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Remarks to State Department  
Employees

March 27, 1991

*The President.* Thank you all very much for that warm reception. I really wanted to come over here and I really wanted to say thank you, and I wanted to address our foreign policy professionals and all those who support them. You are, indeed, the men and women on the front lines of American interests, both in war and in peace. And this recent situation was no exception.

Dwight Eisenhower once marveled at freedom's power to assemble "lightness against the dark." Well, I think that all of you showed that rather eloquently in this Gulf situation, indeed, in our victory in the Persian Gulf. You acted for right against wrong. I don't know how each and every person here was motivated, but for me, very early on it became a clear choice of good versus evil, of right versus wrong. And when that happens it makes it easier to make some of the decisions.

You spoke here, various officers, for dignity against oppression. And I salute you—I salute you on behalf of every American and all the freedom-loving peoples of the world.

We do stand for the peaceful resolution of conflicts, and no one tried harder to resolve the Gulf conflict peacefully than our Secretary of State Jim Baker, and then the entire State Department.

You know, from August 1990 to January 15th of 1991—166 days—you conducted nonstop discussions in the hopes of reversing aggression, in the hopes of this peaceful settlement. Secretary of State Baker had more than 200 meetings with foreign dignitaries; 10 diplomatic missions; 6 congressional appearances. I.O. and Tom Pickering, operating up in New York, helped put into effect 12 United Nations resolutions. And over 103,000 miles traveled on the Secretary's part, to talk with members of the U.N., the Arab League, and the European Community.

Every American staff, every consulate, every bureau and every department here and abroad facilitated these missions. The American people will always remember the courage of Embassy Baghdad and Embassy Kuwait. You were called upon, those that

served there, to do your duty, and you did so.

You worked closely with our allies, this Department did—an extraordinary coalition. I really believe that when history writes the final chapter on all of this, this coalition of—some might say disparate coalition—is going to be one of the highlights of what happened in Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Indeed, I think all of your work inspired the American people. And you brought new respect, frankly—and deserved respect, in my view—to men and women for whom diplomacy is not merely a profession but it's a mission.

During all of this, I recall several important meetings at the White House where I drew on the experience of, among others, Assistant Secretary Kelly, Ambassador Glaspie; met also with the—[*applause*]  
—I think that's appropriate. And also the returning officers from Embassy Kuwait and Embassy—he's back there. [*Laughter*] Ambassador Howell and Mr. Wilson later on, and so many others that just did a wonderful job.

That mission, your mission, of course, deals with the entire world, not only the Middle East. It's a mission you carried out even as war raged in the Persian Gulf. We forget that at a time all of this was going on, just by way of example, there were some very harrowing problems still remaining, I might add, in Liberia. And you look at other trouble spots in the world and things were going on, and those officers and those supporters of the missions there get very little credit for that.

But you kept the foreign policy moving forward. You put out the fires, and you did a great job, even though not as much in the focus as those Embassies in Kuwait and Baghdad.

So, you're dealing with the entire world. It went on; all that important work went on even as war raged in the Persian Gulf. And then you, along with the finest soldiers and sailors and airmen and marines and coastguardsmen that any nation has ever known, helped light the lamp of liberty. Now, I'd like to see us use that, and I know many here are already actively involved in this, in illuminating a new world order.

Djiboutis support of U.S. in Gulf is indicative of a new Administration of George Bush, 1991 / Apr. 24

Remarks Following Discussions With President Hassan Gouled Aptidon of Djibouti and an Exchange With Reporters

April 24, 1991

President Bush. There comes a time when nations must decide whether to allow aggression to go unchallenged. And the decision is never easy for any country, large or small. But today I want to thank one small nation which took up a very large challenge in the Persian Gulf war—the Republic of Djibouti.

Tiny in size, lacking in resources, and vulnerable to retaliation, Djibouti saw Saddam Hussein's aggression as an intolerable precedent for small nations everywhere. And so Djibouti joined the chorus of condemnation, voting with the Arab League and the United Nations. It joined the coalition of forces against Saddam Hussein. By opening its airfields, its seaports, its territorial waters to allies, Djibouti aided allied forces to liberate Kuwait quickly and efficiently.

President Gouled, your personal support was invaluable. Djibouti's response to the Gulf crisis, however, came as no surprise to us. Djibouti has long been a model of stability and moderation in a region which is no stranger to violence and extremism. This deep and abiding desire for peace and willingness to act with others to resist aggression are the chief characteristics of what I call the new world order. It is the responsibility imposed by our successes. It refers to new ways of working with nations like yours to deter aggression, and to achieve stability, to achieve prosperity, and above all, to achieve peace.

