

March 17, 1987

Dear Senator Menendez-Monroig:

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

The Honorable Jose M. Menendez-Monroig
Senator of the Commonwealth
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March 5, 1987

Senator Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Chief of Staff
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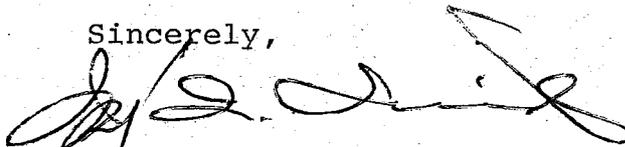
Dear Howard:

I feel extremely happy with your well deserved appointment by President Reagan to be his Chief of Staff, thus, I congratulate you knowing how well you are fitted for the important task that he has put on your shoulders.

As an admirer of President Reagan for the conscientious and dedicated work he has done during his presidency, I have been quite concerned of how the opposition especially the media, has tried to belittle his actions as President of our Nation. I heard him in his last television address and he came out with flying colors. Please convey my congratulations to him.

As ever, your friend,

Sincerely,



Sen. José (Pepe) Menéndez-Monroig

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March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Stearns:

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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To the Honorable Howard Baker
White House Chief of Staff,

2 March 1987

Congratulations on your new appointment! I speak for all of the Central Committee of the Republican Party of Thurston County who can now breathe a collective sigh of relief upon your assumption of the office of Chief of Staff for the President.

We have been very upset here in Thurston County upon the loss of our Senator Slade Gorton last November. A number of incidents leading up to the President's campaign visit to Spokane (WA) left no doubt that Don Regan had improperly briefed the President on the issue of the site selection process for the Nation's nuclear waste depository. That issue more than any other broke the back of Slade's campaign.

In December, we found out that agreements were tendered through Don Regan not to review the site selection process on behalf of yet another unsuccessful Senatorial candidate directly east of your home state. This is certainly not the impartial conduct we expect from our President's Chief of Staff! Once the electorate here realized that Gorton had absolutely no ear of the President's concerning an issue that is of vital importance to this state, he was finished, kaput!

It is with great sorrow that I bring forth this news. I first became involved with the Republican Party here in Thurston County five years ago when you visited with Slade Gorton. The speech you delivered the following day at The Evergreen State College about the Constitution inspired me. Your answers to my questions and the devotion to statesmanship it evoked catalyzed my interest in the Party. I am certain that you will hold high those ideals in the service of your country and the President.

I have since been elected Precinct Committeeman of the Sunset Beach Precinct in Thurston County. I have participated in the County's Central Committee Meetings and worked on the Lincoln Day Dinner. Frankly speaking, Howard, we need your help!

I urge you to try to give greater accessibility to the lower rank and file Precinct Committepeople and party workers wherever possible. Please speak out publicly to bolster our efforts and revitalize the grassroots of our Party.

Without locally elected leaders, there is no foundation to our Party. And regardless of who's campaign provides our Party with leadership, it is imperative that our first National agenda item should be to build the Party from the base up. This is the only way to provide our Party with its future leaders and continued vitality.

A true statesman can see the long-term value of this approach to the National Party. I am sure you are the best man to carry out this difficult task over the next two years.

I was made proud again to be a member of this Party when I witnessed your self-sacrifice for the sake of the President and the Party. As an American, I was proud to witness your commitment to the people of this country and their desire to uphold the ideals formulated in our structure of government. As both an American and a Republican, I welcome you as a man of honor before privilege - replacing men who have placed privilege before honor in service of our country and our President.

We couldn't ask for a better informed and equipped public servant to carry out the great tasks before you. May you continue to kindle the flame of statesmanship in the hearts of all Americans as you have for me. The youth of America and our Party are counting on your leadership and political intuition to turn us toward the future. Thank you for your commitment!

Sincerely yours,

Christopher Stearns
Republican Precinct Committeeman,
Sunset Beach Precinct, Thurston County WA
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Olympia WA 98502

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Olsen:

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. Carl V. Olsen
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Dear Mr. Baker:

Am I glad to see you as the Chief of staff,
a no nonsense, down to earth good american
is what we need in such a important office -
In these troubled times, we must have people
such as you, both a diplomat and politician
to steer our country in a manner, which will
give respect & a reason for the world to take
heed, and look up to this great country of ours
again. With 2920 hindsight, wish you have
gotten in the White House Jan 22-1981. well.

