in Republican politics, and among other things, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1984. Ralph was a delegate for you, in 1980 in Detroit.

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 02, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PAUL A. NEWELL

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES VIEWS ON THE CONTRA/IRAN ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1987

Dear Judge Newell:

Your letter dated December 19, 1986, addressed to the President, has been referred to this office for response.

Please be assured that the views expressed in your letter are not only appreciated, but will be considered in the execution of the President's policy in the months ahead. The President has asked me to convey his sincerest appreciation for your expression of support and for the advice contained in your letter.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and concern in writing. I am sure that your confidence in the President will be justified by the progress of the Administration in pursuing its domestic and foreign policy goals during the remaining two years of the Administration.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

Peter J. Wallison  
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Paul A. Newell  
The Second Judicial District Court  
P. O. Box 179  
Homer, Louisiana 71040



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX 

SUBJECT: Iran Correspondence From General Public

The attached letter for your recommended use thanks the correspondent for his advice concerning how the President should respond to the Iran/Contra controversy.

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P Wallison



PAUL A. NEWELL  
JUDGE

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December 19, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
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Dear President Reagan:

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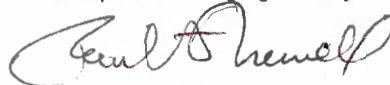
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that they had become such a threat to our security and the security of our allies that harsh measures were necessary. I have not reached that point and do not foresee the Sandinistas becoming that monumental a threat within the near future, primarily because of the support Congress and the people of the United States have given me in helping the freedom fighters in Nicaragua.

Therefore, I can assure you that I did not authorize, encourage, nor know that funds were being diverted to sources interested in assisting the freedom fighters. It matters not to me that the persons responsible may have been well-intended. I will countenance neither a violation of law nor a violation of the spirit of the law. A significant majority of Congress has shown its confidence in me by supporting my programs to assist the freedom fighters and I will do whatever is necessary to assure them and the people of the United States that their confidence is well placed. We will find out what happened, who is responsible and will take appropriate action, including such remedies as will give us greater assurance that there will be no repetition of such an abuse.

Even if you knew or had authorized the diversion of funds, the vast majority of our people (not the media under any circumstances!) would be satisfied by a candid admission, justification and assurance.

Respectfully yours,



Paul A. Newell

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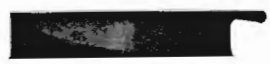
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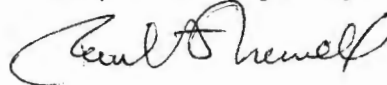


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Paul A. Newell

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 02, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JAMES D. HEAD

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTRA/IRAN ISSUE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Head,

Thank you for your recent letter of support for the President. We are pleased that you have taken the time to share your views with us.

The President truly appreciates hearing from friends such as you who share his concerns and hopes for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Mathis Richard".

Sue Mathis Richard  
Director, Office of Media Relations

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*Mr Richard*

JAMES D. HEAD  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

December 19, 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

Pat Buchanan spoke for a lot of Americans when he defended you so strongly last week. This is a proud, strong country with a leader to match.

People should tell you that but as you know only too well there are always more brickbats than bouquets. My family and friends are glad you are the man in the White House. We pray that next year will be a great one for you and our country.

I told Pat Buchanan someone should have a poll taken on the public's attitude toward the press in the Iran-contra furor. I'd be fascinated to see what kind of play it got in the press and on TV. I also told him when and if he decides to resume column writing we'd like to have him do it at King Features. That, you'll remember, is where you did your columning not too many years ago.

With every best wish, Mr. President.

Sincerely,

James D. Head



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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 02, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DONALD E. PURCELL

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTRA/IRAN ISSUE

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January 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Purcell:

Your message has just reached my desk, and I want you to know that I'm proud and more than a little grateful to have you on my side. Your friendship and support make it all worthwhile.

Thank you for thinking of me. With my warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

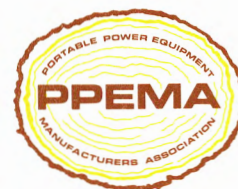
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**RONALD REAGAN**

Mr. Donald E. Purcell  
President  
Portable Power Equipment  
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December 30, 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

To get the New Year off to a good start, I am writing a few family and friends. I thought I would drop you a line because I am dissatisfied with the unnecessary emphasis being placed on the Iranian issue by the press and the Congress. I am concerned that important policy matters will be pushed aside in the name of "getting to the bottom of this."

