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October 23, 1984

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Dear Mr. Ricketts:

Thank you for your recent letter. I appreciate your letting me know of your strong support for the President and his Administration.

I would be happy to help you obtain tickets to the Inaugural, however these tickets will be controlled by an Inaugural Committee which will not be established until after the November 6 election. Please feel free to contact my office for that address at a later date. Or, in the meantime, you might contact Fred Biebel at the Republican National Committee so that your request will be "on the record." Mr. Biebel is serving as a liaison until the Inaugural Committee is set up. His address is: Republican National Committee, 310 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

Thank you once again for your warm words of encouragement and support. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President

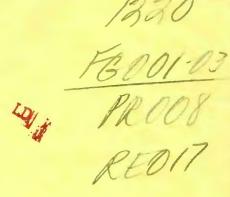
Mr. Paul O. Ricketts 217 - 8th Avenue Baltimore, MD.

cc: Central Files and incoming

217 8Th are. Baltimore md. Hon John Baker 14, 1984 asst to The President Washington, D.C. Dear Mr. Baker; I was reading the Evening. Sun today and saw and drule where you were negotiating to the President and Mr Mondale to have two debates. I amsure if the debates occur, the President will will win both. I forit think the public Cares or not whether the febates Come off or not . I for one fout Care Being a Republicand am 100% for President Reagan I have been a finion man all of my life and I know truken to Vote for a good president Dan Dure millions of Minion men and Women twice Vole for President Reagan. I saw in the paper the other day where the dF/L-CAD are Contacting all Their members Twice to the sure they water for mondale I hate to write the Waris name I know our Party is getting Millions of people egistered before the election November I also hope our party elects a majority in the House assvell as in the Senate... The at least need a wor majority in the House 1 to. Can Curb Speaker 6'Neil. I retired from the Chessie System. Brokk fin May and Jealing & am Lowing engrithing of Can to get

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October 23, 1984



Dear John:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your letting me know of the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry's interest in participating in the Inaugural Parade. As no official committee will be established until after the November 6 election, I have forwarded your letter to Fred Biebel, White House Liaison at the Republican National Committee. Fred is organizing and coordinating such requests. I can assure you that the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry will be given every consideration at the appropriate time.

Thank you once again for taking the time to bring this fine group to my attention.

Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III Chief of Satff and Assistant to the President

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The Honorable John Tower U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

cc: Fred Biebel and incoming -- please ensure that this gets "into the mill" for consideration and that a follow-up response is sent at a later date

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Edwin L. Kennedy

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510 October 4, 1984

Mr. James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
 Assistant to the President
Executive Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Jim:

In anticipation of a second Reagan Administration, I am forwarding the attached request to you in hopes that you will get it to the right person when the Inaugural Committee is formed. I strongly urge you to help get an invitation to the "Parsons' Mounted Cavalry" to participate in the Inaugural Parade. I think they would be splendid representatives of Texas and the Nation.

Thanks for your help. With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Enclosure



## TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY PARSONS' MOUNTED CAVALRY

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY SCIENCE COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS 77841-3220

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21 September 1984

The Honorable John G. Tower 142 Russell Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Tower,

I am taking the liberty of writing to ask your assistance with a project that my organization is working on. Although there would be no particular reason for you to remember me, I met you ten years ago while my father was working in the Army Senate Liaison Office, OCLL.

I am currently assigned as a ROTC instructor at Texas A&M University in College Station. As a part of my duties I instruct military riding to the cadet cavalry troop, "Parsons' Mounted Cavalry." The unit has existed since 1973 and represents the University, Corps of Cadets and the state of Texas in ceremonies and parades. We are composed of approximately 45-50 cadets organized into a cavalry troop and a horse drawn field artillery half section. The half section is composed of a horse drawn 3 inch field gun and limber. The gun was used at A&M during the 1920s and 1930s to train cadets. Enclosed is a short information paper on the "Cavalry" with more details.

The troop is also a corporate member of the United States Horse Cavalry Association of which President Reagan is a Honorary Chairman for the Board of Trustees. It is in this regard that we wish to ask your assistance. Since we are members of the USHCA we feel that it would have special significance to the President if we were invited to the Inaugural Parade in January, 1985. We have already made initial contact with the Republican party representatives who might be involved with the invitations but have been told to wait until November. In order that we secure a chance to receive an invitation I am hoping that you might be able to speak to whomever is responsible for the representatives from Texas and recommend us to them.