Good Luck Sir!

Sincerely

Carl V. Olsen.

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March 17, 1987

Dear Reverend Hyde:

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

The Reverend Richard Hyde
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Mr. Howard Baker
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

I met you at the Dartmouth College Commencement in June of 1984. You delivered a very intelligent and much needed address on the need to reduce the world's stockpile of nuclear weapons.

I have left Dartmouth College and am currently interim pastor of this little church. I understand that you have a new job as well.

Your appointment as White House Chief of Staff is the most encouraging news to come out of Washington in a long time. Hearing at the same time some conciliatory words from First Secretary Gorbachev, I can now permit myself to hope that something may soon be done to reduce the nuclear stockpiles of the world's two superpowers. I am sure that this will be one of your highest priorities as soon as you move into your new office.

Please accept my best wishes and prayers for a very successful and personally satisfying couple of years.

Very truly yours,

(the Rev.) Richard Hyde

PS. I would like you to have a copy of my benediction from Dartmouth's commencement. You told me that you liked it.

Before I say anything, let me ask you just to pay attention to this moment. Take one last look around.

Now be still.

Do not move.

And let the wind speak.

(pause)

That is paradise.

Go forth into the world in peace.

Take a memory of this paradise with you.

Be filled with the courage to love.

Love God.

Love one another.

Love the whole wide world.

Remember that God gave the world to us to take care of and to enjoy, not to plunder and destroy.

Know for certain that the destruction of the earth by nuclear weapons, or any other human means, is not in any way part of God's plan.

God's purpose for us is to dwell on earth in peace.

Therefore do your part however great or small to heal the enmity among people that leads to destruction.

Be a voice crying for respect for the earth and all who dwell upon it;

So that 50 years hence you may return to Dartmouth and sit over there where the class of '34 sits now, and watch another class of '34 graduate, the class of 2034, in confidence that they will one day return and do the same; to be followed by generation upon generation of Dartmouth women and men, for as long as waters flow, and grasses grow, and winds blow.

All of us here, and all the generations to come, are counting on you.

Go in peace.

Shalom.

Amen.

Benediction - Commencement 1984 - delivered by Richard Allen Hyde
Associate Chaplain

March 17, 1987

Dear Ms. Morar:

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. Molita Morar
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CHIEF OF STAFF HOWARD
BAKER:

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE
YOU BACK IN WASHINGTON.
I KNOW YOU WILL DO A
GOOD JOB. WE NEEDED
HONESTY FOR A CHANGE
MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR
WORK EVERY DAY.

RESPECTFULLY
MOLITA MORAN
933 MULLEN - APT. 509
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March 17, 1987

Dear Mrs. Ray:

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

Hon. Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
White House
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Baker:

We are so very proud of you that you would sacrifice any chance of being President to try to salvage our country and our Party.

You remember Steve Gill of Miami, Florida. I will never forget that when he died so suddenly that I called you to see if the people he had shown the N.C. property to had bought it because I was trying to help his daughter raise some money. I was Jim Guilmartin's ParaLegal and I called your office in Washington, but you had left on vacation. That evening you called me even though you were on vacation to tell me Steve had not sold the land. Not many people would take time from their vacation to call.

I am very active in the Republican Party here and am a friend of Jim Kolbe and I know John McCain. I know they were very happy when you took the position of Chief of Staff.

May we all wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Carman Wayne (Ray)

March 17, 1987

Dear Mrs. Bradberry:

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. J. D. Bradberry
428 Cedar Street
Gleason, Tennessee 38229

March 3, 1987

Dear Howard Baker,

Just want you to know how happy I am that you are now Chief of Staff at the White House. This is because I know you and trust you. I really was surprised and delighted, but I still would like to have you our next President.

Sincerely,
Jean Bradberry

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Harrison:

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. Timothy P. Harrison
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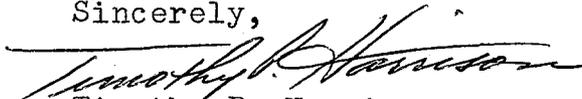
Howard Baker
White House Chief of Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

Congratulations on your appointment as White House Chief of Staff. It is certainly good to see a man with your experience once again in an important governmental post. I'm sure you will do much to help our President out of his present difficulties. Being a Tennessean, I'm pleased as can be to see you once again in the lime-light. I am sorry that you will not be running for President in 1988, but I really feel your chances, and Republican chances in general, will be much better in 1992. I am sure the Democrats will play this Iran-Contra thing to the hilt, much as they did Watergate.

