

March 16, 1987

Dear Ms. Fitzpatrick:

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

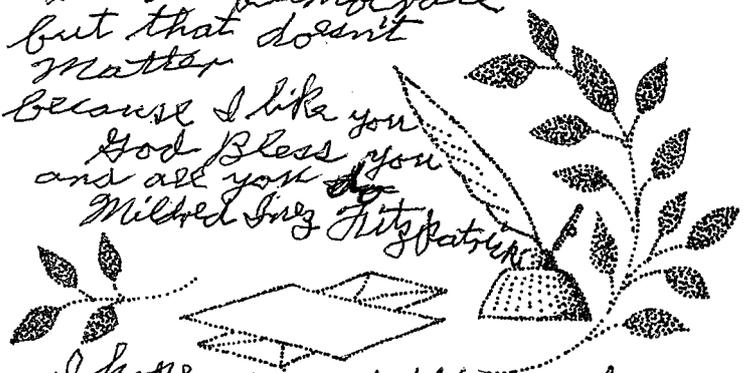
Ms. Mildred I. Fitzpatrick  
601-B Church Street  
Georgetown, TX 78626

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15 Dear  
H.H.B.

Honorable Howard  
Baker I am so glad you  
are up there for I know  
you are good and honest.  
I have always thought a  
lot of you. I am ~~74~~ 74 yr.  
old and my hands shake  
so bad but I just had to  
write and tell you. I am  
glad you are back  
I am a Democate  
but that doesn't  
matter

because I like you  
God Bless you  
and all you  
Mildred Inez Fitzpatrick



I hope you get this card

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Fort:

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. Garth F. Fort  
800 North Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri 63167

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GARTH F. FORT  
800 NORTH LINDBERGH BOULEVARD  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63167

March 4, 1987

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker,

Last Friday was a great day. The day started with a breakfast meeting with our senior senator from Missouri, Senator John Danforth, and wound up with news that you had accepted the position as Chief of Staff. Outstanding news for the country! I join the President and the myriads of others who know that you are the best man for the job.

Born, raised and having lived most of my life in Nashville, Tennessee, I have taken vicarious pride in your leadership since watching the returns back in 1966 when you were elected senator. If memory serves me right, the late returns from Memphis ensured your victory. In years since then, the story has remained constant . . . a man of integrity, the master of compromise, a man with the best interest of the people and the country always in mind, a clear thinker that works for solutions. These are the traits that are needed to meet the challenges that face the President and 100th Congress. We cannot wait two years for solutions to arms negotiation, the budget deficit, and the trade deficit, to name just a few.

I have been living in the "Show Me" state since 1974, but I have not lost the Tennessee "Volunteer Spirit." I am with you 100% pulling for your total success. May God be with you.

Sincerely,

  
Garth F. Fort

GFF/ph

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**James Reston**

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

## Baker Could Glue The Pieces Together

WASHINGTON

In picking Howard Baker of Tennessee to be his White House chief of staff, President Reagan may even have chosen his successor. This may be saying too much, but if members of the Congress had the power to appoint the politician best qualified to be the next president of the United States, they would probably choose the little man from Tennessee.

Much will depend on how Reagan reacts to the fair and judicious but severely critical report of the Tower Commission's findings on his misjudgments of the Iranian arms deal.

He has acted wisely and quickly in replacing Don Regan with Baker as soon as the report was published, and when Reagan addresses the nation we will learn whether he intends to let Baker be Baker or expects him to follow Regan's policy of letting Reagan be Reagan.

If the president really wants to get on to the problems of the future with non-partisan support in his next two years, as he says, Baker can help in what obviously will be a most difficult task.

There has always been something fantastic and exaggerated about the Reagan-Regan White House. For Reagan everything seemed true but the facts, and Regan egged him on. Reagan tried to balance the budget by cutting taxes, and bring peace on Earth by invading the stars.

Baker is above all a practical man, more concerned with the public trust than with public opinion, with building coalitions across party lines than with ideology or even partisan advantage.

No doubt this will trouble the right-wing zealots in his party who concentrate on cutting taxes and bashing communists. Baker will want to know if the policies work.

This will take him right out of the presidential race for the foreseeable future, for he will have to scrap whatever political organization he now has, and concentrate on his White House job.

But if he does that job between now and the political nominating convention, much may change.

