

December 14, 1987

Dear Mrs. Adge:

Thank you for your letter to the Chief of Staff requesting a letter of recommendation for your granddaughter, Melissa Rose Cothron, for a position with Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

I'm sorry this must be a disappointing response, but due to the large number of similar requests received by Senator Baker each day, he is simply unable to oblige. We hope you will understand the need for this policy.

Senator Baker appreciates your interest in writing and sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

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December 14, 1987

Dear Dr. Hughes:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the President regarding religious freedom in Romania. I appreciate receiving your views. In the spring, the President will again have to make a determination regarding the extension of Most Favored Nation (MFN) tariff status to Romania, and your observations will be of value in reaching a decision on this.

As you know, there is congressional opposition to continuation of Romania's MFN status because of that country's human rights practices. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives have adopted amendments to the trade bill which would suspend Romanian MFN for six months. While understanding and sharing the motivation behind these amendments, the Administration opposes them because we do not believe that they would have the desired result of improving Romania's human rights performance.

At this point, it is not clear what the outcome of the congressional action on Romanian MFN will be. However, we hope that it will be possible for us to continue MFN status for Romania and also to motivate improvements in the human rights situation there. We welcome your interest in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Ray H. Hughes
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December 15, 1987

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for your letter of November 2 requesting assistance in having President Reagan address the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Humanitarian Laureate Banquet and personally receive the Center's Humanitarian Award on January 3, 1988 at the Century Plaza Hotel.

Regrettably, I have been advised by Fred Ryan, Director of Presidential Appointments and Scheduling, that the President and Mrs. Reagan must return to Washington prior to the event. Nevertheless, I understand that a videotaped message may be a possible alternative for this special event.

Thanks again for letting me know of your interest. Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Gerald P. Carmen
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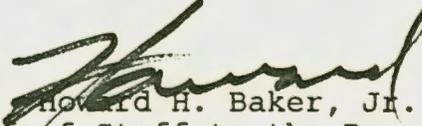
Dear Rudy:

Thank you for your letter of December 3, 1987, regarding the Inner Circle Spring Briefing. At this time my schedule permits me to attend one of the small dinners for Inner Circle members on March 14, 1988. This evening has been set aside on my calendar.

As far as the location of the dinner, your staff will need to choose an alternate site. The Indian Treaty Room is not permitted to be used for this type of event, due to the potential appearance of White House involvement in fundraising activities. I will be happy to attend the dinner at a site outside of the White House.

Please have your staff contact Becky McMahan in the Office of Political Affairs with the exact time my participation is needed and an alternate site for the dinner. I look forward to an enjoyable evening on March 14.

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable Rudy Boschwitz
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December 15, 1987

Dear Mr. Larson:

Thank you for your letters of October 16 and October 23 regarding the selection of an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

I appreciated having the benefit of your views, and I shared your correspondence with members of the President's judicial selection team for their information.

As you know, the President nominated Judge Anthony M. Kennedy for this important post on November 11. The Senate is now considering his nomination, which I am hopeful will be promptly approved.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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December 15, 1987

Dear Mr. Goncharoff:

Thank you for October 19 note to me including a copy of your letter to the President. Your background is remarkable and your personal experiences with Soviets over the years have certainly been interesting.

Your comments to the President about the Chautauqua conference last August in New York are helpful. The President has taken a deep interest in people-to-people exchanges and, as you may know, he addressed the Chautauqua conference by satellite from Los Angeles. Rest assured that this Administration will continue to support the expansion of such exchanges, as they can only contribute to greater mutual understanding between our peoples.

Again, thank you for your kind letter.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

December 15, 1987

Dear Mr. Franz:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to address the delegates of AED's 69th Annual Meeting in New Orleans on February 2, 1988.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

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December 15, 1987

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter of November 11 regarding the deficit -- I truly appreciate your warm words of support and encouragement.

It's good to have your views regarding the budget situation. As I'm sure you know, the White House and the bipartisan leadership in Congress have reached agreement on a two-year package amounting to \$76 billion in deficit reductions. All sides had to give, and each of us is convinced it would be better if we'd written it alone. While it's not all the "Bipartisan Budget Plan" advocated, it is still a good agreement. I hope the spirit that fashioned it will carry over into the legislative steps required to implement it. I'm optimistic that will happen.

