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July 9, 1987

Dear Luke:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding a petition you have filed with the FCC. I am sorry to send a disappointing reply, but the Office of Counsel to the President has advised me that I am precluded from becoming involved in the FCC matter that you mentioned in your letter. As a matter of long-standing policy based on prudential considerations, members of the White House staff refrain from contacting regulatory agencies like the FCC regarding any particular matter pending before them. This policy helps maintain public confidence in the effective and impartial administration of our laws, and avoids any appearance of undue White House influence on decisions of independent agencies. As a result, I hope you will understand that I am unable to become involved in your petition to the FCC.

Warm best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. M. Luke Medley  
President  
WHUB Radio  
Post Office Box 2707  
Cookeville, TN 38502

HHB/Office of Legal Counsel/LRC/efr 7HHBA

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your letters of June 19 and June 24 recommending Newman Flanagan for the position of Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. John Tuck did bring his name to my personal attention and I assure you that his credentials will be reviewed as a decision is made on William Webster's successor.

Thanks for your support over the years. It was good to hear from you; please keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Charles H. Morin  
Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin  
2101 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

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cc: Katja Bullock, with incoming letters  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter recommending Alan Holmer for the position of Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

I appreciate learning of your support for him and have brought your recommendation to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured he will receive every consideration for this important appointment.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Robert H. Michel  
Republican Leader  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your recent letter -- I couldn't agree with you more. The principles you espouse are indeed sound and among those we will apply in evaluating any trade legislation. I have attached our most recent letter on the subject from the entire Cabinet to various Senate leaders. I think you will agree that this statement reflects your sentiments.

I want to assure you that the White House not only supports the Cabinet's statement, but is also attempting to implement it. We have organized ourselves to closely monitor the Senate's consideration and to respond as the legislation develops. Our offices of Congressional Affairs and Public Affairs are working closely with the Office of the United States Trade Representative and the rest of the Cabinet to exert our influence on the outcome.

I remain hopeful that the Congress will ultimately produce legislation the President can sign. However, if that does not turn out to be the case, we will obviously do everything we can to prevent the bill from becoming law.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Allen E. Murray  
Chief Executive Officer  
Mobil Corporation  
150 East 42nd Street  
New York, NY 10017-5666

Enclosure: copy of Cabinet letter to Senatorial leaders

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Tisch:

Thanks for sending me the latest stamp album reflecting the wide range of wildlife species in North America. Once again, you are most kind.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Preston R. Tisch  
Postmaster General  
Washington, D.C. 20260-0010

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cc: Gift Unit  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Henry:

I appreciate learning your views regarding the Kassebaum amendment recently adopted by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

A basic objective of this Administration's population policy is to avoid the hostility to the United States resulting from the identification of the United States with abortion overseas. Where abortion services are provided or abortion is promoted by an organization of which the United States is a major contributor, it is unrealistic not to expect that the United States may be identified with its activities. However, where our foreign assistance is rendered to a government program, there is likely to be little damage to America's reputation. Also, there are generally several private organizations operating within a country and when one may be disqualified, other eligible organizations or government programs remain. Indeed, population assistance under our Administration has increased, not diminished.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. I hope you find this helpful.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Henry Darlington, Jr.  
1115 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10128

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
cc: Carl Anderson, OPL - FYI

July 9, 1987

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter informing me of your project in honor of Alf Landon as he nears his 100th birthday.

Although I am glad to hear of your work in behalf of this distinguished American, I am sorry to say that the heavy demands of my schedule preclude me from assisting your broadcasting efforts in the ways you suggest. I will, however, discuss this matter with the President's scheduling officials to see if the President would be able to help you out on this.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. James P. Flowers  
President  
Polaris Productions, Inc.  
158 East 74th Street  
New York, NY 10021

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cc: LNM w/copy of inc.  
cc: Fred Ryan w/copy of inc.  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Henriques:

Thank you for your letter recommending Alan Holmer for the position of Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

I appreciate learning of your support for him and have brought your recommendation to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured he will receive every consideration for this important appointment.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Vico E. Henriques  
President  
Computer and Business Equipment  
Manufacturers Association  
Suite 500  
311 First Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Em. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter recommending Alan Holmer for the position of Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

I appreciate learning of your support for him and have brought your recommendation to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured he will receive every consideration for this important appointment.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Paul Laxalt  
Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine,  
Underberg, Manley, Myerson & Casey  
1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter recommending Alan Holmer for the position of Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

I appreciate learning of your support for him and have brought your recommendation to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured he will receive every consideration for this important appointment.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Richard L. Leshner  
President  
Chamber of Commerce of the  
United States of America  
1615 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20062

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cc: Katja Bullock with incoming.  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OSOB

July 9, 1987

Dear John:

You were kind to think of me. I appreciate having the Business Roundtable Reports and look forward to reviewing the many recommendations.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. John F. Akers  
Cochairman  
The Business Roundtable  
1615 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20036

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Cowles:

Thank you for your letter requesting an appointment with the President.

We regret that due to the heavy demands of the President's responsibilities we were unable to schedule a meeting for you. However, please know that he appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends his best wishes to you for the future.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.  
Director of Presidential Appointments  
and Scheduling  
Director of Private Sector Initiatives

Mr. Benton A. Cowles  
Post Office Box 252  
Brownsville, KY 42210

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info cc: Lorraine Camarano  
Gift Unit

July 9, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter recommending Alan Holmer for the position of Deputy U.S. Trade Representative.

