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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 14, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM B. LACY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter to Representative Fred Eckert

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced letter and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

cc: David L. Chew

**WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

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Name of Correspondent: David Chew

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Subject: Letter to Rep. Fred Eckert

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/13/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 am, Thur., 3/14

SUBJECT: LETTER TO REP. FRED ECKERT

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REMARKS:

Please give your comments/recommendations on the attached to Bill Lacy in Room 122 with an info copy to my office by 10:00 a.m. tomorrow. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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DRAFT

Dear Fred:

I saw that Congressional Quarterly ranked you as my number one supporter in the House of Representatives for 1985, voting for my programs 94% of the time. I really couldn't let this report pass without notice, because your sort of cooperation and leadership is all too rare.

Thank you again for the instrumental role you have played in our effort to rebuild America. I value your friendship and counsel very highly, and look forward to our continued close association throughout the balance of my service as President.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

The Honorable Fred Eckert
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO:

David

FROM: **WILLIAM B. LACY**
Deputy Assistant to the President
and Director, Office of
Political Affairs

Information

Action

*This letter is related to
the contra vote - and we
need approval quickly.
Call me or Mitch if
you need more details.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM B. LACY
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LETTER TO REP. BOB BADHAM

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments on the attached proposed letter for Rep. Badham directly to Bill Lacy by 2:30 p.m. today, with an info copy to my office. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

REC'D MAR 18 12:30

Ronald Reagan
letter

DRAFT LETTER FROM RR TO REP. BADHAM:

Dear:

I saw that Congressional Quarterly ranked you one of my top supporters in the House of Representatives for 1985. It reminded me of all we've been through together during all the years and all the campaigns dating back to our service in California. I really couldn't let this report pass without expressing to you my profound thanks for your cooperation and support.

You have been instrumental in our effort to rebuild America. I value your friendship and counsel highly. As I have counted upon you over the years, I look forward to continuing to do so as we maintain close association throughout the ~~balance of my service as~~ President.

Sincerely,

coming y. later.

RR

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1986

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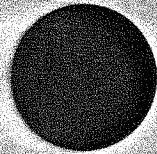
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REMARKS: Please provide any comments on the attached letter directly to Bill Lacy by close of business today, with an info copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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DRAFT

RONALD REAGAN

Dear Friend:

I want you to know how fortunate you are to have Fred Eckert as your Congressman in Washington.

He is one of a kind, voting no -- loud and clear and often -- to big spending here in Washington.

Believe me, he's looking out for your interests. He knows that these spending schemes come out of your pocket.

I'm enclosing a Reader's Digest article about Fred. It's a revealing piece about his strong-willed commitment. It's a profile of a man who practices what he preaches. We could use more like him!

From the time Fred first ran for Congress, he demonstrated a high order of political courage. Now, as he completes his first term, Congressman Fred Eckert has proved his courage again and again by voting against powerful special interests and wasteful spending.

You've heard me say that it's time we reduced the Federal budget and left the family budget alone. Thank goodness there are Members of Congress like Fred Eckert who back this principle to the hilt.

Fred also believes, as do I, that we do not face large Federal deficits because families are undertaxed, but because the Federal government overspends!

If there were more Fred Eckert's here in Washington, I know we could put a tighter lid on the reckless spending habits of Congress.

You can be proud of your Congressman. I know I'm proud to have Fred Eckert on my side. Even when we disagree, as we do on some issues, I know that Fred is speaking his mind honestly and standing up for his constituents in upstate New York.

Here's how you can speak up for him. Read the Reader's Digest article, then take a minute to complete and mail the enclosed card that will let Fred know how he can count on you as re-election time nears.

Paid for by Eckert for Congress Committee

Page two

Congressman Fred Eckert has worked hard to lower your tax burden and for a balanced budget amendment. You and I can count on him to fight those who want to raise your taxes and to make the hard decisions to cut unnecessary government spending. Let's help him to continue his work in the halls of Congress.