Perhaps the most important function of a public servant in a free and democratic society is to preserve its oneness while guiding the battles that divide it.

Baker is qualified to do this, gathering trust because he gives it and working through the tangles of government because he believes in it.

He has been in eclipse since he resigned as Republican leader of the Senate, but he now will be as much in the limelight as he chooses to be.

He has good personal relations with Secretary of State George Shultz, whose job he once coveted; and, with the support of the president and the congressional leaders, he may even be able to put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

He has been summoned in this crisis because he can be a restorer of order and serenity after years of ideological turmoil and faction. If he succeeds in this assignment, or even if he makes a difference that is visible to the people, he could be drafted for higher service as Gen. Eisenhower was in 1952.

After all, the competition is not all that formidable in either party. Reagan will not be in the race, and maybe by then even Iran will be no more than a shameful memory.

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March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Hammer:

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. Leonard M. Hammer  
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Lake Placid, FL 33852

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44 Lake Henry Drive  
Lake Placid, FL 33852  
March 5, 1987

Mr. Howard Baker  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

Please accept this as a letter from a lifelong Democrat who never cast a ballot in favor of a Republican for President of the United States.

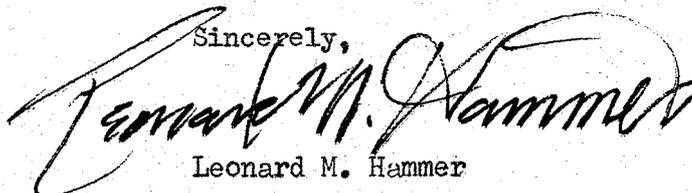
Ever since you resigned from the Senate to (I thought) make a run for the Presidency in 1988, I felt I was finally about to break that string which dates all the way back to FDR's successful try for an unprecedented third term back in 1940.

But now you've deprived me of making the switch and voting for a Republican for President by accepting an appointment as Ronald Reagan's Chief of Staff.

Frankly, I don't understand why that will keep you from running two years hence. Maybe if you get enough letters like this you'll change your mind and run.

I hope so. I feel certain that many others who have observed you and read about you over the years feel as do I -- and would like to cast their ballots for Howard Baker for President in 1988!

Sincerely,



Leonard M. Hammer

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Mixtacki:

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. Steven B. Mixtacki  
18 Oak Glen Court  
Madison, WI 53717

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*Steven B. Mixtacki*

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
18 OAK GLEN COURT  
MADISON, WISCONSIN 53717

March 5, 1987

Mr. Howard Baker  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

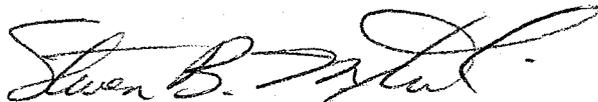
Dear Mr. Baker:

I was extremely pleased when told in the news you had agreed to accept the Chief of Staff position. Long a fan of yours, I believe you are exactly who the country needs to assist in its management at this time. While not a reasonable expectation to expect a 76 year old President to change his management style; it is reasonable to hope that someone with your considerable skills can assist in restoring organization and vibrancy to what has generally been an effective Presidential term.

The reason for this letter goes beyond wanting to see the Iran-arms issue behind us. At age 32, I would like to witness in my lifetime the successful completion of a Presidential term. Too young to recall Eisenhower, I've seen Kennedy assassinated, Johnson brought down by Vietnam, Nixon thrown out by Watergate, Ford unable to get elected, and Carter regarded as ineffective.

The country needs to see a President see a term through to a successful conclusion. As I see it, you have been thrust into a position which will play a large part in whether that success is achieved. May every good fortune favor you as you begin that role in this key position.

Very truly yours,



Steven B. Mixtacki, CPA

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March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Basler:

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. Wayne G. Basler  
AFG Industries, Inc.  
Post Office Box 929  
Kingsport, TN 37662

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WAYNE G. BASLER

PRESIDENT

March 3, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker  
Chief of Staff to the President  
The White House Office  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

When the word was out that some potential presidential candidates would not find it possible to come to President Reagan's assistance, my comment to friends was, "Howard Baker will have his priorities correct." Needless to say, I was very happy to see in the news that you have stepped in where there is an apparent need.

In my opinion, a better man could not be found and you will make a very important contribution to this country. I hope that you will still retain an interest in the presidency in the future.

