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214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.  
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C.O.B. Fri. to  
Mr. Chess  
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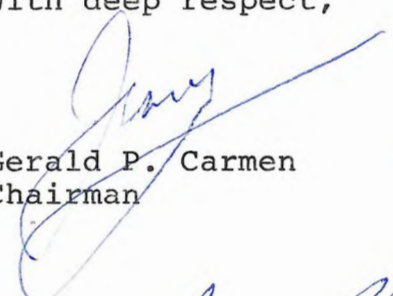
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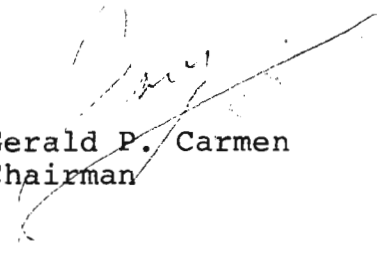
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Copy to Patay Shidmore 12-18-86 m  
" " Don Engler 1-8-87 m

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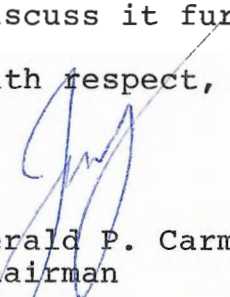
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Tom — Re. - DTR  
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& say pr. helps the  
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JD

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12/31/86

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TO:

Wennis / Pat

FROM:

**DONALD T. REGAN**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF**

What to do with  
this ?