Sincerely,

P.S. When you help Fred you are helping to bring closer the vision of America we share. Please mail the enclosed card today.

Paid for by Eckert for Congress Committee

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 25, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM L. BALL III
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Fiedler Correspondence

On February 20 your office referred to this office a January 30 letter to the President from Congresswoman Bobbi Fiedler, concerning state criminal charges then pending against her in connection with her campaign for the Republican Senate nomination. Since that time the charges against Fiedler have been dismissed by the California state courts.

I recommend that the White House simply not respond in any fashion to the Fiedler letter. The most we could have done at any point was to advise Fiedler that we could not comment on criminal charges pending before state courts. Although the charges have now been dismissed, it would still be inappropriate for the President to send any sort of "congratulatory" note, in light of the tight primary race and the distinct possibility that Fiedler intends to use the incident in her campaign. Further, any such letter from the President at this point -- reiterating his confidence in Fiedler only after charges have been dismissed -- would have a very hollow ring.

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Name of Correspondent: M. B. Olesky

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Subject: Request for draft response to Congresswoman Gabby Gubler (R-CA)

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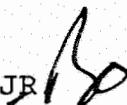
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1986

3746-37cc

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

FROM:

M. B. OGLESBY, JR. 

SUBJECT:

Congresswoman Bobbi Fiedler (R-CA)

Attached is a copy of a letter from Bobbi Fiedler (R-CA) to the President enclosing clippings regarding the legal problems she is having and expressing her support for the President.

I'd greatly appreciate your office drafting up a response to her letter which will go out under my signature.

Thank you very much.

cc: Melanie Blesse

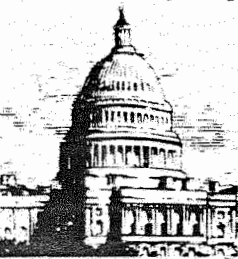
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BOBBI FIEDLER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
BOX 3655
CHATSWORTH, CA 91313

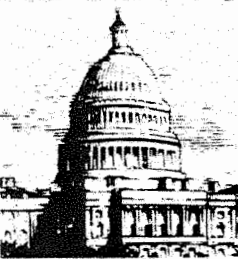


January 30, 1986



The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

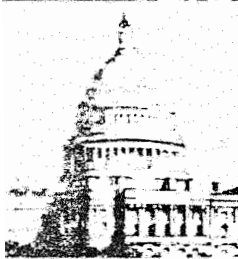
Dear Mr. President,



As you may be aware, I am having some legal problems. I want you to know that I would never violate the confidence you have shown in me. The allegations are false, and I expect to have them adjudicated as quickly as possible.



The press has been very fair and day after day some new outrage has been uncovered since this charade began. The Washington Post was successful in gathering information that proves I did not commit the offense with which I am charged. This past Tuesday, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner carried a headline that said the District Attorney did not recommend indictment.



While this temporary disruption in my life has been painful, ten years of impeccable service I've given to the people of my community is now bearing fruit. The outpouring of love and support has been incredible. Our phones are ringing off the hook with offers of help. My constituents are incensed. Their continuing confidence and support in not only my candidacy, but in me as a person, sustains me during these difficult days.

The outcome I am positive will be to catapult me into the Republican nomination for the United States Senate, and then on to beat Cranston. It seems obvious to anyone who has ever watched me work since I came into public life that this charge is the height of underhanded politics.

The President
January 30, 1986
Page two

Maintaining control of the Senate is essential to moving your agenda and protecting the interests of the American people. I look forward to working with you as a member of the 100th United States Senate.

Warm regards,



BOBBI FIEDLER

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Rep. Fiedler's Indictment

THERE'S A CERTAIN tendency, when you hear that a member of Congress has been indicted, to wonder whether someone has finally gotten the goods on a cheating politician. But there has been a considerably more skeptical response in the case of Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R-Calif.). She was indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles last Thursday on charges of agreeing to help Ed Davis, one of her opponents in the Republican Senate primary, pay off \$100,000 in campaign debts in return for his leaving the race.

