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February 6, 1984

Dear Mr. Riegel:

Thank you for your letter of January 19.

Mr. Baker appreciates your advising him of your interest in pursuing a position in professional sports management. As Mr. Baker plans to remain in his current position as White House Chief of Staff, he will not be able to assist you with your interest in working for the Baseball Commission.

Mr. Baker thanks you for your interest and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mr. Ted Riegel
The Travel Bureau, Inc.
Crossways
Wilton, CT. 06897

June 25, 1984

Dear Mr. Tann:

Thank you for your letter and for your support of President Reagan.

I appreciate knowing of your concerns about the Social Security program and other government spending. We agree that to bring government's financial role into proper balance with the rest of the economy it is essential that government programs at all levels, including pension programs, are doing what they were intended and doing it efficiently. I assure you, on behalf of the President, that this is the goal of this Administration.

Just over a year ago, President Reagan signed into law the Social Security Amendments of 1983 which put the old-age survivors and disability insurance program back on a sound financial basis. The major provisions included in the amendments are: increases in taxes in the short term for employers and employees (and permanent increases for the self-employed); delays in the effective date of automatic cost-of-living adjustments in benefits from June to December of each year; inclusion of up to one-half of benefits in taxable income for certain higher income people (and appropriation of the resulting revenues to Social Security) beginning in 1984; raises in the age of eligibility for full retirement benefits in the next century; and coverage of Federal civilian employees, members of Congress, the President and other Federal officials under Social Security for the first time. Thus, nearly all groups - beneficiaries and taxpayers, present and future, alike - will share in the cost of stabilizing Social Security.

In signing the amendments, President Reagan noted that "A tumultuous debate about Social Security has raged for more than two decades in this country; but there has been one point that has won universal agreement: The Social Security system must be preserved." Further financial changes in Social Security at this point are not necessary, and we do not anticipate any such proposals in the near future.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ted E. Tann
5185 S.W. Normandy Place
Beaverton, OR. 97005

February 6, 1984

Dear Mr. Calimee:

Thank you for your recent letter.

I was pleased to have an opportunity to meet with such fine individuals as Mayors Johnny Ford, Sam Tucker and John Smith. They had many thoughts and recommendations to offer this Administration and I can assure you that their advice and counsel are much appreciated.

It was good to hear from you. Thank you once again for your interest and your support.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas Lee Calimee, Jr.
1181 Lee Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA. 30310

January 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: TISH MAHER
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III
SUBJECT: John M. Walker, Jr.

Attached is a copy of the letter that I recently received from John Walker. As you will recall, he is George Bush's cousin.

I would appreciate it if you would ensure that his material has reached the Reagan-Bush '84 headquarters and that it is "in the system." I would also consider it a great favor if you would call John Walker at your earliest convenience. I want to stress, however, that it is completely your decision as to what, if any, roll he would play in the Surrogate Speakers program.

Thanks for taking care of this. I wish you much success in this new endeavor.

April 17, 1984

Dear Tom:

Just a quick note to thank you for the photographs that you have sent me. I have added them to my scrapbook and appreciate these mementos of my visits to Eureka College and New York City. You were thoughtful to do this for me.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas A. Bolan
39 East 68th Street
New York, N.Y. 10021

March 29, 1984

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your recommendation and endorsement of Robert Earle for a position on my immediate staff. I apologize for my delay in responding, but I had set your letter aside on my desk for future consideration.

As you may know, I do not have a position available on my immediate staff at this time. I will keep Robert's resume on file and will definitely call him in for an interview should this change in the near future.

Thank you once again for your interest in bringing qualified individuals to my attention.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Tom C. Korologos
Vice President and
Director of Legislative Affairs
Timmons and Company
1850 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

April 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO: T.A.D. THARP
FROM: KATHERINE CAMALIER
SUBJECT: Pending Personnel Matters

I was sorting through my pending file and came across several notes that are still "open" as far as I know:

- (1) MAYOR RICHARD CARVER - Mr. Baker sent John a memo on 2/5/84. I know that John has met with Dick Carver several times since. Has anything definite been resolved or is something specific "in the works"?
- (2) SENATOR HOWARD BAKER - Mr. Baker sent John a memo on 2/13/84. Has a decision been made on that commission yet?
- (3) GEORGE HALEY - I sent you a note on 3/5/84. Have you had a chance to sort out the different sides of that story yet? You told me earlier that it was a complex issue.
- (4) JOE DUKERT - I sent a note up on 3/19/84 asking that John please contact him to close the loop on the position that he was seeking at Energy. Has this call been made?

