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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mrs. Douglass:

What a thoughtful note.

I've recalled our pleasant conversation many times since the Berendzen's party and hope that sometime soon we'll meet again.

We're all relieved that everyone is doing fine since that terrible day of the shooting.

Many thanks for your kind thoughts.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mrs. Frederick Douglass, III
5919 Massachusetts Avenue
Bethesda, Maryland 20016

5-18-81

Dear Mike Deemer,

After that delightful, relaxed
"floor-side chat" we had at the
Berendzen's, I had the opportunity
to make a nostalgic trip visiting
my roots at Tuskegee Institute. I
possibly remember V.P. Bush
graciously accepted the invitation to
be guest speaker in lieu of Exgo. Reagan's
understandable inability to honor his
commitment. The occasion commemorated
my grandfather, Booker T. Washington &
the centennial of his college. Contrary
to the reports of the media most of
us present felt the V.P. was
warmly welcomed.

The primary motivation for
this note, I suppose, is to
express the tremendous relief.

John Licker & I both felt when we
learned you were unharmed - what
an "evil" day! We uttered a sincere
& thankful prayer for your
well being!!!

Give my regards to your
"pretty wife." (Christ April Dossier
quote re: Berendzen's Geo. W. party)

(over)

Hopefully our paths
might meet again - soon !!
we know - who knows !!
Sincerely,
Jeff Washington - Dwyer

MKD

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Ellen:

Thanks for your good note and your letter of support.

I've passed your comments on to both Ted Bell, Secretary of Education, and to Dr. Martin Anderson in case they might be interested in pursuing your offer of help.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mrs. Ellen Chickie Lippman
Schoolfinders
309 Santa Monica Blvd.
Suite 207
Santa Monica, CA 90401

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Ms. Crocker:

I have received your letter of April 23, 1981, questioning the Board's actions concerning Texas International and Continental Air Lines. I hope that the detailed explanation provided in this letter will help you understand the Board's decisions.

There is a good deal of confusion about the Board's approval of the Texas International voting trust on March 2, 1981. The Board has not approved the takeover of Continental Air Lines. To fully understand the Board's action, it is important to distinguish between the two requests of Texas International that were before the Board: one was a petition to approve a voting trust as part of its tender offer, which is governed by the Securities and Exchange Commission; the second was an application to acquire control of Continental.

The Board approved the voting trust on March 2, 1981. Under the terms of this trust, Texas International cannot control any business decisions of Continental. The only voting right Texas International requested was the right to vote in a shareholder meeting against the proposed merger of Continental and Western. Unlike earlier merger cases before the Board in which competing offers for an airline were considered together, a new statute requiring that the Board act within six months meant that the Texas International application could not be heard in time to give Continental shareholders a right to choose between the companies. If Texas International had merely announced its intent to buy stock without a tender offer, it would violate the securities laws. If we had not given Texas International this very limited right to attempt to block the Continental-Western merger, shareholders of Continental would not have had the opportunity to accept Texas International's competing proposal, as would be their right in the absence of government regulation. While you have urged that the Board should block the takeover, we acted upon the statutory mandate that the Board should not interfere with the decision of shareholders unless the voting trust device would in itself be anticompetitive or against the public interest. The Board's decision was subsequently affirmed by the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia.

The Board subsequently decided to deny a request for a 10-day stay because, once again, we saw no statutory basis to block actions that are entirely legal under the securities laws. The Board's sole involvement in a tender offer was to review and regulate the voting trust, which it had done. The terms of the tender offer -- including the timing of the sale -- are not within the Board's jurisdiction. In unregulated industries, a tender offer that conforms with the requirements of the securities laws cannot be blocked regardless of the attractiveness of some competing proposal. As we move toward total deregulation under a statute that demands that the Board allow the marketplace to function, the Board could not lawfully choose one competing interest over another. Instead, that decision was left to the shareholders of Continental who actually made their individual decisions about Continental's future in electing whether or not to tender their shares.

The Board has not, as yet, acted in any way to permit Texas International to take over Continental. The Board set Texas International's application to acquire Continental for an oral evidentiary hearing which is currently being considered before an administrative law judge.