Together, we look forward to the day when the nations of the world, large and small, cooperate peacefully to settle disputes and to deter aggression.

We are glad to have the opportunity to express our hopes directly to President Gouled, and we anticipate many long years ahead in our relationship.

I want to thank you again, Your Excellency, for the warm welcome which Djibouti has always extended to our Navy, and your support of the United States soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coastguardsmen was indeed essential to our coalition success. We thank you, and we wish you well.

President Gouled Aptidon. Mr. President, it is a great pleasure for me to be here in this wonderful country at your kind invitation. I have very much enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you in an atmosphere of genuine friendship and mutual understanding.

I wish to commend you, Mr. President, for your strong leadership during the recent Gulf crisis which culminated in the liberation of Kuwait and the restoration of its legitimate government. As a small country, the Republic of Djibouti has an interest in the recognition and maintenance of the territorial integrity of other nations around the world.

We discussed a wide range of issues of common concerns, Mr. President, including matters related to our bilateral relationship, Djibouti's strategic importance in general, and its vital role in the Gulf crisis in particular.

The plight of the destitute peoples of the Horn of Africa deserve urgent international action to alleviate the misery and endless suffering as a result of the prolonged civil strife and ethnic conflicts. The misfortunes in the neighboring countries have had a calamitous impact on the political, social, and economic survival of Djibouti. However, we shall persevere in our strenuous mission of reconciliation and stability.

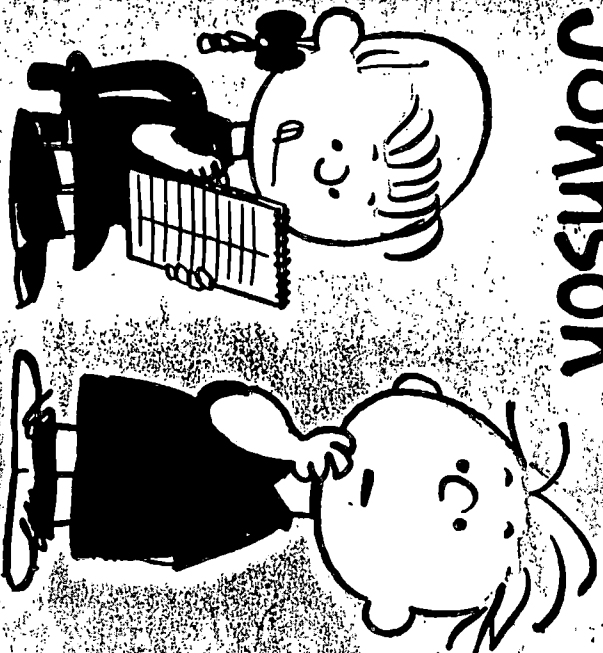
Mr. President, I call on the United States Government to take a leading role in seeking an end to the armed conflicts in the Horn of Africa, which have resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands and unnecessarily threatened the lives of tens of millions of impoverished people.

We found ourselves in agreement on the goals for post-Gulf peace and security. The aftermath of the Gulf war provides a unique opportunity to adopt constructive policies that will guarantee peace and security in the region in the Middle East and that will ensure the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

President Bush and I also had the opportunity to review important elements of our bilateral relationship. We have discussed ideas designed to assist Djibouti in meeting its development needs which improve the living standards for Djibouti's population.

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JOHNSON,

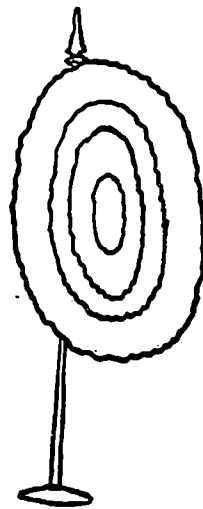
IF THERE WAS A WOMAN  
PRESIDENT WOULD HER  
HUSBAND BE CALLED  
"THE FIRST MAN"?

BEST WISHES,  
MELLISSA F.  
INDIANAPOLIS,  
INDIANA

**Dear President Johnson,**

**I am a Cub Scout in Indianapolis. Our  
finances are very low. We have 37 cents in our  
treasury. We need an American Flag to salute.  
We have been making our pledge to an old rug  
and pretending it was a flag at our den meetings.  
Could you send us one?**

**Yours,  
Jimmy A.  
Indianapolis, Indiana**



Washington, D. C.  
The White House

Dear President Johnson,

I, a future voter of this country, would like to state my opinion on physical fitness in America. I feel that you should set an example for the people of America. Whenever you are shown on TV, you are relaxing or taking it easy. This does not make me get up and jump. I see the leader of this country lounging around and I want to lounge.

