

September 8, 1987

Dear James:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking Joy and me to attend the Virginia Cavaliers versus the South Carolina Gamecocks football game on October 17.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced us to decline. Please know, however, that you have our best wishes for an exciting contest.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. James B. Holderman  
President  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208

HHB/WJB/LRC/jz (9HHB)  
HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Gieselman:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking Mrs. Baker and me to be your honored guests at the Culpepper County Republican Committee barbecue on September 11.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced us to decline. Please know, however, that you have our best wishes for a most successful event.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Kenneth E. Gieselman  
Chairman  
Culpeper County Republican  
Committee  
1310 Mt. Run Lake Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701

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HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Parran:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you expressed your opposition to the provision in the Senate-passed trade bill requiring advance notice to employees of plant closings and layoffs of 50 or more employees during any 90-day period.

The Administration will insist on removal of the Senate provision during the House-Senate conference on the trade bill. Contrary to the objectives of trade legislation, mandatory advance notice would make America less competitive, not more.

In his most recent letter to the Senate on this legislation, the Secretary of Labor stated that inclusion of any mandatory plant closing provisions would make it impossible for the President's senior advisors to recommend approval of a trade bill.

Thank you for sharing your views.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Richard B. Parran  
Vice President  
Human Resources  
PPG Industries, Inc.  
1 PPG Place  
Pittsburgh, PA 15272

HHB/OMB/LRC/MAD (Policy Development)/jz 9HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Chas:

Thank you for your kind words.

I appreciate your willingness to serve on the United States Court of Claims or the U.S. Tax Court. I will share your credentials with A. B. Culvahouse, in the event a vacancy should occur in the near future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Charles S. Carrere  
Pinellas County Judge  
Room 254  
150 Fifth Street, North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Webb:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. C. W. Webb  
110-A Anderson Drive  
Elgin, TX 78621-2009

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOD

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Triche:

Thank you for your message expressing support for the President's nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork to the position of Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Reagan believes Judge Bork to be a man of the highest integrity and qualification as well as an eloquent and powerful advocate of judicial restraint, a philosophy whose guiding principle is that it is the legislature's role to enact laws and the court's role to interpret them.

In making the nomination, the President stated:

Judge Bork is recognized as a premier Constitutional authority. His outstanding intellect and unrivaled scholarly credentials are reflected in his thoughtful examination of the broad, fundamental, legal issues of our times. . . . We're fortunate to be able to draw upon such an impressive legal mind; an experienced judge and a man who already has devoted so much of his life to public service. He'll bring credit to the Court and his colleagues, as well as to his country and the Constitution.

The American Bar Association gave Judge Bork its highest rating -- "exceptionally well qualified" -- when he was confirmed by the Senate as an Appellate Judge in 1982. President Reagan is confident that the current Senate confirmation process will be equally successful and he looks forward to Judge Bork beginning a long and distinguished career as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Navor N. Triche, Jr.  
230 Government Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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HBB-16  
cc: ~~Torraine Camarano~~ - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Taggart:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. E. A. Taggart  
Apartment 28  
8800 Green Valley Road  
Sebastopol, CA 95472

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HHB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Tourtillot:

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

The enclosed photograph comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Daniel M. Tourtillot  
465 Hoe Road  
Clifton Park, NY 12065

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HHB-1A

Enclosure: HHB auto photo

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1937

Dear Mrs. Seltzer:

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. Harry K. Seltzer  
317 Martin Drive  
Aptos, CA 95003

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HHB-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Ms. Street:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Carolyn S. Street  
947 Elm Street  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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HNB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Sills:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Richard R. Sills  
1085 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10128

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HHB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Joseph M. Rogers  
400 Lakewood Road  
Kingston, TN 37763

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HHB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Ms. Rister:

I am pleased to learn of the fine work you are doing. I have always admired the spirit of Americans who give of their time and abilities to make life better for others.

I am sure you will understand, however, that because of the large number of similar worthy endeavors brought to my attention each day, I cannot extend my personal support in the way you suggest.

