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- 9/1 Memo from Policy Coordination re: foreign and defense policy update and hostages in Iran, dated 9/1 & 8/27
- 9/4 Memo from Bill Timmons re: Vietnam & Jimmy Carter
- 9/16 [REDACTED]
- 9/19 Letter and attached memo from Douglas V. McNeel re: Carter's failures/corruption of the govt., etc.
- 9/19 Debate strategy memo from Dick Darman, dated 9/19
- 9/25 3 memos from Gergen re: RR response to Iraq-Iran war, Marching into Georgia, Debate over debates
- 9/25 Richard Darman re: response to Carter smears
- 9/25 Note from Timmons w/attached copy of Hodsoll memo to Cong. Dick Schulze re: briefing papers
- 9/29 Memo from Bill Casey re: strategy for final weeks of the campaign
- 9/29 Debate briefing book (blue binder)
- 9/29 [REDACTED]
- 9/30 Special delivery memo from Myles Martel re: debate strategy
- 10/3 Memo to RR from Ed Meese and JAB re: briefing papers, RR's copy given to Elaine 10/3
- 10/14 Letter to be signed by Frank Sinatra, written by Dan Jones
- 10/20 Note from Bill Timmons re: inclusion of Dave Stockman at debate briefings
- 10/22 Memo from Gray to Timmons re: Pres. Carter's schedule this week
- 10/24 Memo from Ed Meese re: Garrick's special assignment
- 10/27 White House compilation of campaign promises prepared after the election for then-Pres.-elect Carter
- 10/30 Memo from Stef Halper re: ten Carter lies, dated 10/29
- 10/31 Memo from Dan Jones re: hostages, dated 10/31

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11/13 Cover letter and resume from H. Daniel Jones III

11/25 Study of the Cleveland Debate Study sent by Myles Martel

12/19 Letter and resume from Wayne H. Valis with 3 memos re: political structure and coord. at the Reagan WH

SCHEDULE FOR THE SIXTH GRADE CLASS
CONGRESS HEIGHTS SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1984

12:45 p.m. ARRIVE OLD EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING (OEOB)
- Greeted by Holly Stewart

1:00 p.m. ARRIVE INDIAN TREATY ROOM, OEOB #474
- Greetings by Baker Staff
- Buffet lunch

1:30 p.m. UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE PRESENTATION

2:00 p.m. DEPART FOR WHITE HOUSE RESIDENCE

2:10 p.m. WHITE HOUSE TOUR

2:45 p.m. PROCEED TO SOUTH LAWN

3:00 p.m. MARINE I HELICOPTER DEPARTURE
- The President and Mrs. Reagan will
leave for Camp David.

3:15 p.m. DEPART FOR OEOB, ROOM 450

3:30 p.m. "HISTORY OF THE WHITE HOUSE"
- Slide Presentation

3:50 p.m. REMARKS BY JAMES A. BAKER, III
- Followed by Question and Answer period

4:20 p.m. CONCLUDE AFTERNOON AT THE WHITE HOUSE

4:30 p.m. BUS DEPARTS OEOB, PENNSYLVANIA AVE. ENTRANCE

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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

Margaret Tutwiler - Special Assistant to the President and
Executive Assistant to the Chief of
Staff

James W. Cicconi - Special Assistant to the President and
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff

Barbara Hayward - Administrative Assistant

Kathy Camalier - Staff Assistant

Andrea DesCoteaux - Staff Assistant

Caron Jackson - Staff Assistant

Marianne Andrews - Staff Assistant

January 24, 1984

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for the lovely Christmas poinsettia that you sent me. My family enjoyed your gift as it added much holiday spirit to our home. You were kind to think of us during the Christmas season.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Ahmed Al-Mokarrab
Ambassador of the United
Arab Emirates
600 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

January 13, 1984

July 26, 1983

Dear Alan:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your generous offer to arrange for Peter Burwash to work with some of the White House staff when he is in town next month. Unfortunately, most of the staff will be out of town then as the President will be returning to California for most of August. You were thoughtful to follow-up on this and Susan and I will be sorry to miss a chance to visit with you again.

It was good to hear from you. I am hoping to get back to Texas next month for some rest and relaxation.