Congratulations once again. As for myself, I am now a first lieutenant in the Air Force. I go for my training next week. I am in the JAG Corps.

Sincerely,


Timothy P. Harrison

March 17, 1987

Dear Dr. Stigall:

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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Hon. Howard Baker
Chief of Staff
National Security Council
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
Dear Senator Baker,

Let me express something of my appreciation of your magnanimity, noble
nobility, in accepting President Reagan's proffer of the office of Chief of Staff.
You strengthen the Administration and, here in California, where I now have
some influence, it re-instates you personally as a primary factor for 1988.

In fact, if you do as well as we expect, this acceptance now puts you in
a commanding situation for the Republican Nomination and election -
which, as you know, is one of my most cherished dreams and for which I
worked and contributed in 1980.

The Dukes of Norfolk, from whom we both descend are renowned as
"first servants of the Crown." I look forward to working in any way
can with you today and in the years to come. Call on me.

Please remember me to Mrs. Baker and to Lindsey. And,
once more, thank you for being there when our country needs you.

Sincerely
John Stiegel

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Scholl:

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. Tom Scholl
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Bridgeview, IL 60455

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

Dear Mr Baker:

I am an American taxpaying citizen who wanted to write and tell you of my extreme pleasure in seeing you accept the post of the President's chief of staff. Although I am not privy to all the swirling turmoil and incessant intrigues of the political jungle, from where I stand your appointment is a sign that President Reagan will receive the counsel and help that he needs at this time in his presidency.

I am a citizen of the State of Illinois. But I have followed your distinguished career as best as I could. I always felt that you were a good man, an honest man who loves his country and would try to do the best. I am a small paving contractor and naturally tend to be conservative minded and very interested in seeing that the government does not make things any tougher on small businessmen than what things already are.

I have tremendous faith in President Reagan and do not believe the trash that is emitted from the news media that he "has not had the physical stamina, the emotional intensity or the mental acuity to be President." I do feel he needs a fresh perspective around him and I cannot tell you how your presence in the White House makes me think you will be the catalyst that will help the President "bring out the best stuff for the last act."

I know that soon the wolves will be tearing at your back, criticizing your every move and action. But I trust you will handle yourself with dignity, courage and honor. I just wanted to write to you to tell you that no matter what happens, here is one American who stands behind you and President Reagan 150%. Remember there still exists that silent majority of Americans like myself who are so consumed with toiling for our livelihood that we do not have the time or the opportunity to communicate our gut feelings to those whom we have elected to serve us. For every loud mouthed ultra-liberal who tries to jab another knife into the President's back, I would dare say that there are one hundred silent American taxpayers who are saying "God bless President Reagan and give him the strength and courage to hold the course."

Now that you are "on the team" Mr. Baker I believe that only good things will come of your new position of influence. Thank you for taking the position. I have read that you thought of

running for President yourself. This means that you have sacrificed your own political ambitions for helping our President in the present crisis. I respect you for that decision and I feel the American people respect you also.

My best wishes for you and your family as you move back to Washington.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Scholl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Tom Scholl
PO Box 1376
Bridgeview, IL 60455

March 17, 1987

Dear Ms. Falls:

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. Helen E. Falls
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1900 Lauderdale Drive
Richmond, VA 23233

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Helen E. Falls
1900 Lauderdale Drive, C-320
Richmond, Virginia 23233

March 7, 1987

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

Dear Mr. Baker:

There would be no reason for you to remember me but I have followed your career with a great deal of interest since we met briefly in the spring of 1976. You were receiving an honorary degree from the University of Richmond and I was one of two women also receiving honorary degrees at the same Commencement. You were the speaker for the afternoon service and I had delivered the Baccalaureate address in the morning - a first for a woman in the then 146th year of the University.

This is just a note of congratulations to you for the good judgement President Reagan used in selecting you as the Chief of Staff. I am sure you need sympathy as well as congratulations and I promise both. In addition, I shall ask the Heavenly Father to guide you as you lead in such an important position.