I appreciate learning of your support for him and have brought your recommendation to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured he will receive every consideration for this important appointment.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Bob Dole  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-7020

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cc: Katja Bullock with incoming.  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Clancy:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your book, Patriot Games. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Tom Clancy  
The Putnam Publishing Group  
200 Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10016

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(Book forwarded to Gift Unit)

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Jack:

I've been informed by Ron Harr of South Central Bell that they will be having a conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on September 30 on the role of telecommunications in fostering economic development.

Ron Harr is married to Barbara Wampler Harr, my niece. They are a remarkable young couple. Ron will be inviting you to participate in this conference, and he hopes that you will be able to accept.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Dr. John H. Gibbons  
Director  
Congressional Office of  
Technology Assessment  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20003

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cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano~~ Rm. 61 - OEOB  
WHcc: Ronx Harr

July 9, 1987

Dear Barry:

Thank you for your note urging the President and Mrs. Reagan to attend the Jimmy Doolittle Salute on December 1 in honor of Jimmy Stewart.

I've made sure the President is aware of the invitation, and I will be discussing the matter with Fred Ryan in the Scheduling Office -- he will get back to you when the final decision is made.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Barry Goldwater  
Aerospace Education Foundation  
1501 Lee Highway  
Arlington, VA 22209-1198

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

cc: w/copy of incoming to Fred Ryan  
w/copy of incoming to Lura Nell Mitchell (FYI)

July 9, 1987

Dear Lee:

I am sorry to take so long to respond to your letter of April 16. While I read it not long after it came in, I haven't had a chance to give you a proper reply. Even now I will withhold a complete response until we next have a chance to sit down, which I hope will be soon.

I wanted you to know that I agree in part with your basic premise. It is clear that America can compete if, I would add, the conditions are right. An essential ingredient in those "conditions" is obviously currency valuations. We do need to work on other countries who peg their currencies or otherwise maintain artificial levels. We need as well to gain access to other markets where barriers currently exist.

I guess our only quarrel is how to achieve these objectives. I remain convinced that imposing arbitrary limits and goals, especially when done on a unilateral basis, is a risky proposition. The specter of other countries following our lead and the possibility of a round of retaliation is enough to deter me. But I also worry, even in the absence of other countries' actions, about the consequences to our economy. I suspect that the Japanese would respond not by buying more from us (perhaps the opposite would occur), but rather redirect their exports to other markets and redouble their efforts to build plants in the U.S. While that may reduce their competition with you in the short run, and may ultimately provide some jobs here, it doesn't strike me as the best outcome. You and other U.S. manufacturers will simply have increased Japanese competition in non-U.S. markets.

To put it in another, and perhaps overly simplistic way, trade in goods is not unlike the international capital markets. You can regulate it with some success, but the effect is marginal -- what you restrict here shows up over there. What is required, as in the case of trade, is a commonly accepted rule of the road. I don't think we can achieve that objective simply by unilateral actions.

I still believe that fundamental change within and between the economies of the developed nations is the best hope for getting back to equilibrium. We need to get our fiscal house in order. The Germans must expand their economy. And Japan has to negotiate a cultural as well as economic transition (I still think a good "home show" in Tokyo would do wonders). And we all need to nurture developing countries.

Perhaps our disagreement, such as it is, comes down to assessments of the likelihood of any of this happening. I think it is difficult but not impossible. I would like to continue to try.

I look forward to our next meeting. In the meantime, I hope you'll continue to let me know what you're thinking.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Lee A. Iacocca  
Chairman of the Board  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chrysler Corporation  
Detroit, MI 48288

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. Carnevale:

Thank you for your letter recommending the appointment of Beverly Selby as Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Beverly's behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation will be given every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. Anthony P. Carnevale  
Vice President of National  
Affairs and Chief Economist  
American Society for Training  
and Development  
Box 1443  
1630 Duke Street  
Alexandria, VA 22313

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Mr. McCloskey:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. I apologize for the delay in my response.

Although the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule did not allow him to participate in the ceremony welcoming the New Freedom Bell to Washington on July 1, he hopes that your time spent in the District of Columbia was both successful and enjoyable, and that your nationwide tour continues to go well.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Guy C. McCloskey  
Executive Director  
Nichiren Shoshu Soka Gakkai  
of America  
Box 67  
Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712-0067

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

July 9, 1987

Dear Archbishop Iakovos:

Thank you for your gracious letter supporting the President's decision establishing a commission to study AIDS-related issues. I am glad to have your recommendation of Dr. Milton Efthimiou to serve on this commission.

Solving the myriad of problems associated with the AIDS crisis will require all the talent and initiative we can muster, and it's encouraging to have your suggestion.

The President and Mrs. Reagan appreciate your best wishes and are grateful for your prayers.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

Archbishop Iakovos  
Greek Orthodox Archdiocese  
of North and South America  
10 East 79th Street  
New York, NY 10021

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Stolte:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the annual membership meeting of the U.S. Feed Grains Council on August 5.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Darwin E. Stolte  
President  
U.S. Feed Grains Council  
Suite 1200  
1400 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

July 10, 1987

Dear Mr. Mishkin:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to speak at Yale this fall.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Alex Mishkin  
21 Blodgett Avenue  
Duxbury, MA 02331

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB