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December 9, 1986

Dear John:

Thank you very much for your letter, the quotation and the "letters to the editor." You were very kind, and I'm most grateful. Am I being a little intolerant if I say the letters to the editor are more sensible than the editorials these days?

I find it passing strange that the source of their stories was me. I told them all I knew as soon as I had the information. Now they are acting like "Desperate Desmond the Dachshouse Detective," as if they dug the whole thing up.

Again, thanks.

Sincerely,

RON

Dr. John A. Howard
The Rockford Institute
934 North Main Street
Rockford, Illinois 61103

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The Rockford Institute

934 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103
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December 2, 1986

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ron:

The last few weeks have been painful ones for you, I know. I am glad to enclose some sensible letters to the editor from the CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

I also enclose a cherished quotation from Theodore Roosevelt which articulates far better than I can the respect and abiding gratitude I have for you as our President.

Sincerely yours,

John A. Howard

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December 9, 1986

Dear Ken:

Just a quick line to thank you for your letter; we're both truly grateful, and our hearts are warmed by the friendship we're feeling.

It was good of you to write, and you did brighten our day. Nancy sends her love -- so do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mr. Kenneth L. Khachigian
Suite 203
209 Avenida Del Mar
San Clemente, California 92672

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KENNETH L. KHACHIGIAN

December 4, 1986

Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Reagan:

I hope, somehow, that each day — over the miles — you can still feel the warmth and embrace of all your friends.

You don't need to turn around and look because you know we're standing there — and you have all the support, and prayers, you'll ever need.

God bless,

Ken

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December 9, 1986

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your kind and warm letter, and thank you for your prayers. Nancy and I are both truly grateful and appreciate your generous words more than we can say. Just know you brightened our day and, for that matter, many days to come. Nancy sends her love and so do I.

Sincerely,

RON

Mrs. Jean Trousdale
1010 North Hillcrest Road
Beverly Hills, California 90210

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Dear Mr. President,
I want you to know
my constant daily prayers
are with you + Nancy at
this time - Truth always
prevails + you have
no concern, just as said
you have to go through
all this upheaval that

others cause -

You are a great God
loving man, a wonderful
leader of our beautiful
country + fine gentleman
and my support is with
you - May the Lord Jesus
Christ hold you tightly
in His arms + guide you
through these troubled waters.
Love - Jean + Richard

To Dr John A. Howard - The Rockford Inst.
934 No. Main St. Rockford Ill.

6/1/03

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Again Thanks Sincerely Ron

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209 Avenida Del Mar Suite 203
San Clemente Calif. 92672

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It was good of you to write and you did brighten our day. Nancy sends her love - to you.

Sincerely

Ron

To Mrs. Jean Tremblade
Dear Jean

I'll have to get her address
Nancy says she'll call you with it

Thank you for your kind & warm letter & thank you for remembering us. Nancy & I are both

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~~209 Avenida~~

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To

Mrs. Jean Trousdale

Dear Jean

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(Nancy says she'll call you with it)

Thank you for your kind & warm letter & thank you for your prayers. Nancy & I are both

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December 9, 1986

Dear Murph:

It was good to get your letter and your reminders of other sharpies in days long ago. In our Hollywood adventure with infiltration and subversion, you and I picked up a lot of knowledge the pundits and the politicians don't have.

This whole fuss today is mind boggling. For two weeks or more the media is acting like they dug up the whole thing. I have to remind myself they got the whole story from me. When our own investigation turned up the alleged money transfer by way of a Swiss bank account, I went to the press room instantly with Ed Meese in tow. I broke the story, and Ed took their questions for an hour. Now they are acting like it was their story, and when am I going to come clean.

Well, there seems to be a weakening of their ardor. In fact, I understand a few have indicated they don't know how to get off the subject gracefully.

Again, thanks, and love to Bette. Nancy sends her love.

Sincerely,

RON

The Honorable George Murphy
100 Worth Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

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GEORGE MURPHY

100 Worth Avenue
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

December 2, 1986

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

Dear Mr. President:

I emphasize with you during the present unpleasantness and wish that I owned a chain of newspapers, television stations, a few magazines and a passel of preachers (not necessarily religious) to straighten out the manipulated mindset of the well read but thoroughly confused, upper-class American.

