

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Frey:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 2, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Howard:

I wish to congratulate you on your acceptance of the job as chief of staff to the President.

I had hoped that you would be running for president, and I am disappointed that you are not as I was prepared to give you my support in any way that I could.

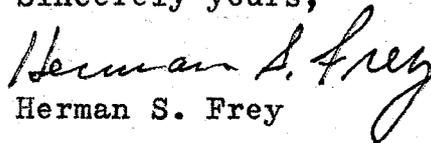
Please do not give up the idea of running. You have a good chance of winning, and we need people of your ability and integrity in that job..

If you should decide later that you are going to run, please let me know what I can do to help you as I would be willing to do what I could.

You can contact me at the address above or at the one below.

Best of luck to you in your new job.

Sincerely yours,


Herman S. Frey

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Personal



March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Clarke:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Mar. 6, '87

Howard Baker, Esq.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Like several million other Americans I'm delighted you have accepted the position at the White House.

But this letter has another object, and that is to urge you to run for President in 1988. I am a Democrat but was always a Republican until Richard Nixon, and would certainly vote again for a Republican president if you were the candidate. It is very important that the American people regain some confidence in its president.

Please give my request

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Hagemann:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Mt. Vernon, Indiana
March 6, 1987

Dear Mr. Baker:

I feel you have made the supreme sacrifice in your career. The republican party should be ashamed they have ignored your abilities. If we had more people in Washington like you things like Iran Gate might never happen. I cannot understand why when we have men like you who can put their concern for the Country above politics can't get elected to positions to make the good decisions. I know you will give the time, the effort and integrity to the job to give some stability to the Country. You have my prayers and hopes for a bright and happy future. If you can run for president in the future you will get my support.

Yours truly,
Marguerite Nagemann.

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Dinsmore:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Senator Howard Baker
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Baker,
We are ~~so~~ so
impressed with
your performance,
and know President
Reagan is in capable
hands!

Very truly yours,
Billie M. Finamore
(Mrs. F. W.)

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Olinger:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mr. George C. Olinger
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White House Chief of Staff
Senator Howard Baker
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Baker:

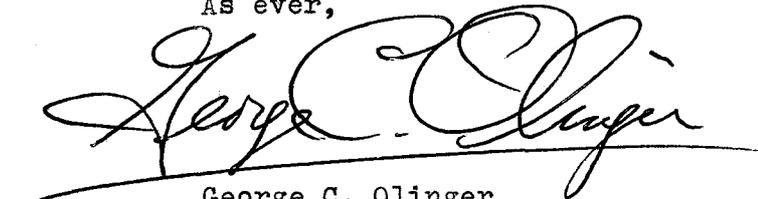
I am writing to congratulate you on your appointment as White House Chief of Staff and to wish you the best of luck in your efforts to restore the Presidency to credibility in the public mind.

I am not a Republican and did not vote for President Reagan in the last election, but, as an American, I cannot derive any pleasure out of what has been happening to him. Hopefully, with your help, the President can restore some of the prestige he has lost and keep the country from being paralyzed by political recrimination and self-destructive searches for scapegoats.

I am very pleased by your appointment. I have admired your integrity ever since the days of the Watergate Scandal, and I feel that you are indeed, as Senator Dole has said, "the right man, in the right place, at the right time." My only regret is that you will not be running for president in 1988. I would much rather vote for you than Gary Hart.

Anyway, I again wish you all the best in your new position, and I shall remain,

As ever,



George C. Olinger
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Weslaco, Texas 78596

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Hart:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Mrs. James S. Hart
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Senator Howard Baker
The White House
Washington DC.

Dear Senator Baker:

Once on a time I'd thought
we'd be writing you at this
address as Mr. President.

Now I write in gratitude
that you may be sacrificing
your own dream to salvage
the presidency.

You are the focus of our
hopes. May you enjoy the
job, + good luck.

Sincerely

Majorie W. Hart

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Werkheiser:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Mrs. Robert L. Werkheiser
P. O. Box 379, Newport, Oregon 97365

3 March 1987

Dear Mr. Baker,

Thank you for "stepping-in" to help our President get this mess cleaned up. You are ~~a true~~ "Southern gentleman" and a loyal Republican statesman-

Enclosed is a clipping from an individual who says what we feel - and believe.

Again - Thank you and may God bless all of you -

Judith Marie Werkheiser

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MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1987

Letters

Get off Reagan's back

To the Editor: Enough is enough. Get off President Reagan's overly burdened back and give him some of the hope he gave us when he took office.

We were down in the doldrums of inflation, heavy taxes and, most of all, a fear of Russia. We could not stand up to it militarily, and it bullied us. Against a Democrat-held Congress, Reagan built our defense. He lowered taxes, fought inflation and, most of all, he gave us a new look at life. During the ensuing years, we have come to be regarded as the most powerful nation on Earth.

Reagan's optimistic spirit was undaunted in the face of odds. When having his lungs probed for a would-be assassin's bullet, instead of complaining, he quipped, "I'd rather be in Philadelphia." Facing surgery for cancer, he grinned and declared, "I'll be fine."