Although concern has been expressed that Texas International's ultimate intention is to sell off Continental's aircraft and discharge its employees, the basis for this claim is unclear. In any event, all interested persons, which include representatives of many labor unions, will have an opportunity to prove that Texas International plans the dissolution of Continental if that is in fact its plan. The Board will then evaluate all the evidence from the hearing -- if there is any on this issue -- in deciding whether a Texas International takeover will be anticompetitive or against the public interest standard of section 408. At this time, the Board has not even considered the question of whether the dissolution of Continental would eliminate competition or otherwise be contrary to the public interest.

In deciding whether to approve the acquisition the Board will apply the same competitive and public interest standards as it does to all mergers, including the recently approved Continental-Western merger and the previous merger attempt.

Under the law, the Board must approve a merger or acquisition unless it determines based on convincing evidence that the transaction would be anticompetitive or against the public interest; the Board is therefore not authorized to select the merger proposal that it prefers. Under the Federal Aviation Act, we must act within 6 months on all mergers and acquisitions. Consequently, a decision based on all the evidence concerning the Texas International takeover will be due no later than August.

Your concerns about the Board's unfairness to Continental are misplaced. The Board has exercised its authority in controlling the terms of the voting trust to insure that there would be no adverse anticompetitive effects to Continental during the time in which we considered Texas International's application to actually acquire control of Continental. If the Board disapproves Texas International's acquisition of Continental, then the Continental stock in the voting trust will be divested with no harm to Continental. These voting trust procedures are like those used by the courts when dealing with unregulated industries.

If the Board decides that the Texas International application should be approved, then it is the shareholders of Continental who have tendered their shares to Texas International that have actually made the choice about Continental's corporate future.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Mary Ann Crocker
649 Douglas Drive
Denver, CO 80221

MKD

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Brad:

Thanks for your note.

I'm sending you a jelly bean jar from the White House. However, you'll have to fill it. Perhaps you could take it to All Saints and share it with your Sunday School class.

My best to all.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Brad Robinson
2766 Land Park Drive
Sacramento, CA 95818

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mr. Pegg:

Thank you for the booklet A Humanist View -
What For Man? I am looking forward to the
time when I will be able to read it.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. William J. Pegg
The Georgetown Mews
1111 30th Street, N.W., Suite 108
Washington, D.C. 20007

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Countess Romanones:

Since you also wrote Mr. Richard Allen regarding Mr. Fraga, I'll defer to him, as all appointments for foreign visitors must have his recommendation.

I'm sure you'll be hearing from him soon.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Countess of Romanones
1518 Watergate South
700 New Hampshire Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

BCC Richard Allen

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mr. Goodman:

Thank you for your letters sent to the President, Mr. Meese and me in which you urge reducing the maximum tax rate on investment income to encourage business capital formation.

The Reagan Administration is deeply committed to stimulating investment and capital formation, and has proposed reduction of the 70 percent maximum marginal tax rate to 50 percent over a three year period. As a result of this change, the maximum rate of tax on long-term capital gains will be reduced from 28 percent to 20 percent. Additional changes in the tax laws regarding investment income are under consideration for inclusion in a second tax bill.

We appreciate your support of our goals.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Gerald Goodman
Tax Investment Counselor
Gerald Goodman and Associates
6303 Indian School N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mrs. Himes:

Thank you so much for your kind note.

I have autographed the article contained
in the New York Times Magazine as you re-
quested.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mrs. Sandra Himes
Box 16
Nu Mine, PA 16244

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mrs. Auer:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter concerning the criminal misuse of firearms.

There are over 60 firearms bills now pending in the Congress, and their provisions range from repeal of existing laws to firearms registration. This Administration supports stronger penalties for the criminal misuse of firearms and is presently reviewing these bills in that context. Your views, as well as those of other interested citizens, will contribute to this process.

We appreciate your interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,


MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mrs. Bernhard M. Auer
Box 1376
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Walsh:

Thank you for your very kind letter and expression of continued support for the President and his programs. We will continue to do our very best in the future to warrant your faith in us.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh
Route 1, Box 38
Centerville, MO 63633

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Pat and Bruce:

Thanks so much from the staff and me
for the beautiful yellow roses. We're
glad you had a nice day and are really
pleased to think we contributed.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jacobson
5113 Jennings Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76118

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Blaney:

This is in response to your April 15, 1981 letter about the Social Security program.

