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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 22, 1984

Dear Margaret:

I hope you don't mind my use of your first name. It just seems natural somehow.

Nancy and I are sorry about the dinner -- we'll make it another time. I'll try not to upset our English cousins before your meeting in London.

Nancy sends her warm regards and, please, from both of us to Clifton and your sons. We enjoyed meeting them and will look forward to another meeting.

Sincerely,

Ron

Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniel  
830 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10021

MTD

Dear President and Mrs Reagan,  
My family and I are  
indebted to you for a  
distinguished contribution  
to the celebration of  
my father's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Luncheon at the White  
House was a grand  
climax to a day of  
festivities. We had a  
delightful time, all of  
us, members of our family,  
our friends, and my  
father's old associates.  
I especially thank you

MTD

for your thoughtfulness  
in using the Sunman china.  
Clifton and I are most  
grateful for the invitation  
we received on our return  
home, at the end of a week  
of birthday celebrations, to  
attend the State Dinner on  
June 18. We have had to  
decline because we shall  
be out of the country on  
that evening. We would  
gladly rearrange our schedule,  
but we are attending a  
conference in England on  
my father's European  
policies, and obviously we

MTD

cannot alter the dates  
of the conference.

We shall be in  
Europe just after you  
have been there. We  
wish you a happy  
journey. Again many  
many thanks!

Affectionately  
Margaret Human David

Mrs. Margaret Truman Daniels 830 Park Ave. N.Y. N.Y.

10021

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~~Best regards~~ Sincerely  
Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1984

Dear Mrs. Conboy:

Mrs. Baker passed on to me your comments on Ballyporeen and I just want you to know how much I appreciate your kind thoughtfulness.

Nancy and I are looking forward eagerly to our visit to Ireland and your letter has added to our anticipation. Until coming to Washington, I had no knowledge of my father's family line since he had been orphaned before he was six years old. The Irish government has seen to it that we now have the family tree. Your description of Ballyporeen has contributed greatly.

I don't know how much opportunity I'll have to get acquainted with individuals although I will be making a public appearance in Ballyporeen. I'll keep my eyes open for a Dermot Wall.

Again, my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. Lucy L. Conboy  
2208 Wyoming Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20008



↳ Mrs. Lucy I. Conroy 2208 Wyoming Ave. N.W.  
Wash. D.C. 20008

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Again my thanks to you.

Sincerely  
RR

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May 24, 1984

Dear Bob:

I am sorry we were not able to visit in China, but given our schedules, I thought it best to wait until now to drop you a line. I was concerned when I learned about your accident at the Great Wall, but am happy to learn from Larry Speakes that you received good care and are on the mend.

It was a pleasure to have you on the trip and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Robert Thompson  
Hearst Newspapers  
1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

RR:AVH:LS:pps

bcc: Larry Speakes

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1984

Dear Tom and Jackie Hendrix:

I'm sorry to be so late in thanking you for your flowers. I didn't get your address until I returned to Washington and Senator Murkowski provided it.

You were thoughtful and kind and we are most grateful to you. We did enjoy our stay and only regret that our time was so limited.

Nancy sends her very best and from both of us to your family. Again, our heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

*Ronald Reagan*

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hendrix  
Box 80331  
College, Alaska 99708

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 24, 1984

Dear Bob and Lynn:

I'm sorry to be so late in replying to your note which reached me by way of Dr. Massad. I'm sorry, too, that we had no opportunity to get together.

Please give your father my very best regards. I have many happy memories of the Vistadores rides. Sadly, I have to say, only memories. There is no way I can ride with them again while I hold this job. Wherever I go now I'm a group and that would make for too much disruption in the outing.

Best regards,



Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams  
c/o Dr. Dale Massad  
2046 U.S. 19 North  
Palm Harbor, Florida 33563

To Mr. & Mrs. Tom Hendrix - Box 80331, College  
Alaska 99708

Dear Tom & Jackie Hendrix

I'm sorry to be so late in thanking you for your flowers. I didn't get your address until I returned to Wash. and Sen. Munkowski provided it.