Mrs. Fiedler is accused of violating a law that prohibits using money to induce someone else not to be a candidate for public office. She insists that in the transaction in question there was to be no quid pro quo. There is no allegation that the money that would have been applied to pay off the Davis debt would have consisted of anything but legal and declared campaign contributions.

But what sort of law is this? The California statute, passed in 1893, was apparently copied from an 1883 English law, and the leading scholar on the subject, UCLA Prof. Daniel Lowenstein, says that so far as he can determine it has not been used since. The law has the look of a standard anti-brib-

ery statute. But bribery law prohibits the making of public decisions for private gain. The decision to run or not to run for office is not a public decision: no one has a duty to run for office.

It is difficult to find a persuasive consideration of public policy supporting this law. On the contrary, helping pay off a former opponent's campaign debts is a common practice. It strengthens party unity and ensures serious contests in general elections. Supporting a former opponent in this way is not one of those gray-area practices of which it is said, in exoneration of the latest instance, that "everyone does it." It is a legitimate party-building device.

The California law is one of those old criminal statutes that clutter the books in many states. A responsible prosecutor ought to be very chary of using this sort of law as the basis of an indictment. The case burst in the middle of a fiercely contested 10-candidate race for the Republican Senate nomination. Almost every candidate has some plausible claim on the nomination, and none has a significant lead with the voters. District Attorney Ira Reiner, a Democrat, has yet to explain satisfactorily why he used an obsolete statute in a way that interferes with the other party's choice of a nominee in a major election.

Fiedler Asked No Deal

Indicted Lawmaker Offered Help to Opponent

By Jay Mathews
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25—Rep. Bobbi Fiedler (R-Calif.) repeatedly told a political opponent's campaign manager, who was secretly wired for sound, that she wanted no "quid pro quo" for helping to retire the rival candidate's campaign debts, a supporter of the indicted Fiedler said today.

The source provided the first eyewitness account of a key meeting Jan. 12 that led to the indictment and has thrown the California Republican Party into turmoil.

Other sources provided accounts of several secretly taped conversations arranged by prosecutors and aides to Fiedler's adversary, Ed Davis.

The disclosures followed the Los Angeles County grand jury's decision Thursday to charge Fiedler and her top aide, Paul Clarke, with offering Davis \$100,000 to drop out of the U.S. Senate race. Davis is a state senator and former Los Angeles police chief.

Fiedler and Clarke have declined to comment, on advice of attorneys about meetings with Davis' aides.

But one participant in the Jan. 12 meeting at Fiedler's San Fernando Valley home said today that Fiedler told Davis' campaign manager, Martha Zilm, that any help Fiedler might give Davis would be "as a friend" and that she wanted "no guarantees" of what Davis might do about his campaign.

The participant, a Fiedler sup-

porter who asked not to be mentioned, said a Davis backer had approached Fiedler aides to say Davis had decided to pull out of the race for lack of funds.

Fiedler's aides, the source said, thought that they were discussing a way to promote GOP unity by helping Davis retire his debt and perhaps receive his endorsement in return.

Fiedler, whose conservative suburban district overlaps with that of Davis, told Zilm, "If I can help Ed, it will only be as a friend," the participant said. Unknown to Fiedler, Zilm was wired for sound.

District Attorney Ira Kerner's office has not released a transcript of the conversation "but once it does, it will show that Bobbi is innocent," the source said.

The source expressed hope that Fiedler's version of events would vindicate her soon and keep her among front-runners in the crowded June primary to pick a GOP challenger to Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.).

Sources on both sides of the controversy noted today that, although the statute under which Fiedler and Clarke were charged has been state law in some form since 1905, it apparently has not been used.

The law makes it a felony to "directly or through any other person, advance, pay, solicit or receive, cause to be advanced, paid, solicited, or received any money or other valuable consideration . . . to induce a person not to become



right, and aide Clarke's commitments in a Los Angeles court

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withdraw as a candidate for public office.