I appreciate your efforts to reach me, and I send my best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Judy Rister  
Associate Director  
Monroe Harding Children's Home  
1120 Glendale Lane  
Nashville, TN 37204-4199

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HHB-11

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 3, 1987

Dear Mrs. McAdams:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. J. B. McAdams  
1266 West Main  
Brownsville, TN 38012

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HHB-3

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 3, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lamberg:

Thank you for sending your message to me.

You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will keep your words in mind.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lamberg  
843 Aalapapa Drive  
Kailua, HI 96734

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HNB-12

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOP

September 8, 1987

Dear Mrs. Keith:

I am pleased to learn of the fine work you are doing. I have always admired the spirit of Americans who give of their time and abilities to make life better for others.

I am sure you will understand, however, that because of the large number of similar worthy endeavors brought to my attention each day, I cannot extend my personal support in the way you suggest.

I appreciate your efforts to reach me, and I send my best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. Marion Keith  
Apartment 4  
2011 Australia Way, West  
Clearwater, FL 33575

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HHB-11

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Johnson:

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

The enclosed photograph comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Merle Johnson  
Apartment 7  
1225 East Main Street  
Richmond, IN 47374

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Enclosure: HHB auto photo

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Huisken:

Thank you for sending your message to me.

You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will keep your words in mind.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huisken  
1903 Olwien  
Brookings, SD 57006

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HHB-12

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 3, 1987

Dear Mr. Hickel:

Thank you for your message recommending David Chatfield for appointment to the National Credit Union Administration Board.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Walter J. Hickel  
Box 101700  
Anchorage, AK 90510-1700

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HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

cc with incoming: ~~Presidential Personnel~~ Katja Bullock

September 3, 1987

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Hilsenbeck:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Dr. and Mrs. John R. Hilsenbeck  
9350 Northeast 12th Avenue  
Miami Shores, FL 33138

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HHB-10

cc: ~~Lorraine Camarano~~ 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas George  
20 Greenhouse Drive  
Princeton, NJ 08540

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HHB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Ms. Eckstein:

Thank you for sending your message to me.

You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will keep your words in mind.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Rose Eckstein  
Route 2, Box 203  
Batesville, IN 47006

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HHB-12

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Dr. Desai:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your friendship, but I do not plan to run for office in 1988. It is my intention to serve President Reagan until the end of his term.

Your words of encouragement mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Veena B. Desai, M.D.  
12 Harborview Drive, Route 1  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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HHB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Bloom:

Thank you for your recent letter and for your continuing interest in assisting this Administration.

I will share your updated resume and letter of recommendation with the appropriate members of the White House staff. They will be back in touch with you in the event of any opening where your expertise might be utilized.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Michael Bloom  
Apartment 2-0  
331 East 29th Street  
New York, NY 10016

cc: w/incmg. to Katja Bullock

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Ms. Buhr:

Thank you for your message expressing support for the President's nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork to the position of Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

President Reagan believes Judge Bork to be a man of the highest integrity and qualification as well as an eloquent and powerful advocate of judicial restraint, a philosophy whose guiding principle is that it is the legislature's role to enact laws and the court's role to interpret them.

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The American Bar Association gave Judge Bork its highest rating -- "exceptionally well qualified" -- when he was confirmed by the Senate as an Appellate Judge in 1982. President Reagan is confident that the current Senate confirmation process will be equally successful and he looks forward to Judge Bork beginning a long and distinguished career as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Augusta Buhr

Bennets Hill, MO 65016

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Butler:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Don Butler  
President  
Butler Learning Systems  
1325 West Dorothy Lane  
Dayton, OH 45409

HHB/SW/WJB/RKS/dsf2  
HHB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Dr. Brown:

Thank you for the material which you have thoughtfully sent to me.

