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MEMORANDUM FOR LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: PAUL W. HANLEY

SUBJECT: Support for the White House and the President's Iran Policy

Attached are copies of ASD(PA) Sim's press brief yesterday (Tab A) in which he said,

"Those who are in charge at the Pentagon, and I mean by that Secretary Weinberger, have been very clear on the fact that we're part of the national security process."

Also Secretary of Defense Weinberger's interview in Charleston, West Virginia this morning (Tab B) in which he said,

"I think the basic policy that has been ennuiciated is the policy of the Administration and is a correct one."

Also Admiral Crowe's statement in San Antonio today (Tab C) expressing his very strong support for Vice Admiral Poindexter.

FYI, ASD Sims reports a thorough understanding on the part of the Pentagon press corps that Secretary of Defense fully supports the President and his policies.

Attachments

- Tab A Sims' 11/18 Press Brief
- Tab B SecDef's Charleston Interview
- Tab C Adm Crowe's Stmt in San Antonio

NSC # 8608343

DoD News Briefing
Tuesday, November 18, 1986 - Noon
Mr. Robert B. Sims, ASD/PA

I am pleased today to introduce Mr. William Hart, who has reported in to be the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). Bill was with me in the White House Press Office; among other things, as Director of the White House News Summary. Most recently, he served as Press Secretary for a senator from Florida. I want to welcome him and hope all of you will get to know him.

I want to also take a moment to express my appreciation for Col. Marv Braman, who is not in the room at the moment, but certainly has been doing double duty since Bob O'Brien retired as the Deputy Assistant and in his normal job. He has just been outstanding and I'm glad that he will now be able to concentrate full time on meeting your needs in his responsibility as Director of Defense Information.

Today, the Secretary of Defense hosted a full honors ceremony, a meeting and luncheon in honor of the Egyptian Minister of Defense, Field Marshall Abu Ghazala. These activities represent examples of the continuing dialogue between them. They last met when the Secretary was traveling and stopped in Egypt on his recent trip. They had a working lunch there in October. Today's meeting and lunch is still on-going and we hope to have a readout of that, to the extent that we can give it to you, later this day. You might contact Major Icenogle in QDI if you are interested.

Secretary Weinberger will give the keynote address to computer engineers and academicians who are attending the Ada Expo '86 meeting at the Charleston (WVa.) Civic Center, tomorrow, November 19 at 10:45 a.m. Senator Byrd will be there with him. Before the Secretary's speech, which will be open to the press, there will be a media availability at the Civic Center Press Room at 10:15 a.m. The point of contact is Dan Dager, 304 342-5855. We will try to pipe in his speech or at least get you a copy of the text.

Q: Will the media availability be piped in here too?

A: I'm not sure we can do that, we'll check into that. If we can, we certainly will.

That's all I have after this long absence.

Q: Bob, on Ghazala, there was an interview with him published in Defense News last week in which he said that he believed that the United States should exercise "forgiveness," was the word he used, on the interest rates on the current money that they owe us on defense aid. They're having trouble dealing with those interest rates. How does the United States feel on the possible forgiveness of interest rates?

A: I can't give you a policy statement on that. I'm sure that's something that would be under discussion today and I'd rather wait until the discussions are over. The Field Marshal has had meetings with other officials in Washington and we'll

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have to see how those came out and perhaps we can give you something on that if there is anything new to report.

Q: Did the Secretary of Defense think that the proposal by the NSC or the CIA to sell arms or transfer arms to Iran was absurd?

A: I've seen that report by one of those present and have no comment on it. Larry Speakes pointed out in his briefing this morning that the news story about an alleged memo says that the original proposal was, as the White House has stated it, to develop contacts with Iran.

As to the alleged Secretary of Defense marginal notes, I certainly can't confirm the accuracy of the report. I just point out that the Secretary becomes personally concerned when his private files get out of his office in any way, accurately or inaccurately. And I'm just not going to comment as to whether what was reported was accurate or not. I'd rather not comment at all.

It is his practice, as you know, on advice that he has given to the President on policy positions that he's taken in internal government discussions, not to make those public. He hasn't done that with regard to Iranian policy and he hasn't authorized me or anyone else to do so.

Q: Is the Secretary's silence on Iran an indication that he does not support the policy?

A: I would just go back to statements he has made which are basically not to comment on matters that are being discussed at the White House. I just don't have anything to add to that.

Q: He said last week, I think, that the U.S. policy is one of neutrality. Now there are reports that a private American company, BDM, may be cooking up some sort of a deal with Iraq which would affect their ability to conduct the war. What is the Pentagon's position on that?

A: I've seen those reports and I'm aware of contacts that, I think, the company or the Iraqi government might best discuss. But we have no request from BDM for a license to provide contract services to Iraq. Neither Iran nor Iraq are eligible to receive goods or services through the U.S. Security Assistance Program.

Our policy with regard to Iraq, as I understand it, and that might be better addressed to the State Department, is that we don't supply arms to Iraq, nor do we authorize other countries to transfer U.S. manufactured or licensed weapons to Iraq. That's not to say that if a company came to us and asked for permission to do a study or some other such thing that we wouldn't grant it. We just don't have any request for a license to provide contract services to Iraq. So we have nothing...

Q: We would not agree to arms, but if there is some sort of computer wargame support that we could give that might...

A: I couldn't say hypothetically what we might do if we had a request. We'll have to wait and see if we have one and then make a decision on it, that's not dependent solely on the Defense

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Department, but also the State Department to grant a license. So we'd have to have a license request, we'd have to know what it was for, and then we'd have to make a decision on it. At this point we have no such request.

Q: Do you have any information to indicate to you that you anticipate such a request coming to you?

A: I don't have anything one way or the other to know whether there will be a request. I'm aware of reports of discussions between the company and the government, but whether that will result in a request to us for a license, I don't know.

Q: By "we" don't have such a request do you mean...

A: The U.S. government.

Q: But you are fairly certain from a non-hardware standpoint it would still be something that if they wanted to sign a contract that they'd still need to get approval from State and DoD?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there any contact between the government of Iraq and the U.S. Defense Department in this regard? Any sort of request for any consultancy? There were some stories last week that indicated that some U.S. war planners were sitting down and doing some of these things with an eye toward Iraq.

A: I'm not aware of anything like that. I'd rather not comment on something I haven't looked into. I'm not aware of anything.

Q: You're not denying that that's possible?

A: I'm not aware of anything.