You were very thoughtful and kind and we all most grateful to you. We did enjoy our stay and only regret that our time was so limited.

Neely sends her very best and from ~~the~~ both of us to your family. Again our heartfelt thanks.

Jimmy RR

To Mr. Bob Adams % Dr. Dale <sup>(MASSAD)</sup> Massad 2046 U.S. 19 NORTH  
Palm Harbor Fla. 33563

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Best Regards

RR

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CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

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May 28, 1984

Dear Mr. President.

One note with two thanks.

First, and most important, thank you for your support, your presence and your words for today's funeral service for the Vietnam Unknown Serviceman. It was an important event for America, and particularly important for all of us who served in that war.

Second, thank you for your kind letter remembering my 45th anniversary of the beginning of my military service. I was lucky to have Commanders who cared for their subordinates when I started. The nation is fortunate to have a Commander-in-Chief who cares today.

Y. R.,

Jack Jessery

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May 30, 1984

Dear Mr. Pinto:

Thank you very much for your good letter and kind words. I think we are not far apart in our thinking about the problems of Central America. Sometimes I wish the press could be a little more careful in reporting what are supposed to be my positions or thoughts on certain matters.

The legislation we have before Congress is based on recommendations made by a broadbased commission I asked to go to Central America and to study how we could best be of help to our neighbors. They said many of the things you yourself wrote in your letter.

We are asking Congress for a five-year plan designed to help get countries started on creating an economic base that will provide jobs and opportunity for their people. With this of course goes the infra-structure, education etc., to help bring this about. We've had some success already in sending teams of agriculture experts -- all volunteers -- to developing countries to help establish an agricultural base. You are right that aid which only is a financial handout can condemn a people to perpetual poverty. We must help them become independent and self-sustaining.

Thanks again for your letter and best regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Manuel E. Pinto  
Christian Brothers College  
Box 202  
Memphis, Tennessee 38104

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Sample  
April 27, 1984

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

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I am a foreign student from Guatemala attending Christian Brothers College in Memphis, Tenn. I am not a refugee or someone seeking shelter from the so-called political violence existing in my country.

It took for me some time to write you this letter. But after deep meditation over the matter, and encouragement from friends, I decided to give it a try. First of all, I would like to congratulate you for the good work you have done during your presidential term, and especially for your concern on Central America.

I too am concerned about Central America, especially my country, since I intend to go back and reside there. On this occasion I am writing as a Central American and not a Guatemalan. It makes me wonder after reading Time, Newsweek, pamphlets from liberal groups, reports by so-called experts, and the attitude of some Americans, what it is that they know and want from our nations. I am aware that it would be difficult to explain what is going on down there. It would probably take at least six volumes to brief someone on it.

Mr. President, I do not intend to be impertinent, much less be another critic who is second-guessing what Americans are doing down there. On the contrary, I feel that the following words may be of help and encouragement for you, and not discourage the good intentioned work you ave done. If you are familiar with Van Hayeck and Van Miesse, you will understand how certain reforms can undermine democracies, because of the effects these reforms have on a nation's economy. What I am referring to, Mr. President, are the reforms some Americans -- who are strangers to a different world, language, and customs -- want to see in Central America. These Americans base their beliefs on false comparisons of standards of life because of their different ethnic backgrounds, education, and standards of living. You cannot compare an orange to an apple, a circle to a triangle, much less a third-world nation to the United States.

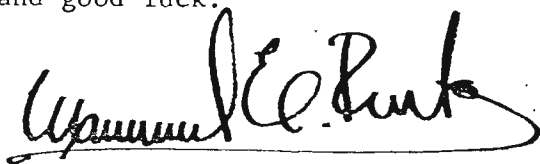
I do not intend to deny that Central America is very poor, and that there are no social-economic problems. Otherwise, this letter would be meaningless. Mr. President, in your Central American policies, you should encourage the governments first of all to better our educational systems, and then make sure we have adequate health institutions. Once this is achieved, the rest is less difficult. Change takes time, Mr. President. Land reforms will not solve the

existing problems. On the contrary, they will worsen them for the following reasons.