DJR

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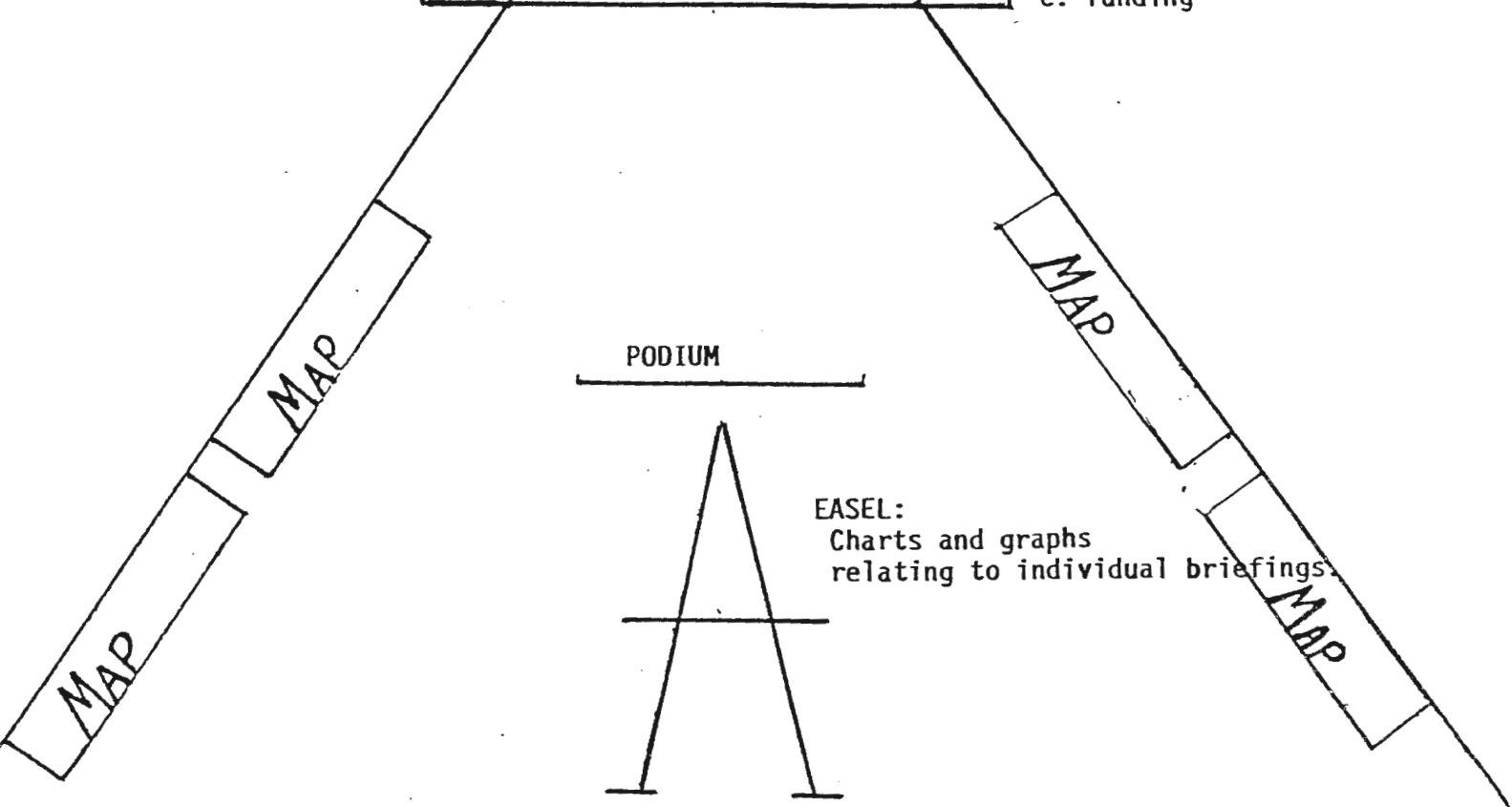
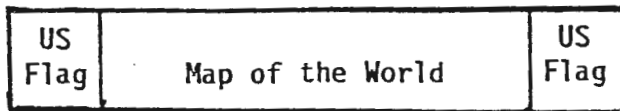
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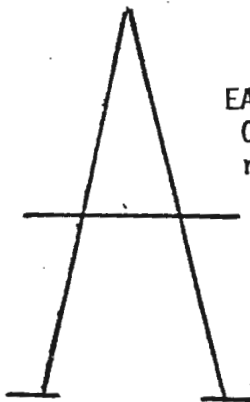
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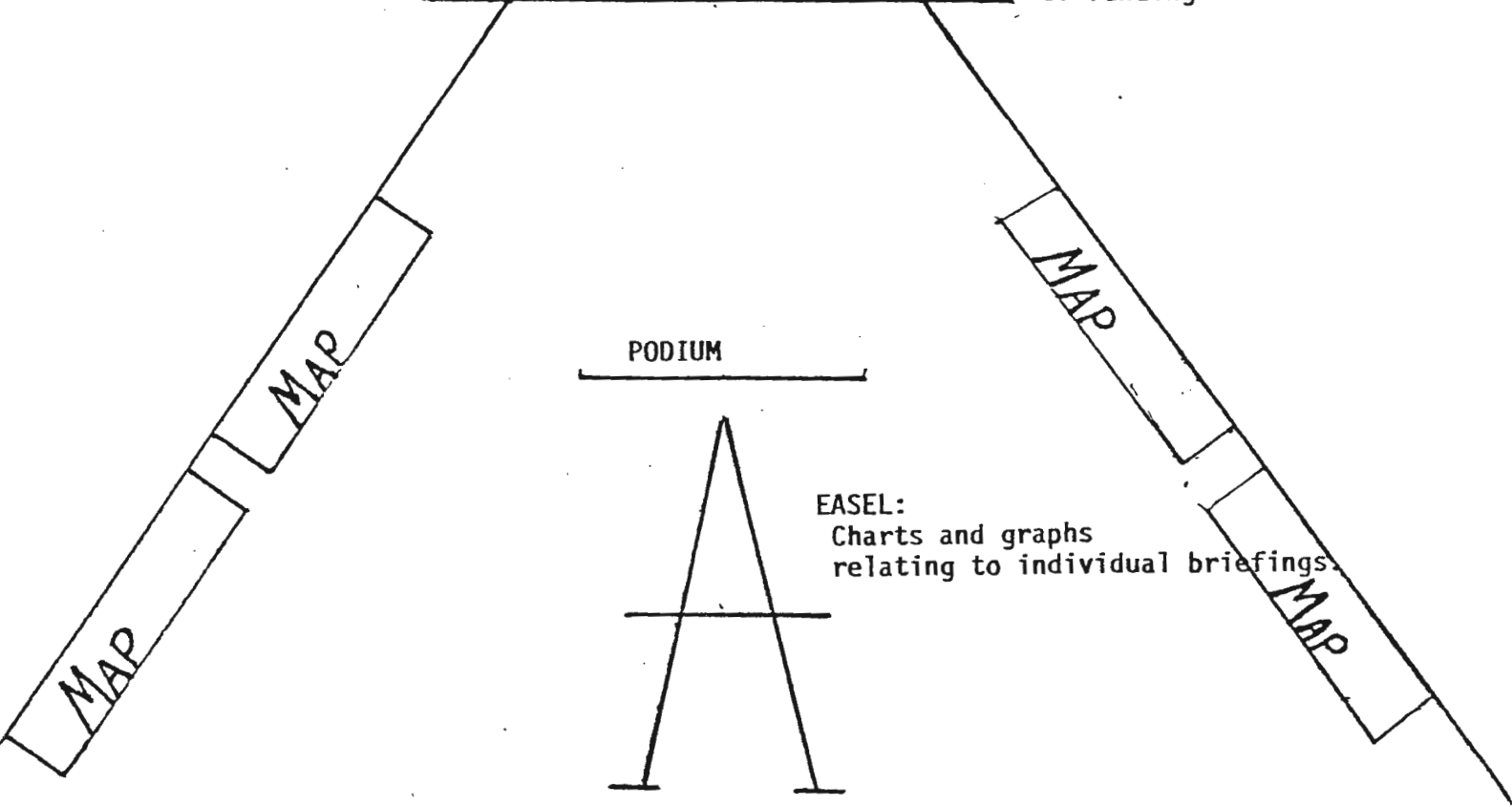
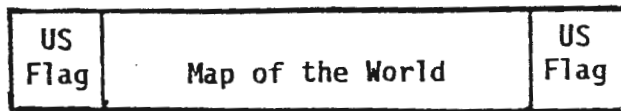
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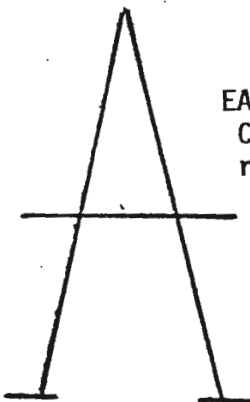
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Name of Correspondent: \_\_\_\_\_