Our operating budget is very small and we depend upon donations in order to attend many of the functions to which we are invited. In order to prepare by January we must begin our planning and budgeting as soon as possible. We have begun preliminary work for our attendance in case we are able to attend but will not commit ourselves to any final plans until the invitation is confirmed.

Thank you for your time and effort.

Respectfully,

EDWIN L. KENNEDY, Jr Captain, Infantry

Military Advisor

enclosures

#### PARSONS' MOUNTED CAVALRY

Organized in 1972 and fielded in 1973, Parsons' Mounted Cavalry is the only remaining college level ROTC horse cavalry unit in the United States. The troop was formed in order to assist in recruiting, representation of Texas A&M University, and in the demonstration of the discipline and bearing for which the cadets at Texas A&M have been known since 1876. Parsons' Mounted Cavalry is named after the Commandant of Cadets who first authorized the reconstitution of the cavalry troop. The troop represents the old horse services of the US Army which were a part of Texas A&M from 1919 until 1943 when the horses in the Army were removed from cavalry and artillery service. The unit adds a great deal of color and pageantry to ceremonies and assists in the maintenance of tradition at Texas A&M where the Corps of Cadets are known as the "Founders of Traditions and the Keepers of the Spirit."

The horse unit is formed into two distinct parts; the cavalry troop and the horse drawn artillery half section. The cavalry troop consists of a headquarters and two mounted platoons. The artillery half section is composed of a limber, field gun, crew, chief of section and a horse team.

The members of the troop wear the uniforms of the horse mounted units in 1930. The "undress" uniform consists of the campaign hat, dark green officers' shirt, pinks riding breeches and brown dress boots for the senior cadets. The juniors wear the mounted leggings made of canvas and leather.

Membership of the unit is restricted to juniors and seniors who display a requisite interest in military riding. The troop is largely self supporting with the cadets paying dues to keep up their horses and equipment. Donations from generous benefactors assist in purchasing special equipment and paying for trips. The troop makes annual trips to San Antonio, Ft Worth, Dallas, Houston and New Orleans to participate in parades and ceremonies.

The field artillery half section is an integral part of the "Cavalry" and uses a Model 1902, 3 inch field gun found buried on the University's land. The gun was used during the 1920s and 1930s to train artillery cadets and has been completely rebuilt. The gun fires salutes at ceremonies and upon the team scoring at home football games.

The cadets and their horses continue to provide a proud reminder of the mounted services and traditions that were once a major part of the Army and Texas  $A\&M_{\bullet}$ 

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#### THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT

#### 11 December 1984

Mr. Emery Davis President Meyer Davis' Music 119 West 57th Street New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that your orchestra be scheduled to perform at one of the President's Inaugural Balls.

I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Michael K. Deaver, General Chairman of the Inaugural Committee, and you may be sure that your request will be given every consideration.

Your thoughtfulness in bringing this matter to my attention is appreciated, and you have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III Counsellor to the President

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#### ORCHESTRAS EXTRAORDINARY

EMERY DAVIS, PRESIDENT

119 WEST 57TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019 (212) 247-6161

October 30, 1984

Mr. Edwin Meese Councellor to The President The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Meese:

I would like to ask your aid in securing a spot for my Orchestra at President Reagan's next Inaugural Ball.

We played for The Ambassador's Dall at The Shoreham on September 11th and we will be back in Washington to play for The American Ballet Theatre at The Mayflower on December 17th.

My father played for his first Inaugural Ball for President Harding and The Meyer Davis Orchestra played for every Inaugural up until the election of President Reagan.

We don't want to miss this one.

I would appreciate any boost that you can give us.

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Emery Davis

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Photo by Richard Kozak The Washington Times

Conductor Emery Davis at the Meridian House fund-raising ball.

# Beloved dance band of the presidents

By Lisa McCormack THE WASHINGTON TIMES

t is hard to watch a grown man cry, especially when he is the leader of a famous orchestra that has made so many so

"There isn't an event in America, practically, that we haven't played for, either me or my father. Being invited back is the important thing. When you're not invited back, big tears fall down," said 61-year-old Emery Davis as he sat in National Airport wearing a tan linen suit and a constant smile.