First, if you distribute land to people who have no education or the means to make the land productive, and who do not know the value of a piece of land, the land will go to waste. Giving land away to this type of people also invites cooperatives, a synonym for socialism. This will not only increase poverty; it will increase violence. History in Guatemala, Chile and recently in El Salvador are examples of what land reforms can do. Land reform is a dangerous game, Mr. President. It is a sword with two blades and sometimes useful for the communists. Let me remind you, Mr. President, that there are nearly twenty million lives at stake here. And the Central American nations depend on agricultural products as the most important foreign exchange.

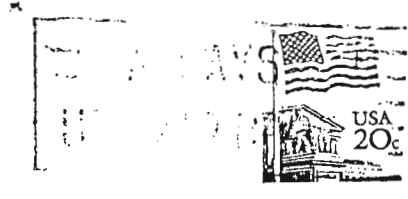
I was raised by honest parents in a conservative environment. I grew up thinking, feeling, and believing that "a man does what he has to do." I think that you and I share the same thought, Mr. President. May God bless you and good luck.

Sincerely yours:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manuel E. Pinto', written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Manuel E. Pinto  
Christian Brothers College  
650 East Parkway South  
Box 202  
Memphis, TN 38104

Manuel E. Pinto  
Christian Brothers College  
650 East Parkway South  
Memphis, Tenn. 38104



President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D.C. 20500



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May 30, 1984

Dear Mr. Becallo:

I appreciate your writing and giving me a chance to straighten out what appear to be some misconceptions. Our policies are not designed to import, "slave labor goods," as you suggest in competition with our own workers.

Trade is a two-way street. We are an exporting nation and when we develop trade relations with other countries we create jobs here. Right now our trade is out of balance largely because our dollar is so strong in comparison to foreign money that too many of them can't afford to buy from us.

Mainly, however, I'd like to reply to your objections about the China trip. It is true the leaders of China today are practicing socialism but they are not the leaders who carried on the killings and persecution of their people. There has been a significant change with the death of those earlier dictators. China is embarked on economic changes that in many ways are beginning to look like our own free enterprise. They have a long way to go but we can help them get there sooner.

We can do this without slighting any of our friends like Taiwan, South Korea, South Africa and Israel. We will not forsake Taiwan. I recently visited South Korea and they are becoming one of our foremost trading partners.

We are working closely with South Africa to bring about independence for Namibia and elimination of the Cuban troops in Angola. Israel presently receives more help from us than any other nation in the world.

Best regards,

SECRET

Mr. Joseph Becallo  
R.R. 1, Box 394  
West Monroe, New York 13167

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RR Dictation



Joseph Becallo  
R.R.1 Box 394  
West Monroe, New York 13167  
April 25, 1984

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

MAY 7 1984

Dear Mr. President:

There are approximately 10 million Americans out of work and I would like to share with you my thinking on my government. We are constantly making deals to import slave labor goods. This is outright immoral, and working in the favor of the enemy (CFR-Tri-Lat and Communism) who has vowed to take us over.

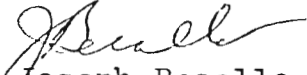
Secretary Regan and our President should know that bad loans, especially those made to our Enemies which have to be paid by the "old sucker taxpayer" is also immoral and because Secretary Regan using the words "guarentee loan" doesn't hide the fact that we are paying for our own suffering (unemployment) and enslavement.

This entire episode is sickening to say the least and that includes Mr. Secretary Regan and President Reagan's trip to Red China (remember this is the country that assisted 90% in killing our American men in Vietnam) to promote trade--always in their favor and "guarenteed." Lets stop all trade with Russia, Red China, and all Iron curtain countries. Lets help our friends, Taiwan, S. Korea, S. Africa and Israel. All the oil and T shirts in the world doesn't justify this trip--ever by any Moral Christian person.