Lee Hamilton

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

As Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, requests documents for the Committee's investigation on the Iran matter.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

Office/Agency (Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
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FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dec 16, 86 Kathy Ratte JAFFKE memo for Dianna HOLL and also attached.

Keep this worksheet attached to the original incoming letter.

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## PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

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- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence
  - n - 0 - Unknown
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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December 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR AL KEEL  
WILL BALL  
PETER WALLISON

FROM: RON SABLE

SUBJECT: Letter to the President from House Permanent  
Select Committee on Intelligence, Dec 15, 1986

The attached letter to the President from the House Permanent Select Committee of Intelligence was hand-delivered to the White House last night.

Attachment

cc: Alan Kranowitz  
Jay Stevens  
Bob Pearson

*Kathy - Please call + let me  
know you got this ok...  
jeanne  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

DIANNA HOLLAND

FROM:

KATHY RATTÉ JAFFKE *KRJ*

SUBJECT:

Iran/Contra Matter

Attached is a December 15 letter to the President from Congressman Lee Hamilton, Chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, requesting information for his Committee's investigation into the sale of arms to Iran and related matters.

Although Ron Sable provided the Counsel's office with a copy earlier this morning, I am forwarding the action copy to your office for appropriate handling.

Thank you for your assistance.

cc: Records Management - FYI (ID# 467260)

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# U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, DC 20515

December 15, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence is continuing its investigation of covert arms sales to Iran and related matters. The Committee has conducted a series of hearings to date focusing principally on the role of the U.S. intelligence community in supporting the Iran operation. The Committee has reached a point in its investigation where it wishes to acquire a better understanding of events of interest within the National Security Council and the White House.