As conductor of the Meyer Davis Orchestra, Mr. Davis does not often need a hankie. Founded by his father, Meyer, in 1913, MDO is the oldest continuing dance orchestra in the country, and has performed at every presidential inauguration since Warren Harding.

Except Ronald Reagan's.

In town to soothe the savage (and diplomatic and political and societal) breast at Friday's Meridian House's annual fund-raising ball, Mr. Davis spoke of past inaugural balls, including Mr. Reagan's.

At John F. Kennedy's inaugural ball his orchestra played opposite Count Basie's on a revolving stage at the Armory crowded with 14,000 guests.

"Many people lost their companions during the night. From midnight on, I was busy announcing where the lost spouses could be found," chuckled Mr. Davis.

As minority leader of the Senate, the late Everett Dirksen of Illinois was feeling pretty perky at Richard Nixon's 1969 inaugural ball. "He came over to the bandstand to greet guests from his state and I asked him if I could play something for him. 'Oh, about 10 minutes,' he told me," recalled Mr. Davis.

But at Jimmy Carter's inauguration "a terrible thing happened." Sharing the stage at the Mayflower with another orchestra, the MDO received instructions that when President Carter entered the ballroom, "A New Kid In Town" was to be played. Both orchestras then

were handed written music to the relatively new pop song.

"The song's music is written in staffs, but only the notes appeared on the paper. The copier machine didn't pick up the staffs on my copy, so the music was absolutely uscless. I just held my breath that the other orchestra was playing when he got in." They were.

Sometimes Mr. Davis will conduct two of his orchestras in two cities in one night. This calls for tight scheduling and unusual arrangements. One such night he had his trombonist, a licensed pilot, fly him in a four-passenger plane to the second engagement. The trombonist, who also would perform that night, changed into a tuxedo while flying the plane on automatic pilot. "Fine pilot; fine trombonist," said Mr. Davis.

## The Washington Times

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1984

Although scheduling can be a nuisance — Mr. Davis and his orchestra once showed up at a debutante ball a year early — there are sometimes *physical* dangers out there in music territory. Dangers like the possibility of being killed at the wedding of John and Jacqueline Kennedy.

It was the young bride's idea to have the Davis orchestra, which also played at her debut, perform on a float in the middle of a swimming pool on her mother's estate. "What with all the amplifiers, we could have been electrocuted. We were quite careful in putting those things towards the middle of the float," recalled Mr. Davis.

And President Reagan's inaugural?

It featured "out of town" bands imported from California, who, Mr. Davis explained with a sniff, "did not know what to do when Reagan entered. So, instead of breaking into 'Ruffles and Flourishes' or 'Hail To The Chief' when the president came in, they just continued to play what they were playing."

Should Mr. Reagan be re-elected, Mr. Davis does not want this to happen again and, naturally enough, he wants to be there to make sure it does not.

Besides, who wants to see a grown man cry?

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THE WHITE HOUSE

November 13, 1984

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your telegram of November 5, 1984 to the President. In that telegram you volunteered to administer the oath of office to the President at his second inaugural.

Please be advised that the President plans to adhere to the tradition of having the oath of office administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. I trust you will appreciate the reasons for this.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Ms. Emily Brown
Justice of the Peace
218 Pleasant Street
Pembroke, MA 02358

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS

SUBJECT:

Request to Swear In the

President For His Second Term

Emily Brown, a Justice of the Peace from Pembroke, Massachusetts, has volunteered to administer the oath of office to the President at his second inauguration. Ms. Brown suggests letting an average citizen administer the oath would be a "grand gesture." No doubt, but I suspect the President would just as soon have the oath administered by the Chief Justice, pursuant to established custom. There is no legal requirement that the Chief Justice administer the oath. Indeed, there is no need for anyone to administer the oath at all. The Constitution merely requires that the President-elect take the prescribed oath before entering on the execution of his office. Art. II, § 1, cl. 7. Theoretically the President could take the oath by himself.

In any event, it does not appear that a Massachusetts justice of the peace would be authorized to administer the oath outside of Massachusetts. Under 5 U.S.C. § 2903(c), an oath required under the laws of the United States may be administered by the Vice President or "an individual authorized by local law to administer oaths in the State, District, or territory or possession of the United States where the oath is administered." I think it sufficient in the reply to Ms. Brown, however, to note that the President will adhere to tradition and have the Chief Justice administer the oath.