With so much to be done here in Washington, I count on the help of the American people. I assure you that I will study this information and share it with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Raymond K. Brown, M.D.  
Apartment 105-A  
140 West 69th Street  
New York, NY 10023

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HNB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Colonel Booth:

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

Lt. Colonel Benny L. Booth, USA, Ret.  
Post Office Box 24  
Caspar, CA 95420

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HHB-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Bogosian:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker inviting him to address the Commencement Ceremony at Delaware County Community College on May 26, 1988.

I hope you'll understand that a definite answer this far in advance is not possible. If you would like to send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event, we will be happy to give it every consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. John S. Bogosian  
President  
The Camera Shop Inc.  
Lawrence Park Industrial Center  
485 Parkway South  
Broomall, PA 19008

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LNM-4

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB  
Lura Nell Mitchell with copy of incoming

September 8, 1987

Dear Ms. DeNardo:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker inviting him to address the Republican Women of Capitol Hill on December 4.

I hope you'll understand that a definite answer this far in advance is not possible. If you would like to send a follow-up invitation closer to the date of the event, we will be happy to give it every consideration.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Veronica M. DeNardo  
Vice President  
Republican Women of Capitol Hill  
160-B Longworth Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

LNM/WJB/LRC/emuf  
LNM-4

cc: Lorraine Samarano, Room 61 OEOB  
Lura Nell Mitchell with copy of incoming

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for your message recommending Ralph Klopfenstein for appointment as Under Secretary of Agriculture.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Carl B. Cooper  
President  
Neal-Cooper Grain Company  
Post Office Box 190  
Windsor, IL 61957

HHB/SW/WJB/emuf  
HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

cc: w/incoming to Katja Bullock

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Molinari:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to join you as your honored guest at the Richmond County fall fund raiser.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule have forced me to decline. Please know, however, that you have my best wishes for a most successful event.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Michael J. Molinari  
Arrangements Chairman  
Republican Reception Office  
2165 Victory Boulevard  
Staten Island, NY 10314

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HNB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Randy:

I greatly appreciated receiving your letter of August 11, 1987, which extended your personal thanks for my participation in the August 10, 1987, meeting with Citizens Network for Foreign Affairs. I share your assessment of the success of that meeting and wish to extend my personal thanks to you and the other members of Citizens Network for the important work your organization is performing in educating the public on the critical issue of America's international leadership.

As you requested, I have encouraged Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr., to seriously consider participating in the upcoming alumni conference between the American Council of Young Political Leaders and the Committee of Youth Organizations of the U.S.S.R. in early January and late November of 1988. As I am sure you appreciate, however, A.B. does have substantial responsibilities in his position as Counsel to the President which may make it impossible for him to attend. As you acknowledged in your letter, the final decision rests with A.B. and will largely depend on his assessment of the importance and urgency of the matters he will be dealing with at the times of the vitally important work of the Citizens Network.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Randal C. Teague  
Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease  
1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 1111  
Washington, DC 20036-5104

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Hosie:

Thank you for your messages expressing the concern of the Sun-Diamond Growers of California about the U.S.-EC dispute over EC pasta imports and the possibility of EC retaliation against U.S. walnut exporters. I am pleased to say that we have reached an agreement which will end this dispute and avoid a destructive trade war.

Under the terms of the agreement, which takes effect October 1, the EC's export subsidy on pasta will no longer apply to fifty percent of the EC's exports to the United States. Furthermore, the duty refund will be reduced by 27-1/2 percent on the remaining 50 percent and is expected to be reduced further in the months ahead. The agreement will be monitored closely to ensure that the EC abides by its terms. The EC has agreed not to introduce new subsidies for pasta exported to the U.S. and not to operate its existing subsidy system in a way that would violate the agreement.

This issue was an extremely difficult one to settle and required compromises on both sides. Negotiations were long and complicated. In the end, however, the United States achieved a settlement that, I believe, will benefit American pasta-makers.

