

March 17, 1987

Dear Roberto:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Roberto C. Goizueta  
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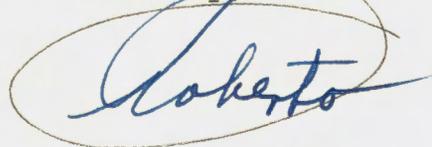
Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator Baker:

Hearty congratulations to you upon your appointment and more especially upon your accepting it. If ever a man, a time and a place came together, it is now; and the nation will benefit.

I believe you know that whenever any of us here may be of assistance or service to you, you have only to call.

Sincerely,



Roberto C. Goizueta

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March 17, 1987

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Sylvia Thompson  
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February 28<sup>th</sup>

Dear Howard,

I'm a friend from long ago - used to be Sylvia Reutscher - and I've watched your career with interest all through the years. Never with more delight than last night when you handled the press with your usual charm and good sense and put a positive feeling back in the Reagan Whitehouse. You're wonderful to do it - and you'll do it superbly.

Please give Joy my love. She and I used to provide solace in each other at political banquets - we all used to have lots of laughs - and you two were certainly the shining stars in politics to me.

Love to you both -

Ms.  
Sylvia Thompson

38w35 Fabyan Phery  
Batavia, Illinois 60510

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March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Irving Jaffe  
Jaffe & Devoy  
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March 3, 1987

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Hon. Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Senator:

Reaching back into history I found this.

If I can help in any way, it would be worth an old Nikon or two.

The very best of good wishes as you undertake this rescue mission. Embellishing a bit on Senator Dole's comment, your appointment constitutes a "home-run" not only for the President but for the Nation as well.

Respectfully

*Irving Jaffe*  
Irving Jaffe

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March 21, 1977

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Y  
The Hon. Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
United States Senate  
4123 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Baker:

Yes, I'm the fellow who came all the way from California to attend the much-deserved reception in your honor at the Capitol Hill Club. (Candor, however, compels me to mention that I attended to some other matters as well.)

Nonetheless, it was a distinct pleasure to meet you and an opportunity to wish you well in your future endeavors. I would only add that I, for one, did not find the new Mrs. Warner distracting - only amusing.

I trust you will permit me to call upon you on my next visit and, if I can ever be of service at this end, please know that I will be glad to respond.

Cordially,

Irving Jaffe

IJ/mhr

March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. Cole:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable John Cole  
Chairman  
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Mr. Howard Baker  
Office, Chief of Staff  
White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir,

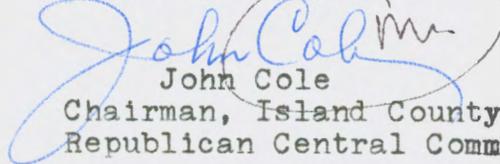
This country is great because in time of trouble we have always had leaders step forward to shoulder the responsibility.

To me your choice was to put country and party ahead of your personal goals. Noble, but I believe entirely sincere.

Please don't let the President lose touch with the Republican "grass root" people. Mr. Nixon lost touch with the people and without their support success is impossible.

It's important that professionals like yourself guide our leaders, because all yellow brick roads in D. C. do not lead to OZ.

Respectfully yours,

  
John Cole  
Chairman, Island County  
Republican Central Committee

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March 17, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Williams:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne L. Williams  
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Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>

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

Dear Howard:

Congratulations on your  
move to the "White House" as  
Chief of Staff

The people of the United  
States and World are looking for  
Honest Leadership and Firm Directives.  
Howard you can do this -

Sincerely yours

Cleburne Williams

Mr. & Mrs

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March 17, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John McClaughry

Concord, Vermont 05824

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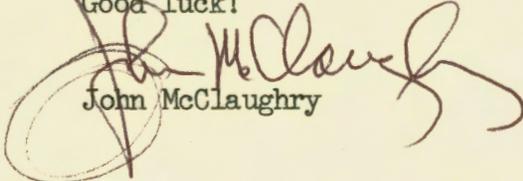
Dear Howard:

All of us who have supported the President owe you a very large vote of thanks for setting aside your own Presidential prospects to rescue a rapidly sinking Presidency. Yours was a selfless act, putting country before personal ambition.

I know you'll do a great job, not just in administering the White House, but in restoring the nation's confidence in the President and his Administration.

As a White House staff veteran of sorts, let me observe that you have some real fine people in the Policy Development Office - namely Gary Bauer and Chuck Hobbs. They are honest, hardworking, loyal and capable. You'll enjoy working with them.