Q: There's a report that Admiral Crowe is going to express some dissatisfaction about the Summit when he goes on the Hill soon. Can you confirm that?

A: I don't know what he might say when he goes to the Hill. I did hear from the Chairman of the House Armed Services yesterday. I believe I understood him to say that he would have some hearings later on and I'm sure the Chairman would be willing to testify as he always is, if he's asked to do so. I don't know what he'll say in his testimony. He would certainly say what he wants to without any constraints or restraints from the Department.

Q: On Friday, there is to be a couple of closed door hearings on the Hill about this whole Iran business. Has the Secretary of Defense been invited to testify?

A: He's not planning to testify. I don't know if he's been invited or not. What I've read about this hearing or these hearings -- we're talking about intelligence committees and they deal with another agency of the government. If there are any DoD witnesses, or even who other witnesses might be, I would rather have the committee speak to that. But in answer to your specific question, I don't anticipate that Secretary Weinberger will be there.

Q: Does the Secretary want to testify on this matter?

A: I've not heard him express any interest in doing so.

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Q: Does the Secretary feel that this in fact and truly was not only an intelligence matter?

A: What?

Q: The announcement by the President that he authorized some weapons to be sent to Iran.

A: I just couldn't say what the Secretary thinks about everything. The Secretary has not commented on this. Others who are in positions to describe the policy have done so and continue to do so. The President will do so tomorrow night, I'm sure. So I think it's just not our role here to comment on what is a policy that's been described by the White House and which I believe the White House has said was managed by another agency.

Q: The reason why these questions come up is that we're seeing reports that there's division in the Administration. Can we hear from you something to the contrary?

A: We have not reported any divisions in the Administration from here. I go back to Wayne's question about the JCS testimony, and one of your colleagues reported last night a "war" between the Pentagon and John Poindexter. I would assure you there is no war between the Pentagon and John Poindexter or anyone else at the White House. The Pentagon is a very large building. You may find people here who support almost any contention. In fact, Admiral Crowe has a saying that the Pentagon's a building with five sides on every issue. I think there is some reason to say that.

That just means that anyone who wishes can do something in an anonymous, mischief-making way with no accountability. Those who are in charge at the Pentagon, and I mean by that Secretary Weinberger, have been very clear on the fact that we're part of the national security process. The legislative role of the JCS is to give advice to the Secretary and to the President if called on, and they do that admirably and honestly, without any reservation, certainly discreetly and with no constraints whatsoever.

So I just discount all of these various reports which always come up when there is any controversial subject that's being aired anywhere in town, that the Pentagon has a problem, because certainly you can find someone in the Pentagon to support whatever view you may want to take. I'd refer you to statements that the Secretary makes and that we make here at the podium which are on the record and accountable.

Q: ...a statement in which the Secretary has endorsed any part of the Administration's handling of the Iranian arms deal. I mean, the absence of a positive can be construed as a negative in a case like this. He has been given opportunity and he has never said he approves of what they did.

A: I'd have to go back, he's so often available to you that I haven't been in on every session including the one you had recently, so I don't know what he said. But I will stand by what he said.

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Q: He did not say anything positive. He said the President had asked him to shut up and he's being very loyal in that manner.

A: I would hope that everyone would be that way.

Q: You mentioned those in charge of the Pentagon are very clearly part of the national security process. The White House is describing this matter as indeed part of that process. The White House has spoken to it. The Secretary of State has spoken to it. Why hasn't the Secretary of Defense spoken to it?

A: I'll have to ask him. I'll check with him on that when next we meet. He's been asked about this many times. He has been asked every way. He's said what he wants to say on it, and I will leave it at that.

Q: Is the supply of arms to Iran contrary to U.S. security interests as they pertain to the Middle East?

A: I'm not going to get into this any further. I've said all that I want to say on it.

Q: You didn't make clear whether the Secretary was invited to appear on the Hill. You said that you didn't anticipate he would appear.

A: I'm not aware of an invitation to him. I'm sure that he is not planning to be there.

Q: If he's not planning to be there, does that mean if invited he would invoke executive privilege?

A: No, if he were invited to appear before a committee and would have some role to play, he would be represented. If it wouldn't be appropriate for him to participate himself, he'd certainly be represented.

Q: Could you explain briefly what that role was?

A: I would rather leave roles and discussion of these matters to the hearings which will probably be closed, and let you find out what went on in those hearings.

Q: It's unclear because all the direction has pointed to the CIA and the State Department, but if arms were supplied, the Defense Department would have to know about that. It's unclear to me as to whether there has to be some sort of passive approval by the Defense Department to have this proceed.

A: I don't intend to get into the inner-workings of the government on how policy is shaped, who takes what position and how things are approved. There are many ways that things can be done I would leave that to the people who did them to describe them.

Q: On the matter of mechanics and logistics, is the Defense Department or any of the agencies aware of any arms transfers to Iran?

A: I just wouldn't want to comment any more on that, Richard. I'd leave that to others who are describing the policy and answering questions on that. If it's appropriate for Defense to participate in hearings and describe that to the appropriate committees, we'll do that. But I wouldn't have any comment on it.

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Q: Can I assume that you're not going to make any comment at all on Iran?

A: As usual, Hugh, you have shown a great deal of perceptive, mature, intelligence here, and also a desire to get this briefing over with. There is a certain confluence of views here.

Q: I realize you don't want to talk about any specific past shipments of American arms to Iran, but what is the current policy about third countries, I can name a few, Israel, South Korea, or whatever, shipping arms to Iran -- shipping American-origin arms to Iran?

A: Really, I've said all I can say. That's a question properly addressed to the State Department or the White House, and I'd let them answer that.

Q: The Secretary said that he felt the shipment of arms to Iran would destabilize the entire area. Has he...

A: Who said that?

Q: The Secretary of Defense. In New Jersey, I think it was.

A: I think what he said early on in the discussions was that he didn't see it in any one's advantage for Iran to win that war. That's as far as he's gone.

Q: ...Secretary said or not to say anything when the Defense Department is obviously a major part of the national security and intelligence communities?

A: We're obviously a part of the national security community, but that doesn't mean that we're a major part of every activity that's undertaken in the name of national security. In fact I would leave it to those who are playing the major role and who have the policy to explain, and who have the facts to explain it with, to do the explaining. I think they're doing that and they're doing it quite well. I don't know how you can get into this story from the Pentagon, frankly, because it's being handled elsewhere.

Q: I just wanted to clarify what you said in answer to the previous question that the Secretary said at an earlier stage in this he did not see it to anyones advantage for anyone to win the war. Can you clarify what you mean by "at an early stage?"

