

January 6, 1988

Dear Mayor Corrada:

Thank you for your letter recommending Geraldine McGann for the position of Regional Administrator, New York-Region II at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

I appreciate hearing from you and have brought your endorsement of Mrs. McGann to the attention of the Office of Presidential Personnel. You can be sure she will receive every consideration for this important position.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Baltasar Corrada del Rio
Mayor of San Juan
Box 4355
San Juan, PR 00905

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB
Gwen King w/copy of incoming

January 6, 1988

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your letter recommending Judge Thomas S. Moore for a vacancy on the United States Claims Court.

It was good to receive the benefit of your judgment on this important appointment, and I have forwarded your endorsement to A. B. Culvahouse. You may be sure Judge Moore will be given every consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Frederick M. Bernthal
Commissioner
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB
A.B. Culvahouse w/incoming

January 6, 1988

Dear Allan:

Thank you for sending me the special holiday treats. I especially appreciate your thoughtfulness and send my very best wishes to you and Mrs. Gotlieb for the new year.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Allan Gotlieb
Ambassador of Canada
1746 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Lorraine Samarano, 61 OEOB

Gift sent to the Gift Unit

January 6, 1988

Dear Ms. Ranieri:

Thank you for your message recommending Geraldine McGann for appointment as Regional Administrator for the Region II area of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Ms. Juana Ranieri
Executive Director
Cayuga Plaza Apartments
Las Redevelopment Company
8 Remsen Street
Cohoes, New York 12047

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HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

cc with incoming: Katja Bullock

January 6, 1988

Dear Mr. Fuselier:

Thank you for your message recommending John Higgins, Jr. for appointment to the National Labor Relations 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. Louis A. Fuselier
Fuselier, Ott, McKee & Walker, P.A.
2100 Deposit Guaranty Plaza
Jackson, Mississippi 39201-2376

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HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

cc with incoming: Katja Bullock

January 6, 1988

Dear Ms. Wheaton:

Thank you for your message recommending Geraldine McGann for appointment as Regional Administrator for the Region II area of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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

Ms. JoAnne Wheaton
Administrative Director
LAS Watervliet Redevelopment Company
1545 Broadway
Watervliet, New York 12189

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HHB-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

cc with incoming: Katja Bullock

January 7, 1988

Dear Mr. McGraw:

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the video copy of "Paris Air Show 1987." I look forward to viewing it when time permits.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Harold W. McGraw III
President
McGraw-Hill Publications Company
1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Video given to Anne Higgins per her request

January 7, 1988

Dear Mr. Karaganis:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. He was pleased to hear from you and to learn of your son's many accomplishments.

Although we appreciate your interest, I must tell you that there are no summer internships available in the Office of the Chief of Staff. However, I am bringing your correspondence to the attention of the White House Greetings and Comments Office. Please be assured that your request will receive every consideration. Your son may also want to contact his Congressional representatives to determine if there are any openings for interns on Capitol Hill.

Senator Baker sends his best wishes to you and your family for the new year.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Joseph V. Karaganis
Karaganis & White, Ltd.
Suite 810
414 North Orleans Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB
Joan DeCain, WH Greetings and Comment Office,
w/copy of incoming

Enclosure: Return writer's inscribed photo from
Senator Baker

January 7, 1988

Dear Mr. Piper:

Thank you for your kind note. I couldn't agree with you more that Dave Durenberger is an outstanding candidate, and I pledge to do whatever is necessary to see him reelected. I'm sorry that you were unable to attend his fundraiser on December 11. I'm certain that Senator Durenberger appreciates your strong support, and we're all looking forward to a successful campaign and Dave's return to the 101st Congress.

Again, thanks for writing. You have my very best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Addison L. Piper
Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood
Post Office Box 28
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

January 7, 1988

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for sending me the gold pitcher with the pearls and diamonds. It is indeed beautiful, and I especially appreciate your thoughtfulness.

With my best wishes for the new year,

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Ahmed Abdulla Al-Mahmood
Ambassador of the State of Qatar
Suite 1180
600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

Pitcher sent to the Gift Unit

January 7, 1988

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Thank you for sending me the InterAction Council statement on global issues, and for your interest in my personal views.