A Fiedler aide said her advisers were unaware of the law during discussions with Davis' aide, but refrained from offering money in exchange for Davis dropping out because they considered that unethical.

Keiter's office continued to decline comment today on reports that evidence was presented to the grand jury with a recommendation that no indictments be issued.

Fiedler, 48, had announced that she was yielding her House seat to run for the Senate, and Clarke, 39, is considered her closest personal friend and political adviser. They could be sentenced to as much as three years in prison, if convicted.

Deputy District Attorney Steven Sowders indicated Friday that a much lighter penalty, such as probation, would be more likely. If convicted, Fiedler would be barred from running for public office until she completed her sentence.

According to sources close to the case, the first important incident in the two months before Fiedler's indictment occurred in early November when Arthur S. Pfeifferman, a San Fernando businessman and Fiedler supporter who had contributed to Davis' campaign, contacted George L. Moss, a developer who supports Davis.

According to these sources, Pfeifferman said he understood that Davis might drop out, then asked if Davis could be persuaded to en-

dorse Fiedler. Pfeifferman reportedly suggested that Fiedler might help Davis with his campaign debt.

Davis indicated Friday that he was told that Fiedler was offering to help with his debt if he dropped out. A Fiedler aide said their aide's version of the first conversation was that Davis had already decided to quit the race.

Davis said he had no intention of quitting, thought the offer might violate the law and contacted several attorneys, including Ventura County District Attorney Michael Bradbury.

With Los Angeles prosecutors' knowledge and technical assistance, Zilm undertook meetings, some secretly recorded, with Clarke, Fiedler and Arnold Steinberg, Fiedler's consultant and polister.

One Fiedler supporter said Zilm met twice in December with Steinberg at restaurants, saw Clarke once and had at least one telephone conversation with Fiedler. "All the approaches were from their [Davis'] side," a Fiedler aide said.

During her first meeting with Steinberg, a Fiedler aide said, Zilm said Moss had told her that Fiedler would pay off Davis' \$100,000 campaign debt if he withdrew and endorsed her.

At the climactic Jan. 12 meeting, Fiedler emphatically rejected this characterization, a Fiedler aide said. "We said there were no guarantees," the source said. "Bobbi told her at least twice this was not 'quid pro quo'."

Davis' press secretary, Eric Rose, said today that neither Zilm nor any other Davis staffer would comment on the investigation. Pfeifferman, Moss, Fiedler and Steinberg could not be reached for comment. Clarke declined to comment on the investigation.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: FEBRUARY 03, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE BOBBI FIEDTFF

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SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

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WASHINGTON

March 26, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Jamestown Foundation Letter (Revised)

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential letter and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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Subject: Jamestown Foundation Letter (Revised)

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/26/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 P.M. TODAY

SUBJECT: JAMESTOWN FOUNDATION LETTER (REVISED)

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REMARKS: Please give your recommendations to my office by 4:00 p.m. today. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 26, 1986

I am delighted to express my appreciation to all the officers and sponsors of the Jamestown Foundation, especially William Geimer, its founder and president. Mr. Geimer understands that key Soviet-bloc officials who renounce the comforts and privileges of their rank and seek asylum and a life of freedom in the United States often need special help, guidance, and friendship. He also understands that their first-hand knowledge and special insights are an invaluable resource for the entire Free World.

Arkady Shevchenko, Zdzislaw Rurarz, and Vladimir Sakharov are only three of the more well-known recruits to the cause of freedom who have benefitted from the work of the Jamestown Foundation. Mr. Shevchenko was a highly placed Soviet diplomat working in the United Nations Secretariat; Dr. Rurarz was a Polish diplomat and economist working in the Far East, and Mr. Sakharov was a Soviet diplomat and KGB general working in the Middle East. Like many others, they were fortunate indeed that the Jamestown Foundation was there to help after they had made the difficult and dangerous decision to break with a system in which they had lost faith and throw in their lot with the forces of freedom.