Mindful of your pledge of full cooperation with Congressional investigation of the Iran operation, the Committee requests the production of all records, documents, recordings, or other materials referring to or concerning:

- meetings between William J. Casey and Robert M. Gates with Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter on or about October 7, October 15, or November 6, 1986 relating to concerns about the security or possible diversion of funds from the Iran operation;
- a draft Presidential Finding transmitted by William J. Casey to Admiral John M. Poindexter on November 26, 1986;
- meetings of the National Security Council or National Security Planning Group concerning the Iran operation, any draft Presidential Finding authorizing the sale of arms to Iran, any discussion of meetings between U.S. and Iranian representatives from January 1, 1985 through December 15, 1986, concerning arms sales to Iran or the release of U.S. hostages;
- the use by, or diversion to, the contras or any source other than the U.S. Treasury of proceeds from sales of arms to Iran;
- any request from any member of the NSC staff to the Central Intelligence Agency or the Department of Defense for assistance in connection with arms sales to Iran or the release of U.S. hostages held in Lebanon;
- Any legal issue arising from the sale of arms to Iran or the diversion of the proceeds from such sales;

- any telephone or message communications, either secure or unsecure, of Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North or Lieutenant Colonel Robert Earl between January 1, 1985 and December 15, 1986 relating to Iran, U.S. hostages, or the contras;
- the nature and terms of employment or association, including salary or remuneration, with the National Security Council or the White House for the following individuals: Richard V. Secord, Albert Hakim, Robert Dutton, Raphael Quintero, Charles P. Tyson, Robert Lilac, or Michael Ledeen.

In addition, the Committee requests any records of telephone calls to or from Lieutenant Colonel North between January 1, 1985 and December 15, 1986.

The Committee also desires to interview the following NSC or White House officials:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Earl, USMC  
Howard Teicher  
Paul Thompson  
Don Gregg  
Wilma Hall  
Fawn Hall  
Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Menarchik

These interviews would be conducted by the Committee's staff. The Committee may seek to interview other NSC or White House officials in the future.

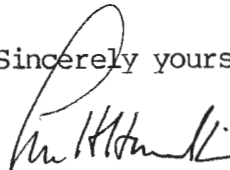
In addition, the Committee wishes to receive the testimony of Donald Regan, and may wish to call any of the above-listed individuals as witnesses, on Thursday, December 18, 1986.

The Committee's point of contact for this request is Michael J. O'Neil, Chief Counsel.

It is my hope that the White House's prompt response to this request will aid the Committee's inquiry and permit the swift conclusion of its investigation into these matters.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Lee H. Hamilton  
Chairman

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WILLIAM G. BALL  
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November 19, 1986

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

During the last two weeks, I have been following your dilemma with special interest. I have, for the last six years, been a great believer in what you have done. I am sincerely sorry to see that, during these last couple of weeks, you are ruining your place in the history of our country. I can't remember a President in the past that has taken his place in history before history was even written.

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~~This evening, I watched you on national television and was very upset with what I saw and heard, Mr. President. It seems to me that a man of your character need not get himself involved with a country that, for the most part, is only interested in making Americans look like fools. I fear, Mr. President, that they have done so once again and you might very well be their goat. I write you this letter with the hope that you might actually read it.~~

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I, Mr. President, have never been involved with people the likes of these Iranians. I worked with the U.S. Customs Department on an operation called EXODOS. This operation was with an agent who worked undercover in a case against a man from Iran who hopped that the war between Iran and Iraq would not end - at least not before he had made a tidy profit off the arms he wanted the agent and me to help him purchase, for sale. This is but a very small part of this case; this man also said he had the means from Iran to purchase some \$500,000,000.00 for whatever armaments that we could help him purchase. One of the items this man told the U.S. Attorney and myself he needed was the TRIGGERING DEVICE for an ATOMIC BOMB. He claimed to have talked to the Ambassador to Iraq and, if Iraq did not want this device, he was sure that Iran would.

Mr. President, I put my life on the line for my country, but for what? It seems that you are above the law. I fully realize that we, the public, will never know the facts behind what you and your people did, but it seems to me that, as President, you OWE THE PUBLIC A FACTUAL ANSWER. If not, then maybe I was foolhardy in what I did for my country.