I am relieved that a confrontation over this issue was avoided at the last minute, but I am sure you will agree that we should not have to go to the brink of a trade war every time a trade dispute arises. This case exemplifies not only why we need stronger international rules to settle trade disputes, but also the dangers of the proposed legislation that would require the United States to retaliate on a legislatively mandated, inflexible schedule. Had such legislation been in effect in this case, we would have found ourselves in a trade war instead of concluding the constructive, trade-liberalizing agreement we reached.

The Administration is currently participating in negotiations aimed at strengthening international trade rules, so that we will not have to resort to threats of retaliation to protect our trade rights in the future.

I hope this information is encouraging to you. You and your fellow growers have my appreciation and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. William C. Hosie  
Chairman  
Board of Directors  
Sun-Diamond Growers of California  
Post Office Box 1727  
1050 South Diamond Street  
Stockton, CA 95201

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

Thank you for your letter expressing your concern about the U.S.-EC dispute over EC pasta imports and the possibility of EC retaliation against U.S. walnut exporters. I am pleased to say that we have reached an agreement which will end this dispute and avoid a destructive trade war.

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I hope this information is encouraging to you. You have my appreciation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Robert Gallagher  
Chairman  
Sutter County Board of Supervisors  
463 Second Street  
Yuba City, CA 95991

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear General Graham:

I appreciate your letter of early August with respect to the new ACDA Director. It will certainly be taken account of.

Sincerely,

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

LtGen Daniel O. Graham, USA, Ret.  
High Frontier  
Suite 1000  
1010 Vermont Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB  
Bob Tuttle

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. McNatt:

Thank you for forwarding the letters written by your American History students concerning the POW/MIA issue. It is heartening to both the President and me that they care so deeply about our missing men and their families.

When President Reagan assumed office in 1981, he directed that a priority effort be made to achieve the fullest possible accounting of our men still listed as missing in Southeast Asia. At that time, intelligence priorities were down, no negotiations had been ongoing, and the families of these men felt ignored by their own government.

Since then, great progress has been made and many families have received answers to their uncertainty. Long and intense negotiations have been conducted by the Reagan Administration for the past few years, intelligence priorities are at their highest, and more progress has been made in the past three years than at any time since the end of the war.

Early this year, President Reagan named former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, John Vessey, as his special emissary to Hanoi on this issue. He returned from Hanoi last month with new agreements that, if honored by the Vietnamese, will bring even greater progress.

As your students will be able to see from the enclosed material, the problem is not in Washington, but Hanoi. The President is determined to continue this priority effort for the remainder of his term. We hope we can count on the support of a concerned American citizenry to demonstrate to Vietnam and Laos our united stand on this important issue.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Kent McNatt  
1876 East Sonora  
Tulare, CA 93274

Enclosures: see attached  
HHB/Dick Childress/LRC/CAD/ckb 9HHB  
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
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ENCLOSURES: POW/MIA Fact Book; Progress on the POW/MIA Issue  
(DOD fact sheet); National League of Families Material; Radio  
Address 7/19/86; ROTP at Ceremony for National POW/MIA  
Recognition Day 7/20/84; ROTP at Memorial Day Ceremony Honoring  
Vietnam Unknown Soldier 5/28/84; Address by P 1/28/83

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter and warm words of encouragement. I hope you have enjoyed your internship here at the White House this summer.

I am delighted to enclose the photo. It comes with my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Jeff Wright  
2732 West Rowland Circle  
Anaheim, CA 92804

Enclosure: personally autographed photo  
of HHB  
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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Hargrave:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your interest in being considered for appointment to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

I have brought your letter to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. Please be assured you will receive every consideration during the selection process for this important post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Homer Hargrave, Jr.  
2185 Vineyard Road  
Templeton, CA 93465

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB  
Katja Bullock w/incoming

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for your August 12 letter;  
I appreciate your kind words of  
encouragement.

It is good to hear your positive comments  
about Linas Kojelis. I'll make sure he  
and his immediate superior know of your  
support.