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Fred fielding

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EMILY BROWN
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
218 PLEASANT ST
PEMBROKE MA 02358
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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1984

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Dear Ms. Santiago:

On behalf of President Reagan, I wish to respond to your recent letter requesting an invitation to attend the 1985 Presidential Inauguration.

Your correspondence is being held here at the White House until after the election upon which time it will be sent to the Presidential Inaugural Committee for their attention.

Please be assured your request will be given every consideration and you will be hearing from the Inaugural Committee directly.

Thank you for writing and letting the President know of your support and your interest in attending the 1985 Inauguration.

Sincerely,

William ( SHOREL.

William F. Sittmann Special Assistant to the President

Ms. Maricela Santiago Suite 206 5200 Southwest 8th Street Miami, FL 33134

To Maricela Santiago

With best wishes, Ronald Ragon

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Mr. E. Joseph Hillings Vice President Washington Affairs Pluor Corporation 1627 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Joe:

Thank you for your recent letter advising me that Ev Southwick and Betty Hudson are interested in working with the Inaugural Committee.

I have passed along this information to Mike Deaver, who has been appointed by the President to serve as General Chairman of the 1985 Inaugural Committee.

Your thoughtfulness in bringing this to my attention is appreciated, as is the willingness of your colleagues to assist with the President's Inauguration.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely,

EDWIN MEESE III Counsellor to the President

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Vice President, Washington Affairs

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#### **FLUOR CORPORATION**

November 8, 1984

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The Honorable Edwin Meese, III Counselor to the President The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ed:

We at Fluor share in your joy over the President's landslide victory, and look forward to another four years of working with you toward the the continued economic growth of our country.

We also look forward to the upcoming inauguration in January as an event which will reaffirm the bond between the American people and "our" President. Both Ev Southwick and Betty Hudson, my colleagues here at Fluor, have expressed a keen interest in participating in the inaugural committee, in whatever capacity they would be most useful.

I would appreciate your advising me how they should proceed to become involved in the inaugural activities.

Thank you, Ed, for your past considerration and assistance. We all wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

E. Joseph Hillings

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JANUARY 05, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT W. KASTEN JR.

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS MR. LIEF BACKUS OF FOX POINT,

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#### January 9, 1985

Dear Senator Rasten:

Thank you for your January 2 letter requesting the opportunity for Mr. Lief Backus to sing at one of the inaugural events.

Your interest is appreciated and please know that I have directed your correspondence to the attention of the appropriate inaugural officials.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr. Assistant to the President

The Honorable Robert W. Kasten, Jr. United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

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M.B. Oglesby

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 2, 1985

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

Dear Mr. President:

You will recall when we were in Milwaukee together on November 3rd, you had an opportunity to hear Lief Backus sing "God Bless America." He did an excellent job and his friends in the Milwaukee area have suggested that he might be an appropriate person to sing at one of the Inaugural events. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Backus who reside at 7221 North Lombardy Road, Fox Point, WI 53217 (301-768-4945).

I certainly hope that those planning the events will have an opportunity to take advantage of his great great talent.

Respectfully,

Robert W. Kasten, Jr.

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PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHITE HOUSE DC 20500

I BELIEVE IN YOU AND TRUST YOUR JUDGMENT FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF OUR COUNTRY. I HAVE BEEN AN ARDENT FAN, A STATESMAN AND A SUPPORTER OF ALL YOUR CAUSES AND ENDEAVORS; HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT, MR PRESIDENT, I FEEL THAT I HAVE BEEN MISTREATED. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND YOUR INAUGURATION BY THE NATIONAL BLACK REPUBLICAN COUNCIL. YOU SAID YOU WERE COLOR BLIND AND NOW YOUR COLORS ARE COMING BACK.