Sincerely,  
Jack N.  
Seattle, Washington



White House  
Att: Mr. President

Dear Pres. Johnson,

My mother and I heard you say on  
TV that you cut the White House light  
bill. My mother said, "Well, I'm  
not the only person in the world  
who turns off the lights." She  
is always turning off the lights.  
Our house is always dark.

Your friend,  
Sarah H.  
Los Angeles, California

Dear President Johnson,

Here is how you can win the election,

1. Promise a lot for everybody
2. Kiss all the babies
3. Be nice to dogs
4. Don't say too much that will  
get you in trouble

Good Luck,  
Sally S.  
Peoria, Illinois

*Dear President Johnson,*

*I have been wondering about this for a long time. Why not have children act as foreign diplomats to other countries along with the older diplomats. I think kids would get more done over a game of checkers than the present older diplomats do arguing.*

*Yours truly,  
Brian M.  
Trenton, New Jersey*



Lyndon B. Johnson  
Washington

Dear Mr. President,

Our teacher, Miss Lang, gave the whole class  
a zero in spelling because a few boys were  
talking. She said "I don't care if you tell the  
President of the United States." So we are.

Sidney C.  
St. Augustine, Florida

Deer Sur,  
How kum I gott a  
zeero in speling?



Dear President Johnson

I want to visit your LBJ ranch.  
I would like to be there for the  
Last roundup.

Your pal  
John H.  
Paterson, New Jersey

Washington, D. C.

Office of the President

Dear Mr President,

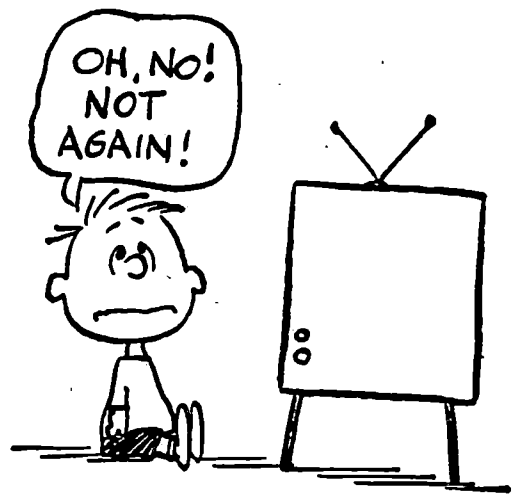
I read in the Cleveland  
Plain Dealer that you go  
swimming without clothes  
on. If you want to know  
my opinion, I don't approve  
of the matter. I think you  
better start wearing a bathing  
suit.

Yours truly,

Ann B.  
Cleveland, Ohio

*Dear President Johnson,  
Do you know Huntley and Brinkley? You are  
always on their show.*

*So long,  
Robert G.  
Cincinnati, Ohio*



The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson,

Our school is having Public Schools week. I would like to invite you and Mrs. Johnson to our school. If you can come I would like for you and Mrs. Johnson to eat with me in the lunch room. We eat at 12:15. My Mother will put extra sandwiches in the lunch box for you and Mrs. Johnson. I hope you like tuna fish.

Debra S.  
San Francisco, California



Dear President Johnson of THE USA,  
I am 11. I will be 12 next week.  
How can I get federal aid?  
A girl from Chicago.  
Marsha R.

Dear President Johnson

I decided today to go to the local Democratic club to obtain some pictures of you. I was trying to combat the activities of a boy in my class who was handing out republican literature. Upon reaching the club, I found that in a short span of time, it changed into a Republican club. Republicans seem to be closing in on all sides. I can't find Democratic headquarters anywhere.

Respectfully,

Tom H.