To put my thoughts in perspective, you should know that I am a former Democrat, and that I have benefited in a substantial manner from Democratic patronage after coming to Washington in the mid 1960's to complete my studies. For over four years, as an undergraduate and law student, I was a policeman on the Capitol Police Force. The job was particularly important to me because I had to support my wife and son while finishing my studies.

Although I remained loyal to the Democrats for many years, I lost my faith in the ability of the Democratic party to govern this nation for a number of reasons. I consequently registered as an "independent" during the Carter Administration.

As an independent, I have followed your Administration with interest and admiration. My view remains unchanged even with the Iranian issue now at hand. You have done all that a President can do, and then some. You have restored our confidence and faith in ourselves, substantially improved our militarily preparedness, and given the incredible diversity of political, economic and spiritual thought in the United States a chance to grow and develop. In these respects, I am reminded of the Administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

As we head into 1987, with its trials and challenges, I have searched for a combination of words and phrases which might offer some comfort in the days ahead. There is bound to be a continuing "trial by press" over the Iranian issue. I can't do any better than a few sentences from the second letter of Paul to Timothy. For me, they will always characterize your efforts and those of your loyal staff:

I have fought the good fight,  
I have finished the race,  
I have kept the faith.  
From now on a merited crown awaits me. . .

The dissolution of your Administration, in practical terms or otherwise, is anything but close at hand. I look forward to your steadfast convictions which have been so evident these last six years.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Donald E. Purcell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Donald E. Purcell

THE WHITE HOUSE  
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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 02, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE EDWIN G. JOHNSON

SUBJECT: WRITES IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTRA/IRAN ISSUE

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WASHINGTON

January 20, 1987

Dear Representative Johnson:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your kind letter of support for him concerning the Iran situation. I know how much the President appreciates your patriotism and words of encouragement.

Please be assured that your comments will be shared with the President, and I know he will appreciate your support during this time.

Again, thank you for taking the time to send your important message. If I can be of any assistance in the future on other matters, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



K. Kae Rairdin  
Special Assistant to the President  
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The Honorable Edwin G. Johnson  
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
HARRISBURG

*K. Rarden*

December 24, 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As a veteran of World War 2, and as the Vice Chairman of the Military and Veterans Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I wish to express to you my complete confidence in your leadership of our Nation.

In my humble opinion, the goals of your staff in seeking to build bridges of communication with certain elements in Iran, and in seeking the release of our Americans, are very honorable and commendable.

It is a tragedy that many in the media fail to understand that international diplomacy cannot be, and never has been, conducted in the public arena.

Regardless of what the polls are supposed to indicate, I am confident that the electorate is not misled, and that you have their support today, as you have enjoyed it in the past.

My wife and I were discussing Jerry Falwell's appearance on "Cross Fire", and we agree with his statement that you are the greatest President since Abraham Lincoln.

It is my joy to be in your service,

*Edwin G. Johnson*  
Edwin G. Johnson  
Representative - 80th District

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 02, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: DR. ROBERT N. CLEAVES

SUBJECT: FORWARDS SUGGESTIONS ON THE IRAN/CONTRA  
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You have my very best wishes. Again, thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely,

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RONALD REAGAN

Dr. Robert N. Cleaves  
1224 Roberto Lane  
Los Angeles, California 90077

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

David — —

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 8, 1987

TO: DAVID CHEW

FROM: CHUCK DONOVAN *CD*

Attached is a draft Presidential response to a first-name friend of the President's who wrote to him with suggestions for handling of the Iran affair.

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Sincerely,  
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DR. ROBERT N. CLEAVES  
1224 ROBERTO LANE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90077  
(213) 476-7527

December 30, 1986

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President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan:

Re: Iran/Contras Matter  
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I have always regarded you as an excellent Governor and an outstanding President.