As I sit at my desk in the smallest office ever peopled by the oldest living Senator, I see a lead story in the "Miami Herald" which has discovered that Claude Pepper may have misspent or overspent his constituents' financial largess during the last go-round dramatically. The headline says, "Of more than one million he raised, just \$70,000 got to the Dade (County) campaign." The piece goes on to say he spent more than \$170,000 for a dinner in his own honor, glorifying his great service to the poor folks in Florida. Where in God's name have they been? I mean the Knight Rider folks. Don't they know that next to Linden Johnson Pepper is reputed to be the richest cat who served the Government for nearly his entire life? Back in the 40's we called him "Red Pepper" because he always voted with Marcantonio, who always voted the Commie line and who brought the 250,000 Puerto Ricans to New York. But they did print the details, so there's hope. Then for evening listening and watching I was amazed at the array of "offensive players" our enemies selected to lead their present game plan. Bob MacNamara, who foundered Ford - disarmed defense, beggared the World Bank and finally broke the largest private bank, the Bank of America. Some selection, yes?

Then came Elliot Richardson, the Boston Boozer, who forgot to deliver Jerry Ford's invitation to you to be his V.P., which can only be explained by one or two or three words, "Insatiable Governmental Greed." He wanted the job himself. Then there was a word or two from that Wizard of

Political Wisdom, Tom Braden, who consorts publicly with wiser men, and whose wife's consorting with some of the Rich and Famous, helped keep him in jobs over the years. Then there was Douglas Dillon, an old time Wall Street money, shall I say manager, whose original name was not Dillon, to give the whole matter a touch of diplomatic class. And so it goes until the hostages are totally forgotten, the alleged underplan is discredited, false accusations replace areas of logical, logistical common sense and true service and in the ever-moving background I recognize the same tactical progression that I studied years ago when I studied the case of Joe McCarthy, who touched a hot nerve in the State Department and thereafter had to be destroyed. They forced him to go public and then damned him for naming individuals, the records of whom proved to be legitimate security risks. The same cabal protected Alger Hiss's consummate lie for a number of years and still won't concede what many of us knew to be the truth in the beginning. He was a communist spy. Next a great military man had to be destroyed because he would not permit the socialization of Japan at the end of World War II. General Douglas MacArthur was not fired for insubordination; he was fired because elements in our Department of State wanted him out of the way. He had stopped some of their plans, so he had to go. Next came a great public servant, J. Edgar Hoover, whose dedication, brains and determination built the world-famous FBI organization dedicated to the preservation and future safety of the Republic. His plan was to gather information about the Trouble-makers and make the facts available to the Attorney General, Vice President and the President and only make arrests when he was so ordered. He was not a policeman but an expert information source and on our side. I knew him quite well and admired him greatly. The way his image was distorted on public television was criminal and you would be amazed at the effective results it produced. Next came a time of instant insanity called "Water Gate." Some clowns who should have known better broke into Democratic Headquarters in Washington for what reason? No one seems to know or care. The hounds took off in full cry to trash President Nixon, not for giving away the Panama Canal, not for trying to cut bureaucracy and balancing the budget actually, in my judgment, for catching Alger Hiss. I have always believed that Nixon was "set up" in the Water Gate affair. How else did John D., who had been kicked out of two law offices for unethical behavior, get to be Chief Counsel to the president of the United States? I asked President Nixon this question and he had no answer. And you may recall that the firm of Haldeman, Erlickman & Flanigan was suddenly minus Flanigan. You see, his dad, Hap Flanigan, was the vice president of the Bankers Trust in New York and a part of the Eastern

Establishment, many of whom are still not convinced that Hiss was guilty, the Rosenbergs were spies and the weathermen and Black Muslims were just misinformed youngsters, found a graceful, convenient exit for Flanagan. The same crowd of the liberal press seemed to totally forget that Robert Kennedy was assistant counsel to Joe McCarthy and Joseph Kennedy, Sr. was a great admirer of Joe in days gone by.

I repeat all this because I see nothing new in the present production. The script is the same, only the cast has changed and with Senator Pell, chairman of foreign relations - Senator Edward Kennedy ranking on Judiciary and some of the others who have moved into high positions because of tenure and certainly for no other discernible reason, we have much to guard against. So much for background.