I had planned to write you to thank you for the signed copy of your book, "Howard Baker's Washington," but instead am writing this letter of congratulations.

I am sure you will make a big difference in the next two years and wish you the best in your efforts.

Sincerely,

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**AFG Industries Inc.**

CORPORATE OFFICE - P.O. BOX 929, KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE 37662, (615) 229-7200

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wiseman:

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. and Mrs. Hatley Wiseman  
4644 East Highway 34  
Sharpsburg, GA 30277

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Dear Mr + Mrs Howard Baker,  
We are thankful  
for your accepting  
this new post.

All our family felt  
like taking a "deep  
breath".

May God bless you and  
your lovely wife and  
family, and allow God  
to use your God given  
ability to help our  
Country.

Mar 1, 1988

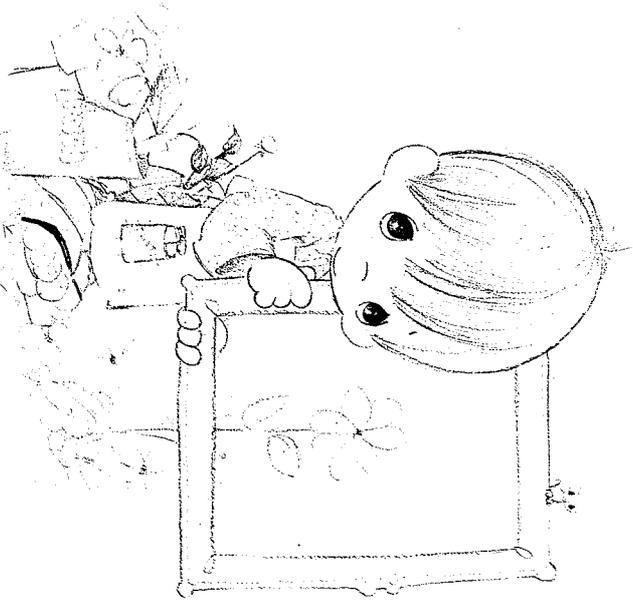
great things He hath done

We were just waiting to vote  
for you in 1988, but who  
knows what 1988 holds.  
Our Best, Hatley & Paul Weeman

Oh, sing unto the LORD a new song; for He hath done marvelous things. Ps. 98:1

СИНІЙ  
МОНІТОР  
СІМБІОЗ

To God be the glory



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March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Kinne:

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. Robert E. Kinne  
Associates Corporation of  
North America  
Post Office Box 660237  
Dallas, Texas 75266-0237

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**BOB KINNE**  
AVIATION MANAGER

ASSOCIATES CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA  
(A TEXAS CORPORATION)  
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A GULF+WESTERN COMPANY

March 2, 1987

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator Baker:

I offer my sincere congratulations for your selection and acceptance as Chief of Staff for President Reagan.

I have always been a great admirer of yours. It was a great thrill for me back in 1977 to have spent a couple of days with you and Mrs. Baker (attached letter 11-29-77). My, how time flies when you're having fun!

Your acceptance of the challenge during this critical period is an unparalleled display of patriotic courage and devotion to our great nation. Those involved with you in this decision were certainly inspired. You have my full support, prayers and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Kinne

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Attachment



*From The Desk Of  
Bob Kinne  
World's Finest  
Fighter Pilot (Retired)*



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

HOWARD H. BAKER, JR.  
TENNESSEE

November 29, 1977

Dear Bob:

I appreciate the many courtesies extended to me recently during my trip to Pascagoula, Mississippi.

The first time you are in Washington, I trust you will have an opportunity to drop by the office for a visit. Please give Ron McMahan a call at 224-4944, and he will be more than happy to arrange a mutually-convenient time.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard H. Baker".

Mr. Bob Kinne  
Aviation Department  
The Brandon Company  
Post Office Box 2766  
Laurel, Mississippi 39440

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Panciera:

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. Ray Panciera  
89 Grant Avenue  
Stafford Springs, CT 06076

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Mrs. Ray Panciera  
89 Grant Avenue  
Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076

March 6, 1987

Dear Mr. Baker,

I have admired you and your service to our govt for several years. You would have had my support for President

How happy I am in our President's choice of you as Chief of Staff. You've calmly stepped in and are restoring harmonious relationships.