We have leaned on him; we have depended on his good humor. But everyone is human, and everyone is capable of making mistakes.

DORA E. DUNHAM
Lake Oswego

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Hay:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 4, 1987

Mr. Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Baker:

For many years I have watched your career with interest. This interest came about particularly because of my close association with Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee, where I serve on the Board of Trustees.

I am very grateful for your appointment to your present position and for your willingness to assume this enormous responsibility at this critical time. I want to assure you that I am praying that God will give you the wisdom you need in this important role.

Sincerely yours,

Ian M. Hay
General Director

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March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Eldridge:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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February 28, 1987
Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC

Dear Sen. Baker:

When I heard last night that you had been asked to become the Chief of Staff at the White House and had accepted I was overjoyed. Never could the President have picked a more competent, trustworthy person. The American people will not only accept you as the man who will bring us some feelings of security and stability in our Executive Office but also as the man with the ability to get us out and beyond this current situation.

As someone whose roots and heart remain in Tennessee, I was a supporter of yours in the run for the Presidency and I hope that you do not surrender that aspiration. For now, bring us all back together again with the confidence that I know you have and that all Americans hold in you. Best of luck to you in the coming times at the White House.

Your sincere friend,


Gary L. Eldridge
PO Box 34
Oldenburg, IN 47036

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Campagna:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 5, 1987

Mr. Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Baker:

We want to congratulate you on your new appointment as Chief of Staff. We are pleased with President Reagan's selection of you and feel you will contribute greatly to the position. You have such an outstanding reputation with Republicans and Democrats alike, which is so important in a position such as yours.

Again, our best to you and may the Lord guide you in forthrightness and integrity.

Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs. Cary Campagna

Mr. and Mrs. Campagna
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Laguna Niguel, CA 92677

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March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Triplett:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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March 4, 1987

Hon. Howard Baker, Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Congratulations to you and to us. The President needs you,
we need you and you needed a job.

Enclosed is a poem I wrote which expresses three of our
nations great strengths, our optimism, our thankfulness
and our faith in the Creator.

Yours very truly,

Tom
Tom Triplett

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It's Our Time

Our place in time is like a Christmas morning.
Before we waked, our Father built a great Creation.
He decorated it with trees and flowers.

He wrapped his secret presents and placed them
all about us,

So we could feel the thrill of each discovery.

When we came in, the world was well beginning.

The young at heart, who came before, have
unlocked countless treasures.

Some are left, some are lost, and some are cast aside.

Of course, there's been some squabbling, and tools
of war seem ever in demand.

I sometimes wonder why and if we'll ever learn
to use them wisely.

"Mine is black and his is white" and "how about
those brothers Wright?"

"They've already unwrapped the airplane."

Come now ye men who share this time,
Have done with lesser things,
There's more to do than has been done.

The day begins. Here comes the sun.

We are his children ~

Let's open the presents...

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Parry:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 4, 1987

Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington DC 20500

Dear Senator Baker:

Being a native of Chattanooga —
Bill Brock is a family friend —
I just want to congratulate you
on your new position as Chief of
Staff.

Knowing your track record I am
certain that the advice you give
President Reagan will be both
thoughtful, concise and politically
advantageous to Mr. Reagan.

With all good wishes — and know
that we're glad you are now in
The White House in a policy making
capacity.

Sincerely —
Tom Parry

March 16, 1987

Dear Ms. Oblow:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Ms. Susan Oblow
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Brooklyn, NY 11235

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March 3, 1987

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HONORABLE HOWARD H. BAKER
CHIEF OF STAFF
U.S.A.
THE WHITE HOUSE
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
WASHINGTON D.C. U.S.A.

Dearest Senator Baker,

A word to say how very pleased I am about your appointment. No one person in the political sphere has your insight, expertise, dignity and intellect as yourself. I was privileged to interview you many a time as an anchor person on WSTK TV, Knoxville, Tenn. and hostess on the cable T.V. station in Oak Ridge Tenn from 1972 - 1980. Subsequently, I have told the people with whom I interact in N.Y. that in you we have the political hope of the future.

I was delighted to read in an article on you, a reference to your grandmother, the sacrifice of Knoxville. I was fortunate enough to have interviewed her in a series for cable syndication called "Women Alive" and marveled at a person she was.

Again, I am delighted for the country at your appointment, and selfishly for myself.

Most sincerely,
Susan Oblow

former anchor - WSTK-TV,
Knoxville/Oak Ridge
Cable T.V.

7 Dover St
Brooklyn NY 11235

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Graham:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

Mrs. Hugh Graham
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Kings Point
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March 6, 1987

Mr. Howard Baker,

Staff,

Whitehouse

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am delighted you are aboard. I know you'll do your best for our President whom I love very much. I have a feeling you will speak to him directly at all times and will not let others intermeddle you.

I am enclosing a column which seems to make sense to me and I hope the staff won't throw it in the waste-basket but give it to you to read. It sounds like very sensible advice, but you be the judge.