I will add a bit of unsolicited advice. Don't be too quick to respond to pernicious pressures. You are the President. If the people stop to think, and they will, they will know that you have done no wrong and a hell of a lot of good, even though you had two opponents, the press and the Democrats, plus Tip O'Neil, and could only fight with one hand the United States Senate. Keep your cool - you don't have to accommodate anyone but the American people - your credibility is much greater with them than your detractors plus the press and the media. They have already begun to make the issue a monetary bookkeeping exercise and have steered away from the original question - get the hostages out of Iran. You are the leader so don't let them hurry your back-swing. If it's a tough question - sleep on it. You'd be amazed how the hard ones sometimes soften up after a good night's rest.

Bette joins me in sending our love, our thanks and prayers.

P. S. I don't know whether you know it or not, Joworski never wrote a report on Water Gate. Archibald Cox got fired by Nixon because he wanted to bring 50 additional lawyers to dance at the Water Gate fiasco. Richardson was also involved in that one. Ed Muskie lost his questionable balance when a left-wing writer likened him to President Lincoln. I could never see the resemblance.

P.P.S. Tell Nancy I am the guy who set up Presley's meeting with Nixon. He wanted to stop "drugs". He also asked me to set a meeting with J. Edgar Hoover at the same time, which I did. I think Elvis saw the coming danger of drugs, whether as a participant or an observer, and wanted to do what he could to influence young people to "beware."

Sincerely,

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I have a copy of the report on Water Gate...
from the time when...
I have a copy of the report on Water Gate...

truly grateful and appreciate more than words
can say your generous words. Just know you
brightened our day and for that matter many days
to come. Nancy sends her love & so do I.

Sincerely Ron

To Sen. George Murphy 100 Worth Ave. Palm Beach Fla.

Dear Murphy

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reminders of other sharpies in days long ago.
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subversion ~~we~~^{you & I} picked up a lot of knowledge the
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Again thanks & love to Bette. Nancy sends her love,

Sincerely Ron

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 10, 1986

Dear Clark:

Thank you very much for your mailgram and generous words. I must confess this whole affair strikes me as a little strange. When, as a result of our own investigation (by the Attorney General), we discovered the thing about extra money supposedly transferred to the Contras, I went before the press and told them everything we had uncovered. Now, for going on three weeks, they have worked hard to build a case that I'm covering something up. I don't know one d--n thing more than I told them and am waiting myself to find out who did what and when. I'm rooting for the Special Counsel I asked for.

I don't know if I can live up to Josiah Hollands poem, but I'm going to try.

Again, thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. Clark Mollenhoff
805 McMath Circle
Lexington, Virginia 24450

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805 MCMATH CIRCLE
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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
CARE KATHY OSBORNE SECRETARY
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR PRESIDENT YOUR WELCOME TELEPHONE CALL THE OTHER DAY WAS APPRECIATED, AND I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE AND APPLAUD YOUR RECENT PUBLIC COMMENT THAT YOU HAVE "NEVER CONSIDERED" USING AND {EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE} CLAIM RELATIVE TO THE IRAN MATTER,

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED FOR SECRECY FOR GENUINE MILITARY SECURITY OR SENSITIVE FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, BUT THE TERM {EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE} IS A RED FLAG WITH IMPLICATION WITH COVERUP THERE OUR RESPONSIBLE FEDERAL JUDGES WHO CAN DECIDE ENCLOSED CHAMBERS THE LEGITIMACY OF CLAIMS OF MILITARY SECURITY OR SENSITIVE FOREIGN RELATIONS CONSIDERATION,

YOUR EARLY ASSURANCES OF A FULL ACCOUNTABILITY IS ONLY ONE OF THE IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT DISTINGUISHES THE IRAN MATTER FROM WATERGATE, YOUR PRESENT ORDEAL IS NOT UNLIKE THE ORDEAL THAT ERNEST FITZGERALD HAS BEEN FORCED TO WEATHER IN FIGHTING AGAINST CORRUPTION AND MISMANAGEMENT IN MILITARY WEAPONS PROCUREMENT OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS,

MR FITZGERALD, AN HONEST AND OPTIMISTIC IRISHMAN, HAS SURVIVED AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT AGAINST THE PENTAGON BUREAUCRACY BECAUSE HIS HEART IS PURE-HE HAS HAD NOTHING TO HIDE,