This trip to Red China proves to me that President Reagan is by no stretch of the imagination a conservative, because no true conservative would go. They have murdered (on record) 60 million of their own people, tens of thousands Priests, Nuns, and many Bishops and many other religious leaders. The Sino-Soviet Split is a Farce and absolutly Insane and is in the favor of the Communists.

I haven't written to a public official in many, many years but from now on they will be hearing from me.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph Becallo

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May 30, 1984

Dear Dr. Kelman:

I'm sorry, I just recently got your letter of March 28. But let me tell you, you brightened my day with your report on Wayne Hanby. Thank you for what you did for him and thank you for sending us the good word. I'll spread that word here in the West Wing.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

SEAL

Charles D. Kelman, M.D., P.C.  
The Empire State Building  
350 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10118

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RR Dictation

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Human interest

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Charles D. Kelman, M.D., P.C.

THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING  
350 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10118  
TELEPHONE (212) 736-9696



March 28, 1984

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

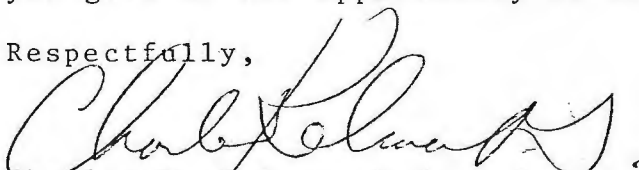
Dear Mr. President,

Some time ago Wayne Hanby, an ex-marine, was being honored at the White House. Wayne had lost an arm and an eye in Viet-Nam and was practically blind in his remaining eye. When you asked Wayne if there is anything you could do for him, he replied that he wanted your office to recommend the best surgeon to operate on his injured only remaining eye. You and your office referred Wayne to me.

Yesterday, I did an operation on his eye and because of the nature of the injury it was a rather unusual and complicated procedure. I am happy to say that today, in my office Wayne was able to read just about 20/20, one day after the operation.

This letter is to express to you my extreme gratitude for allowing me to be of service to a young man who had sacrificed much for his country. I feel deeply honored that you gave me the opportunity to be of such service.

Respectfully,

  
Charles D. Kelman, M.D., P.C.

CDK/nf

To Mr. Manuel E. Pinto Christian Brothers College  
650 East Parkway South  
Box 202 Memphis Tenn.  
38104

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Sincerely RRR

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Best Regards  
RR

To Dr. Charles D. Kelman - The Empire State Bldg. 350-5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
N.Y. N.Y. 10118

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God Bless you  
iRR

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May 30, 1984

Dear Mrs. Graham:

I'm sorry to be so late in replying to your letter of March 21st. Sometimes it takes awhile for letters to reach my desk. Please accept a belated but heartfelt thanks to you and your husband. I can't tell you how happy I was to hear from you and to learn of your change of mind about the "freeze" and "Central America."

With regard to the first, we can all support that once we've persuaded the Soviets to join us in reducing the number of weapons to an equal and verifiable level. As for Central America, I believe the election of President Duarte is a good sign that the people of El Salvador truly want real democracy.

Thank you again and very best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mrs. Jane Graham  
613 South Bermont Avenue  
Lafayette, Colorado 80026

RR:AVH:pps

RR Dictation

March 21, 1984

PH

Dear President Reagan,

About a year ago my husband and I wrote you a letter denouncing American involvement in Central America and encouraging you to support a Nuclear Freeze. We would like to tell you now that we have changed our minds completely. We feel that a Nuclear Freeze would seriously jeopardize the safety of this country. Also, we feel that our involvement in Central America is necessary to halt the further spread of communism in the world.

You have our support and prayers. Good Luck in November. You have our votes!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jane Graham  
613 South Berument Ave.  
Safayette Col. 80026



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Sincerely,

Jane Graham

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Mrs. Jane Graham

613 South Bermont Avenue

Lafayette, Colorado 80026

~~To Mrs. Jane Graham 613 So. Bermont Ave.~~

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Thank you again & very best regards. Sincerely RR

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May 30, 1984

Dear Amy:

I'm sorry it has taken so long to get the answer to your question but at last here it is.