It is worth noting that the services the Jamestown Foundation provides are of a kind only the private sector can offer effectively. It not only helps these very special emigres to adjust to life in a free society, it encourages and assists them to put their knowledge and talents to work in advancing the cause of freedom.

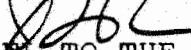
To this great and noble cause the Jamestown Foundation and its supporters continue to make an indispensable contribution. For that you have my warm commendation and my good wishes. All Americans, indeed all who love freedom, have reason to be grateful for what you have accomplished and will accomplish in the years ahead. God bless you all.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 1, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE HIGGINS
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Thank you note for Generous Donation
to the Volunteers of America

You have asked if this office has any objection to a Presidential letter Mrs. Ruth C. von Platten, saluting her for a significant donation to Volunteers of America of Los Angeles. We have reviewed the draft letter and have no legal objection to it, though with respect to the second paragraph we have generally used "voluntarism," instead of "volunteerism."

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Subject: Thank you note for generous donation to the Volunteers of America

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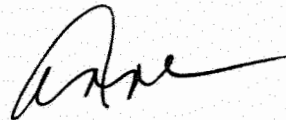
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ANNE HIGGINS
Special Assistant to the
President and Director
of Correspondence
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1986

Dear Mr. Pratt:

Thanks very much for telling us about Mrs. von Platten's generous donation to the Volunteers of America. The President has, as you requested, sent her a note of expression of his own appreciation for what she has done.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Mr. Bob Pratt
President
Volunteers of America
of Los Angeles
Suite 1500
3600 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90010

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 7, 1986

Dear Mrs. von Platten:

The Volunteers of America of Los Angeles has advised me of your very special gift to benefit the poor they so dutifully serve throughout Greater Los Angeles. Your initiative is greatly appreciated, not only by the poor among us, but by our nation as well.

I salute the example of volunteerism you represent for all Americans to follow, each from the measure of one's own prosperity.

I'm sure many blessings will come to you because you have cared enough to give the gift of hope to those in need of a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Ruth C. von Platten
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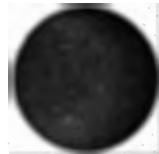
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WASHINGTON

April 4, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT



SUBJECT: Updated Revised Letter to
Congressman Fred Eckert

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced letter to
Congressman Fred Eckert and finds no objection to it from a
legal perspective.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/4/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 5:00 P.M. TODAY

SUBJECT: UPDATED REVISED LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN FRED ECKERT

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REMARKS: The attached letter was staffed around earlier for comment without all the attachments. The attachments are now complete, so please give your comments/recommendations to my office by 5:00 p.m. today. Thanks.

RESPONSE:

Dear Friend:

I want you to know how fortunate you are to have Fred Eckert as your Congressman.

Fred is one of a kind, speaking out--loud and clear and often--against big spending here in Washington. Believe me, he is looking out for your interests. He knows that these spending schemes come out of your pocket.

Enclosed is a Reader's Digest article about Fred. It's a revealing piece about his strong-willed commitment. It's a profile of a man who practices what he preaches. We sure could use more like him!

Even before Fred Eckert ran for Congress, he demonstrated a high order of political courage. Now, as he completes his first term, Congressman Eckert has proved his courage again and again by voting against powerful special interests and wasteful spending.

You've heard me say that it's time we reduced the Federal budget and left the family budget alone. Thank goodness there are Members of Congress like Fred Eckert who back this principle to the hilt.

Fred believes, as do I, that we do not face large Federal deficits because families are undertaxed, but because the Federal government overspends! If there were more Fred Eckerts in Washington, we could put a tighter lid on the reckless spending habits of Congress.

You can be proud of your Congressman. I know I'm proud to have him on my side. Even when we disagree, as we do on some issues, I know that Fred is speaking his mind honestly and standing up for his constituents in upstate New York.

Here's how you can speak up for Congressman Eckert. Read the Reader's Digest story; then let Fred know he can count on your help.