I applaud the Council's efforts to promote a dialogue on global issues among political and religious leaders of varying traditions. I share the Council's view that in this nuclear era mankind is confronted with grave challenges and decisions.

At the same time, I would point out that there are positive developments occurring all around us -- developments which offer heartening signs of a new and more hopeful future for mankind. Foremost among these developments is the resurgence of democracy and the demand for political openness. Around the globe we see a powerful impulse toward democratic institutions and values. In my opinion, this global trend toward democracy is mankind's best hope for attaining a peaceful, free, and prosperous world community.

Once again, thank you for your interest in my thoughts, and good luck with your work.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Scott Cohen
Scott Cohen & Associates
Suite 402
1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

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January 7, 1988

Dear Armand:

Thank you for your recent letter containing ideas for a solution to the Afghanistan problem and also for the report of your travels to Moscow, Kabul, and Islamabad. It is unfortunate that Mr. Gorbachev offered no breakthroughs on the Afghanistan question at the Summit. I would welcome your insight into his current thinking based on your discussions with him during the Summit.

I agree with you that the situation has reached a crucial point at which a political solution may be possible. I believe that Mr. Gorbachev is in a position to take the necessary steps to bring about a settlement, but it is up to him to take these steps and present a realistic timetable at the next Geneva round.

We are unsure just how much the Soviet signals reflect a serious interest in moving forward quickly toward an Afghanistan solution and to what extent they are merely "public relations." Whatever the case, we will continue to impress on Moscow the fact that Soviet actions in Afghanistan will continue to figure importantly in our relations. If Moscow seriously commits itself to reaching a settlement, we are prepared to be helpful.

1988 could be a good year for the Afghan people. All it would take is a Soviet commitment to match their words with deeds. Anything you can do to encourage the Soviets in this direction would be welcome.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Armand Hammer
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Occidental Petroleum Corporation
Suite 1500
10889 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90024

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

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January 7, 1988

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your kind note following my address at the fundraising dinner for Dave Durenberger.

Frankly, I think my performance was not quite up to snuff. The week had been long, the flight delayed, and so many spurious telephone calls put me off my usual rhythm.

I'm pleased to hear of your support for the INF Treaty, and I heartily agree with you that the United States must always be powerful and alert. The President's determination to keep our defenses and our alliances strong was the key to this treaty, and he will continue to act and decide in that spirit.

Please do not hesitate to call me when you are next in Washington and perhaps a visit can be arranged.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Harold E. Stassen
431 East Haskell Street
West St. Paul, MN 55118

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

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January 7, 1988

Dear Dr. Craig:

Thank you for your very kind letter of December 17.

I'm delighted that things have gone so well for you over the years. Meeting fellow Tennesseans on my trips is, fortunately, no rare experience, and it's always a pleasure to find another who's kept alive his roots in the Volunteer State.

Being with you and so many friends at the fundraising dinner for Dave Durenberger was great fun, and I appreciate your thoughtful offer of service if I ever decide to seek public office again. I never envisioned my current post, so I'm not going to try predicting where I'll be a few years down the road. Thanks again, however, for thinking of me.

With all the best to you during this holiday season,

Sincerely,

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

James L. Craig, M.D.
Vice President
Director, Health & Human Services
General Mills, Inc.
Post Office Box 1113
Minneapolis, MN 55440

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

January 7, 1988

Dear Senator Helms:

This is with further reference to your letter of December 14 to Senator Baker requesting that George Klein have the opportunity to meet the President, and then talk with Secretary Baker, Director Miller and others concerning the economy.

We certainly do appreciate your writing us about Mr. Klein and regret that a time is not foreseeable in the immediate future when he could be asked to come in to meet the President. We suggest, however, that you get in touch with Jim Miller about arranging a meeting with Mr. Klein which would include Secretary Baker and others working with the President on his economic policies.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director of Presidential Appointments
and Scheduling
Director of Private Sector Initiatives

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Information copy: Senator Baker
cc and incoming: Director Miller

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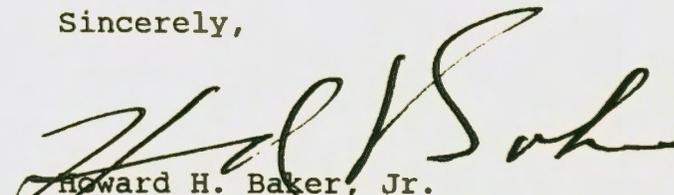
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1988

Dear Bob:

Forgive the delay in my replying to your letter of December 3rd. However, times have been extremely hectic recently. I would be honored to have an interview with you for your book. I suggest you contact my office on 456-6797 to arrange a time.