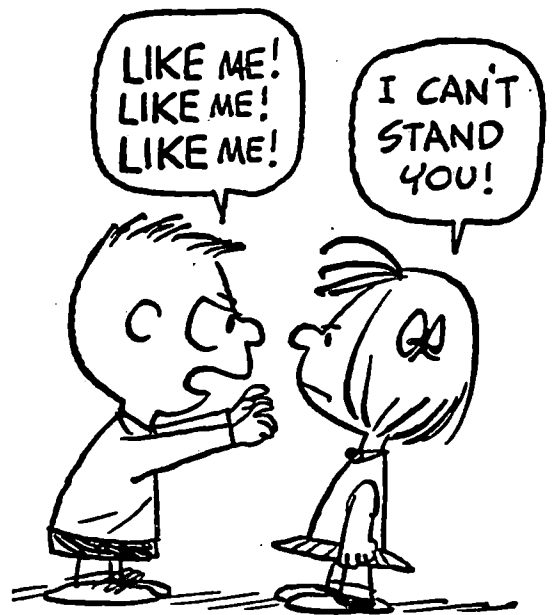
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear President Johnson,

I would very truly like you to send me a hypnotism instructor to teach me how to hypnotize people.

The only reason I'm sending this letter is because there is this girl named Jennifer and I like her very much. I want to hypnotize her so she will like me.

Yours truly,  
Dan B.  
San Francisco





Dear Mr. President Johnson,  
You probably don't remember me but on  
your visit to Florida, a red Ford pulled up next to  
your car and you were kind enough to open  
your window. I was the girl in that car.  
I wish to apologize for seeming so rude to you  
and Mrs. Johnson. It's very hard to talk to the  
President of the United States. I mean, what is  
there to say? That is why I said nothing.  
Love,  
Harriet P.  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. President,

What is your hobby?

Mine is buying monster

comic books.

Love, Len W.

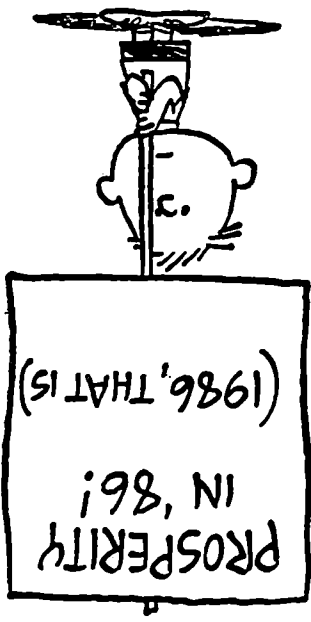
Boise, Idaho

Mr. L.B. Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

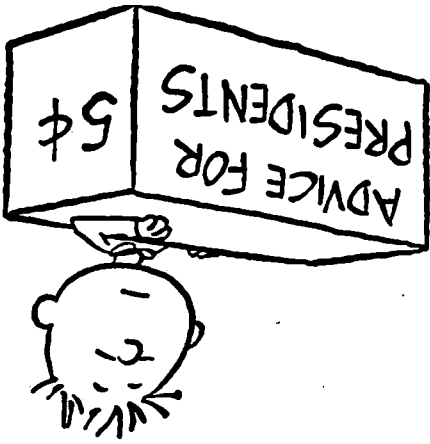
Dear President,

I am a 12 year old boy and live on the Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota. I have been sick with colds ever since we have been here. I wish we could be stationed somewhere warmer. My daddy says we may be here 4 years. I think I would like Florida. I have had 8 good colds already.

Charles H.  
Grand Forks, North Dakota



To the President of the USA,  
I would like to be the Senator from Wyoming  
in 1986. Please put my name on the waiting list.  
Respectfully,  
Mervin K.  
Cheyenne, Wyoming



Dear Mr. President,  
Your speeches are excellent except for one  
thing. You stop and look at your speeches  
If you would run thru your speeches  
ahead of time, you would be a better speaker.  
Practice makes perfect.  
Arnold J.  
Lansing, Michigan

President's Office  
Washington

Dear President,

My name is Beth. I live  
in Boston. I have two brothers.  
One sister. One dog. One cat.  
One turtle. I am in the fourth  
grade and I'm not married.

Bye!

Beth E.

PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON  
WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

I READ IN A MAGAZINE  
THAT YOU DRANK CAFFEIN  
FREE COFFEE AND LOW CALORIE  
ORANGE JUICE, IS IT TRUE?  
WHY? YOU DONT LOOK  
FAT TO ME.

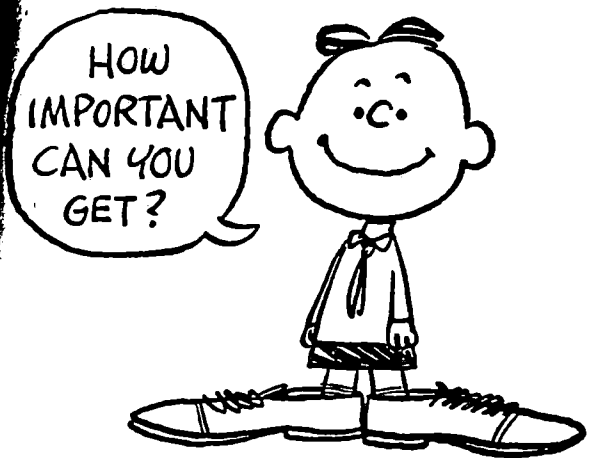
YOUR FRIEND,  
PAUL H.