Here are pictures of the plate you mentioned containing the button that turns on the tree. Yours is the first name other than a President or Vice President.

Give my very best regards to your family.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Amy Benham  
Box 951  
Westport, Washington 98596

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To Amy Benham - Box 951 Westport Wash.  
98596

Dear Amy

I'm sorry it has taken so long to get the answer to your question but at least here it is.

Here are pictures of the plate you mentioned containing the letter that turns on the tree. Yours is the 1<sup>st</sup> name other than a President or Vice President.

Give my very best regards to your family.

Sincerely  
RR

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May 30, 1984

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I'm sorry about being so late in answering your good letter of March 13th but it takes awhile before mail gets to my desk. Please accept my belated but heartfelt thanks. You were kind to write as you did and you certainly brightened my day with your eloquent description of Grenada and the attitude of the people there. I was especially pleased with your remarks about our young soldiers. I'm so proud of them I get choked up.

Please give my regards to Mr. Greene and again my heartfelt thanks.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

Mrs. John F. Greene  
141 Governors Way  
Barnstable, Massachusetts 02630

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141 Governors Way  
Barnstable, MA. 02630

March 13, 1984

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

My husband and I returned last week from a lovely two week vacation on the island of Tobago in the southern Caribbean. And while there, we decided to take a one-day side trip to the island of Grenada. That turned out to be the highlight of our entire vacation.

Not only is Grenada a beautiful island where we would like to vacation in the future, but also while there we felt more proud of being Americans than ever before in our lives. Once the people of Grenada discovered we were Americans they welcomed us with open arms. They simply could not thank us enough for our troops having "rescued them" last October, as they phrased it. We hardly needed to ask any questions at all. The people we met - our taxi driver for the day, a man in the nutmeg factory, a lady in the cocoa factory, and others - just seemed to have a genuine need to talk and talk about their terrifying experiences of the past years until we "liberated" them. It was certainly a most eye-opening experience. We learned so many things which much of our liberal press in this country has evidently chosen not to print, probably because it would make the American people realize that you and your administration made a wise and the only moral decision you could have made in sending our troops into Grenada last October. Our American people need to know without a doubt that this was indeed a rescue mission for the Grenadians, as well as for our students on the island, and not an "invasion" as some have suggested!

We were simply amazed at the "graffiti" on walls around the island with phrases such as, "...thank you Americans for rescuing us; God bless Reagan; welcome American troops; stay with us forever," etc. We were truly filled with pride when we read these statements. We met a few of our soldiers and Marines along the streets of St. George's, the capital city, and talked with them. They all felt that they were doing the right thing in being there, and were needed and appreciated. We asked some of the local people if our troops were behaving properly while there - occasionally some of our servicemen have been known to behave in not exactly the proper manner befitting Americans in foreign countries - and all said there were no problems with any of our servicemen; they are setting a good example for our country.


The President: page 2

It was heartbreaking to learn of the terror the Grenadians had experienced since the Communists from Russia and Cuba had taken over their island. The worst of this take-over had lasted "four years, seven months and eleven days" prior to our arrival last October, as many of the people repeatedly told us. At times they were all under "house arrest" having to stay in their homes for various lengths of time under the threat of being shot if they went out - and some were! Then, as I am sure you are well aware, everyone there was under a complete curfew for four days just prior to the time our soldiers and Marines arrived. The people could not come out of their homes or even be seen on porches or in their windows without being shot. This was a terrible hardship to many there who are without running water, electricity and toilet facilities in their homes, especially those with small children, who ran out of food and water! Those were the most terrifying days of the entire Communist occupation for the Grenadians.