Good luck!

  
John McCloughry

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March 17, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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HON. HOWARD BAKER  
CHIEF OF STAFF  
WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

DEAR HOWARD,

I AM WRITING THIS RATHER BRIEF  
INFORMAL NOTE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON  
YOUR LATEST APPOINTMENT.

AS YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN A SUPPORTER  
OF YOURS FOR YEARS. I WAS LOOKING FORWARD  
TO YOUR PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN '88. HOWEVER,  
ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED REPORTS YOU HAVE  
INDICATED THAT ONCE AGAIN YOU ARE GIVING  
THAT UP TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY IN A POSITION  
AND A TIME WHERE YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED  
MOST.

I APPLAUD & ADMIRE YOUR DEDICATION,  
PATRIOTISM & COURAGE. I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL  
SERVE OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR COUNTRY WITH  
DISTINCTION AS YOU HAVE IN THE PAST.

I STAND READY TO SUPPORT IN ANY  
WAY I CAN YOU AND PRESIDENT REAGAN.

SINCERELY,  
BOB SANFORD

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March 17, 1987

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

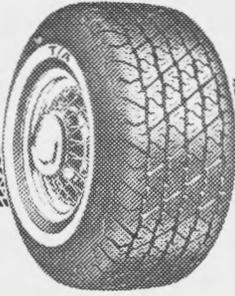
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Chief of Staff to the President

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Chairman  
Hamilton County Commission  
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Senator Howard Baker  
White House Chief of Staff  
White House  
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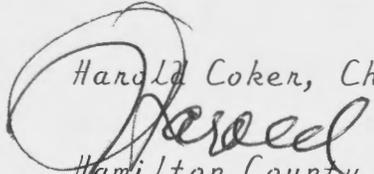
Dear Howard

Congratulations! I really feel good about my country now and the fact that things will straighten out.

I had planned to discuss with you the Senate seat currently held by Senator Sasser. Sorry I procrastinated until you are too busy to discuss who is running? The likelihood of our recapturing the seat next election?

My sons are now running the business full time and I am available to help in any way thats needed. The least thing and probably most important is I offer my prayers for you and President Reagan that God will guide you in all your decisions.

If I can do more all you need to do is ask.

Harold Coker, Chrm  
  
Hamilton County Commission



March 17, 1987

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Jimmy Jones  
Mayor of Union City  
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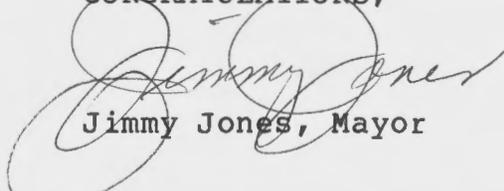
March 4, 1987

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

Dear Howard:

I wanted to drop you a note and say congratulations on being selected as Chief of Staff for President Reagan. I readily agree with all the other comments and that the President could not have picked a more able or qualified man for this position.

CONGRATULATIONS,



Jimmy Jones, Mayor

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March 17, 1987

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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Tom Curl  
Managing Editor

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March 2, 1987

Senator Howard Baker  
The White House  
Washington, DC

Senator Baker, the number of letters I've written to government officials can be counted on one finger, but I feel compelled to write to you expressing my elation at your decision to become Chief of Staff.

Like many other Americans, I have watched in dismay as the wheels came off the Reagan presidency. I have tremendous respect for our President and think that he has put us back on the right track since 1981. But he and his staff badly botched the entire Iran-Nicaragua situation.

During the years I lived in Memphis, I gained tremendous respect for the way you conducted yourself as a Senator and later as Majority Leader. I felt that you represented me with fairness and vision and, above all, absolute honesty.

I wish you the best in your new work,

*Best regards.*

*Tom Curl*

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March 17, 1987

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Henry B. Schacht  
Chairman of the Board and  
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Henry B. Schacht: Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

March 4, 1987

The Honorable Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Howard:

A note to let you know how unsurprised I am that you would heed your country's call and put common good above personal considerations.

I will miss you at AT&T; AT&T will miss you more. I hope we can keep in touch.

Call if there is ever anything I can do to help.