CARSON CITY,  
NEVADA

*Dear Mr. President Johnson,*

*You never saw me and you probably never will. I wish I was in your shoes even if they wouldn't fit because then I would be more important than my brother.*

*Daniel S.  
New Orleans, Louisiana*

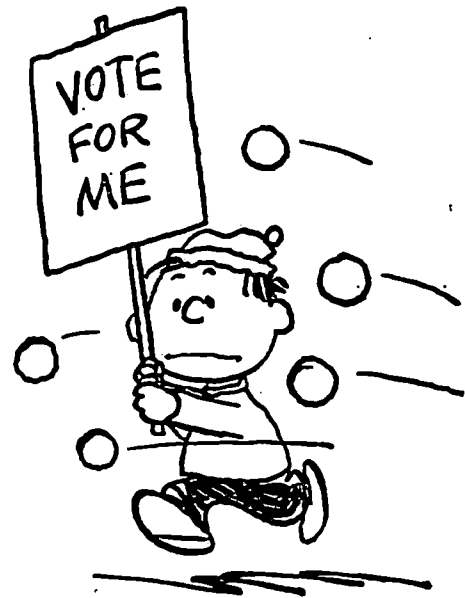


Dear Mr. President,

I am like you. I am President of our class.  
I was elected by 12 kids out of 26. The other com-  
petitors threw snowballs at me on the way home.  
I thought that being a President was all  
rosy. But it's not. How can you please everyone?  
Can you help me?

A President,  
Thomas P.  
Albany, New York

P.S. I will help you with your problems if I can



President L.B. Johnson  
Washington, DC

Dear President Johnson,

I have one question to ask. Our country broke away from ~~England~~ England because of high taxes we had to pay. But now we are worse off. The State of Indiana collects more taxes from the people than any other state. With all the taxes they collect, Indiana should be richer than the United States. Help the people of Indiana before they don't have any money left.

Ellen J

Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear President Johnson,

My Father is a school teacher in Palo Alto. My cousin drives a bus. My brother is a college student. My uncle is a doctor. My Mother is just a housewife.

Your pal,  
Joe H.

**President Lyndon Johnson  
Washington**

**Dear President,**

**If I could shake your hand, I wouldn't ask  
for another thing for the rest of my life.**

**Your friend,  
Stewart M.  
Hartford, Connecticut**



**Dear President,**

***I am starting a hair collection. May I have some of your hair. I won't be disappointed if you need all your hair and you can't give me some. But please try hard.***

**Love,  
Jane T.  
Denver, Colorado**



Dear President  
Lyndon Johnson,  
Please send your  
picture. I want to hang  
you in school.

Truly, Larry Z.  
Springfield,  
Massachusetts

The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

My friends and I are forming a club  
in your honor. We call it the LBJ Young  
Democratic club. We would like to have  
a western hat or pins if you have any  
to spare. And anything else to help  
show that we are for you. The hat size of  
my friend Jeffrey is 7 - Larry is 8 -  
Richard is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  - Andy is  $7\frac{1}{4}$ , Nicky is  
 $6\frac{1}{2}$  - mine is  $7\frac{1}{4}$ . The color hat we like  
is white.

THANK YOU,

MARTIN K Ann Arbor,  
Michigan

**Dear LBJ,**

**We are for you but against girls.**

**The Tiger Club  
James R., President  
Edwin B., Vice President  
Alan C., Secretary  
Ted J., Treasurer  
Raleigh, North Carolina**



Dear Mr. Johnson,

My name is Bobby. I am nine years old. I am a cub scout. We have a 4 pocket scout salute but we can only do a 3 pocket salute because we can only do 4 if the President of the United States is at the meeting.

If you are around our town sometime I would like you to visit our cub scout meeting in our basement. It's 6:30 on a Monday night.

Sincerely,  
Bobby T.

Mr. President  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

Is everybody in Texas tall like you? Everybody in Vermont is short like my father.