I will be leaving town for a week this Friday, April 20. If possible, I'd appreciate it if you would give me a call before then with an update on the above.

Thanks.

August 6, 1984

Dear Mr. Romans:

Thank you for your letter of July 18.

Mr. Baker appreciates your kind invitation to attend the opening of EPCOT Center's Morocco pavilion in September. Unfortunately, he must decline your invitation as we have had to limit his personal travel due to his extensive travel plans with the President this fall. At Mr. Baker's request, I have forwarded a copy of your invitation to Kate Moore at the National Endowment for the Arts for her information.

Mr. Baker sends his best wishes for the success of this special event and is sorry that he will not be able to join you.

Sincerely,

Katherine Camalier
Staff Assistant to
James A. Baker, III

Mr. Van A. Romans
Director
EPCOT Center Musuem Program
WED Enterprises
P.O. Box 40
Lake Buena Vista, FL. 32830

July 20, 1984

Dear Vic:

Thank you for your letter of July 12.

I appreciate your sending me a deck of your POLITICARDS. They will be a fun memento of this Administration and you were thoughtful to include me.

Thank you once again. Hurriedly, but with best regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Victor Kamber
Politicards, Inc.
1899 L Street, N.W.
Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20036

March 20, 1984

Dear Visitors Office:

Thank you for sending Fred over to my office. He seems to have settled well in his new home and has not yet made any attempts to escape. I think that he "took heed" once he learned of his predecessor's fate.

Seems that you all have a talent for keeping things jumping in the White House! Thanks again for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

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

White House Visitors Office
Attn: Melinda Andrews
The White House
East Wing
Washington, D.C. 20500

July 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM TO: CONSTANTINE MENGES
FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III
SUBJECT: Walter Abendschein

Senator Howard Baker has contacted me regarding his strong interest in seeing that Dr. Walter Abendschein attends the Ecuadorian inauguration in August. The Vice President also supports this request. I would appreciate it if you would get this "into the system" for serious consideration.

Kathy Camalier of my staff contacted Dr. Abendschein for some general background information. Walter Abendschein is a practicing orthopedic surgeon in Chevy Chase, MD. He is a long-time Republican and a former neighbor of George Bush's.

In 1974, Dr. Abendschein successfully performed the first total hip replacement in Ecuador. He has been back to the country several times since to perform surgery for Ecuadorian citizens, amongst them the former Minister of Finance and the former president of their Senate. Dr. Abendschein says that he has come to know Sixto Duran-Ballen, the mayor of Quito, quite well.

Dr. Abendschein told Kathy Camalier that he would like to bring his wife, Ana Maria, along on this trip -- if it would be appropriate. I understand that Dr. Abendschein will be sending a more specific vitae to my attention which I will forward to your attention when it arrives. In the meantime, if you need to contact Walter Abendschein, his address is: Suite 705, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. 20815. His office phone number is 656-4317.

Would you please get this request into the system for consideration and keep me advised of the final determination?

Thank you.

June 26, 1984

Dear Warren:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your views on how the Administration should respond to the legislation which would allow two foreign-built cruise vessels into the U.S. trade.

Your points are cogent ones and, indeed, this legislation concerns us greatly. The President has stated on numerous occasions his support for the sanctity of the Jones Act. He recognizes the important role of the Jones Act in maintaining a U.S. domestic marine fleet to help meet our national security needs.

The Administration is vitally interested in the welfare of the U.S. maritime industry, in maintaining the integrity of the Jones Act, in seagoing employment opportunities for U.S. citizens, and in work for U.S. shipyards and their employees.

As you know, the Administration has not yet taken a position on the Cunard bill. We continue to weigh the advantages of immediate new seafaring employment, reconstruction work for U.S. shipyards, and a U.S.-flag presence in the cruise market with the disadvantages of jeopardy to the cabotage laws.

The issue is a complex and controversial one and your letter with its clear analysis is very much appreciated. Again, thank you for taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Warren Lee Smith
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Houston, TX. 77027

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February 22, 1984

Dear Mr. Premier:

Thank you for the beautiful vase that you sent me following your recent visit to the United States. Your gift will enjoy a place of honor in my office. I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you once again for your lovely gift.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Zhao Ziyang
Premier of the State Council
of the People's Republic of China
Beijing