It is with these sentiments in mind that I offer the following advice:

1. Publicly ask North and Poindexter (and any others) to testify fully and immediately;
2. Do not "pardon" them at this time. It is premature and might be unnecessary;
3. You testify publicly. This would be the mark of a truly great President;
4. Admit that the transfer of arms was a great mistake, as was dealing with terrorists for the release of the hostages;
5. Regarding the siphoning off of arms profits for the Contras, admit that you are responsible for the conduct of your men, that they appear to have been carrying out what they perceived as your policy, and that the buck stops at your desk;
6. When the "profits" have been identified, if any part thereof have been applied for the benefit of the Contras, deduct an amount equal thereto from the \$100,000,000 Congress voted for their cause. Announce your intention to do this right away. We must help, not hurt the Contra effort.

President Ronald Reagan  
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December 30, 1986

7. Stop your "spokesmen" from weaseling, double-talking and engaging in the art of pettifoggery. It is all too clear what they are doing, and what (and how) they are doing it, hurts you and America.
8. Get your true friends and backers, the California "Reaganites" back by your side. They were your true friends and acted intelligently. I do not include Nofziger or Allen in this category. When you brought in the "Eastern Establishment", your troubles began.
9. Do not permit the frozen Iranian assets to be released.
10. There is a distinction between hostages who were voluntarily in areas of hostility at the time they were taken, and hostages who were not. As to the former, they placed themselves at risk and must assume responsibility for their situation. That category of hostage cannot be accorded the high degree of priority which they seem to have been given. Efforts should be made to effect their release, but not by making concessions that might, if made public, hurt America as has occurred in the instant case. A policy should be adopted and made public which is consistent with this concept.

Respectfully,



Dr. Robert N. Cleaves

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SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING THE IRAN ARMS SALE ISSUE

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February 18, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM:

ALAN CHARLES RAUL 

SUBJECT:

Response to Letters on Iran Arms Sales Issue

I checked with Lyn Withey regarding the need for Counsel's Office to answer the attached letters from Senators regarding the Iran arms sales issue and the National Security Council Staff. She advised that since Will Ball had already answered these letters, there was no need for us to do so. This was Dean's and my opinion as well.

Attachments



January 9, 1987

Dear Senator Pressler:

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to thank you for your letter of December 18 in which you thoughtfully summarized the concerns which your constituents have with respect to the issue of arms sales to Iran.

Your suggestions are appreciated and will be conveyed to key members of the President's advisory staff. You may be assured that your comments will be afforded careful attention and review.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Larry Pressler  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,  
AND TRANSPORTATION

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

December 18, 1986

WB  
The Hon. Ronald Reagan  
The President  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

During this Congressional adjournment, I have had the opportunity to speak with much of my constituency in South Dakota as well as individuals in other parts of the country. As I am sure you can well understand, much of the conversation turns to the issue of the arms sales to Iran.

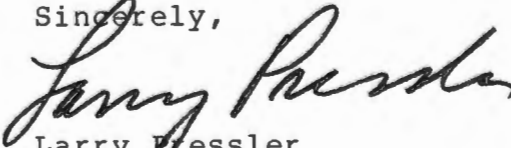
It has become quite apparent to me that many individuals across the country are more interested in how the situation was handled than in what transactions actually took place. Put another way, they are concerned about who was responsible to whom within the chain of command.

For this reason, I believe it would be extremely helpful if you were to take the lead in publicly clarifying the White House decision-making hierarchy. This could be done without incriminating any of those involved through exposure of material facts surrounding the matter. A study of the high level management structure of the White House, National Security Council and the Department of State by a reputable firm, such as McKinsey & Company, could help clarify the organizational situation.

The results of such a study by this premier management consulting firm would help to calm the fears of many Americans. I further believe that such a study would help to be extremely helpful in placing the entire incident behind us much more quickly.

As one of your strong supporters, Mr. President, I hope that you will give serious consideration to this concept. Perhaps it would help us get back to the other pressing issues facing our nation.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Pressler  
United States Senator

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January 20, 1987

Dear Admiral Bayne:

Thank you for your letter dated January 1, 1987, addressed to the President, which has been referred to me for response.