Susan joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Alan Levy
PBI Tennis Professional
Williamsburg Inn
P. O. Box B
Williamsburg, VA. 23187

November 17, 1983

Dear Alan:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your letting me know of your interest in an appointment to the federal judiciary. I strongly support your interests and have written a letter to John Tower advising him of my support.

It was good to hear from you. I wish you much success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Alan McNeill, Esq.
479 Pine Street
Beaumont, TX. 77701

January 23, 1984

Dear Ali:

Thank you for your lovely Christmas gifts. Susan and I have enjoyed your wine on many occasions during the holiday season. The leather portfolio is exquisite and will prove very useful in my day-to-day work. Susan and Mary Bonner (although we try to keep them away from her) have both worn your lovely slippers.

You and Jacque were so kind to think of us during the holiday season. Susan joins me in sending our sincere thanks and our best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Ali Bengelloun
Ambassador of Morocco
1601 - 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

January 24, 1984

Dear Allan:

Thank you for the Crown Royal Canadian Whisky and the delicious caviar that you sent me for Christmas. I appreciate your thinking of my family during the Christmas season.

Susan and I have enjoyed reading Sondra's "Letters to Beverly." We join in sending you our very best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Allan E. Gotlieb
Ambassador of Canada
1746 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

August 2, 1983

Dear Ms. Finell:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your kind invitation to profile both Mrs. Baker and me for your PRIVATE LIVES/PUBLIC PEOPLE television series premiering this October. We have discussed your request and have decided that we would prefer not to appear on television. Our "private life" is very important to us and, in my current position, we rarely have an opportunity to enjoy these special moments.

You were thoughtful to think of us and I am sorry that we will not be able to assist you in this series. Best of luck to you in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Alyce Finell
Director of Programming
Hearst/ABC Video Services
555 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10017

January 24, 1984

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for sending me the lovely book magnifier. I appreciate your thinking of me during the holiday season. I will look forward to using your gift in the months and years ahead.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful gift. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
The Ambassador of Qatar
and Mrs. Al-Ameri
600 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.
Suite 1180
Washington, D.C. 20037

November 15, 1983

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I would like to express my appreciation for the set of materials on your Government's October 21 economic stimulus package, which Minister Murazumi so kindly sent to me during your absence from Washington.

These materials have been of great interest to officials within our Government who prepared for the President's trip, and I would like to thank your Embassy for forwarding this information to me.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Yoshio Okawara
Ambassador of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

November 2, 1983

Dear Amy:

Enclosed are the photographs and information that you requested. I am sorry that I could not come up with more for you, but our office has been so busy lately.

I hope that your report is a success. Good luck with your studies this year and please say hello to your father for me.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Miss Amy Lynn Bigler
20 Bolton Road
New Hartford, N.Y. 13413

October 27, 1983

Dear Amy:

Thank you for your letter of October 15.

Mr. Baker appreciates your interest in receiving his views about success. When he was "growing up," Mr. Baker put a high value on education, healthy competition, teamwork and respect for others. I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Baker's biography so that you can see what he did specifically to reflect these values.

Your question about whose standards are used to deem one's success is a difficult one. Mr. Baker feels that as long as an individual is happy with what they have achieved in life, that they are "successful." Our society does, however, set very definite standards of success (such as job status, income, social contacts, etc.) that sometimes make it difficult for one to reflect their own personal feeling of success.

I am sure that Mr. Baker does feel "successful." I also am sure that he will continue to work at this success by remaining close to his family, working hard at whatever job he might be in, and, in general, doing whatever he can to improve the quality of his life.

Mr. Baker thanks you once again for your interest. He wishes you much success with your project.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Miss Amy Wrape
40 Oxford Road
New Hartford, N.Y. 13413

Dear Members of the Golden Charity Guild,
Members and Faculty of the University of Texas
Parkland Burn Center

One of the most important efforts in today's field of health and science is the search for better burn care. The treatment of the burn injury requires the dedicated care of surgeons, nurses, therapists, researchers and volunteers like yourselves. I commend your fine work and extend best wishes from the White House for your continued support of this outstanding Medical facility.

Sincerely,
JAB

December 13, 1983

Dear Mrs. Seggerman:

Mrs. Bush has written Mr. Baker regarding your interest in working on a panel for the disabled, should the President decide to announce such a panel.

