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August 14, 1981

Dear Mr. Wise:

I have learned of your generous contributions to American medical facilities over the years and I am pleased to have been able to benefit first-hand from one of those contributions. I speak, of course, of the George Washington University Medical Center Emergency Ward. Word recently came to me that you were responsible for the development of this facility some years back.

I share in the appreciation and pride of your friends who have come to know you for your dedication to helping others and I send my best wishes for much success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN *a*

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July 30, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Deaver:

It was a great honor for my wife and me to have the President and Mrs. Reagan as our guests on July 9. We were also very much honored that you were our guest.

I enjoyed talking to you and appreciated your good advice about the length of our dinner.

I know you are covered with work and I dislike asking personal favors. I did talk to you that evening about the Emergency Ward of George Washington Hospital which was used when President Reagan was wounded. It was built about ten years ago by Mr. Watson W. Wise of Tyler, Texas. At the time he was a member of the Board of Trustees of George Washington University which needed an emergency department for the hospital.

Mr. Wise was very modest about the matter and although I had known him for fifty years, I did not know that he had built the department until I received an invitation to attend its dedication.

Mr. Wise's name is chiseled above the doors "Watson W. Wise Emergency Entrance." He has been a very generous man regarding medical contributions to many

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hospitals in Texas and other states in memory of his father who died from an illness which was incurable at the time but is curable today.

Mr. Wise's address is 2001 South Chilton, Tyler, Texas 75701.

If you could have one of your staff write a short letter mentioning the Watson W. Wise Emergency Ward and its value to the President in his time of emergency, I know that it would be greatly appreciated and valued by Mr. Wise. I may also mention that he was and is a very strong supporter of President Reagan.

I have made a few nonpartisan speeches lately in Kentucky and Tennessee and manage to say something in support of the Administration.

It was a great victory yesterday and I went to the Capitol to enjoy it.

I hope that we shall meet again.

Thanking you and with best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John Sherman Cooper
John Sherman Cooper

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*of course, if the President would
sign the letter & name me
for him, it would mean a
great deal* *J*