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WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 81107129

Name of Correspondent: Mrs. John Inman Bell

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: Mrs. Bell suggests that Dr. O'Leary's child receive a Presidential Appointment to West Point, Annapolis or the Air Force.

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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ACTION CODES:

- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comments
- D - Draft Response
- F - Fact Sheet
- I - Info Copy/No Action Necessary
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- S - For Signature
- X - Interim Reply

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- B - Non-Special Referral
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Code	Date	Comment	Form
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SIGNATURE CODES:

CPn - Presidential Correspondence

- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie

CLn - First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 -

CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence

- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- M - Mailgram
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- P - Photo
- R - Report
- S - Sealed
- T - Telegram
- V - Telephone
- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

17 SEP 1981

Mrs. John Inman Bell
2520 Peachtree Road, NW
Apartment 205
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Mrs. Bell:

Thank you for your letter to Mrs. Reagan suggesting that the expected child of Doctor Dennis O'Leary (Dean of Clinical Affairs, George Washington University Hospital, who provided television reports of the President's status following his gunshot wounds) be given an appointment to one of the Service Academies.

The thoughtfulness which prompted your suggestion is appreciated. Citizens across the United States were understandably impressed with the excellent and thorough medical reports delivered by Doctor O'Leary. Considering an October 7, 1975 law which admits women to our Nation's Service Academies, it is possible that Doctor O'Leary's child, whether male or female, could very well one day receive an appointment. In keeping with the criteria for admission, however, it would be inappropriate at this time for the President to direct that an appointment be given to the child of Doctor O'Leary (one of the physicians involved in treating President Reagan).

An explanation about the role of the Service Academies; officials who, by law, can make appointments; criteria for admission; and related data is among the information provided in an enclosed issuance. We are certain this document will further clarify the procedure.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Benjamin Welles
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosures

Brochure The Service Academies

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

JULY 31, 1981

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE *ajh*

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 034769

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 1, 1981

TO: MRS. REAGAN

FROM: MRS. JOHN INMAN BELL
2520 PEACHTREE ROAD, NW
APARTMENT 205
ATLANTA GA 30305

SUBJECT: MRS. BELL SUGGESTS THAT DR. O'LEARY'S CHILD
RECEIVE A PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT TO WEST
POINT, ANNAPOLIS OR THE AIR FORCE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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Mrs. John Inman Bell
2520 Peachtree Road N. W., Apt. 205
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

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Dear Mrs. Bergan,

What a relief it is to know
that The President is recovering,
(and, you too, I hope!!)

During the hectic days while
sitting "glued" to T. V. I was
most impressed by the excellent
medical reports given by
Dr. D'Laey; in whom I had
confidence. He mentioned
several times that they are
expecting a baby before long.
So, may I suggest a wonderful
gift - a Presidential Appointment
to West Point, Annapolis, or
Air Force. What a future it
would mean to a child of
either sex!! Of this idea

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has merit - I would be so
pleased. Many thanks for
considering it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs John D) Nelson R. Bell

May 1st 1981