Sincerely,



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

Mr. Robert H. Bork, Jr.
Visiting Journalism Fellow
The Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

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January 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Chipley:

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

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. George W. Chipley
7325 North Redwood Court
Glendale, Wisconsin 53209

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Novick:

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. Roy Marshall Novick
4824 Cottsberry Court
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Ms. Sokol:

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. Jean Sokol
3144 West 104 Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Coburn:

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. Wallace Coburn
Verdelle Village
Nursing Home
St. Albans, VT 05478

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Ware:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. Your interest in writing is appreciated.

I am sorry to send a disappointing reply to your request for an auction item, but the large number of similar appeals received by the Senator has forced him, in fairness, to decline them all. I hope you will understand the need for such a policy.

Nevertheless, we appreciated hearing from you. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Steve Ware
Conclave Chairman
Mountain Conclave '88
Middle Tennessee Flyfishers
of the Federation of Flyfishers
4013 Lancashire Drive
Antioch, TN 37013

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SW-11

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Ms. Smallridge:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to be guest speaker for the Oak Ridge Leadership program on April 19.

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

Ms. Carol Smallridge
Leadership Oak Ridge
1400 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Archie:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to deliver the keynote address for the Middle Tennessee Federal Executive Association Awards Program on May 12.

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

Mr. Albert Archie
Chairperson
Middle Tennessee Federal
Executive Association
Awards Committee
1438 Tomahawk Trace
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

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LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Miss Signer and Miss Esch:

Thank you for your message to the Chief of Staff. He especially enjoys hearing from students across the United States who take the time to share their thoughts with him.

While Mr. Baker would like to personally answer each and every letter he receives, the heavy volume of mail prevents him from doing so. Nevertheless, he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing and hopes you will always take an active interest in the concerns of our country. America's future rests in your hands!

With Mr. Baker's warm best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Miss Mary Ellen Signer
Miss Lori Esch
526 Chicago Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

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SW-7

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Kevin:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your letter. Your interest in writing is appreciated.

I am sorry to send a disappointing reply to your request for an auction item, but the large number of similar appeals received by the Senator has forced him, in fairness, to decline them all. I hope you will understand the need for such a policy.

Nevertheless, we appreciated hearing from you. Please accept Senator Baker's best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Kevin Labay
Westdale School
99 West Diversey
Northlake, IL 60164

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Pearl:

Thanks very much for sending me the book, Chronicle of the 20th Century. I deeply appreciate your special thoughtfulness, and I'm looking forward to examining this impressive book when time permits.

Your warm words mean a great deal to me. All the best for the new year.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Pearl Bailey
Member, United States Delegation
United States Mission
to the United Nations
799 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
Book entitled Chronicle of the 20th Century sent to Gift Unit

January 11, 1988

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for your special thoughtfulness in sending me the handsome leatherbound 1988 diary. It is very informative as well as useful.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency
Ahmed Abdulla Al-Mahmood
Ambassador of the State of Qatar
Suite 1180
600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Diary sent to the Gift Unit

January 11, 1988

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Treasury regulations relating to R&D expense allocations.

As you indicate, a major feature of the budget agreement was the elimination of any provisions that were revenue losers. Unfortunately, this included a number of items that we strongly support, like the 861-8 compromise.

The alternative, however, was to open the package to a long list of expense items with additional taxes to cover the cost. The list of such items was close to \$3 billion, a totally unacceptable sum.