IF YOU ARE AWARE OF THIS, WHICH I HOPE YOU ARE NOT, PLEASE ANSWER. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF YOUR FEELINGS ABOUT THIS. I HOPE YOUR INAUGURATION WILL GO OFF BEAUTIFULLY, AND I WISH YOU THE BEST IN THE FUTURE, I WILL ALWAYS RESPECT MY PRESIDENT AND LOVE RONALD REAGAN AND HIS FAMILY FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS, I THINK YOU ARE BEING MISLED. YOU ARE NOW LETTING YOURSELF BE A PART OF DIVISION IN OUR COUNTRY, WE MUST HAVE ONE FLAG AND NOT A BLACK AND WHITE ONE, I CAN'T BE A PART OF THIS. I DON'T BELIEVE YOU ARE SUPPORTING TWO COLOR SYSTEMS BECAUSE THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOUTH AFRICA. IF YOU DON'T INVITE ME TO YOUR INAUGURATION, I WILL NOT ATTEND.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOREVER. THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO READ THIS.

YOURS TRULY.

JAMES BROWN
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Dear Mrs. Shattuck:

You were good to think of me and I want you to know how pleased I am by your kindness. Thank you for remembering me with the poem which you composed in honor of my Inauguration and sent through Congressman Mike DeWine. I truly appreciate the support and patriotism conveyed in your work.

With my gratitude for your prayerful sentiments, and with best wishes in your career goals,

Sincerely,

HOLD MEASAN

Mrs. Beverly Shattuck 193 California Street Xenia, Ohio 45385

cc: Congressman Mike DeWine cc: M. B. Oglesby

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#### GIFT UNIT

February 4 1985 Letter # Mrs. Shattuck the poem which you composed in honor of my Inauguration and sent through Congressman Mike DeWine. I truly appreciate the support and patriotism conveyed in your work. With my gratitude for your prayerful sentiments, and with best wishes in your career goals, Special Instructions: Enclosure(s): CC: Congressman Mike DeWine cc: B. Oglesby Referral: Initials: RR:CMF:JEH:AVH

#### January 17, 1985

Dear Mike:

Thank you for your letter transmitting to the President the poem from your constituent, Mrs. Beverly Shattuck.

Please know that the President very much appreciates the gesture and that we are forwarding the poem to the White House Gift Office in order that an acknowledgement may be sent in the President's behalf.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Mike DeWine House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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# Michael DeWine Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Mr. President:

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Very respectfully yours,

MIKE DEWINE

Member of Congress

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Dear Mr. President,

Enclosed is a poem entitled, INAUGURATION, which I have written especially for you and your upcoming Inauguration Day. I trust you will find it refreshing and straight from my heart.

As a new writer, I have plans to publish my first book of Gospel Poetry some time this next year.

May the Lord bless you as you enter this next four-year term.

Sincerely,

Exercy Linablack
Beverly Shattuck

Beverly Shattuck (Mrs.) 193 California Street Xenia, Ohio 45385

#### INAUGURATION

This Holy Book in simple form, Was left to lead us on. This Holy Book in simple form, Your hand now rests upon.

Today you'll take the sacred pledge, To lead your country on. Today you'll take the sacred pledge, Our freedom rests upon.

There are no token appreciations, No gifts, or fancy threads To keep us safe from foreign powers— It takes a strong President!

We know you'll fight in word and deed, To keep this country safe. We know you'll treasure right from wrong, And will not bring disgrace.

So, with each word you vow today, Remember our legacy, And the battles fought to keep it so. God bless our ancestry!

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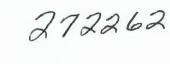
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#### SENATE OF MARYLAND

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December 27, 1984

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Mr. Lee L. Verstandig Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Verstandig:

I would deeply appreciate your assistance on behalf of a constituent of mine, who has collected and framed invitations to Inaugurations over the last several quadrennials. Would it be possible to send her an invitation to the upcoming Inauguration of President Reagan for her collection?

Her name is Ann Yurcikonis of Bowie, Maryland. If you will send the invitation to me, I will be glad to present it to her.

Many thanks for your help, and all best wishes for the New Year.

Mrs. Parlett - told her name of state coordinator

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6602 Dunn Street, FG001-03 Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. L2G 2R1. Tel.No.-1-416-356-9525. February 18, 1985.

Ms. Anne Higgins, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Correspondence The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

Dear Ms. Higgins:

Thank you for your letter of January 4, 1985, advising me that you had received my cassette tape -( of "America! We're on the Mend!") and my letter -(dated October 9, 1984) that Congressman Jack Kemp had kindly forwarded to the White House.