I have enclosed, for your information, a copy of the President's November 28 proclamation of the National Decade of Disabled Persons. At Mr. Baker's request, I have contacted Barbara McQuown in the Office of Presidential Personnel. She has assured us that her office is well aware of your interests and that they will be in touch with you should an appropriate opportunity arise. Ms. McQuown commended your contributions to the Reagan Administration through your service on other Presidential commissions.

Mr. Baker sends his best wishes and his appreciation for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mrs. Harry Seggerman
5060 Congress Street
Fairfield, CT. 06430

January 3, 1984

Dear Mr. Azores:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Mr. Baker appreciates your advising him of your anticipated job change. He has forwarded a copy of your letter to John Herrington, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel, for his information and attention. Please be assured that Mr. Baker's comments will be taken into account in any future consideration of your political clearance.

Mr. Baker sends his best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mr. Anthony L. Azores
10220 Bushman Drive
Apt. #8214
Oakton, VA. 22124

November 3, 1983

Dear Mr. Chenoweth:

Thank you for your letter of October 5.

Mr. Baker appreciates your interest in painting the President's official portrait. He has asked me to forward your letter to Clement Conger, the White House Curator, for his information and attention. Please be assured that a follow-up response will be forthcoming from Mr. Conger's office.

Mr. Baker thanks you once again for your interest and for your generous offer of assistance.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mr. H. Avery Chenoweth
618 Queen Street
Alexandria, VA. 22314

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January 13, 1984

Your Highness:

Thank you very much for sending me the lovely book entitled SAUDI ARABIA. I will certainly enjoy reading this and appreciate your thinking of me during the holiday season.

Thank you once again for your kind gift. I send my best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Bandar bin Sultan ibn
Abd-al Aziz al Saud
Ambassador of Saudi Arabia
1520 - 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

January 27, 1984

Dear Barbara:

Thank you for the "exotic" popcorn that you sent me for Christmas. My family enjoyed your special treat during the holiday season. You were kind to think of us.

Thank you once again for your thoughtful gift. Susan joins me in sending our best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Barbara Walters
555 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10021

June 23, 1983

Dear Claudine:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning expanding the sliding scale tax credit for work-related dependent care. I appreciate your thoughtful summary of the advantages of the tax credit approach.

As you know, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 (ERTA) changed the way tax credits for dependent care expenditures by individuals' are calculated, raising the ceiling slightly and introducing a sliding scale based on income. The introduction of the sliding scale has increased the tax credit for low income taxpayers. Current proposals would alter the sliding scale to raise the credit for low income taxpayers further.

In establishing the sliding scale, the benefits you cite in your letter have largely been achieved. The issue at this point is whether or not to do more. Two other factors merit consideration: First, the ERTA changes are not well understood and we have little experience yet to judge their effectiveness. Second, the proposed changes are expensive in foregone revenue while moving further into an area of diminishing returns in attempting to provide increased tax credits to low income taxpayers with limited tax liabilities.

I believe the Republican record during this Administration is quite good on the issue of dependent care tax credits, and I appreciate your letter on this subject. It serves as an important reference point as this discussion moves forward.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Claudine Schneider
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 6, 1983

Dear Library Staff:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Mr. Baker has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of his favorite recipe. He appreciates your interest and wishes you much success with your cookbook.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Library Staff
Benton Central Jr.-Sr. High School
Oxford, IN. 47971

Enclosure

January 9, 1984

Dear Ms. Rockwell:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your recommendation and endorsement of Keith Woods for a position in the Administration or on the campaign, should the President decide to seek reelection. While I do not have any openings on my personal staff, I have forwarded a copy of Mr. Woods' resume to John Herrington, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel, for his information and attention.

I have also forwarded Mr. Woods' resume to Ed Rollins at the Reagan-Bush '84 office. I am sure that a follow-up response will be forthcoming. Should Mr. Woods wish to contact that office directly, their address is: 440 First Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20003.

Thank you once again for bringing qualified individuals to the attention of the Reagan Administration.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Elizabeth A. Rockwell
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of Arizona
Phoenix, AZ. 85004

January 3, 1984

Dear Bev:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I read with interest your thoughts and observations regarding labor force changes and the "gender gap." I have forwarded a copy of your proposal to Faith Whittlesey, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, for her information and attention. Please be assured that your comments will receive serious consideration and are greatly appreciated.