Please be assured that your advice and judgment are not only appreciated, but will be considered by the President and his current advisers in determining a course for the future. Moreover, your expression of "trust, loyalty, gratitude and understanding," coming as it does from a Naval officer of 37 years, is deeply gratifying. I am sure that you will find your confidence in the leadership of the President justified by the course of the Administration during the next two years.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness and concern in writing.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY PJW

Peter J. Wallison  
Counsel to the President

Vice Admiral Marmaduke Bayne (Retired)  
Seascape, Box 163  
Irvington, Virginia 22480

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER J. WALLISON

FROM: C. CHRISTOPHER COX 

SUBJECT: Iran Correspondence From General Public

The attached letter for your signature responds to the correspondent's advice that the President accept full responsibility for all that occurred in the Iran/Contra affair and tell the American people all that happened.

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*Military Office*  
VICE ADMIRAL MARMADUKE BAYNE (RET.)  
SEASCAPE, BOX 163  
IRVINGTON, VIRGINIA 22480

January 1, 1987

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C., 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As we begin a new year in the most magnificent society the world has ever known, living under the rules and laws of the most humane form of government yet conceived, led by one of the most admired leaders in its history, we face a peculiar enigma.

The ruling group is in disarray because it perceives error has occurred in its rule. The people wait for their President to explain this to them and have every confidence that he will do so.

In this perplexing ambiguity the people see the various parts of their government attempting to blame each other; attempting to individually or institutionally profit by the misfortune rather than come together to limit whatever harm has been done. They sense a great need for their President to rise above the fray and place in a national and unified context all the half truths and mysteries which multiply day by day. They know the Congress cannot do this; they know the estate which provides their information is self-serving and though it professes objectivity is subjective in its rhetorical amplification of each new nuance. They know that no individual nor institution can unify all parts of the enigma except their leader. They are sad and increasingly concerned that he remains silent. They know, too, that only one path is open for him to make the hurt go away. He must accept responsibility for it, explain again that its genesis was based on sound policy to improve affairs with a recalcitrant world partner, a policy which went awry in its execution. He must be bold and aggressive in setting straight the "third party" relationship which so obscures the matter; and he must pardon those who, in attempting to serve him and their country, made mistakes.

If he does not take the initiative from the many "interests" who seek political profit and publicity; if he does not dampen the opportunities for "investigative reporting", the Office of the Presidency will be weakened further by a Legislative process which will attempt to establish rules to prevent "such mistakes in the future".

This cannot be done, and instinctively they know that the existing excessive degree of "oversight" requiring that Congress be informed of intended actions of the Executive is, in part, to blame for the procedures used in the matter they profess to find so abhorrent. Even knowing this they cannot lessen their cry for increased control since no individual among them has the institutional influence to lead them away from such ambition.

Only the President stands on a threshold of opportunity. Only the President can call on the people to believe his intentions are and were sound. Only the President can dare the process to do its worst while he persists in doing what his Office calls him to do; leading the people. The people want to believe. They want to be led. They want, if necessary, to forgive. Forgiveness cannot be found in other government branches and agencies for the institutional sense of right is not firmly enough established to forgive. Oh, ultimately they will forgive but only when the strength of the people is behind them to do so. The Congress follows the people; the President leads the people.

What would happen, I wonder, should The President say to the people.

'Let me tell you as clearly as I can what happened, but at the outset I must express my complete responsibility for whatever occurred. Others are not to be blamed. Even if they broke laws, believing they were right when they broke them, they acted because they believed they followed policies which I had established or approved. As your President I cannot walk away from this. You have been extraordinarily understanding of my past attempts to set this great country on a course which exemplifies its greatness. I cannot take only the good from you; I must also accept your displeasure, if it is warranted. That is what it means to be your President. Only you can judge me; not the Congress, not the Press; only you. This is what happened.'

Thirty seven years as a Naval Officer help me know that whenever responsibility is understood; the assets as well as the liabilities; admiration and approval follow. Whenever it is obscured confusion and excessive reaction result.

Mr. President, probably the least thing you require at this time is gratuitous advice on the conduct of your Presidency. That certainly is not my purpose. My purpose is to suggest that a huge reservoir of trust, loyalty, gratitude and understanding resides in the people of this Nation. Only you can release it.

With great respect,

  
Marmaduke Bayne



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