Re: my letter to Congressman Jack Kemp dated January 9, 1985 - Quote:
Dear Mr. Kemp:

Thank you for your letter dated December 13, 1984, advising me that you forwarded my cassette tape of "America! We're on the Mend!", to the White House re: my letter of October 9, 1984, asking you if you would please be so kind as to give my cassette to President Reagan.

I have not had any reply as a result of your submission. Will you please be so kind as to send me the name of the person that you sent the tape to, as well as, the date the tape was forwarded, in order that I may follow it up with a letter.

I feel very sure that if President Reagan had personally received the song that I wrote as a tribute to him and America, that he would personally acknowledge the receipt of it, regardless of the vast volume of mail and gifts, that the President receives. I have the utmost faith in President Reagan and the song.

I look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you for all your efforts, made on my behalf. Sincerely, Lucille Hilston."
Unquote.

On January 25, 1985, I received a copy of a letter written to Congressman Jack Kemp dated December 13, 1984, and received December 18, 1984, as follows: Quote: "Dear Jack:

Thank you for your recent letter forwarding the musical composition of Lucille Hilston.

I have been in contact with the appropriate office to have the tape reviewed and I am certain they will be back in touch in the very near future. Sincerely, W. Dennis Thomas Deputy assistant to the President." Unquote.

Will you please be so kind as to contact the White House officials that you forwarded my cassette to and ask them if they will please forward my cassette to President Ronald Reagan, personally, with my very best wishes, at their earliest convenience, inasmuch as, that was the reason that the cassette tape was forwarded to the White House.

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Letter from Lucille Hilston. February 18, 1985.

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Will you also please be so kind as to advise me as to the name or names of the appropriate White House officials that you forwarded my cassette tape to, in order that I may send them a follow up letter, with respect to them forwarding my cassette to President Reagan, personally,

My first attempt to try to get "America! We're on the Mend!", to the President was a letter directed to the President of the United States of America, dated February 23, 1983, almost two years ago. I enclosed a copy of the song, plus a lyric sheet.

In spite of all the letters I have written, and letters written on my behalf, I appear to be no closer to my aspirations, to date.

I repeat - "America! We're on the Mend!" was inspired by the President's phrase "America! We're on the Mend!", used at the conclusion of his State of the Union address, on Tuesday, January 25, 1983, and my song was written as a tribute to him and America.

I look forward to a favorable reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you for any effort made on my behalf,

Sincerely, Lucille Hilston

Lucille Hilston.
American, senior citizen.

c.c. -1. The Honorable
Congressman Jack Kemp,
Mr. W. Dennis Thomas
Deputy Assistant to the President.

Enclosed - Newspaper story-

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

January 4, 1985

Dear Mrs. Hilston:

Congressman Jack Kemp has kindly forwarded your cassette tape and letter to the White House regarding the upcoming Presidential Inaugural. Your interest in writing is truly appreciated.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your message and enclosure to the appropriate White House officials for their consideration.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins Special Assistant to the President and Director of Correspondence

Mrs. Lucille Hilston 6602 Dunn Street Niagara Falls, Ontario Canada L2G 2R1

#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS

FROM:

DENNIS THOMA

Congressman Jack Kemp (R-N.Y.) has forwarded to us a tape of a song written by one of his constituents. They have also enclosed backup information on the composer, Lucille Hilston. Mrs. Hilston would like to have her tape reviewed for possible inclusion of her music in the Inaugural celebration.

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Mr. Dennis Thomas Deputy Assistant White House Liaison Office Washington, D. C. 20520

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed herewith please find correspondence and a tape from Lucille Hilston.

As you can see, Mrs. Hilston has written a song entitled "America-we're on the mend." She has asked my assistance in her attempt to have President Reagan listen to her song with the hope of choosing same to play during the upcoming Inaugural celebration.

I would appreciate your assistance in getting this tape reviewed by the proper officials who have the responsibility of selecting the Inaugural music and if you could notify me of their decision, I would greatly appreciate same.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon, I remain,

ncerely yours,

Member of Congress

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# Melodic start

City council got off to a rare melodic start Monday with the playing of a patriotic American tune—composed by a Dunn Street resident—which is on its way to President Ronald Reagan's ears.

Ronald Reagan's ears.

Lucille Hilston, 65, played a tape of 'America, we're on the Mend' last night, a tune taped in St. Catharines and played on the airwaives last month in Dallas during the fourday Republican National Convention.