Your answer to the press the other day as to what you were going to say to Nancy Reagan was beautiful: "I'm meeting with her and will listen to what

Mrs. Ray Panciera  
89 Grant Avenue  
Stafford Springs, Connecticut 06076

she has to say." You are a  
diplomat.  
Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,  
Pat Panciera

March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Butterworth:

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. Frederick H. Butterworth  
67 Davenport Terrace  
Taunton, MA 02780

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Frederick H. Butterworth

87 DAVENPORT TERRACE  
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780

Dear Howard

Thank you for taking the stuff for - you can  
do it and help the President with the clothing  
anything I can do please contact me

The next best

Frederick H. Butterworth

87 Davenport Terrace  
Taunton, Mass. 02780



March 16, 1987

Dear Mr. McAllister:

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. John A. McAllister  
1437 Coble Avenue  
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

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JOHN A. McALLISTER  
1437 COBLE AVE.  
HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CA 91745

February 2, 1987

HOWARD H. BAKER JR.  
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Senator Baker:

This Nation has been blessed with great men who created, preserved and perpetuated the concepts and institutions which have made it so strong and yet so fragile.

You have been called on to salvage the institution of the Presidency which has been severely damaged during recent times. I know that you are capable of that awesome task; I, and millions of other Americans wish you well, and extend our support to sustain you in the trying times ahead.

You will, I have no doubt, succeed in accomplishing the vital goals of the challenge which you have so nobly accepted.

My highest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
John A. McAllister

March 16, 1987

Dear Ms. Harris:

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. Karen Harris  
Rural Delivery 2, Box 457D  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

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Allen Harris —  
P.O. # 2 Box 457-D  
Belle Vernon, Pa. 15012  
March, 4, 1987

Dear Mr. Baker,

I feel the need to write to tell you how pleased I am, as one of many Americans, that you have become our President's Chief of Staff. I feel much confidence in your abilities to help our nation recover this latest situation.

I have greatly admired your integrity and sincerity since watching you during the Watergate Hearings. I have also been looking forward to voting for you as President. I hope to have the opportunity to work for your benefit in that regard when the time comes.

As you now, what you have chosen to do is more important. Besides, I think history has shown the likelihood of a Republican being elected in 1988 is somewhat remote.

Therefore, it is better to wait for  
our citizens to appreciate your  
abilities in the future. I am  
looking forward to that time.

With sincerest respect.

Yours truly,

Taren Harris

March 16, 1987

Dear Ms. Bennett:

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. Nann Bennett  
7710 East Palm Lane  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257

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Dear Howard Baker -

As a mature, sensitive, intelligent woman who has lived in Scottsdale, Az. for the last ten years I've watched, as closely as possible, what's been going on for the last six years even tho' the information we've gotten has been all-but-nonexistent. So — I've really been fearful, frustrated, puzzled and betrayed, to say the least. Hearing and now knowing that you've taken on the "job" of Chief of staff has been as exciting — even thrilling. My admiration for you as a practical, non-confrontational humanistic man is of long standing.

Do the best you can and don't let all those crazies around there seduce you. Good luck!

Very sincerely,

Nann Bennett  
Republican Precinct Captain  
Committeeperson and  
Artist.

March 16, 1987

Dear Mrs. Testa:

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. Alice Croner Testa  
Apartment 412  
959 North Palm Avenue  
West Hollywood, CA 90069

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~~1115~~ You were the  
appropriate speaker

at Westmont -

at my Granddaughter's

Graduation - Phi

Beta Kappa & Sigma

Gamma Lambda - we

are very proud of

her & her class also

graduated Westmont's

I want to wish

you good health -

Sincerely -

Alci Conner Tota

Mr. Howard Baker -  
Chief of Staff:

White House

Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

I want to thank

you for accepting

the chief of staff

position & picking

up the reins

& help make

those who want

a round of flesh.

I have admired

you for some time -

March 16, 1987

Dear Ms. Flagg:

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. Christina D. Flagg  
4108 Northwest 33rd Place  
Gainesville, FL 32606

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CHRISTINA D. FLAGG  
4108 N.W. 33RD PL.  
GAINESVILLE, FL. 32606

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Dear Senator Baker,

Congratulations on your  
appointment to the White House  
Staff. We are all so pleased  
that you will be in the White  
House and protecting our  
Country in this way. It must  
be a great sacrifice for you,  
but it will be one that is  
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
a voter

Christina Flagg