A: When the story first began to be discussed, he was asked for his views, and that's what he said.

Q: That is still his position?

A: That is still his position, that it's not in anyone's interest for Iran to win the war.

Q: So he doesn't feel that these arms would necessarily...

A: I haven't heard anyone suggest that that was an objective of the U.S. government's policy to aid a side in winning the war.

Q: Obviously if that were the objective, then he would be against that.

A: It wasn't.

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Q: Is it your understanding that the arms embargo against Iran is now in effect again?

A: I'm not current on that. You'll have to ask the State Department on that.

Press: Thank You.

Mr. Sims: Thank you.

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Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger
Interviewed by newsmen
At Ada '86 Expo
Charleston, West Virginia
November 19, 1986 - 10:15 a.m.

Secretary Weinberger: I don't have any kind of an opening statement, but I'll be delighted to try to take your questions.

Q: What is the significance of Ada language and what could it do for Defense?

A: I think it can do and already has done a very great deal for Defense. It's extremely important in this type of situation to have one standard that everyone knows is the standard, knows that the Department is committed to. Since we are such a large customer and purchaser of these things, we felt quite early on that we should adopt a standard and a single language, which we've done and which is Ada. I'm very pleased that a number of other large organizations are also adopting it.

I think the important thing is to make that decision and then work to make that language as effective and as useful as possible and that's what we're doing. In the course of that, why may find changes that may be needed here and there and additions, but the basic language is adopted. We're firmly committed to it and we're using it with considerable effectiveness now in such things as the imbedded computers in the F-16 and other applications.

Q: When did you know about the Iranian arms deal and how did you know about it?

A: The Iranian situation has been covered very thoroughly by the President and will be covered again by him tonight. We had conversations about it when the proposal was made and later conversations. I don't remember the precise dates, but somewhere at the beginning of this year, I believe.

Q: People like David Harness have charged that software for SDI can't work. What is your response to this and how does Ada fit into the equation?

A: He says the software in Ada can't work?

Q: The software for SDI can not work.

A: Oh, the software for SDI is going to be an Ada system and it is working already. We do need to do a great deal more. We have to increase our computational capability. But that's what I always find so puzzling about all the statements that strategic defense can't work. These are nearly always made by people who are basically against it and sort of hope it won't work. The fact is we can do quite a lot of what we need to do right now, can't do it all, of course, because of the volume of the number of Soviet missiles that we would have to be prepared to intercept and destroy. We could do a lot of it. What we really need is a vast increase in our computational ability and capability. That is another of the reasons why it's so important that we adopt this single system. Our Strategic Defense Initiative Office is also using Ada.

Q: The Department of Defense is putting a big push behind Ada, but they still have a waiver policy on not using Ada in software patterns. Are you going to change that waiver policy?

A: No, we want to have whatever flexibility we need for very special types of applications, but basically, it is the computer language of the department. We spent a very substantial amount on it, to develop it and to improve it. We are continuing to improve it. We do have, I think it's fair to say, a few small applications where it possibly isn't as useful as some others, particularly until more people adopt it. So we do have a waiver policy to give us a little flexibility, but we don't intend to undermine or undercut the basic decision to use ADA by use of any waivers on any major scale.

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Q: Do you think that your policy or getting tough on terrorism, and specifically singling out Iran, was undercut by this whole arms deal?

A: No, I hope not. I think that there's not the slightest question that the President's policy with respect to terrorism is fully understood and is fully supported. The President himself has referred to one of the examples which was of course the attack on Libya. We did that reluctantly. We hope we won't have to do it again, but we did want to demonstrate that terrorism has a very substantial cost, an enormous cost to people who practice it. We have not changed that policy one bit and we hope very much that that demonstration of what that cost is to people who practice and use and train terrorists will be sufficient. But the policy remains absolutely the same without the slightest change.

Q: But you singled out Iran as the center of terrorism?

A: It is one of the centers of terrorism, yes.

Q: How can you get tough on one hand and on the other hand...

A: Because there is a high value placed in education and we are obviously hoping that there will be a different group of people or a group of people with different ideas -- perhaps the same group with different ideas or whatever -- so that the policy would change. We don't have any interest whatever in keeping the policy of a country terroristic. We try our best to change it.

Q: Do you support or endorse what the President did?

A: What we've been talking right along is an attempt to change the policies of Iran, which we are all agreed have been extremely destructive in every way. Any attempt to try to change those policies, I think can be well justified.

Q: Do you expect Sec. Shultz to tender his resignation?

A: No, I don't, no.

Q: The Washington Post is reporting that the CIA played both sides of a coin in Iran, cajoling the Ayatollah on one hand and working with the moderate forces on the other. Can you confirm or deny that?


A: Well, I certainly have no knowledge of that whatever. And the fact that it appeared in one newspaper wouldn't seem to me to be the basis for forming a serious question about it.

Q: What type of predicament do you think Sec. Shultz is in? Here on one hand he thought he was supporting a previous Administration policy not to give concessions to a terrorist; then on other hand it turns out the President is sending arms to Iran all along.

A: Well, I don't think it's a predicament. I think the basic policy that has been enunciated is the policy of the Administration and is a correct one. There was also an attempt as the President said to try to improve the general set of policies and change the set of policies in Iran very drastically because everyone agrees that that the policies of that government are hopelessly incompatible with freedom and with the principles that we follow. I think it is certainly understandable that the President would want to do what he could to try to change those policies. Now if that doesn't succeed, why then obviously, we'll not pursue that. But it is important, I think, to try to get an improvement in that government, or in the policies of that government, just as we try to get an improvement in the policies of the Soviet government, thus far also without success.

Q: What do you think the situation has done to the President's credibility of the national security...

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A: I think that people understand that the President was trying his best to get a better result than we've had in Iran for many, many years. I don't think its in any sense a partisan thing or anything of the kind. I think everybody -- President Carter, President Reagan -- all would have wanted to get a better approach, a better policy in Iran. That's what President Reagan has been trying to get and I can't imagine the American people would fault him for that. 

Q: I also had an Ada question. When the whole Ada effort started going DoD gave some seed money, basically to get the ball rolling. Now I notice...some of monies have not been cut back...like petter out. Do you intend to try have industry call the ball for Ada now?

A: I think the best result would be a partnership combination. The federal government, specifically the Department of Defense, has invested a very considerable amount of money, even for the Department of Defense in the creation and sponorship and support of a single high order language and Ada is that product. I would hope and assume that industry knowing that would want to join with us in making that program as effective as possible.