IF YOU CONTINUE ON THE PRESENT FORTHRIGHT PATTERN, I AM SURE THAT YOU TOO WILL SURVIVE AND PROSPER, I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE LIVES OF THE HOSTAGES IN YOUR MIND WAS WORTH THE TEMPORARILY POLITICAL PROBLEMS IT HAS CAUSED FOR YOU EVEN AS THOSE OF LESSER FAITH HAVE WAVERED CONSIDERIBLY,

YOUR DEEP CONCERN FOR THE HOSTAGES IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE WARM AND HUMAN QUALITIES THAT HAVE MADE YOU A POPULAR PRESIDENT EVEN WITH THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH YOU FROM TIME TO TIME, SENATOR IRVIN HAD A FAVORITE POEM BY JOSIAH HOLLAND THAT SEEMS APPLICABLE:

GOD GIVE US MEN,..
A TIME LIKE THIS DEMANDS
STRONG MINDS, GREAT HEARTS,
TRUE FAITH, AND READY HANDS,

MEN WHOM THE LUST OF OFFICE

TO REPLY BY MAILGRAM MESSAGE, SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR WESTERN UNION'S TOLL - FREE PHONE NUMBERS



DOES NOT KILL
MEN WHO PROCESS OPINIONS
AND THE WILL
MEN WHO HAVE HONOR
MEN WHO WILL NOT LIE.

IF YOU CONTINUE ON THE FORTHRIGHT PATH THIS COULD BE YOUR FINEST HOUR
AS LONG AS YOU ARE STRAIGHT, YOU ARE GALAHAD; HIS STRENGTH WAS AS
THE STRENGTH OF 10 BECAUSE HIS HEART WAS PURE.

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS. THEY CAN BE THE BEST.
CLARK R MOLLENHOFF 207 REID HALL WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
LEXINGTON VA

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To Mr. Clark Mollenhoff 805 McMath Circle
Lexington Va. 24450

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Again thanks & Best Regards.
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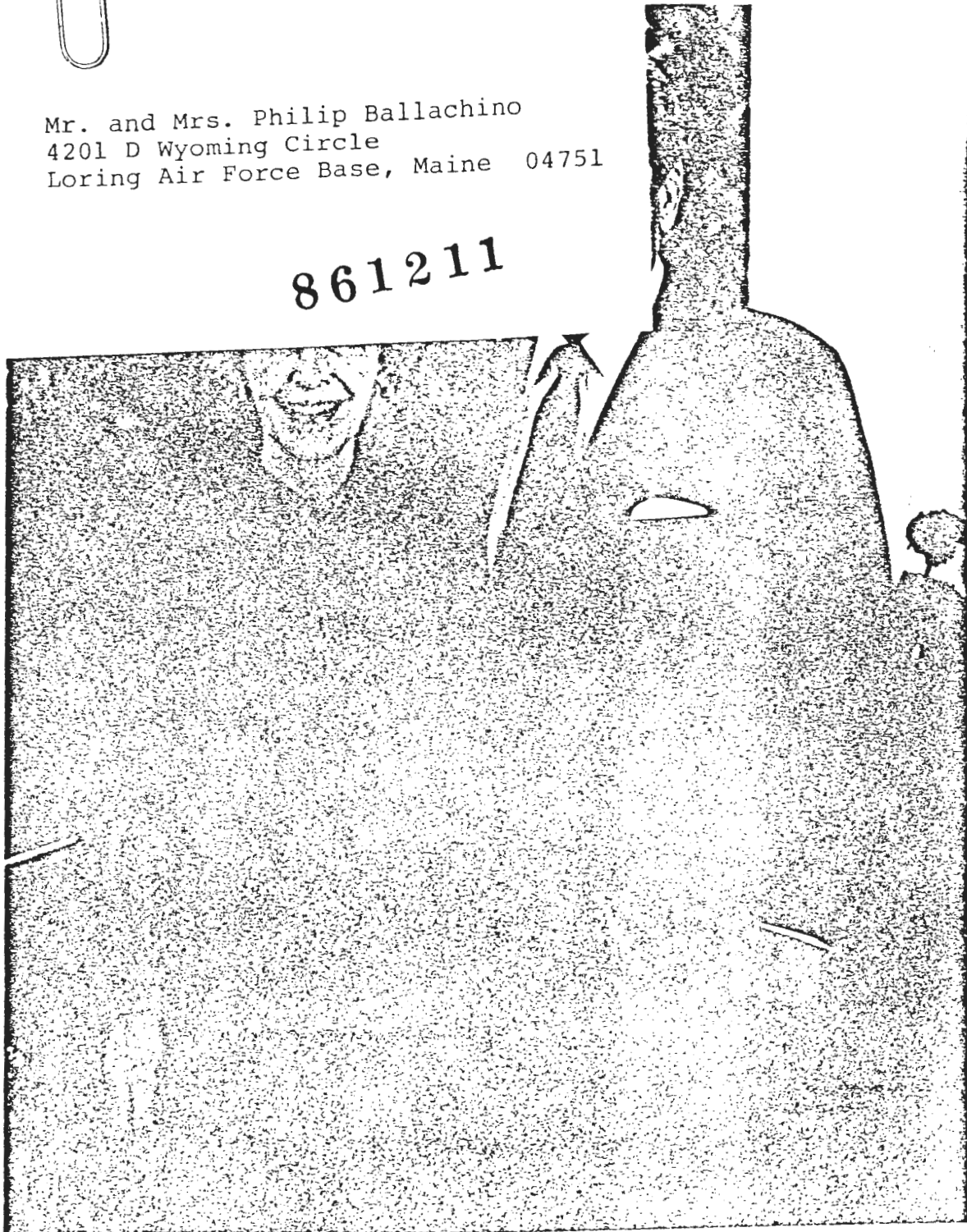
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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ballachino
4201 D Wyoming Circle
Loring Air Force Base, Maine 04751