It was good to hear from you. I hope that you enjoy a happy and a healthy new year.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Beverly M. Selby
301 G Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

October 27, 1983

Dear Bevis:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I appreciate your recommendation and endorsement of Charles Fried for a position in the Reagan Administration. I have forwarded your letter to John Herrington, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel, for his information and attention. Please be assured that Mr. Fried's credentials will receive serious consideration in light of any appropriate openings at this time.

It was good to hear from you. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Bevis Longstreth
Office of the Commissioner
Securities and Exchange Commission
Washington, D.C. 20549

January 27, 1984

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the stuffed elephant that you sent me. Mary Bonner loved it and placed your gift in a place of honor on our Christmas tree. You were kind to think of me during the holiday season.

Thank you once again for your Christmas gift. Please accept my best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Bill Bayer
WINZ Radio
4330 Northwest 207th Drive
Miami, FL. 33055

January 23, 1984

Dear Beth and Bill:

At long last I am sitting down to write my overdue letter of thanks to you both. I have really enjoyed COWBOY. It has held a position of honor in my office, which conveniently is within arm's reach of my desk so that I can take a break when my day allows for it.

Susan has been trying some recipes from your cookbook. I am actually the lucky one because I am the beneficiary of her hard, and delicious, work!

Thank you once again for thinking of me during the holiday season. You have both been so good to Susan and me. Beth, your friendship has been invaluable to Susan and I know how much your love and support means to her.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Iron Mountain. In the meantime, I hope that all is well with you both. Susan joins me in sending our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. William Blakemore
2100 First National Bank Building
Midland, Texas 79701

January 27, 1984

Dear Bill:

A belated note of thanks for the delicious apples that you sent me. My family enjoyed this special treat during the holiday season. You were kind to think of me.

Thank you once again for your delicious gift. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Bill Goodling
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 15, 1983

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent letter forwarding the letter from John McKinney to the President concerning the asbestos lawsuits.

As John's letter to the President reflects, the issues involving compensation for persons exposed to asbestos are extraordinarily complex and are related to a number of important policy considerations. It is for this reason that the Administration has formed the inter-agency Working Group referred to in the letter, and has charged that Working Group with the difficult task of exploring all reasonable options and recommending appropriate policy positions for consideration by the Cabinet Council on Legal Policy. I am advised that the Working Group is carefully reviewing various proposals for creating a federally administered asbestos compensation fund along the lines proposed by John McKinney.

I have directed that a copy of John's letter be sent to the Working Group so that his views will be taken into account in their review and policy recommendations. I also hope to meet with John in the near future.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. William T. Kendall
Kendall and Associates
Suite 210
1750 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

December 8, 1983

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Mr. Baker appreciates your interest in meeting with him. Unfortunately, the demands of his schedule are such that he will not be able to see you. The approaching Christmas holidays and the extensive travel he will have with the President after the first of the year have added to his normally busy schedule.

Mr. Baker has asked me to forward a copy of your letter to Fred Ryan, Director of Presidential Scheduling, for his information and attention. A follow-up response from Mr. Ryan's office will be forthcoming.

Mr. Baker appreciates your interest and your support. He sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Katherine J. Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mr. Bill O'Donnell, Jr.
3506 Speedway, #303
Austin, TX. 78705

November 2, 1983

Dear Mr. Sorge:

Thank you for your recent letter.

Mr. Baker appreciates your interest in his signing the cover of your July 18, 1983, NEWSWEEK magazine. Because the background of the cover is so dark, Mr. Baker thought that it would be more appropriate for him to sign a White House card which you could attach to your cover.

Mr. Baker thanks you once again for your interest and your support.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mr. Bill Sorge
212 Chestnut Street
Dunnville, Ontario
CANADA N1A2H1

Enclosure

January 23, 1984

Dear Bill:

Thank you for "renewing" my subscription to TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE. I look forward to each issue and always enjoy reading it. Your magazine brings back many happy memories and reminds me of the days when I had more free time to hunt and to enjoy the wilds of Texas.