Q: When Ada goes through its next revision in 1988, will DoD really stand tough at that point, really use Ada now and give money to the program manager so they could...

A: I don't know what money there will be available in 1988. But the gentlemen at my right knows much more about that than I do. He owns the money. Our commitment to Ada as a single language is absolutely firm and complete.

Press: Thank you.

Sec. Weinberger. Some of you thought I came down here to talk about Ada. Actually, I came down here to wish Senator Byrd a happy birthday tomorrow.

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19 NOV

Subject: Chairman's Press Availability in San Antonio

1. Following a speech to the national convention of the Retired Officers Association in San Antonio at noon today, Admiral Crowe spoke briefly to the press. Among the questions was one which asked for his comment about published reports of problems between him and Vice Admiral Poindexter. The Chairman's verbatim reply, cleared for whatever use you deem appropriate, follows:

I think those reports are highly overstated. I'm not quite sure what their genesis is, but I have worked very closely with Admiral Poindexter for a year now. He is a friend of mine of long standing. I'm a strong admirer of his. He's very easy to work with and I have felt that his cooperation and support this year have made my job a great deal easier and that all the reports of enmity and animosity between Admiral Poindexter and me are without foundation. I anticipate that we will work as well together in the future as we have in the past."

Very respectfully,

JAY COUPE, JR.
Captain, U.S. Navy
Special Assistant to the Chairman

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BY GENE GIBBONS
WASHINGTON, NOV 17, REUTER - THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY
PRESIDENT REAGAN WANTS SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ TO
REMAIN ON THE JOB DESPITE SHULTZ'S MUCH-QUOTED MISGIVINGS ABOUT
THE SECRET SHIPMENT OF U.S. ARMS TO IRAN.

REAGAN HIMSELF SAID THERE WERE NO FURTHER PLANS TO SHIP U.S.
ARMS TO IRAN, WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS LABELLED A TERRORIST
STATE.

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN LARRY SPEAKES SOUGHT TO QUASH
SPECULATION SHULTZ MIGHT RESIGN OR BE FORCED OUT OVER THE IRAN
CONTROVERSY AND SAID THE PRESIDENT AND HIS TOP FOREIGN POLICY
ADVISER WERE UNITED ON U.S. POLICY TOWARD TEHRAN.

SHULTZ, ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE AFTER A SPEECH
IN CHICAGO TONIGHT, CRITICIZED TRADING FOR HOSTAGES BECAUSE IT
WOULD ENCOURAGE THE TAKING OF MORE HOSTAGES.

HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IN TRYING TO MAKE ITS APPROACHES TO
IRAN AS SECRET AS POSSIBLE THE WHITE HOUSE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHECKS AND BALANCES AND EXPERTISE WITHIN
THE ADMINISTRATION.

ASKED AT A NEWS BRIEFING ABOUT RUMORS OF A POSSIBLE SHULTZ
RESIGNATION, SPEAKES TOLD REPORTERS, "THE PRESIDENT DOES WANT
SECRETARY SHULTZ TO REMAIN ON THE JOB AND HAS NO REASON TO
BELIEVE IT WILL BE OTHERWISE."

AT ANOTHER BRIEFING, HE SAID, "SECRETARY SHULTZ IS NOT
RESIGNING."

ASKED AFTERWARD IF HE MEANT CATEGORICALLY TO RULE OUT ANY
POSSIBILITY OF SHULTZ QUITTING, SPEAKES REPLIED, "ALL BUT.

"I KNOW OF NO PLANS FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ TO RESIGN. THERE'S
NO INDICATION THAT HE WILL RESIGN. I DON'T GET THAT
INDICATION."

BUT AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SPOKESMAN CHARLES REDMAN TODAY
REFUSED TO REPEAT SHULTZ'S STATEMENT OF A WEEK AGO THAT HE HAD
NO PLANS TO GO.

UNDER QUESTIONING, REDMAN DECLINED TO GO FURTHER THAN SHULTZ,
WHO, WHEN ASKED YESTERDAY IF HE HAD CONSIDERED RESIGNING,
REPLIED, "I TALKED TO THE PRESIDENT. I SERVE AT HIS PLEASURE,
AND ANYTHING THAT I HAVE TO SAY ON THAT SUBJECT, I'D JUST SAY
TO HIM."

REAGAN CONTRIBUTED TO WHITE HOUSE EFFORTS TO DAMPEN THE
CONTROVERSY TODAY BY TELLING REPORTERS THERE WERE NO FURTHER
PLANS TO SHIP MORE U.S. ARMS TO IRAN, WHOSE RADICAL MOSLEM
LEADERSHIP HAS TAKEN A MILITANT ANTI-AMERICAN STANCE.

"WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PLANS TO DO ANY SUCH THING," HE SAID
IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT FURTHER ARMS SHIPMENTS SHOUTED
BY REPORTERS AT A WHITE HOUSE PICTURE-TAKING SESSION.

IT WAS THE WHITE HOUSE'S FIRST STATEMENT THAT NO MORE WEAPONS
WERE PLANNED FOR IRAN, WHICH THE UNITED STATES ACCUSES OF
SPONSORING WORLD TERRORISM.

FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SAID TODAY THAT U.S. SALES OF
MILITARY SUPPLIES TO IRAN WERE ILLEGAL BECAUSE, AS FAR AS HE
KNEW, REAGAN HAD NOT CANCELLED CARTER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER AGAINST
SUCH SALES.

"UNTIL THE PRESIDENT CANCELS THAT ORDER... IT IS STILL ILLEGAL -- UNDER THE EXECUTIVE ORDER, NOT A LAW -- TO SELL ANY SORT OF WEAPONS TO IRAN," CARTER TOLD THE CABLE NEWS NETWORK.

THE ARMS REAGAN SENT TO IRAN CAME FROM STOCKS THAT IRAN, UNDER THE LATE SHAH, BOUGHT AND PAID FOR. BUT THEY WERE NOT DELIVERED BECAUSE OF A U.S. ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED IN 1980.

CARTER IMPOSED THE EMBARGO AND SEVERED ALL RELATIONS WITH IRAN AFTER 52 AMERICANS WERE TAKEN HOSTAGE AND HELD FOR 444 DAYS BY STUDENT REVOLUTIONARIES.