We are still supporting the 861-8 provisions and hope they might be addressed in the future. As you are probably aware, the chances are high that there will be a technical corrections bill sometime early next year.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John A. Young
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hewlett-Packard Company
3000 Hanover Street
Palo Alto, California 94304

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

January 11, 1988

Dear Dr. Hacohen:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 12 concerning the status of the city of Jerusalem and the PLO Observer Mission to the United Nations in New York. I, too, treasure the bond of friendship between the United States and Israel and appreciate the value of our alliance.

For three decades, the U.S. position has been that Jerusalem must be undivided, that its final status must be resolved through peaceful negotiation, and that the outcome of such negotiations should not be prejudged by the unilateral action of any party. Accordingly, the U.S. Embassy remains in Tel Aviv, pending a negotiated resolution of Jerusalem's status.

Its ultimate status is not an isolated problem but part of the entire complex of issues in the Arab-Israeli dispute. Our overriding goal in the Middle East is a comprehensive, just, and lasting peace ensuring the security and independence of all countries in the region. To that end, since 1978 the United States has participated in negotiations with Egypt and Israel, and we continue to seek ways to move the peace process forward.

President Reagan's September 1982 peace initiative is directed toward a solution which recognizes the legitimate rights and just requirements of the Palestinian people and ensures the security of Israel. The United States seeks to expand negotiations under the Camp David framework to include the Palestinians and those Arab states prepared to pursue the cause of peace.

On the subject of the PLO and its Observer Mission to the United Nations in New York, the United States has long criticized the PLO for its ties to international terrorism. But I do not believe that closure of the Observer Mission is an effective vehicle for expressing our shared concerns regarding terrorism and the PLO. Closure of the mission would break a 40-year practice regarding observer missions by nations hosting U.N. bodies and could legitimately be viewed as inconsistent with our responsibilities under sections 11-13 of the United Nations Headquarters Agreement. The fulfillment of our obligations under the Agreement is important to our relationship to the United Nations and its member states. I believe it would be unwise to violate those obligations, even with respect to organizations such as the PLO.

I say this particularly because the United Nations could be expected to refer the issue to the World Court, where we would probably lose and the PLO would reap a propaganda gain. It is not in our interests -- or, ultimately, in Israel's -- to allow such a consequence, however unintended, of action against the PLO.

Be assured, the President is steadfast in his determination to continue strengthening U.S. friendship with Israel. As President Reagan told President Chaim Herzog during his November State Visit, "The United States will always ensure Israel's security and work with her in partnership for peace."

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Mordecai Hachon
579 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10017

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

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January 11, 1988

Dear Ray:

Thank you for your letter of December 16 recommending Lowell Jackson for appointment as Deputy Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

I have forwarded your strong endorsement of Mr. Jackson to the appropriate White House staff for their review. You can be sure that he will be given every consideration for this important position.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Ray A. Barnhart
Federal Highway Administrator
Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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Cleared by Bob Tuttle and Nancy Risque

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

Signed as Howard

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

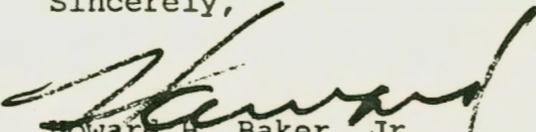
January 12, 1988

Dear Jack:

Doris sent me your letter, and I have gone into it at some length. Regretfully, I find that there is a Federal statute, specifically Title 5 of the U.S. Code, which prohibits the President and members of his immediate staff from trying to use political influence to obtain or maintain career employment of candidates. I am sure you will understand the problem it would cause if I tried personally to intervene. However, I think Raymond should continue to pursue his efforts with the postal department. And if he is interested in some other agencies of the Federal government in the region, I suggest that he contact William E. Flynn III, who is Regional Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 75 Spring Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. I cannot be sure that that would produce a result, but it is perhaps worth his effort.

I am sorry to learn that you are going to vacate the office of County Executive of Campbell County, especially for health reasons. You have done a splendid job, you have been a good friend, and you have been good for the area. Good luck in the future.

Sincerely,



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

Mr. Jack Roy Alexander
County Executive
Jacksboro, TN 37757

cc: Thomas M. Ayres

bc: Doris Lovett

HHB:nsu

January 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Majewski:

Thank you for your message to Senator Baker.