You were thoughtful to think of me during the Christmas season. Susan joins me in sending our best wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Bill Wheless
Commissioner
Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission
River Oaks Bank & Trust
Suite 514
2001 Kirby Drive
Houston, TX. 77019

September 29, 1983

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of September 23.

Once again you've gone out of your way to think of me! As the pressures of my job build, I seem to dream more and more of Texas and its wonderful hunting. Your invitation to join you in South Texas next January is certainly tempting.

I am afraid that I will be swamped with work then, having hopefully just returned from our family's Christmas holiday in Houston. I know that we will be busy preparing the President's State of the Union Address and am sure that I will have to stay in town for most of that month.

My sincere thanks to you again for your thoughtfulness and kind invitation. Please give my best wishes to Aileen!

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Robert B. Anderson
7615 Cliffbrook Drive
Dallas, TX. 75240

September 27, 1983

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of September 8.

I appreciate your recommendation and endorsement of Dr. June Koch for appointment as Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at HUD. I have forwarded copies of your letter to John Herrington and Ken Duberstein for their information and attention. Please be assured that serious consideration will be given to your comments.

Thank you once again for bringing your interest in Dr. Koch to my attention. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Robert Dole
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

January 24, 1984

Dear Bob:

Hugh O'Neill has advised me of his interest in joining Gray and Company.

You may have met Hugh during the 1980 campaign when he worked in Lyn Nofziger's shop. Hugh's responsibilities were mostly "on the road" as he advanced and helped coordinate the press coverage for then-candidate Ronald Reagan.

I have attached a copy of Hugh's resume and will let it speak for itself. As you can see, he has solid Washington experience, knows how to get things done and has established a good working relationship with the Washington press corps. Hugh has a wide variety of skills which I think would translate well at Gray and Company.

If possible, I would appreciate it if you, or a member of your staff, would contact Hugh for an interview or at least a follow-up conversation.

Thank you for your interest and for your consideration of Hugh O'Neill.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Robert K. Gray
Chairman
Gray and Company
The Power House
Washington, D.C. 20007

September 15, 1983

Dear Bob:

A belated note of thanks for sending me a copy of Dom Bonafede's article entitled "Rewriting the Debate." I read this with interest and appreciate your bringing it to my attention.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write. It was good to hear from you.

Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Robert C. Heckman
Chairman
Fund for a Conservative
Majority
302 Fifth Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

October 17, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN HERRINGTON
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III
SUBJECT: Robert Visser

I understand that Bob Visser is interested in the position of Vice Chairman and First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank.

I have worked with Bob in his capacity as Legal Counsel for the President Ford Committee and the George Bush for President Committee. He is a dedicated and hard-working individual whose talents would be well-placed at the Export-Import Bank.

Bob has been in for an interview with Chris Hicks. I would appreciate it if you would take a good look at his credentials.

Please keep me advised of your decision. Thanks.

November 2, 1983

Dear Mr. Jefferies:

Thank you for your letter of October 11 in which you propose a summit meeting between the White House and Congress to address the Federal deficit.

The Mid-Session Review of the 1984 Budget, which was published in late July, uses updated economic forecasts to project the budget for the 1983-88 period. This document shows that deficits will decline from \$209.8 billion in FY 1983 to \$82.3 billion in FY 1988. When expressed as a share of GNP, the deficit declines from 6.5% to 1.6% over the same period. Therefore, the President's fiscal plan does produce significant results in the years ahead.

I believe that you would be interested to know that there are several groups in existence that have addressed the question of how Congress can deal with the deficit. Within Congress itself, the House Rules Committee Task Force on the Budget Process, chaired by Congressman Beilenson, has explored possible changes in the Congressional budget process. The Task Force will soon propose changes in the Budget Act that would allow Congress to act more forcefully and quickly in the face of important budget issues.

A private study group, the Committee for Economic Development, composed of noted businessmen and former government officials, recently issued a report entitled "Strengthening the Federal Budget Process." It examines issues of interest to you and recommends ways that the Executive and Legislative branches can more efficiently address the problem of deficits by revising existing budget procedures and relations between those two branches of Government. In addition, another private group headed by former Congressmen Giaimo and Rhodes, called the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, also addresses the deficit problem.

I hope this provides useful information to you on a question of primary importance to the President and his Administration.

Mr. Baker thanks you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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