Again, thanks for writing. You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

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December 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Saeki and Mr. Tsuji:

Thank you for your recent letter and for enclosing the travel clock calculator with so many creative and useful features. It is a very handsome piece, and I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it.

Please accept my warm best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year.

Sincerely,

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 16, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of December 2, 1987, urging the President to meet with Prime Minister Mulroney in the Vancouver area to sign the Free Trade Agreement on January 2, 1988.

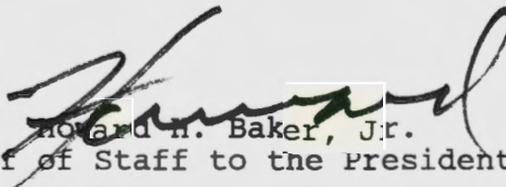
I certainly concur with your assessment that this agreement represents one of the most important accomplishments of this President.

I am informed, however, that the formal signing of that document does not require that the President and Prime Minister be together on that date. Further, there is no requirement that Canada sign on January 2; the only party that is required to sign on that date is the United States.

Finally, the President's schedule provides an event in Palm Springs on January 2nd that will preclude his traveling to Canada on that day.

For these reasons the President has decided not to go to Canada on January 2, 1988. We might consider, however, an appropriate event to highlight this historic trade agreement when we transmit the implementing legislation to Congress.

Sincerely,



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

The Honorable John C. Whitehead
Deputy Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

December 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Hueter:

Thank you for your letter of November 17 to the Chief of Staff inviting him to keynote the National Legal Center's General Counsel Briefing in March 1988.

Reviewing Senator Baker's schedule, it will not be possible for him to add this commitment to his schedule for March. Nevertheless, if you would like to reissue the invitation for a time later in the year, 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

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December 16, 1987

Dear Mr. McGowan:

Thank you for kind invitation. I'm honored that you would think of asking me and Mrs. Baker to join you on January 19, 1988 for a celebration of the history of television.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule force us to decline. However, you have our best wishes for a wonderful evening.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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

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December 16, 1987

Dear Simon:

Thank you for your very kind letter of November 19 and for sending me a copy of the Exporter's Guide, newly completed by the Task Force. I'm certain that it will prove to be very useful to America's small businesses and a boon to our total economy. It should make a significant contribution to the Administration's efforts to improve the trade picture by boosting U.S. exports.

My appreciation to you and all those who worked on this valuable guidebook.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

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December 16, 1987

Dear Mr. Trout:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your December 10 letter.

I'm sorry to send a disappointing response, but all the White House tours have been filled for this week. Also, the heavy demands of the Senator's schedule prevent him from scheduling an appointment with you. I hope you will understand.

Senator Baker appreciates hearing from you and sends you and your family his best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
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December 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Morford:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 16 about Raoul Wallenberg. I regret that we were not able to arrange a meeting for Ambassador Anger with President Reagan before the Summit. We are aware that he has worked tirelessly on Mr. Wallenberg's behalf.

We remain unswerving in our efforts to persuade the Soviet government to release more information about Raoul Wallenberg. U.S. officials have raised his case with Soviet representatives several times over the past year -- most recently during the Washington Summit -- but have not, to date, received a satisfactory response to their inquiries. We will not relent in our efforts to receive a full accounting of this tragic case from Soviet officials. As President Reagan said in a statement commemorating the fortieth anniversary of Mr. Wallenberg's disappearance, we believe that the Soviet Union "has a moral obligation to answer the questions we have about his fate."

Raoul Wallenberg demonstrated great courage under the most difficult circumstances in his struggle to save Hungarian Jews during World War II. We will not forget his sacrifice.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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December 18, 1987

Dear Mr. Howell:

I am writing to thank you for your message of support for the President's nomination of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court, and to ask you to renew that support for the President's new nominee, Judge Anthony M. Kennedy.

I am enclosing some material on Judge Kennedy's record that illustrates why the President holds him in such high regard. In more than a decade of service on the United States Court of Appeals, Judge Kennedy has demonstrated his commitment to evenhanded and firm-minded application of the law. He shares President Reagan's philosophy of judicial restraint -- that Federal judges are charged only with interpreting the law and not with making or remaking it to accord with their own policy preferences.

Judge Kennedy is extremely well qualified. He is a distinguished nominee, and he will make an exemplary Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. The President looks forward to his speedy confirmation as a member of our Nation's highest court.

Again, thank you for your willingness to express publicly your support for the President's judicial nominations. We value your friendship and your help.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff to the President

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