Mayor Bill Smeaton paid tribute to Hilston, a U.S. citizen who has lived in Canada 55 years and in Niagara Falls the last 25.

She travelled to Dallas in August to work as a convention volunteer and to share her music and enthusiasm with Reagan supporters.

"She's been a good ambassador for Canada and Niagara Falls," said Smeaton at council.

Hilston has been composing music for about 29 years. She was inspired to write 'America, We're on the Mend' after hearing Reagan's State of the Union message. 1983

She told council last night she has been assured by the White House, in writing, that the song will be given to the President.

"I hope he does get it and writes me," she said.

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JACK KEMP MC BUFFALO, NY 6602 Dunn Street, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. L2G 2R1. October 9th, 1984. Telephone: 416-356-9525.

Congressman Jack Kemp, 2235 Rayburn H ouse Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Hi Jack - I'm Lucille Hilston -

HILSTON CV. 850102.4 REFG2 (Van.) BWP7 (Van.)

I'm the little guy who has been trying - unsuccessfully - to get my song - "America! We're on the Mend!" into the hands of the big guy - namely - President Ronald Reagan.

My first attempt was February 23rd, 1983, and as you can see from the enclosed two replies, dated April 4th, 1983, and September 18th, 1984. I am right back to square one, one year, seven months and sixteen days later.

Due to all the good newspaper publicity associated with my trip to Dallas, I was invited by Mayor William Smeaton, to play my tape of "America! We're on the Mend!", for City Council of the City of Niagara Falls. I and the song were given a very warm reception. Mayor Smeaton noted that I have been a good ambassador for Canada and Niagara Falls - (since 1962 my music has had one hundred performances in the United States,) all unpublished. I have never received any money for my music.

The enclosed letter from Ms. Merrie Spaeth, Director, Media Relations was read for Council. The reply was not from the President, but from a Michael A. McManus, Jr., Assistant to the President, dated September 18th, 1984. As you can see from the enclosed "Melodic start", if the President does not personally recognize me - I, a senior citizen - will be left with " egg on my face".

I am enclosing a cassette tape recording of "America! We're on the Mend!", time: 1 min. 20 seconds; immediately followed by a rehearsal tape, full orchestra, of my Tone Poem (suite) of the Niagara River, entitled "Onghiara", as performed by the Clarence N.Y. Summer Orchestra, conducted by Dr. Joseph Wincenc - the first time it was played, time: 9½ minutes.

Will you please listen to the tape - then, make an appointment with President Reagan, if this is possible, to play it for him? Hopefully, if he listens to the tape, he may respond to me personally, in view of the fact that I wrote the song for the President.

Would it be possible for you to make arrangements for me to meet with the President, if so, then I could play the tape for him myself.

It will be a dream come true if the song can be heard during the Victory and Inaugural Celebrations, ie: the entertainment "gala", held in the Washington Capitol Center Sports Arena, on January 19,1981, Producer-Frank Sinatra, Host-Johnny Carson.

I know where I want to go - that is - "Directly to the President". Will you please help me get there?

PS. COPY OF THIS LETTER TO MAYOR SMEATON

OTHER ENCLOSURES -

COPY OF LETTER TO FRANK JOSEPH FAHRENKOPF JR. "REAGON TALK SPURS ONT, WOMAN TO COMPOSE, SHARE ANOTHER TUVE!"

PS: THANK YOU FOR TAKING "AIW, D.T. MENDITO MR. FAHRENKOPF!

Best Wishes.

Lucille Hilston.

"AMERICA! WE'RE ON THE MEND!"

Verses: I & MY

"A-mer-i-ca! We're on the Mend!"
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Af-firm your faith
In Coun-try! God and man.
U-nit-ed stand,
One Na-tion! - "Hand in Hand!"
We're on the mend,
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"A-mer-i-ca! We're on the Mend!"

Verse: II:

"A-mer-i-ca! We're on the Mend!"
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Re-new your hope New hope will pave the way
Lift up your hearts,
God's help is on the way.
We're on the mend,
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"A-mer-i-ca! We're on the Mend!"

Verse; III:

"A-mer-i-ca! We're on the Mend!"
"A-mer-i-ca! We're on the Mend!"
Give thanks for peace,
Life, love and lib-er-ty
U-nite and sing
"My Coun-try 'Tis of Thee!"
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