The most heartbreaking event of all which brought tears to our eyes and made us simply enraged at those heartless Communists, was the true story of what happened with our accidental bombing of their mental hospital on a high mountain overlooking St. George's harbor. The ancient Fort Frederick on that mountain, next to the mental hospital, was being used as one of the headquarters for the Communists. Somehow they learned that our planes were headed there for a bombing so they took their flag off the fort and placed it atop the hospital! Of course, our plane headed for that target and dropped the first bomb on it. When the pilot saw the nurses running out of the hospital building he tried to avert a second strike by swerving his plane, but the second bomb had already been automatically released. It did miss the hospital a second time but hit some nearby houses which caused some civilian casualties.

After returning home from our trip, we were so filled with the pride of being American citizens, so grateful to God for living in a free country which, even though we do have our problems, is still the best country on earth in which to live, and so grateful to you as a strong President who is unafraid to make right decisions even though they may sometimes be politically unpopular at the time, that we simply had to write and express our feelings and our sincere thanks to you. God bless you, Mr. President, and may He continue to guide you and all the leaders of our country in making the best, moral decisions for our country and the world.

Sincerely,

  
(Mrs. John F. Greene)

CC: Senator Edward M. Kennedy  
Senator Paul E. Tsongas  
Representative Gerry E. Studds



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 30, 1984

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Again my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter A. Ackerley  
Woodbourne Correction Officers  
Local 1151 - A.F.S.C.M.E. - A.F.L.-C.I.O.  
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*May I have a copy of this.  
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AD *Kemp*  
April 25, 1984

Mr. Ronald Reagan  
President of the United States  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear President Reagan:

Viewing today's title articles in our local newspaper, we feel the time is right for a letter of thanks and to set the record straight. Headlines like "Prices held in check" and "Real earnings ahead of cost hikes" are things we feel benefit all Americans, including Public Employees.

We are one Local, Local 1151, of approximately 285 Correction Officers. We are all members of our parent union, Council 82, which is the statewide union. We are also members, not by choice, of the international union, A.F.S.C.M.E.

The AFSCME part is the aspect of unionism that disgusts us. I have enclosed just a couple of examples of typical garbage that AFSCME is littering the countryside with. It troubles us greatly that AFSCME President Gerald W. McEntee devotes all his time and resources to defeating you just because you are a Republican. It seems to us his time would be better spent on upgrading the quality of his unions' services.

Each year a majority of our members here apply to have their share of AFSCME's political contributions refunded to them, as provided by International Constitution. This is mainly a protest of their political direction and hits them where it hurts, in their treasury. All they seem to understand is totals and dues collected, as our Local treasurer will verify.

As you can see in the enclosed Mondale-AFSCME leaflet, President McEntee is rarely photographed without his ever-present black Secretary-Treasurer, William Lucy. I hope members of our union, both black and white, can see through this typical stage play.

Like many public employment groups, we have been hit with a quota system for hiring and promoting minorities. In no way can Correction Officers as a group be called bigots. We have some very fine minority officers in the department and our share of less desirable minority and white officers.

It doesn't take long on this job to realize it is very dangerous and many situations are explosive. I don't think anyone wants to be supervised during an explosive situation by someone who was promoted because of color rather than merit.



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April 25, 1984

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We feel your new Civil Rights Commission should act promptly and with authority when anyone is discriminated against because of race, color, creed, age, or sex. However, making today's white males suffer for social, moral, and legal misdeeds of centuries past is also a great injustice. Your support of Americans rights to keep and bear arms is greatly appreciated. Your firm stand, even after an attempt on your life with a handgun, is very admirable.

We deal with people every day who have committed vicious, violent crimes. We realize, perhaps more than most people, that the decision to point a gun at innocent people or a tin can is that of the person holding the gun, not the gun.

There is one area that your policies lie in question. Unions and their right to strike. We are not fools blindly following loud union leaders, as you can see by this letter, but individuals who act and vote as individuals.