Again, thanks for taking the time to write.  
You have my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. F. Edward Johnson  
Reynolds, Beeby, Magnuson & Kenny  
100 Renaissance Center, 23rd Floor  
Detroit, MI 48243

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB  
Linas Kojelis w/copy of incoming  
Rebecca Range w/copy of incoming

September 8, 1987

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Thank you for your message and for sharing with me your suggestion on how to preserve the patriotic spirit which has characterized our nation for generations. I will share your suggestion with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Throughout its history, America has been a model to the world of what is possible if the will of the people is the primary source of guidance for a nation. Since its revolutionary founding, America has nurtured the idea of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. By recognizing and declaring the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, our founders laid the groundwork for all the blessings we have enjoyed as a people.

I am always pleased to hear from the American people about the love and respect they have for this great land of ours. I appreciate your taking the time to write.

With my warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. George F. Miller  
The Riverside  
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Tappahannock, VA 22560

Enclosure: Thanksgiving Day, 1987 Proclamation

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter expressing the National Federation of Independent Business's views on the omnibus banking and thrift legislation, H.R. 27.

The President recently signed this legislation, which was urgently needed to help troubled thrift institutions whose problems have contributed to a weakening of that industry. The "Competitive Equality Banking Act of 1987" contains most of the provisions included in the Administration's original plan to recapitalize the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) and provides an acceptable level of funds to help resolve the large caseload of savings and loan insolvencies. In addition, it provides important new tools that banking and thrift regulators can use to handle troubled institutions.

Unfortunately, the legislation does not include any measures to help modernize our financial system, which continues to operate under antiquated laws that date from the 1930s. These laws, including portions of the Glass-Steagall Act, the McFadden Act, and the Douglas amendment to the Bank Holding Company Act, have become increasingly outdated as a result of the fast-changing global financial services marketplace with its explosion of new products and services designed to satisfy consumers' changing needs.

Instead, the legislation includes a number of restrictions and prohibitions that stand in the way of heightened competition, lower costs, and increased efficiency in the delivery of financial services. These restrictions include the closing of the so-called "non-bank bank" loophole (which provided consumers the substantial competitive benefits of new entrants into the financial system) and a moratorium on expanded banking services that is even more restrictive than the antiquated Glass-Steagall provisions. As you know, the Administration has consistently raised concerns about the adverse effects such restrictions may have on both the competitive position of U.S. financial firms and consumers' needs for a variety of competitively priced products and services.

I certainly share your view that everyone interested in this complex but critically important issue must work together over the coming year to develop a reasonable approach. A financial system that is composed of institutions that are profitable and risk-diversified through increased competition can only serve to promote the safety and soundness of our nation's financial system. The Administration is confident that all members of that system, including insurance agents, securities firms, realtors, banks, thrifts and others, will benefit from the increased competition that restructuring can provide.

I look forward to working together with you and other concerned parties on these issues in the future with the parallel goals of strengthening the competitive position of U.S. financial firms and providing consumers with the products and services that they desire, efficiently and at a reasonable cost.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John Sloan, Jr.  
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National Federation of Independent Business  
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600 Maryland Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20024

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Morrie:

It was good to see you this summer. I appreciate your letter regarding the President's Report on the National Security Strategy of the United States, and I apologize for the delay in my response.

I am pleased that the Council has taken an interest in collating comments on the President's Report. Like any document of this type, it is only useful if it is constantly updated and refined. The work being done by the Council to bring recommendations to the NSC staff's attention prior to publication of the 1988 National Security Strategy Report is appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Morris I. Leibman  
Sidley & Austin  
One First National Plaza  
Chicago, IL 60603

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Commander Welch:

Thank you for your letter of June 12, 1987. I regret the delay in sending you this reply.

Commander, I can appreciate your frustration at being unable to obtain medical care at the Naval Hospital Millington. We have been advised that the hospital is experiencing a shortage of qualified personnel and as a result they have had to curtail some of their services. My staff was also advised that the personnel at the Family Practice Center are working to resolve this staff shortage. They anticipate staff increases by January 1988.