DURING THE 1980 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, REAGAN ATTACKED HIM FOR BEING TOO SOFT WITH IRAN IN TRYING TO WIN THE HOSTAGES" FREEDOM. THEY WERE RELEASED WHEN REAGAN TOOK OFFICE IN 1981.

THREE AMERICANS HELD HOSTAGE IN LEBANON WERE FREED DURING REAGAN'S SECRET 18-MONTH INITIATIVE. SIX OTHERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE HELD BY PRO-IRANIAN GROUPS.

REAGAN SAID IN A NATIONWIDE ADDRESS LAST THURSDAY THAT HE HAD SENT SMALL AMOUNTS OF WEAPONS AND SPARE PARTS TO IRAN AS PART OF A BID TO IMPROVE U.S.-IRANIAN RELATIONS AND HELP FREE AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD IN LEBANON. HE DENIED THE ARMS WERE RANSOM FOR THE HOSTAGES.

REAGAN SAID A WASHINGTON-TEHRAN DIALOGUE WAS CONTINUING AND PROGRESS WAS BEING MADE.

IN CHICAGO, SHULTZ SAID THE UNITED STATES SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXPLORE CONTACTS WITH IRAN AND SHOULD BE READY TO RESPOND TO ANY CHANGES THERE.

"NOW ITS ALSO OBVIOUS THAT YOU CAN'T DO THAT UNLESS YOU CAN DO IT QUIETLY, PRIVATELY AND SECRETLY," HE SAID. "IT'S TOO EXPLOSIVE."

"SO THE PROBLEM IS HOW CAN YOU DO IT SECRETLY ... AND OF COURSE THE FEWER THAT KNOW ABOUT IT THE MORE SECRET IT'S GOING TO BE, BUT ALSO THE LESS YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHECKS, THE BALANCES AND THE EXPERTISE AND SO ON THAT EXIST."

BUT HE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT SOME WAY WOULD BE FOUND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY OPPORTUNITIES THAT EXISTED IN IRAN, "SO WE SHOULD KEEP ON EXPLORING."

SHULTZ SAID THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION OVER IRAN POLICY MIGHT HAVE REINFORCED THE DOCTRINE THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE "FOR GOVERNMENTS TO GET IN THE BUSINESS OF TRADING SOMETHING OF GENUINE IMPORTANCE FOR HOSTAGES, BECAUSE IF YOU DO THAT ALL YOU DO IS ENCOURAGE THE TAKING OF MORE HOSTAGES AND PUT MORE AMERICANS AT RISK."

HE ADDED, "SO THAT IS THE THEORY AND I THINK IT'S A PERFECTLY GOOD THEORY AND IT'S A GOOD PRACTICE AND WE INTEND TO STICK TO IT."

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REAGAN SAYS NO MORE ARMS FOR IRAN, NO FIRINGS OVER ROW
BY PATRICIA WILSON

WASHINGTON, NOV 18, REUTER - PRESIDENT REAGAN SAYS HE HAS NO FURTHER PLANS TO SEND ARMS TO IRAN OR TO FIRE ANYONE IN HIS ADMINISTRATION CRITICAL OF HIS CONTROVERSIAL EFFORT TO IMPROVE TIES WITH A COUNTRY ON THE U.S. LIST OF TERRORIST STATES.

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS CAME AS THE WHITE HOUSE WAS STRUGGLING TO DEFUSE SPECULATION THAT SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ, WHO HAS EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS ABOUT THE SECRET IRAN ARMS DEAL, MIGHT RESIGN OR BE FIRED.

"I'M NOT FIRING ANYBODY," REAGAN SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS CALLED OUT BY REPORTERS AT A WHITE HOUSE PICTURE-TAKING SESSION.

HE DID NOT ELABORATE BUT HIS SPOKESMAN, LARRY SPEAKES, TOLD REPORTERS, "THE PRESIDENT DOES WANT SECRETARY SHULTZ TO REMAIN ON THE JOB AND HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE IT WILL BE OTHERWISE ... SECRETARY SHULTZ IS NOT RESIGNING."

SHULTZ, MEANWHILE, CONTINUED TO VOICE CONCERN ABOUT THE SECRET, WHITE HOUSE-CONTROLLED OPERATION THAT SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH IRAN AND WIN THE FREEDOM OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES.

HE TOLD QUESTIONERS FOLLOWING A SPEECH IN CHICAGO LAST NIGHT THAT THE FEWER PEOPLE IN THE ADMINISTRATION WHO KNEW ABOUT THE OPERATION "THE MORE SECRET IT'S GOING TO BE BUT ALSO THE LESS YOU'RE ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHECKS, THE BALANCES AND THE EXPERTISE AND SO ON THAT EXIST."

SHULTZ ACKNOWLEDGED, AS HE HAD EARLIER, THAT "THERE'S A LOT THAT TRANSPIRED THAT I DON'T KNOW ABOUT."

HOWEVER, HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE TO PROBE TO BE READY FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES IN IRAN. HE SAID THE PUBLIC DEBATE HAD REINFORCED THE DOCTRINE ENUNCIATED BY REAGAN THAT IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR GOVERNMENTS TO "GET IN THE BUSINESS OF TRADING SOMETHING OF GENUINE IMPORTANCE FOR HOSTAGES."

REAGAN DENIED IN A TELEVISION ADDRESS ON FRIDAY THAT ARMS HAD BEEN SENT TO IRAN AS A RANSOM PAYMENT FOR AMERICAN HOSTAGES HELD BY PRO-IRAN GROUPS IN LEBANON.

REAGAN AND OTHER WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS PERSEVERED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO DAMPEN THE WHOLE CONTROVERSY YESTERDAY BY TELLING REPORTERS THERE WOULD BE NO MORE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TEHRAN.

"WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO PLANS TO DO ANY SUCH THING," REAGAN SAID DURING THE PHOTO-TAKING SESSION.

THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED TO CLEAR UP THE ISSUE FURTHER DURING A NATIONALLY TELEVISED NEWS CONFERENCE TOMORROW NIGHT (8 P.M. EST), HIS FIRST IN THREE MONTHS.

REAGAN DISCLOSED IN HIS TV ADDRESS THAT HE HAD AUTHORIZED A SECRET WEAPONS SHIPMENT TO IRAN EARLIER THIS YEAR, DESPITE AN OFFICIAL U.S. ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST THAT MILITANTLY ANTI-AMERICAN NATION, IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS WITH "MODERATE" ELEMENTS IN THE TEHRAN LEADERSHIP.