I want to assure you that the Administration recognizes that the necessity of restoring Social Security to financial health and high public confidence is of critical importance. We also share your concern that more must be done to encourage senior citizens to remain in the work force.

The Administration has recently announced that it is submitting to the Congress a package of Social Security reform proposals which are designed to restore the financial integrity of the program, protect the basic benefit structure, and reduce the tax burden of American workers.

The proposals include a provision for phasing out the retirement test for people age 65 and over, thus ending the penalty now in law which discourages senior citizens from remaining in the labor force to supplement their Social Security income. Under the proposal, the amount an individual may earn with no reduction in Social Security benefits would increase from \$6,000.00 in 1982 to \$10,000.00 in 1983, \$15,000.00 in 1984 and \$20,000.00 in 1985. Beginning in 1986, the retirement test would be eliminated entirely for people age 65 and over. No change is proposed in the earnings limitation for individuals who are under age 65.

We cannot, of course, anticipate the outcome of the legislative proposal but we hope that the new provision for phasing out the retirement test will be part of the legislation eventually enacted by the Congress.

We appreciate your writing and sharing your views with us.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blaney, Jr.
130 Barn Run Court
Huntington, NY 11746

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 28, 1981

Dear Mr. Califano:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me an inscribed copy of your book Governing America. I've heard a lot about it and am looking forward to a nice quiet day at home when I can really get into it.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Joseph A. Califano
Califano, Ross & Heineman
1575 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

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TELEPHONE
(214) 742-5461

May 28, 1981

Hon. Michael D. Deaver
Deputy Secretary of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Deaver:

Pat Jacobson was gracious enough to give me a set of cuff links bearing the Presidential Seal. This was very thoughtful of The President and you to remember me in this manner.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,


M. J. Mitchell

MJM:B

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 29, 1981

Dear Hal and Martha:

We certainly enjoyed our visit with you and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending Starmaker. I look forward to the time when I can spend a quiet evening with it. It looks very interesting.

Thanks again. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Wallis
515 S. Mapleton Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90024

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 29, 1981

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hyder:

The White House Christmas tree is traditionally placed in the Blue Room. The very largest tree we can accommodate is 20 feet tall with an approximate spread of 12 feet.

For the past 20 years we have received our Christmas tree from the National Christmas Tree Growers Association. Each year they select a national champion grower. The winner locates a tree of the above dimensions and transports it to the White House at no cost. We have a press presentation of the tree with the First Lady accepting. Congressional members from the grower's state are usually in attendance.

I'm sorry we'll be unable to accept your beautiful tree, but thank you for thinking of us.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hyder and family
Indian Rock Tree Farm
3800 North Canyon Road
Camino, CA 95709

cc: Aey Scantor

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 29, 1981

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President
and Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

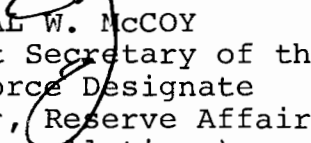
It was very generous of you and your staff to include me as a member of the President's travel party on his trip to my alma mater at West Point. I am very proud to be a member of this Administration and have an opportunity to work for its policies with Secretary Verne Orr. I helped formulate many of these policies as campaign issues while Coordinator of the Reagan Defense Issues Advisory Staff Group in the Congress. I look forward to assuring that the President's policies and programs are implemented.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you gave me in the "finals" of the personnel selection process. I know there are many capable people for all the positions, and recognize the responsibility that I have in having been chosen for this position in the Air Force to be relentless in the pursuit of sound new policies and the implementation of stated policies for the Administration.

It was most heartwarming visiting with the President and Mrs. Reagan on Marine One and to meet you, albeit briefly, during the trip. I hope to see you again, and stand at the ready if I can be of any help in the Air Force or in political matters on Capitol Hill or in the Pentagon.

Best regards,

Respectfully yours,


TIDAL W. McCOY
Assistant Secretary of the
Air Force Designate
(Manpower, Reserve Affairs
and Installations)

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