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To Sharon & Philip - With appreciation,
every good wish & Very Best Regards.
Daisy & Ronald Reagan

Handwritten signature/initials

MERRY CHRISTMAS

To Mr. & Mrs. Philip Ballachino
4201 D Wyoming Circle
Loring A.F.B. Me. 04751



AMERICAN GREETINGS

Set Nancy's signature
on this.
RN

Dear Ron + Nancy,

Dec. 25, 1986

With many good wishes
for your happiness now
and throughout the new year

Have a wonderful Christmas
and a great New Year!

Luv ya,
Sharon
+ Philip xoxox

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December 12, 1986

Dear Ms. Waldman:

Thanks to our friend Henry Salvatori I have your letter of December 4. First, let me thank you for writing as you did. I am most grateful.

You know the press has sounded such a drumbeat that the issue has become whether I'm covering up and not telling the truth. Entirely lost is the fact that I told the press and a meeting of Congressional leaders of both parties everything I knew about the alleged transfer of Iran money to the Contras. In fact, I told them immediately after the Attorney General notified me that such a thing had apparently taken place, and he took questions from the press for more than an hour after I had spoken.

I truly am waiting for the ongoing investigations and the Independent Counsel I've asked for to bring out additional facts beyond those I already know. In the meantime, we are looking at a number of ways to make it known that I have as many questions as everyone else has. I believe, however, that it might be better to wait until the new Congress takes over in a few weeks. The Senate will change hands and the present hearing committee will be replaced.

Again, I thank you for writing and for your confidence in me.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Ms. Shirley Waldman
Apartment 6
1479 South Rexford Drive
Los Angeles, California 90035

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WHcc: Mr. Henry Salvatori

To Ms. Shirley Waldman 1479 S. Roxford Dr. #6
L.A. Calif. 90035

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Sincerely RR

Send copy of this to Henry Schatner.

Shirley Waldman
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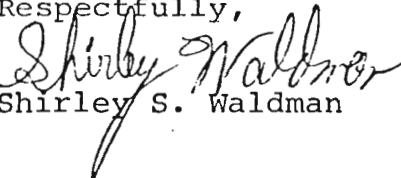
The Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Mr. President, I congratulate you on your wise decision to appoint a Special Prosecutor. I believe the "nuts and bolts" of the situation is being handled correctly and should help smooth over the doubts and questions being raised at this time. However, Mr. President, I am taking the liberty of urging you to address the nation either from the Oval Office or by addressing a joint session of Congress to get the people of the country squarely behind you in this situation. This has nothing to do with what may or may not eventually transpire as a result of the investigation. I believe the American people need to hear from you, in your own unique style, that their faith is justified as I believe it is.