Sincerely yours,

Helen E. Falls
Helen E. Falls

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

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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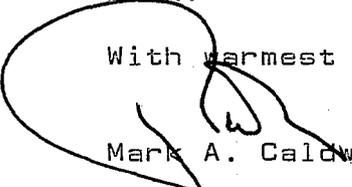
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MARK A. CALDWELL

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Dear Mr. Baker:

Congratulations! If any individual can restore the integrity of the President's staff and the confidence of the American people in the same, the President has selected the correct person to handle such an endeavor. I have just returned from the Republican National Committee's quarterly meeting and the President's Inaugural Ball. It gives me great comfort as a Republican Eagle to hear of your appointment. If there is anything or any small contribution of time I can make to help you from this end in your uphill battle to regain the confidence of the "other side" please let me know. There are a few of us who view our President, Mr. North and Mr. Poindexter as world class patriots! Welcome back!

With warmest regards,



Mark A. Caldwell

P.S. Do I have to cancel my order for BAKER IN '88 bumper stickers?

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

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March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Masini-Soler:

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

The Honorable Juan M. Masini-Soler
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March 5, 1987

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

Dear Senator Baker:

Just a short note to add my humble congratulations upon your return to public service as our "First" Chief of Staff.

Perhaps you do not remember me, but I served in your 1980 presidential primary campaign as Toñito Monroig's deputy for Southern Puerto Rico, and then met again briefly during the 1982 World's Fair in your lovely Tennessee (where my sister has been a resident - Knoxville - for a long time).

I sincerely wish you all the success that you so justly deserve and personally, once more, place myself at your service. Thank you!

Yours truly,

JUAN M. MASINI-SOLER
G.O.P. Delegate, 1980

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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. Clarence E. Johnson
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March 3, 1987

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

Dear Senator:

Much has happened since February 5 and the little dinner meeting a group of us had with you in Des Moines, Iowa.

While I have some disappointment that you have closed the door on running I must tell you that I have great pride in your decision to accept the challenge of serving as Chief of Staff. I believe your decision is good for the President, for the institution of the Presidency, for our party and for our nation--and I hope and expect that in the long view of history it will prove to be good for Howard Baker.

I salute you as a patriot and am proud to continue to be your strong supporter.

Sincerely,


Clarence E. Johnson

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Gragg:

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 Beattie Gragg
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John B. Gragg
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March 5, 1987

Hon. Howard Baker
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Howard,

I heard, with great interest, of your appointment as Chief of Staff. The selection could not be bestowed on anyone more deserving. The integrity, honesty and dignity with which you have pursued your political career, is a reflection on your heritage and an honor to your parents.

Perhaps I should refresh your memory so you will have a better understanding of the reason for this letter. My father, William B. Gragg, of Somerset, Kentucky, was your father's cousin (his mother being Mattie [Curd] Gragg). Dad followed so closely your father's career, and all my family has been as interested in your successful pursuit of fairness and your wish for a united America.

I am dictating this letter, as I suffered a stroke nearly four (4) years ago, which has left me mostly immobile physically, but I felt compelled to relay to you my family's heartfelt congratulations as you and your family accept the challenge given you, at this very momentous hour in our country's history.

Sincerely,

JBG
John Beattie Gragg

JBG/apg

March 17, 1987

Dear Reverend Wallace:

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

The Reverend Lee Wallace
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REVEREND LEE WALLACE
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March 4, 1987

The Honorable Howard Baker
Chief of Staff to the President of the United States
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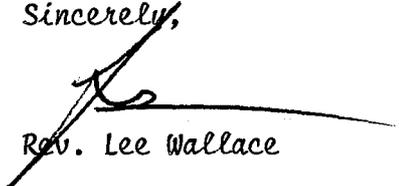
Dear Mr. Baker:

As a native Tennessean, and as a former worker in your Senatorial campaigns, and as a member of Robin Beard's Congressional campaign staff, I am elated to see you as Chief of Staff to President Reagan!

Years ago, when I was in high school, I was a member of your "Youth in Government" program, and since that time I have been an ardent observer of your political career. Now the Lord has called me to pastor in Ansonia, Ohio, and the intent of my letter is to let you know that my congregation and I will be lifting you in prayer and asking that God will guide you and direct you during this critical time, and in this important position. God has placed you there to help lead our nation through this troubled time, and I want you to know that you will constantly be in my prayers.

May God's Grace and Peace be upon you and your staff.

Sincerely,



Rev. Lee Wallace

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