If you disagree with my thinking, I am sorry; but, from where I sit, it seems to me that the only persons benefitting from this covert action were the companies that you instructed to ship the armaments. Had I known that our own President was going to go against the law of the land, I might have had a change of heart and not gotten involved in Operation Exodus, a possible life threatening action. By the way, Mr. President, this action began, it seems, just about the same time your action began, about May of 1984?.

This is the first and probably the last time you will ever hear my name, if your secretary chooses to bring this letter to your attention. I'm sorry that the reason for this letter was to tell you that I believe you've let our country down; if nothing else, I feel that you've let me down and you don't even know me.

The Iranian people persist in thinking that Americans are just greedy, money-grabbing people. I'm afraid that we have just proved they were right. Our country, Mr. President, is certainly bigger than the both us; it needs leaders like you in its history. Please don't let us down.

Thank you, Mr. President, if by some small chance you might see this letter, for being understanding of my feelings and disappointment in the last few weeks. I hope that the next two years of your term in office are as fruitful for you as the last six years have been. After Operation Exodus was completed, I was proud to tell my friends that I had, in a very small way, helped my country. I have a feeling that this is what being President must be like - only in a much grander way.

Respectfully yours,

William G. Ball

Enclosures

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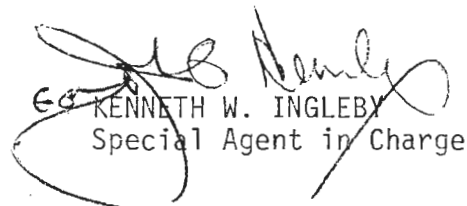
Mr. William Ball  
6213 East Lake Drive  
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Ball:

I wish to take this opportunity to express the gratitude of this office and the United States Customs Service for your participation in the above-cited undercover investigation. As a result of your cooperation the U.S. government was able to indict and successfully prosecute several individuals who conspired to illegally export munitions items from the United States to the Islamic Republic of Iran. I am fully aware of the services which you rendered to the Customs Service and of the risks you incurred by voluntarily agreeing to participate in certain possibly dangerous undercover activities. The time and conscientious effort offered by you truly contributed to the success of the entire operation. In such times as these it is reassuring to know that the country can depend on persons like yourself to volunteer their services to help to ensure the defense of this nation's policies and the protection of the laws enacted to enforce those policies.

Once again please accept my personal thanks to you on behalf of the agents of this office and the entire Customs Service.

Sincerely,

  
KENNETH W. INGLEBY  
Special Agent in Charge





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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: *Beff Healey*

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: *12-15*

*Can you please  
mail for POTUS.*

# ELSA SANDSTROM

December 8, 1986

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 200

Dear Mr. President -

Bravo, to you Mr. President! In spite of the media's attempts to crucify you and turn public opinion against you, they will not succeed, for you have built your "house" upon a rock and in Truth. So ingrained has become the media's "psyche" to slant the news to their personal ideologies and desire for power, they have lost a perspective of fairness or objectivity - if they ever had any!

What gives Senator Byrd the right to repeat over and over the all-inclusive statement, "the American people" . . . ! He does not speak for me and millions like me who support you in this crisis; which would never have reached its present stage, if our representatives and the media had acted in the interest of our country, instead of "exalting" their own egos in their lust for power. They remind me of a little terrier who has finally gotten his teeth into a bone and is determined not to let go!

It is so sad . . . we have so many major problems crying for solution . . . and so many visions for our country . . . cert-  
time can be better spent "building", rather than "tearing"  
down!

## ELSA SANDSTROM

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We can only pray that the miracle of God's love will instill his peace into the hearts of all, even our enemies, that they may come to a resolution to place the greater good of our country over narrow, vain personal gratification.

May God bless and protect you and our lovely First Lady -

Sincerely,  
  
Elsa Sandstrom (Mrs.)

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war should rise against me, in this shall I be confident.

. . . be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart . . . "

Psm 27; 1, 3, 14

". . . they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40; 31