If you could say to them: "I have dealt with you fairly and honestly as your President and now I want you to do the same for me. In the spirit of fair play, I am asking you to defer judgment until all the facts are brought out, as they will be. I place my trust in the basic fairness and decency of the American people not to rush to judgement." ... I am convinced that they will respond overwhelmingly and positively. This is from a loyal American and strong Republican but I truly believe it represents the thoughts of many, many others.

Respectfully,


Shirley S. Waldman

HENRY SALVATORI
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December 4, 1986

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

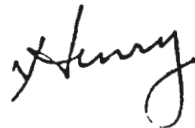
Dear Mr. President:

I enclose a letter to you from a long time, dedicated worker in the Republican Party who asked that I transmit it to you.

I believe that her suggestion is worthy of your consideration since the various investigations will continue for a long time and a direct message from you will serve to deflect the thundering howls of the media hyenas.

As always our heartfelt best wishes to Nancy and you from Grace and myself.

Devotedly,



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65, Chester Square,
London, SW1

13th December 1986

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Dear Mr. President
and Mrs Reagan

You, Mr President, and your dear wife, in your most beautiful White House gave me as an American a deep sense of pride and gratitude. I could not imagine the White House inhabited by more genial hosts. The unforced and yet impeccable decorum of the evening at the White House was testimony of a great and generous heart which seemed, as it were, a communal heart infusing the occasion with warmth and goodwill.

I have told Diana as well as several friends, the two most apposite anecdotes which you regaled us with, Mr President, just before going into the great room in front of the television cameras. The stories have been not only successful in themselves but conveyed to willing ears your ready sense of occasion and humour.

During the interval of the wonderful gala at the Opera House I was fortunate to have a few minutes of thoughtful conversation with Mrs Reagan and found her as equal to the weightier matters of state as you were to the lighter demands of the occasion. This I found most revealing of the broad qualifications which you both encompass so amply. May I also add how grateful and delighted Diana and I were with the choice of words and thoughts so beautifully delivered and with the spontaneity that prompted the witty 'asides'.

Respectfully
and most warmly
also for Christmas and
The New Year

Janet Newman

The President of the United States of America
and Mrs Reagan
The White House Office
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW. Washington D.C.20500

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December 15, 1986

Dear General and Mrs. Ridgeway:

Nancy and I are most grateful for your warm, kind letter and holiday wishes. Thank you very much. We both wish you the happiest, merriest Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Our warmest regard and friendship.

Sincerely,

RON

General and Mrs. Matthew Ridgeway, USA, Ret.
918 West Waldheim Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15215

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918 W. Waldheim Road
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15215.
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Dear Mr. President,

My wife and I send to you and Mrs. Reagan our heartfelt Christmas wishes that life's richest blessings will be yours, confident that the wisdom of judgement, the integrity and moral courage of your decisions will continue to serve the bedrock interests of our beloved Country.

Respectfully,

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Matthew Ridgway

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December 15, 1986

Dear Dale:

I've just received your letter and want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous words. You were more than kind to write as you did, and I'm most grateful.

I was sorry to hear you had some lumps this past year, but am happy to hear you weathered them and are on a smoother road now. I expect our present problem will hang on for awhile, but our own polls show we bottomed out a week ago and are continuing to improve.

Nancy and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Again, thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Dale Cain
Post Office Box 852
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47131-0852

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Mr. Dale
To Dail Cain P.O. Box 852 Jeffersonville In.

Dear Dail Dale

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December 9, 1986

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Greetings to you.

We, at the grass roots, have not forgotten all you have done for this country of ours. The American people must consider the lasting effect of a presidential administration such as in a successful marriage. For a marriage to succeed, a husband or wife must weigh an isolated positive or negative circumstance in light of the long term relationship. Good journalism should present the full scope of a situation. For the most part, the media is obviously not concerned with good journalism. They are parasites, sponging their existence at the expense of others. I am far from an expert in national or international affairs, but it would take a fool not to recognize your tremendous accomplishments.

Cain & Abell Inc. has taken a few hard knocks this year. We allowed ourselves to focus on issues other than our base business. Some people even questioned whether we could recover. Well, we did and we are going to continue to grow and prosper.

I know you will, and have already begun, to regain the confidence of the American public. You are among the greatest presidents this country has ever been honored with. You took us from a defeatist attitude to one of pride and confidence.

Thanks for your bold commitment and stand to "secure the Blessings of Liberty". Our love and prayers are with you.

Yours truly,

Dale Cain

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