SHULTZ SAID IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW SUNDAY HE CONSIDERED THAT EFFORT DEBATABLE, KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE OPERATION AND DID NOT SPEAK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE ISSUE.

THE WHITE HOUSE SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE APPARENT RIFTS BETWEEN REAGAN AND TOP U.S. OFFICIALS BY SUGGESTING SHULTZ'S

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BY BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) -- SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE P. SHULTZ SAYS THE UNITED STATES MUST REASSERT ITS ANTI-TERRORISM DOCTRINE AMID THE PUBLIC DEBATE OVER A U.S. ARMS SHIPMENT TO IRAN.

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BUT SHULTZ SAID OF U.S. POLICY ON TERRORISM, WE HAVE TO BE UNEQUIVOCALLY AGAINST IT.

HIS REMARKS CAME AS A PUBLISHED POLL SAID THAT MOST AMERICANS DID NOT BELIEVE PRESIDENT REAGAN'S EXPLANATION LAST WEEK OF RECENT U.S. ARMS SHIPMENTS TO IRAN AND CONTACTS WITH TEHRAN REGARDING AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN LEBANON.

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HE DEFENDED THE ADMINISTRATIONS STATED GOAL OF THE ARMS SHIPMENTS:
ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH MORE MODERATE IRANIAN POLITICIANS.

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*Copies sent to Alan Paul Per Patty Aranson 9-27-87
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Press from Reuters & AP.

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

November 24, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Marlin Fitzwater *Marlin*
Press Secretary

NOTED BY DTR

SUBJECT: Press Calls on Iran

Following is a list of press calls I have received this afternoon concerning Iran. They all asked essentially the same two or three questions.

1. Does the Vice President support the President? My answer: The Vice President supports the President on all issues related to Iran.

2. Does the Vice President support selling arms to Iran? My answer: The Vice President for the last six years has not discussed internal decisions of the Administration, or his position taken in meetings, or his private conversations with the President. He won't start now.

3. Does that mean you are trying to distance yourself from the President: My answer: Absolutely not. The Vice President supports the President.

The following calls were received this afternoon:

- Knight-Ridder ----- Owen Ullman
- Newsday ----- Pat Sloyan
- Washington Post ----- David Hoffman
- UPI ----- Barry Schweid
- Baltimore Sun ----- Mark Matthews
- Chicago Tribune ----- Jim O'Shea
- Wall Street Journal -- Jane Mayer
- AP ----- Mike Putzel
- Los Angeles Times ---- Jack Nelson
- Cox Newspapers ----- Andy Mollison
- Time Magazine ----- Bob Ajemian
- Chicago Tribune ----- George deLama
- Reuters ----- Gene Gibbons
- CNN ----- Frank Sesno
- New York Daily News ----- Lars Erik Nelson

THE WHITE HOUSE
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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 21, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. RENE ANSELMO

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES GENERAL VIEWS AND SUPPORT ON THE
CONTRA/IRAN ISSUE

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Rene Anselmo
Chairman

May 19, 1987

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

Dear Mr. President:

Given the amount of flak you have been taking from the press and the Congress lately, I just felt it important to write you to express my admiration for the way you confronted the press the other day, over your actions regarding Nicaragua.

You are a great President. One who had the courage to display this leadership in face of a Congress which ought to be ashamed of itself for its stand on the issue of funding the Contra movement.

It is painful to watch this spectacle of the hearings that is going on. Painful to watch your adversaries try to cut you up, and the country in the process. God give you strength, Mr. President. You will come out on top in the end, because the American people are behind you and love you.

Sincerely,



RA:mr

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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 21, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE REVEREND FRANCIS A. NOVAK

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES AN ORIGINAL CARTOON BY JOHN SCHOENI
TO WHOM HE GAVE THE IDEA, ALSO EXPRESSES
SUPPORT FOR THE CONTRA/IRAN ISSUE

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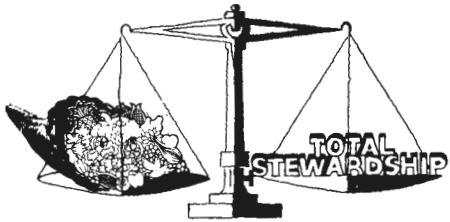
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May 19, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Please accept this cartoon as a source of solace. I gave the idea to cartoonist, John Schoeni, and he did the work.

As friends and supporters we know who our electronic foes are in this highly dragged-out contra investigation. It also seems that the only thing the Donkey Boys know is to neigh--everything, hostages, contras, budget, deficit, all!

I am also embarrassed and grieved that Bishop John McGann used the pulpit at Mr. William Casey's funeral to push the pro-Marxist position in Nicaragua. Thank God for Jeanne Kirkpatrick!

Keep up your strong, positive leadership (despite David Hoffmann) and your Christian patience! You are daily in my prayers and Mass!

Sincerely in Christ

Rev. Francis A. Novak, CSSR



THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MAY 29, 1987

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. WALKER

SUBJECT: ENCLOSURES COPY OF LETTER FROM MR. F. R. EBERSOLE OF STRASBURG, PENNSYLVANIA EXPRESSING HIS CONCERNS OVER THE WORK OF THE SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON IRAN

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June 2, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of May 28 enclosing correspondence from your constituent, Mr. F. Robert Ebersole regarding the Iran/Contra hearings.

I appreciate your taking the time pass on Mr. Ebersole's concerns on this matter. Please assure your constituent that his comments have been noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert S. Walker
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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ROBERT S. WALKER
16TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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May 28, 1987

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing on behalf of one of my constituents, Mr. F.R. Ebersole of Strasburg, PA. Enclosed please find a letter Mr. Ebersole has addressed to you expressing his concerns over the work of the Special Select Committee on Iran. He asked that I forward it to you.

In case you may wish to respond to Mr. Ebersole his address is:

324 Mindy Avenue
Strasburg, PA 17579

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter.

Cordially,



Robert S. Walker

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|| Enclosure

May 22, 1987.

JOINT COMMITTEES

IRAN - CONTRAS

How bad off would the Contra "Freedom Fighters" be today if they had not received covert funds - (from the time Congress cut aid to them off) ?

You, who use Vietnam as scare tactics, should also remind to add:

1. J.F.Kennedy originated the Green Berets and sent ONLY this elite group as INSTRUCTORS/ADVISORS along with ONLY military equipment/supplies aid.
2. L.B.Johnson: Some of you are around today who gave him the "Gulf of Tonkin Resolution" enabling total military involvement; who passed legislation for massive amounts of taxpayers dollars to support the "guns and butter" and the "Great Society." For this fiasco, ~~We-the-People~~ will be paying back for years.