We had to strike in 1979, the issue was seniority. As a senior official, you must realize how important this right is. When a large percentage of union members go on strike for a long period of time, obviously there is a problem they feel very strongly about. They alone know the job and know what it takes to make that job tolerable. Please remember, if it wasn't for inept administrators, unions wouldn't be necessary.

Before this letter gets to long, I'll restate the most important message we would like to send you: Don't count all AFSCME members as votes for Walter Mondale. We feel you are doing an excellent job and a strong economy benefits all. To prove to you this letter is not another hollow statement, we have inclosed signatures of individual members of this Local who have read and concur with this letter.

Sincerely;

The Undersigned Members of Local 1151.

cc: Walter Mondale  
Gerald McEntee, President, A.F.S.C.M.E.  
John Burke, Executive Director, Council 82

Enclosures.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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May 30, 1984

Dear Reverend Graves:

It takes awhile for letters to reach my desk so forgive my tardy reply to your good letter of March 19th. God's way of working never ceases to amaze and excite me. You brought lovely little Mary Kayla home on March 4th. By coincidence that is our wedding anniversary. Please know that two more -- Nancy and myself -- have added their prayers in behalf of Mary Kayla.

You are right about our nation. A spiritual reawakening is taking place throughout the land. We are still a nation under God.

My warmest regard to Mrs. Graves.

Sincerely,

Reverend Tommy L. Graves  
Ryans Creek Baptist Church  
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Rt. 1 Box 100-A  
Bremen, Alabama 35033  
March 19, 1984

Hon. Ronald Reagan, President  
White House  
AD Washington, D. C.

W Dear President Reagan,

I am writing this letter in response to one of your addresses recently, in particular; but, also, in response as far back as your "State of the Union" address.

I just want you to know how much I admire and appreciate and thank God for you, as our President, taking the moral stand that you do. Even though there seems, in recent years, to be an increase in immorality in our nation, I can see a glimmer of a decline and I believe it is because of God-fearing leaders, such as yourself, speaking against the things that are corrupting our nation.

Your address recently, that I speak of, is the one you gave on Friday night, March 2, which was broadcast on the Cable News Network. I believe the occasion was "The Young Conservatives Banquet":

On Tuesday night, February 28, at 10:06 P.M., my wife gave birth to our first child after almost eight years of marriage. Our baby daughter, May Kayla, who weighed

7 lbs. 12 1/2 oz., was born with the same birth defect that you made reference to in that address, "Spina Bifida." I don't ever remember hearing of that defect before, and that was about the first reference that we heard made to it after we found out about our daughter. Kayla had surgery on her spine on Wednesday, February 29, and we were told she would be paralyzed the rest of her life. Of course we were shocked and discouraged, but our faith and trust is in the the Lord Jesus Christ. As we sat in the waiting room of the St. Vincent Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama, we heard you as you made reference to the 24 year old young lady by the name of Kim. When you said she she was born with "Spina Bifida," we could not believe our ears. And then you told of all of her accomplishments we were so thrilled and comforted. President Reagan, it was just what we needed to hear. Two days later, on Sunday, March 4, with prayers being prayed literally over half the nation, Kayla's legs began to move and are still moving. She is home after 17 days and doing very well, having had a "shunt," also put in.

I just want you to know how comforting it was to hear you tell of Kim. I am a minister and a pastor and I try to minister to people every day, but I have been ministered to more than ever in my life and your address that night was a big boost. Also, knew that we pray D



There is not a service in our church that passes  
that the leaders of our nation are not mentioned.

Again, thank you and may God ever be with  
you and direct you and supply your every need.

Sincerely,

Tommy L. Graves,

Pastor

Ryans Creek Baptist Church

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Bremen, Alabama 35033

P.S. Please excuse my handwriting.



Mary Kayla Graves  
15<sup>th</sup> March, 1987  
17<sup>th</sup> days old. *Came from  
from Heaps*

*"I was glad when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122: 1*

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To Mrs. John F. Greene 145 Governors Way  
Barnstable Mass. 02630  
(Can I have about 3  
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Dear Mrs. Greene

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