Fred has worked hard to lower your tax burden and for a balanced budget amendment. You and I can count on him to fight those who want to raise your taxes. You and I can count on him to make the hard decisions to cut unnecessary government spending. Let's help Fred Eckert to continue his outstanding work in the halls of Congress.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

P.S. I value Fred's friendship and counsel highly as we work together to realize the goals we share for our country.

A READER'S DIGEST REPRINT

REP. FRED ECKERT (R., N.Y.) had scarcely arrived in Washington in January 1985 before he was visited by officials of the General Railway Signal Co., which employs hundreds of his constituents in upstate New York. Distraught that President Reagan had proposed the elimination of Amtrak subsidies, the officials implored, "Reduce the federal deficit. But, cut somewhere else—leave Amtrak alone."

"That's what everybody says," an exasperated Eckert finally responded after listening patiently to the plea of General Railway, a major Amtrak supplier. "Is it really prudent to subsidize inefficiency, to go on pouring \$700 million a year into a railroad that benefits only two percent of inter-city travelers?"

Convinced that it was not, Eckert voted in the House Energy and Commerce Committee to reduce Amtrak subsidies by 15 percent, or \$100 million in 1986. Though the amendment was defeated, Eckert vowed he would move on the House floor to end the entire subsidy.

When Eckert ran for Congress in 1984, he pledged to vote to cut the estimated \$215-billion federal deficit by reining in runaway government spending. Most of his colleagues have made similar pledges,

This Congressman Can Say No

There's only one way
to halt runaway government
spending—and New York's
gutsy Fred Eckert knows
exactly what it is

BY DONALD LAMBRO



...back off when the political ... too intense. The exam- ...

... Bill Alexander (D., Ark.) ... the deficit "looms like ... on the horizon, por- ... a dim future for your ... grandchildren."

... Alexander apparently slipped ... mind, in August 1985, ... when he and a private party flew to ... Rio de Janeiro in an Air Force jet, on ... a junket that cost taxpayers \$56,000 ... in air travel alone. In July 1985, ... Alexander also voted against abol- ... the \$206 million Economic ... Development Administration, a ... 1960s-era program that has financed ... countless boondoggles disguised as ... unemployment-reducing measures.

• Sen. Strom Thurmond (R., S.C.) demands "immediate, strong and decisive steps to reduce the federal deficit." Those steps do not include, however, spending reductions for the New Deal-era Rural Electrification Administration (REA), which subsidizes loans to already successful electric and telephone cooperatives. Thurmond and other professed economizers should urge Administration plans to save taxpayers \$5.1 billion by phasing out REA over the next five years.

• Rep. Don Young (R., Alaska) ... that "everybody's going to ... make cutbacks" to stave off ... bankruptcy. But when the ... Commission suggested sav- ... billion over three years by ... boat owners to pay mod-

est user fees for Coast Guard serv- ices, Young fought elements of the scheme. So, in fact, did every other member of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. The plan died.

• "We really need to reduce these deficits," House Democratic leader Jim Wright of Texas says repeatedly. Yet Wright has fought every attempt to cut or eliminate funds for the Synthetic Fuels Corp., a \$17.5 billion white elephant that has yet to produce a thimbleful of commercially viable fuel.

Although new to Congress, Fred Eckert has battled excessive gov- ernment spending before, first at age 28 as the elected town super- visor of Greece, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester, and later for nine years in the state senate. There, he earned statewide recognition for pushing through a controversial pension- reform bill that saved state taxpay- ers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Once in Washington, Eckert re- alized that he faced an age-old political dilemma: he must either vote his conscience in the interests of his country as a whole, or placate local and special-interest groups to ensure his re-election.

For example, when President Reagan proposed eliminating rev- enue sharing from the budget—to save \$4.6 billion a year—Eckert heard outraged complaints from local officials, including the super- visor of his own hometown. If Greece loses its yearly revenue-sharing by money, fumed Eckert's successor,

"you might as well turn off the lights and throw away the keys."