What J.F.K. did, President Reagan wants to do! No more and no less. EXACTLY.

NOTE: Russians will not arm South America! How conveniently short politicians mind^s and memorys are! It was John Kennedy who turned back Russian ships carrying missil^s to Cuba. The action: simple as "take them back to Russia or be sunk".

Many (possibly a majority) of we-the-people are fed up watching^g 26 member/ring circus (with the media as the Ringmaster). Belittling, berating, preaching at and branding for life - IN PUBLIC - men whose patriotism and motive can in no way be questioned. I can assure you that all your posturing, pompous and solemn demeanor comes across as comical - if we didn't know it for partisan politics.

F.Robert Ebersole,
324 Mindy Ave.,
Strasburg, Pa. (17579)

F.R. Ebersole

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 1, 1987

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Dear Mr. Zukerman:

I appreciate your comments and will review them with Senator Baker. I hope when the Iran-Contra hearings are completed, that there is ample time to review the role that Congress should have in developing foreign policy and how we get back to a more bipartisan approach.

Sincerely,



Thomas C. Griscom
Assistant to the President
for Communications and Planning

Mr. David R. Zukerman
3725 Henry HUDson Parkway
Bronx, New York 10463

dear mr. zukerman:

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DAVID R. ZUKERMAN
3725 HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY
BRONX, NEW YORK 10463

Acknowledged

May 25, 1987

Mr. Tom Griscom
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20050

Dear Mr. Griscom,

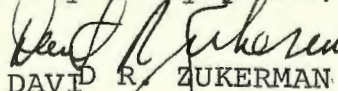
Sent letter to Mr. Baker, last week, with copies of letters that I wrote last December that referred to the Curtiss Wright Supreme Court decision that supports presidential authority in foreign affairs. Last December. Was interested, then, to read Evans-Novak, of your role ~~to~~ *dealt* with the Boland Amendment head-on and perhaps I should have written directly to you, last week. (I had previously written to Mr. Buchanan.) Curtiss-Wright [299 U.S. 304(1036)] noted, "It is quite apparent that if, in the maintenance of our international relations, embarrassment-perhaps serious embarrassment-is to be avoided and success for our aims achieved, congressional legislation which is to be made effective through negotiation and inquiry within the international field must often accord to the President a degree of discretion and freedom from statutory restriction which would not be admissible were domestic affairs alone involved."

Why hasn't this language been raised vis-a-vis the hearings?

A previous administration did not pay heed to the first lesson of Vietnam -- success in overturning authoritarian regimes may have ~~have~~ unforeseen and unpleasant consequences. It is no coincidence that Iran and Nicaragua are the focus of political contention, now, in Washington.

The Administration has greater constitutional authority in foreign affairs than, say, academics like Prof. Tribe and Prof. Schlesinger would allow, but that does not preclude seeking support of public opinion as well as of the Constitution. Do we still have diplomatic relations with Nicaragua? If the government is such a threat, why? Across the world, an Iraqi plane attacks our ship and there is talk of war with Iran. Why? And where is talk of a peace conference directed -- at Israel and Jordan. Why? As far as Iran-Iraq goes, Iraq initially sought to take advantage of some chaos for which we held some responsibility -- is that now why we tilt to...Iraq?

Very truly yours,


DAVID R. ZUKERMAN



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December 23, 1986

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

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is the original of a letter to President Reagan from President Aquino of the Philippines dated 12/11/86. which is transmitted for your information.

This correspondence was received in the Information Management Section of the Executive Secretariat on 12/23/86.

Director, S/S-I
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Executive Secretariat
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MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA

December 11, 1986

Dear President Reagan:

I have followed with deep concern the controversy in Washington, especially for the way it must affect the feelings of a good and admired friend. May I say only that you have my prayers and my sincere hope that you will weather this crisis, and resume with vigor and assurance the leadership of your people towards the fulfillment of your great vision of America.

In the past weeks, I too have had to face great difficulties. And in resolving them, I've had to take measures as painful to me as to those against whom they were directed. As ever, only faith in God's caring sustained me.

MALACAÑAN PALACE

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Again, may I express my firm support and sympathetic understanding. And my conviction that things inevitably right themselves for those who are making history.

In the season of peace that has come upon us, let me wish you the joys and blessings of Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones!

Sincerely,

Corazon S. Aquino

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June 15, 1987

Dear Joy and Gene:

I'm sorry about the delay in responding to your very kind letter. However, preparing for the Summit kept us busy and now that I am back, I wanted you to know how much I appreciate your support. Thanks for your special words and the thoughts that prompted them.

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With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schiess
Post Office Box 254
Katonah, New York 10536

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DATE NEXT MON, JUNE 15.

Dear Joy and Gene:

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May 20th, 1987
P.O. Box 254
Katonah, N.Y. 10536

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

Hi Dear Dutch:

Gene and I are glued to the Senate Hearings and we want to say that we ^{are} so confident that all is well and that you, once again will come out unscathed and more appreciated and more loved than ever before.

It is so evident that this whole affair is helping to point out your deep and sincere conviction that the Freedom Fighters in Nicaragua must be supported in their efforts for a reformed ~~government.~~

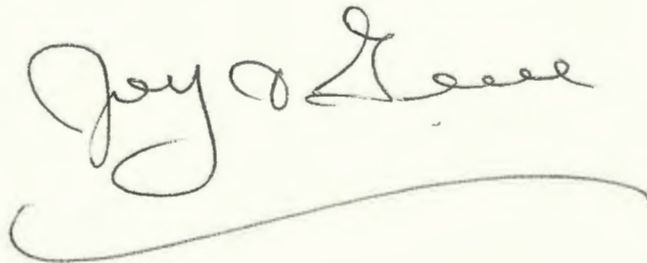
Sen. Hyde of Illinois was fabulous just now and I would like to suggest that his interrogation be put on Video and be made to be played on HBO..ha....seriously though, it was the most direct and simple rehearsal of facts pointing to the WHYS and WHEREFORES of the whole situation in Central America....and involving the European friends we are supposed to have...and support...

