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James A. Baker III, Assistant to the President
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Tax Reform Proposals

Dear Sir:

I urge you to strongly oppose the tax reform proposals recently issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The uncertainty has practically eliminated investment in real estate.

The proposals by the Treasury are definitely anti-business which is, in turn, anti-American. The only way the American worker can improve his standard of living is through the continued prosperity of his employer.

For four years the current administration has taken positive steps to create a strong America, which the new proposals will negate. The deficit must be cured by reducing expenditures, not pretending to reduce taxes at the expense of business.

As a member of the Republican Party, I urge you to consider the damaging effect this proposal would have. Had this proposal been made public prior to the election, I would have voted differently as would millions of others. I assure you this is more politically damaging than cutting Social Security or Defense.

Sincerely,



Dale Lancaster

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Mr. James A. Baker
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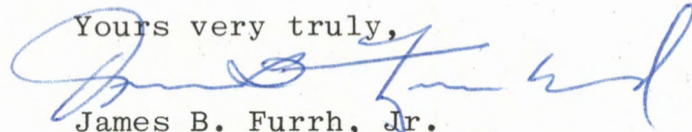
Dear Mr. Baker:

It was such a pleasure visiting with you again when you were in Jackson several years ago and, as you may recall, we discussed my close friendship with your cousin, Brownie Baker, who attended the University of Texas with me.

Recently Senator Thad Cochran nominated Rhesa H. (Rees) Barksdale for a Judgeship on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Mr. Barksdale has been a good friend of mine for a number of years and I have worked with him in numerous Republican activities. He has been a tireless worker for President Reagan and possesses a sound conservative philosophy. I am enclosing herewith his very impressive resume which, needless to say, illustrates that he is extremely well qualified for this position. Not only does he have an outstanding military record but has established an impeccable reputation in the legal field.

I am confident that Rees would make a very effective Judge and would appreciate any help and influence you might contribute toward his being awarded this appointment.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James B. Furrh, Jr.', written over a light blue background.

James B. Furrh, Jr.

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Enclosure

RHESA H. (REES) BARKSDALE

Date of Birth: August 8, 1944

Place of Birth: Jackson, Mississippi

Parents and Family: Mr. and Mrs. John Woodson
Barksdale, Jr.; fourth of six sons

Secondary Education: Public Schools, Jackson, Mississippi.
Graduated from Murrah High School in 1962; Vice President of student body.

Undergraduate Education: Graduated in 1966 with BS degree from United States Military Academy. At Academy: Dean's list; graduated 92nd in class of 579 members; Brigade Boxing; football manager for four years (head manager senior year for Paul Dietzel); Cadet Chapel Choir for four years and Glee Club for one year; member of Cadet Public Relations Committee; attended Student Conference on United States Affairs junior and senior years; rank of Cadet Lieutenant.

Military Service: United States Army, 1966 to 1970, with final rank of Captain. Service in Vietnam, 1967-1968, as platoon leader and executive officer in armored cavalry troop and as an assistant Division operations officer. Awarded Silver Star, Bronze Star for Valor, Bronze Star for Meritorious Service, Purple Heart, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. Graduated from Airborne and Ranger Schools.

Legal Education: JD degree (with distinction) from University of Mississippi, June, 1972. Graduated first in class (3.84 G.P.A.); served as Comment Editor of Mississippi Law Journal; selected as national Phi Delta Phi Graduate of the Year; selected to Outstanding Young Men of America, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities; member of ODK, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Phi; recipient of Phi Delta Phi award as outstanding graduate, Dean Robert F. Farley award, Mississippi Bar Association award, and Frederick P. Hamel award.

Legal Experience: Law Clerk for Justice Bryon R. White, July 1972 through June 1973. Partner in Butler, Snow, O'Mara, Stevens & Cannada in Jackson, Mississippi (joined in 1973). On invitation from the Court, briefed and argued case on behalf of the defendant in Thigpen v. Roberts, 468 U.S. _____, 82 L.Ed.2d 23 (1984) [double jeopardy and due process issues; 6-3 decision for defendant]. Serving on Board of Directors of Hinds County Bar Association. Member of the Mississippi Defense Lawyers Association and the American, Mississippi, and Hinds County Bar Associations.

Served on Board of Directors of Young Lawyers Section of the Mississippi Bar Association and three years on the Program Committee for the Mississippi Law Institute (Program Chairman in 1976).

Civic Activities: Chairman, Mississippi Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program; Chairman for Every Member Canvass for 1984 and 1985 and formerly served on the Vestry of St. James Episcopal Church; formerly served on the Executive Committee of Mississippi Arthritis Foundation; member of Republican Party (Capital Foundation); suggested and coordinated \$1,000 donation in Fall, 1984, by Hinds County Bar Association to the Jackson Public Schools for supplemental projects and materials for civics and government classes; served as Division Co-Chairman for St. Andrew's Episcopal School \$4,000,000 capital campaign in 1983-84.

Teaching Experience: Instructor, Mississippi College School of Law (Const. Law at night), 1976. Instructor, University of Mississippi Paralegal Course, 1975-1976.

Publication: F. Maraist and R. Barksdale, Mississippi Products Liability, Not the End of the Rainbow - A Critical Analysis, 43 Miss. L.J. 139 (1972).

Personal: Married to former Catherine Carson Davis, three children.

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James A. Baker III, Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Baker:

I urge you to immediately take a strong position against the tax reform proposals recently issued by the U.S. Department of Treasury. The uncertainty of future legislation is causing havoc in the investment community. This uncertainty is likely to result in an acceleration of the recessionary pressures already building in the present economic climate.

I believe that if enacted, certain provisions contained in the Treasury proposal would create a disincentive for capital formation, thus greatly damaging the economy of the United States. This in turn will cripple the construction and development industries resulting in the loss of millions of jobs, and ultimately creating a severe housing shortage and higher rents for millions of tenants across the United States. The proposal is economically damaging and ineffectual and conflicts with the underlying philosophy of the Reagan administration and re-election. I, therefore, urge you, in the strongest terms, to publicly oppose the recent Treasury proposal.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Thames, Jr., M.A.I., S.R.P.A.

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