Best,



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March 17, 1987

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Professor Samuel Dash  
Georgetown University Law Center  
600 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001-2022

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Samuel Dash  
Professor of Law

March 2, 1987

Honorable Howard H. Baker  
Chief of Staff  
Office of the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator,

Congratulations on your appointment by the President as his Chief of Staff. At a very troubling time for our Nation and the Presidency, your appointment is indeed a hopeful move in the direction of reestablishing public confidence in the leadership at the helm of national government.

I say this sincerely, because I believe you are uniquely qualified for this post and bring with you the respect and confidence of the Congress and the public. Sara and I wish you the best of luck, health and success in this crucial assignment.

On a personal note, and to clear the air, I want you to know that I wish you well and that I have steadfastly refused to respond to invitations of some media representatives, from time to time, to make negative comments. This is a practice I will continue to follow.

Sincerely,

*Samuel Dash*  
Samuel Dash

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Dear George:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

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George Klein  
President

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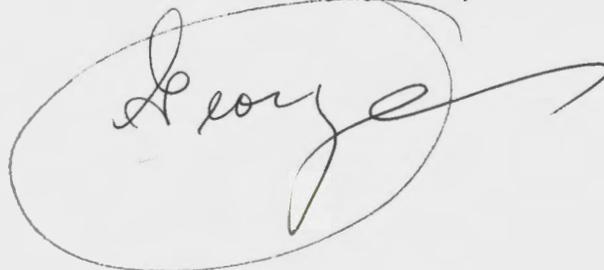
Dear Howard:

Congratulations and best wishes on your appointment as  
Chief of Staff for our President.

It is very, very well deserved recognition. Please  
count on my support whenever needed. I hope to visit with you  
in the near future.

With my kindest best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George", enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.A small, stylized handwritten mark or signature consisting of two vertical lines with a small flourish at the bottom.

March 17, 1987

Dear Judy:

Thank you for your recent note concerning my appointment as White House Chief of Staff. I appreciate your support and confidence, and I look forward to working with President Reagan to complete the agenda he began in his election in 1980.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Judy Koehler  
State Representative  
503 Richard Street  
Henry, Illinois 61537

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**Rep. Judy Koehler**

503 Richard Street  
Henry, Illinois 61537  
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February 28, 1987

Dear Sen. Baker,

Not often in the history of our country are individuals called upon to fill a unique role. One of our greatest American strengths, though, has been that when it becomes necessary, we have found that exceptional person. Few are called upon, even fewer are chosen. At this moment in history, you are that chosen person. You have earned this honor and opportunity.

I am proud of you and for you.

God bless you and your family. May he guide you as you help our president and our country during the coming months.

Sincerely,  
Judy Koehler

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## Howard Baker replaces Regan

By JAMES GERSTENZANG  
of the Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Reagan, reacting swiftly to the Tower commission's indictment of his conduct of his Iran-Contra policy, accepted the resignation Friday of White House Chief of Staff Donald T. Regan and replaced him with former Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr.

Baker, the former Republican senator from Tennessee whose genial style contrasts sharply with the imperious Regan, abandoned his own potential 1988 presidential campaign to take over a White House staff that has been rocked by scandal.

"The president asked me to accept the most sensitive position in his personal entourage and to be his chief of staff," Baker said. "I didn't see how I could turn that down."

Regan, who had become the most powerful White House aide in three decades only to bear a large part of the Tower commission's blame for mismanaging the Iran-Contra affair, gave Regan a resignation letter that was stunning in its brevity.

"Dear Mr. President," Regan wrote, "I hereby resign as Chief of Staff to the President of the United States. Respectfully yours, Donald T. Regan."

Virtually all of Regan's other official and unofficial advisers, including Nancy Reagan, had urged Regan's resignation as a vital step if the president is to remain effective during the final two years of his administration.

With the choice of Baker, the president opted for a chief of staff who offers many of the qualities that critics complained were lacking in Regan: years of experience in Washington, long and warm ties to members of the House and Senate and a proven ability to get along with the wide range of conflicting forces that operate in Washington.

In addition, Baker has great familiarity with a broad range of foreign and domestic issues, and is well-known and respected abroad. Other politicians also consider him to be one of the leading members of the Republican Party.

"You can hear a sigh of relief all over Washington," said Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum, R-Kan. "This may be the best news I've heard since 1987 began. This is an excellent choice."

"With Howard Baker in the White House, the president should have a greater opportunity to get back in charge," said Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif.