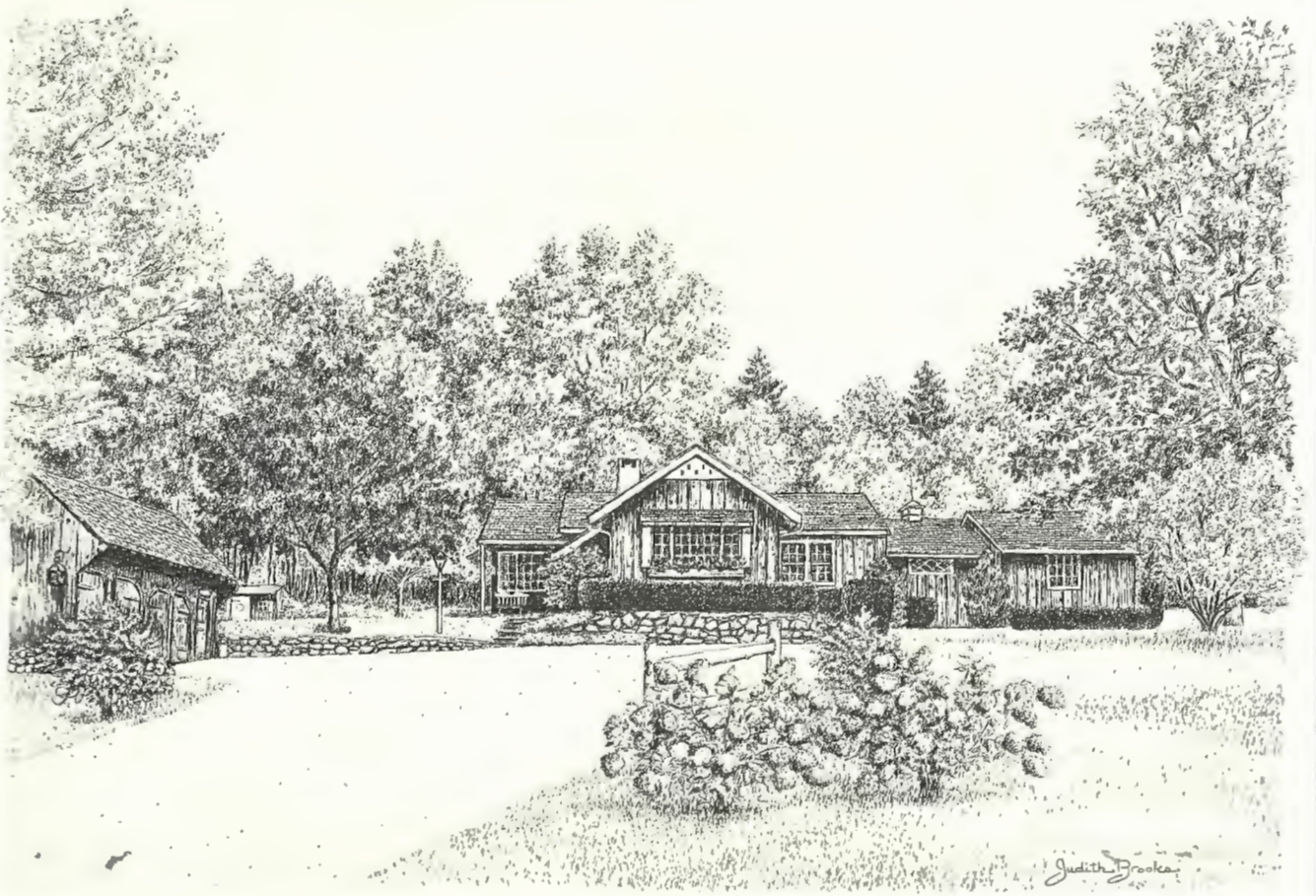
"THE RIGHT WAY WINS THE RIGHT OF WAY "!!!!

All of this will come to a perfect conclusion I know it.

Our deep affection always,

JOY HODGES SCHIESS
(MRS. EUGENE SCHIESS)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joy Hodges Schiess", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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June 17, 1987

Dear Nackey:

Your letter and editorial were what I consider a warm and happy welcome home. I assure you I'll be making use of that 1980 news report.

You are so right about the other events that somehow didn't ring any bells here inside the beltway. What can we do to get some better direction in some of our schools of journalism? I've heard some disturbing things lately about indoctrination being the general rule rather than the "who, what, when, and where" that once was taught.

Nancy sends her best, and we both thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mrs. William Loeb
President and Publisher
Union Leader Corporation
Post Office Box 780
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

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RON

Mrs. William Loeb
President and Publisher
Union Leader Corporation
Post Office Box 780
Manchester, New Hampshire 03105

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To Mrs. Wm. Loeb - 35 Amberst St. P.O. Box 780.
Manchester N.H. 03105

Dear Mackey —

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Sincerely Ron

June 2, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
#16691
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

I was glad that you made some strong remarks about the unfair way in which the media has been treating you, although as is customary with selective news reporting, few people actually heard what you had to say, so you had better repeat it over and over again.

In relation to the media, I thought that you might enjoy the enclosed front page editorial. The Founding Fathers expected that this was to be a nation with an informed people and I am sure they would have been horrified at the way the citizens are being short-changed nowadays. In the meanwhile, I watch the hearings with interest, and from what I have seen so far, those involved come across as being pretty patriotic and decent Americans.

As to our flags flying in the waters of the Gulf region, I have a feeling that there is a Reagan-style plan afoot and if so, you have my support. I do feel strongly that in spite of reconciliatory statements and the usual attempts to blame Americans, this was no accident. Hang in there!

Sincerely,


Nackey

NSL:Mrs. S. Raymond
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Dear Brute:

Thank you again! Your column on the Ayatollah is magnificent and puts the whole situation in focus, as a number of our Congressmen have been unable to do.

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You know, even here in Washington the hearings are being ignored by more and more people, even though they are on TV, live, hour after hour.

Well, thanks again. You have a circle of fans here in the West Wing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

LtGen Victor H. Krulak, USMC, Ret.
3665 Carleton Street
San Diego, California 92106

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REWRITING 870619

To Lt. Gen. V. H. Krulak 3665 Carleton St.

San Diego Calif. 92106

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VICTOR H. KRULAK

28 May 1987

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

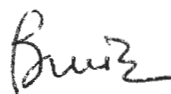
Dear Mr. President:

I enclose columns on two troublesome problems. I am monumentally tired of the hearings, which are so blatantly political and so shamefully huckstered by the press.

And it is a matter of real sadness to see the politicians trying to make capital out of a matter so serious as the Persian Gulf.

Your actions, and those of Mrs. Reagan, at the Stark memorial ceremony were inspiring.

Sincerely,



VHK:jm
Enclosures

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