I have a feeling you will endear yourself to more people than you already have, if you steer our President right. I know I'll God-bless you for it. I think his feeling is in wanting to be nice to everyone & he hates to fire people even tho they are useless. Please convince him he must do this if it is necessary.

I'm 72 now and I am hoping I'll still be around when you decide to run for President. You can tuck this one vote into your pocket for sure.

Good luck to you, Senator Baker. You have our prayers & well wishes as does our President.

Sincerely

Ann M. Graham
(Mrs. Hugh Graham)
Kings Point, Cape H-341
Delray Beach, Fla.

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Please read this
Senator Baker. Perhaps
you'll think it sensible
Just as I do.
To Staff - Please do not
throw this away. Give it to him
Ann Graden

LOUIS RUKEYSER

Tribune Media Services



Dear Howard Baker: Fool them all

NEW YORK — An open letter to Howard H. Baker Jr.:

Dear Howard: Congratulations — or condolences, as the case may be.

The Washington wise guys are convinced that your appointment as President Reagan's chief of staff is an appropriate burial place both for you and for the Reagan presidency, but the suspicion in this corner is that if you turn your attention immediately to the U.S. economy, there could be some surprises all around.

Those who assume that you will serve merely as an affable caretaker for a burned-out president may well be underestimating you both. Let's not forget that, in the clearest economic confrontation in decades, Reagan in 1984 carried 49 states against a man who was advocating many of the policies that are now being urged on you by your pals in the capital.

Getting back on the track

If you're going to fool them, and respond to the nation beyond the Beltway, you'll have to move rapidly on an economic agenda that will get the Reagan presidency truly back on the track. A few thoughts for starters:

■ **Taxes:** The issue that distinguished Reagan economically was that taxes be reduced. But, the promise was always greater than the performance. After the massive, and massively helpful, changes of 1981, there has been a succession of tax increases — disguised by assorted euphemisms such as "revenue enhancement," "loophole closing," "tax reform" and "Robert Dole." (You remember him: he's the guy who can't stop grinning every time he's reminded that you're no longer a presidential candidate.)

But the overwhelming fact of the 1980s was that lowering taxes actually did increase investment, promote job creation and launch the country on a disinflationary expansion that is now deep in its fifth year. This confuses academics and politicians who have taught for generations that Washington can spend the people's money better than the people can.

Indeed, they suggest that "sensible" Howard Baker will support tax increases in 1987 — "to reduce the deficit" (something no modern tax increase, in fact, has ever done). Fool them, Howard, and help the rest of us: Instead of "accommodating" the perennial advocates of further government theft from the wage packet, get Ronald Reagan back on the offensive on taxes.

■ **Spending:** Here's the real way to fight that deficit. Urge the president to follow his own instincts by making — for the first time in years — meaningful proposals to reform Social Security, Medicare and welfare; streamline defense, and apply a hatchet to the federal bureaucracy. (Where to start? How about where the president once promised — by eliminating the redundant departments of energy and education?)

Those who pooh-pooh such suggestions as "politically unfeasible" have Washington myopia; it was the advocacy of such significant change that put Reagan in the White House in the first place.

Return to basic Reagan economics

■ **Sense of purpose:** Reflect the president's own unique skill for being genial with adversaries but firm on basic policy. The Reagan second term was adrift long before the president carelessly let underlings embark on a loony policy of using American weapons to bribe the gangsters of Tehran. The administration went astray when "non-ideological" staffers tried to pre-empt Congress in "populist" silliness about the tax code.

The political wreckage of this policy of mindless accommodation is all around us; wouldn't it be ironic if a return to Reagan basics on economics turned out, to the consternation of the Washington establishment, once more to be brilliant politics, too? And, not so incidentally, what a legacy that would be for you.

— With unfashionable hope, Louis Rukeyser.

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Boak:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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Lois and Gordon Boak
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Feb. 28, 1987

Dear Senator,

We were driving back from shopping yesterday afternoon when we heard the announcement that you had been appointed Chief of Staff.

This news brought tears to our eyes - but they were tears of joy!

Our President had called, and you had answered. How can one man serve his country any better?

Best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Lois and Gordon Boak

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Waters:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 5, 1983

Howard Baker (25)
Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator Baker:

Thank you for what you
have done for our President
and our Country. Your
standing by the President at
this moment in history was
heroic. He will always
be most grateful to you.
You will be remembered
in our prayers.

Sincerely,
Paul. Mary Water

Mr. & Mrs. Paul C. Water
4621 Talley Hill Ln.
Shelton, N.E. 19803

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Peter:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff to the President

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March 4, 1987

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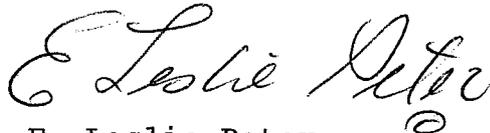
Dear Howard:

Congratulations on your appointment as Chief of Staff of the White House. There is no other person in our country whom I believe brings the talent, knowledge, credibility, and experience to this office as you do.

I continue to stand ready to help you in any way I can.

Please give my love to Joy.

Kindest personal regards,



E. Leslie Peter

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