Eckert's blunt response: "I ran that town government without fed- eral revenue sharing for three years, and every other mayor or supervisor in the United States did the same. Somebody's got to say there is no revenue to share, and that Uncle Sam is really borrowing this money to give it away to well- off communities like Beverly Hills and Palm Beach."

Pressure on Eckert has been es- pecially heavy from college admin- istrators and students opposing any cuts in student aid—a program that benefits many middle- and upper-income families. When the Administration proposed limiting subsidized loans to families earning \$32,500 or less, a student from the Rochester Institute of Technology called the limit "ridiculously low and quite absurd." A community- college president warned Eckert that the limit would have "drastic conse- quences" on college-bound students.

Far from it, Eckert replied. The Department of Education had esti- mated that thousands of families with incomes exceeding \$100,000 benefited from the program. Fed- eral student-aid costs have quadrupled since 1978, and the cumulative default on loans—totaling \$4.2 bil- lion to date—has doubled in three years. When the issue reached the House floor, Eckert supported cuts to refocus aid on the "truly needy," but they were voted down.

Eckert has heard again and

again from special-interest consti- tuencies, asking him to spare their favored federal programs. Each time, Eckert has said no:

To the vice president of a major Rochester company who urged that no cuts be made in the Job Corps, Eckert pointed out that each job- training slot cost \$15,200 a year, or three times the annual cost of send- ing a student to an average four- year public university.

To a school-lunch-program man- ager from Batavia, N.Y., who wrote that proposed cutbacks would be "devastating," Eckert replied that \$650 million a year in meal subsi- dies "serves children of parents who are not in the needy-income level." The cutbacks Eckert fa- vored touched no poor or lower- income students.

Eckert has disappointed local businessmen who urged him to back continued funding of the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Export-Import Bank loan programs. Eckert favored an amendment that would have elimi- nated both programs, thereby cut- ting the deficit by \$9 billion over three years. But it was rejected by House members responding to grass-roots pressure.

"I cannot justify creating gov- ernment-subsidized loans for people to go into businesses in competition with others who do not have the government's support to fall back on," he says of SBA. As for the Export-Import Bank, he told a group of businessmen in Rochester

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that he considered Ex-Im's subsidized loans nothing more than "corporate welfare," which has largely benefited a handful of Fortune 500 corporations.

In the last eight years, the Urban Development Action Grant program has showered nearly \$40 million in grants on Rochester. But Eckert says this \$440-million-a-year program, which nationwide has helped to build 254 hotels and motels, 103 restaurants and 223 shopping centers, is indefensible. "It's another example of federal welfare designed to benefit corporate giants at the expense of the forgotten taxpayer."

A long-established tradition says that freshman Congressmen are supposed to be seen, not heard, to "go along to get along." Yet in October 1985, Eckert begged his colleagues in the House to come to grips with the runaway deficit. They were silent as Eckert wound up his impassioned plea: "The spending goes on and on. And so does the deficit. We wait in vain for

effective action from Congress."

Meanwhile, Eckert is not relying on his Congressional colleagues. Convinced that President Reagan has wielded his veto pen far too rarely—only 39 times in his first term—Eckert sent the Chief Executive copies of Grover Cleveland's collected veto messages. The 19th-century President, the all-time veto champ, rejected 414 bills in his first term in office. Noting that throughout history Presidents have been able to make their vetoes stick 96 percent of the time, Eckert urged Reagan to "shift to an aggressive strategy of confronting Congress with the power of your veto. The veto is a powerful political weapon, but only if Congress knows a President will use it."

"If we ever hope to regain control over government spending," Eckert adds, "it's time for all of us in Congress to begin saying no for a change."

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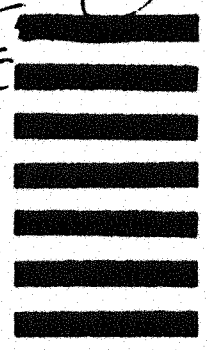
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