I understand your frustration, and I regret that the material you sent to the President was damaged. There are procedures in place designed to prevent such occurrences but, even in the best of circumstances, errors do happen because of the volume and variety of material sent to the White House each day.

For your information, we generally discourage people from sending items of a personal or valuable nature to the White House with requests. It is better to make the request and then send the material under separate cover if the request is approved.

As you requested, I have contacted the Postal Service concerning an "Inauguration Day" envelope to replace yours which was damaged in handling here. They have informed me that those envelopes are no longer available.

Once again, I apologize for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Gene Majewski
Box 355
Bellwood, Illinois 60104

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January 12, 1988

Dear Dr. Solomon:

Thank you for your letters concerning a visit by Dr. Rokhlin to the University of Tennessee. I apologize for my delay in responding. To facilitate processing your request within the Soviet Union, you should forward your proposal to:

Foreign Relations Administration
USSR Ministry of Health
Moscow 10143, GSP-4
Rakhnanovskiy Peruelok 3

To avoid any delays in U.S. Government processing of Dr. Rokhlin's visa, be sure to provide all pertinent details of his proposed visit to the office of Soviet Union Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520

I hope you find this information helpful. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Dr. Alan Solomon
Professor of Medicine
University of Tennessee
Medical Center at Knoxville
1924 Alcoa Highway
Knoxville, TN 37920-6999

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

January 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for the beautiful wall calendar depicting Japanese flower arrangements. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and send you my warm best wishes for the new year.

Sincerely,

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

His Excellency Nobuo Matsunaga
Ambassador of Japan
2520 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Gift sent to the Gift Unit

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January 12, 1988

Dear William:

Thank you for your letter of November 30 concerning the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and a petition from Howes Leather Company concerning cut-to-pattern leather soles.

As you know, Howes Leather Company has petitioned the Executive branch agencies to recommend to the President that he remove the duty-free treatment being afforded to cut-to-pattern leather soles under the GSP program. This program, which is administered by the Office of the United States Trade Representative, is designed to promote the economic development of designated beneficiary developing countries by offering temporary duty-free treatment on some 3,000 articles. Virtually all of our developed country trading partners have similar programs.

The Howes petition is currently under review. We expect to make a decision on this matter within the next couple of months. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) has assured me that your views will be carefully considered as they prepare recommendations for the President.

Should you have any additional questions on the Howes Leather petition or the GSP program in general, please do not hesitate to contact the GSP Information Center at (202) 395-6971. I also want to thank you for your kind words.

Warm best wishes to you and Ruth,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. William A. Loewenberg
Chairman of the Board
Southern Leather & Shoe Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 6
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEEOB

January 12, 1988

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your December 3 letter. Both your recommendation of the Report of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and SALT II Treaty mark-up and your pledge of support are deeply appreciated.

I agree with your assessment of the work done on the SALT II Treaty by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. I have commended it to the staff working on Senate ratification of the INF Treaty.

As you might expect, we are quite proud of the accomplishments the INF Treaty represents, such as the strength of the NATO alliance, acceptance of asymmetrical reductions, and an agreement to short-notice and permanent on-site inspections. We are also quite pleased by the wide support the Treaty has received among our European allies and here at home. Your support will be helpful as we move into the ratification process. I trust that you will stay in close touch as the hearings proceed.

Thank you once again.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rhett Dawson
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January 12, 1988

Dear Cardinal O'Connor:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Mrs. Geraldine McGann for Administrator of Region II at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

While this is not a Presidential appointment, I understand that Mrs. McGann is under active consideration as Joseph Monticciolo's successor upon his retirement. A final decision has not yet been made by Secretary Pierce, but you can be certain that we have notified him of your support for Mrs. McGann's candidacy.

As always, I appreciate your recommendation.

Sincerely,

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

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January 12, 1988

Dear Mr. Berliner:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for sending him the calendar. He appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

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to the Chief of Staff

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Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you for your letter to Senator Baker requesting a congratulatory letter for Doris Dwyer and Michael Noonan on their upcoming marriage.

Senator Baker would be pleased to send a letter, but in order to do so we would like to have an address for the inside of the letter.

When you provide us with that information, we would then forward the letter to you so that you may incorporate it in the album you are preparing.

Sincerely,

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