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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 10, 1986

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hale:

Thank you for your letter of January 29 to the President and Mrs. Reagan. We appreciate your support for the President's efforts to bring Federal spending under control. The President shares your concern about the welfare system. In the State of the Union Address delivered by the President on February 4, he had this to say about the need to reform the welfare system:

....In the welfare culture, the breakdown of the family, the most basic support system, has reached crisis proportions -- in female and child poverty, child abandonment, horrible crimes and deteriorating schools. After hundreds of billions of dollars in poverty programs, the plight of the poor grows more painful. But the waste in dollars and cents pales before the most tragic loss -- the sinful waste of human spirit and potential.

We can ignore this terrible truth no longer. As Franklin Roosevelt warned 51 years ago, standing before this chamber, he said, "Welfare is a narcotic, a subtle destroyer of the human spirit." And we must now escape the spider's web of dependency. Tonight I am charging the White House Domestic Council to present me by December 1, 1986, an evaluation of programs and a strategy for immediate action to meet the financial, educational, social, and safety concerns of poor families. I am talking about real and lasting emancipation, because the success of welfare should be judged by how many of its recipients become independent of welfare....

You noted in your letter that you hoped the President would run again. Under the Twenty-Second Amendment to the Constitution, no person may be elected to the office of President more than twice. This will, therefore, be President Reagan's last term.

Thank you again for your supportive comments. We appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John G. Roberts".

John G. Roberts
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. and Mrs. George Hale
235 Bassett Drive
Springfield, Ohio 45506

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John [unclear]

**WHITE HOUSE
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Subject: Praises POTUS and hopes POTUS
run again

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January 29, 1986

Mr. President & Nancy

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~~Field~~ This is the 2nd time
I have written, since you have
been our President. I think

you have done a tremendous
job. I am not much of a
letter writer as you can see.

I just want you to know
that you, should hang in there
on your Budget. Some of the
Congress just wants to
spend & spend, and Tax and
Tax. Some of the welfare people
are the 3rd and 4th generation
on food stamps & welfare. They
think that it is owed to
them. And they get mad
when you talk about cutting
back. A lot of them won't
over

work, when you offer them a
job. I believe we have to
have welfare, for those that
can't work I just want
you to know that you have
my wife & I's backing 100%.

If you are ever in Springfield
Ohio, we would be proud
to have you as our guest. I
hope you can read this, or
one of your staff. And thanks
again for a good job.

Sincerely
George & Jewell Hele
235 Bassett Ln
Springfield, Ohio
45506

O.S.

~~We hope you run again
for President. We are so sorry
for the tragedy in our space program,
and for the families of the Astronauts,
and School Teacher.~~