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Dear Mr. Derstine:

I wish there were words to convey adequately how much it means to me to hear from people like you -- especially during these challenging days. Your warm message of support and encouragement has filled me with renewed resolve to work and fight for the goals we share. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation. God bless you.

Sincerely,

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December 30, 1982

President Ronald Reagan The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Honorable President Reagan;

I wish to voice my approval of the direction you have been guiding our country. I constantly hear the negative challenges coming through the television media. However, I am pleased to see the inflation rate come way down, and was expecting our country to go through traumatic changes.

May I encourage you to stand firm in the direction you are going. I would not be surprised if our country would have to experience even more set backs economically before we can be set on a proper course. We pray for you daily, and have confidence that God will give you divine wisdom in making your decisions.

I have recently been in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where I spoke to a body of graduating students. I was invited into the President's office to have a personal talk with President Roberto Cordova of that country. He mentioned to me your visit and his appreciation of meeting you and President Montt while in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

May I encourage you to do what you possibly can to aid our friendly Latin American nations. We must withstand the communist efforts in that part of America. We stand firmly behind you, and wish you God's special blessing.

Sincerely

Gerald Derstine

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Dear Dr. Derstine:

Thank you for your message of support following the actions we took to restore order and democracy in Grenada.

A few years ago it seemed that America forgot what an admirable and essential need there is for a nation to have men and women who would give their lives to protect their fellow citizens and to defend the freedom we hold so dear. Today, it is clear that our national security can be threatened in faraway places, but it is equally clear that we are blessed with the resources and will to fulfill our responsibilities in the pursuit of peace and justice.

As one of the medical students rescued from Grenada said here at the White House to representatives of our Armed Forces involved in this rescue mission, "We owe each and every one of you a debt we can never repay." I believe that this student was speaking a thought in the minds and hearts of all Americans.

The process of restoring self-determination and democracy in Grenada is now underway, and its completion will mark the most fitting monument to the sacrifices of our brave young men. Their valor will never be forgotten.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Sincerely,



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November 3, 1983

President Ronald Reagan White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Honorable Mr. President,

I want to congratulate you for the move you made on the Caribbean Island of Grenada. We believe you had the wisdom of God and we are very pleased and grateful that as a leader you knew the right timing to step in and remove the anti-God communist forces that were attempting to have another foot hold in that part of the world.

Also I compliment you for not allowing the press and reporters to accompany the soldiers because I believe they could have been a deterrant, very much so, as it appears they have been in recent years. It appears as though the press is not favorable toward America, and seemingly always finds the faults with the American Government. We are in favor of you having a harder line toward the press to keep our country free and have real liberty. Keep up the good work.

Thank you again and may God bless you richly.

Sincerely,

Rev. Gerald Derstine D.D.

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