Vice President George Bush said in Bedford, Mass.: "I think he'll do a wonderful job. . . He will fulfill the



HOWARD BAKER TALKS WITH REPORTERS AFTER TAKING JOB AS WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF

## Baker's area ties go back to 1951

By THEO JEAN KENYON  
of the Journal Star

The newly designated White House chief of staff's ties to the Peoria area reach back to 1951, when he married the daughter of U.S. Sen. Everett M. Dirksen of Peoria.

But Howard Baker's central Illinois contacts have continued through the years, bringing him to Peoria as recently as last fall to support the failed bid of Judy Koehler for an Illinois seat in U.S. Senate.

Baker was named Friday by Ronald Reagan to succeed Donald Regan as chief of staff for the White House.

His connection to the area began in 1951 when he married Dirksen's daughter, Joy. In 1960,

Dirksen, who was then minority leader of the Senate, went to bat for his attorney son-in-law in a historic campaign that saw Baker become the first Republican elected to the U.S. Senate in the history of Tennessee.

During the past 30 years Baker has spoken frequently in Peoria, sometimes filling in for his father-in-law and sometimes accompanying a longtime Peoria friend, U.S. Rep. Robert H. Michel, R-Peoria.

In 1973 he joined Richard Nixon in ground-breaking ceremonies at Peoria for the Dirksen Congressional Center, and in 1985 was named senior adviser to the Center to guide the educational institution. His wife also serves on the board.

In December 1983, he was presented with an honorary doctorate of laws at Bradley University, and also opened the American Government Lecture series sponsored by the university and the Everett McKinley Dirksen Research Center.

In that lecture, he voiced concern that legislators were losing contact with the districts they represent, and also suggested legislative pay should be \$36,000 a year with no restriction on outside occupations.

Although Baker campaigned here and throughout Illinois in 1984 for re-election of his Republican colleague, Sen. Charles Percy, it was the Democratic candidate Paul Simon who won the Senate seat.

More recently, the 61-year-old Baker supported Judy Koehler of Henry in her unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate seat of incumbent Sen. Alan Dixon.

Baker appeared with Koehler at a \$100 per person reception in her honor at the Twin Towers in Peoria last September.

Dirksen and Baker served together in the U.S. Senate in the 90th Congress. After Dirksen's death, Baker went on to serve as minority leader from 1977 to 1981 and then presided over the first Republican majority in the Senate in more than a quarter century after Reagan was elected.

But he ended his 18-year Senate career in 1985, hinting that he wanted to run for president in 1988.

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# Senators laud Reagan's pick

By SARA FRITZ  
of the Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Conservative and liberal members of Congress alike were unabashedly enthusiastic Friday that President Reagan had named one of their own — former Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. — as White House chief of staff.

"You can hear a sigh of relief all over Washington," declared Sen. Nancy L. Kassebaum, R-Kan. "This may be the best news I've heard since 1987 began. This is an excellent choice."

Most members said that they were especially grateful that Reagan had chosen a man with considerable political experience and a clear understanding of the way Congress works. Baker's predecessor, Donald T. Regan, was highly unpopular on

Capitol Hill for what members viewed as his lack of political savvy and unfamiliarity with Congress.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., who had quarreled openly with Regan over the last several years, seemed particularly pleased by the turnover. "What brought (Regan) to this point is a lack of rough-and-tumble political experience," he said.

Moreover, Dole, an unannounced candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, was expected to benefit personally from Baker's decision to join the White House staff, which will keep him from the presidential sweepstakes.

Even conservative Republicans such as Sens. Orrin G. Hatch of Utah and Steven D. Symms of Idaho, whose political views differ sharply from Baker's more moderate positions, seemed to be genuinely de-

lighted by the news.

"His views and mine are different," Symms conceded. "But I think Sen. Baker is a good choice. By taking the job, Sen. Baker has made it clear that he will carry forward the president's agenda."

Hatch said that Baker's experience as an administrator and leader in Congress ought to help the president in pursuing his own goals. "It's a hard job, as I think everyone will agree, but it's a job that Baker can do," he said.

Liberal Democrats also praised Baker, apparently hoping that some of the former senator's views would rub off on the president.

"With Howard Baker in the White House, the president should have a greater opportunity to get back in charge," Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., said. "It's a good beginning, but there's a long way to go."

## BAKER

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president's program." In a written statement, the president praised his new chief of staff, who served as Senate majority leader during the first four years of Reagan's presidency, as "a man of unquestioned integrity and ability."