We understand that the facility has informed you of alternative sources for medical assistance in the Memphis area which you may be able to use. One such contact is the Health Benefits Advisor in Millington at (901) 872-5824. Another is the Veterans Administration Hospital in Memphis at (901) 523-8990. I hope these alternatives can help provide any needed medical services until the Family Practice Center is back up to adequate staff levels.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

LCDR Harry T. Welch, USN, Ret.  
81 Wallace  
Memphis, TN 38117

September 8, 1987

Dear Gary:

Thank you for your letter recommending Judge Cedric Poole for Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As you are no doubt aware, the President nominated Judge William Steele Sessions for this important post on July 24. Nevertheless, I appreciate hearing from you and having the benefit of your thoughts.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Gary Fairmont Filosa, II  
Box 2174  
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Enclosure: 7/24/87 Statement by the  
President  
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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Glick:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I would like to thank you for sending him the newspaper articles and copies of your thoughtful columns from the Harrisonburg Daily News-Record.

Your interest in discussing your findings on government-media relations with the Chief of Staff is appreciated. Because of the heavy demands on his schedule, however, we are unable to set up a meeting for you at this time. I hope you understand.

Again, you were good to send Senator Baker this informative material.

With his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup  
Special Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Edward M. Glick  
Skyline Lakes  
Post Office Box 367  
Stanley, VA 22851

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mr. Ahearn:

Thank you for your message requesting a meeting with the Chief of Staff to discuss the cassette tape which you sent to him.

I am sorry this must be a disappointing response, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to comply with your request. I am returning the tape and the photograph you enclosed.

Your interest is appreciated, however, and the enclosed photograph of Mr. Baker comes to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell  
Personal Assistant  
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. W. J. Ahearn, Jr.  
Post Office Box 177  
Portland, PA 18351

Enclosure: Baker photo

Return cassette tape and photo to sender

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Mel:

Thanks for your recent letter. I am delighted to hear that Reader's Digest will contribute \$1.3 million to Meharry Medical College in Nashville. It is an extraordinary gift and will go a long way to advance black health professions in the United States.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

September 8, 1987

Dear Dr. Satcher:

Thank you for your note and the copy of the letter you sent to the President. As you may know, the President signed S. 769 on August 19. A copy of the President's statement on the bill is enclosed.

I was delighted to hear of your support and encouragement regarding this important legislation recognizing Meharry's historic contributions and affecting its future growth. Please accept my best wishes for the continued success of Meharry Medical College.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

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

David Satcher, M.D.  
President  
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Nashville, TN 37203

Enclosure: as stated;  
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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

*letter inc. from  
to Mel Laird re: Meharry  
Medical College per HHB*

September 8, 1987

Dear Judge Thompson:

I deeply appreciate your letter of July 27 and I look forward to getting better acquainted. Any man who has the recommendations of the quality of your two Senators and so many others has to be a man I would like to know better.

I am sorry you couldn't consider the position that we discussed, but maybe there will be something else someday.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Ralph G. Thompson  
Chief Judge of the United States  
District Court  
Western District of Oklahoma  
United States Courthouse  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB  
bcc: Senator Dave Boren  
Senator Don Nickles

September 8, 1987

Dear Ambassador Matsunaga:

Thank you for your very thorough review of S. 1420 including Japan's specific objections to the bill. Taken together with your previous letter, it gives us a complete picture of Japan's concerns.

As you may know, we are committed to working closely with the leadership in both the House and the Senate to produce a trade bill that is sound. Clearly, provisions that are country specific, GATT illegal, or trigger mandatory retaliation would be contrary to that goal, as you also point out.

Again, many thanks for sharing with me your detailed analysis of the bill and its impact on Japan. It is important for both our countries to be cognizant of the impact of legislation on the trading system.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency Nobuo Matsunaga  
Ambassador of Japan  
Embassy of Japan  
Washington, D.C. 20008

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