"I am enormously pleased that he is willing to take on this responsibility and to help me organize the White House staff for an aggressive two years of work," Reagan said. "Howard and I have been friends for a number of years. I have the utmost respect and admiration for him."

In the statement, the president saluted Regan as "a friend and associate who has always put the nation's interest first." He said Regan "came to me many months ago to say he would like to return to private life in the near future."

"However, after the revelations about Iran, he indicated he would like to stay and help me and the administration through the investigations. Last week he indicated that with the release of the Tower Board report, he felt he would like to go through with his original plans to return to private life."

"I am therefore accepting with regret his resignation as chief of staff, effective today."

Elsewhere, sentiment toward the departing chief of staff was less favorable. A former White House official, speaking on the condition that he not be identified, said of the former chief of staff: "He kept the

president sanitized. He kept dissenting voices from coming near him, playing to whatever he thought the president needed to hear."

The shift in the uppermost level of the White House staff brings to Reagan's side an entirely new lineup for his final 23 months in office.

Regan — as did President Jimmy Carter before him — built his presidential campaign around the theme that it was time to bring to the White House a team of new faces who could successfully do battle with entrenched bureaucrats and special interests.

Now his White House staff is led by old Washington hands. In addition to Baker, Regan recently named as his national security adviser Frank C. Carlucci, a former career Foreign Service officer who served as deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency under Carter, a Democrat.

Beyond those two appointments, other recent personnel shifts have given the president a new White House spokesman, chief domestic policy adviser, director of communications and assistant for political affairs and intergovernmental relations.

Until he accepted the job, Baker was a potential rival of Bush's for the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, although he had not announced his candidacy. Baker said Friday that he would not run for the presidency.

Nancy Reagan said in a statement issued almost simultaneously with the White House announcement — if not minutes before it — that her husband and Baker were "long-time

were just going into storage."

friends" and that she was "delighted he will be with us." She made no reference to Regan.

The first lady's role in Regan's departure was substantial. The two were reportedly no longer on speaking terms after she orchestrated an effort to force him from office last December, and Regan was said to have hung up on her in recent telephone conversations.

Regan was said earlier this month to have obtained from Reagan a gentlemen's agreement that he could remain in his post as long as he wanted. But as the fire storm grew around him, this source said, it was understood that the deadline had been drastically moved up and that he had only until Monday.

Then, as word of the shift began circulating in Washington, the chief of staff drew up his one-sentence resignation letter and called White House spokesman Mariin Fitzwater to his office.

"I just had this delivered to the president," he said, ordering Fitzwater to make it public, a White House official disclosed.

Said a former White House official: "He was obviously very angry and obviously in a hurry."

Regan is the first White House chief of staff to resign under fire since H.R. Haldeman left the Richard M. Nixon White House during the Watergate scandal. At that time, Baker was vice chairman of the Senate Watergate Committee.

Regan's departure quickly overshadowed the initial White House reaction to the Tower Commission report.

# Gates' nomination in trouble: Dole

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said Friday that President Reagan's nomination of Robert M. Gates to be CIA director is in trouble in a Senate unhappy over the administration's handling of the Iran-Contra affair.

"I think if there's an early vote, he's in trouble," the Kansas Republican told a news conference.

Dole said he conveyed that assessment to Reagan earlier Friday at a

meeting at the White House, but that Reagan did not respond.

The senator said he wouldn't recommend that Reagan withdraw the nomination, but added that he would do a "little checking around over the weekend" with other senators to try to determine how much support exists for Gates.

Gates, currently CIA deputy director, was nominated by Reagan to succeed William Casey as director

after Casey resigned following surgery for brain cancer.

Dole's assessment echoed that of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who said earlier Friday that the Gates nomination is "a lightning rod" for congressional unhappiness with the administration.

"I've never seen anything unravel quite as fast as support for the Gates nomination," said Leahy.

# Israel, Egypt to push for peace talks

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel and Egyptian leaders said Friday they agreed to push for an international conference before the end of the year to discuss Middle East peace prospects.

The commitment came in a joint

statement.

The statement reaffirmed for the second time in five months that Peres and the Egyptians favor holding a broad-based conference to discuss differences between Israel and the Arabs. The first time was in Alexandria, Egypt, last September. when

Shamir, who succeeded Peres as prime minister last October.

Jordanian support also would be needed to give muscle to an Egyptian-Israeli accord on the framework for such a conference.

Shamir Peres' rival and negotiator

# Pollard says Israel thanked him for spying

By The Washington Post

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