Goodbye,

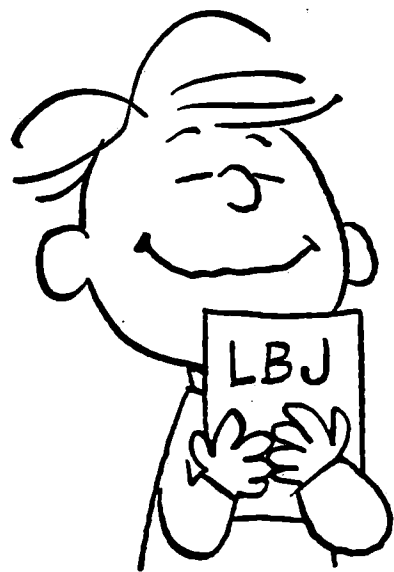
Andrea W.

Burlington, Vermont

**Dear Mr. President,**

**Do me a favor please. Sign my report card.  
My Father won't.**

**Your friend,  
Harold M.  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**



**Dear President of the United States,**

**My name is Gretchen. I am 7 years old.  
I want a horse. Is there a law against having a  
horse in our garage?**

**Love,  
Gretchen K.  
Topeka, Kansas**



Mr. Lyndon Johnson,  
White House

Dear Mr. President,  
Our class is writing  
to their favorite people.  
Most of the kids picked  
the Beatles but I picked  
you.

Love  
Helaine G.  
Fall River, Massachusetts

The President  
Washington, DC

Dear President Johnson,

Our school year book has an ad section. We  
would like you to buy an ad for the United States  
Government. The prices are \$36 for a full page.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  is \$24,  $\frac{1}{4}$  is \$12.  $\frac{1}{8}$  is \$6. I hope the United  
States Government can afford a full page or at  
least a half.

Thank you,

Earl P.

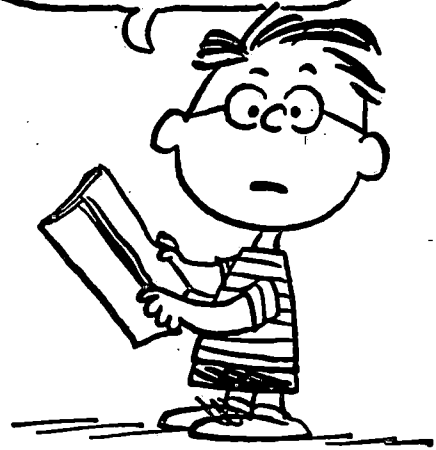
Twin Falls, Idaho

**Dear Mr. Johnson,**

**Send to my house the number of boys in the  
country named Stanley.**

**My name is Stanley  
Buffalo, New York**

"STANLEY"... NOT  
"STANLIEGH"!



To Mr Lyndon Johnson  
in the White House,  
What does a President do  
for fun and jokes?  
Your friend,  
Doug R  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear President Johnson,  
Our weekly reader had your  
picture with a Hereford Bull.  
We wonder what other animals you  
have on your ranch. What is your  
favorite breed of cats? We like  
like Siamese best. We have  
two cats in our house but  
no bulls.  
Your friend,  
Lynn M.  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Lyndon Johnson  
Washington**

**Dear Mr. President,**

**I hope we never have a lady President.  
My reason is girls talk all the time. I know you  
feel the same way but you can't say so because  
you don't want to get the women mad at  
you in an election.**

**Your friend,  
Jeffrey W.  
Seattle, Washington**



**President Lyndon B. Johnson  
The White House  
Pennsylvania Ave.  
Washington, D. C.**

**Dear Mr. Johnson,**

**I'm the girl you kissed in Houston. I am  
deeply honored to be kissed by the President of  
the U.S.A. I will remember it forever and ever.**

**Love,  
Jeanine B.  
Houston, Texas**

**P.S. Everybody knows you kissed me.**



Dear Mr. Johnson,

I have a problem against parents. For example, parents tell us we are noisy and then a few days later they are laughing and yelling at night and we can't sleep. If we tell them that they are doing wrong we get in trouble again.

My two sisters and three cousins and I agreed to call this to your attention. Does a President help children out?

*Louise P.*  
Schenectady, New York

PRESIDENT JOHNSON,  
WASHINGTON  
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,  
WONT YOU GO TO OUR  
CHURCH SOMETIME. OUR  
CHURCH NEEDS THE  
PUBLICITY. WE ARE  
LUTHERANS.  
THANK YOU,  
RITA B.  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

The President  
The White House

Dear Johnson,

All I need is 18 cents to be the richest in  
my class. Please.

Your pal,  
Robert D.  
Lansing, Michigan

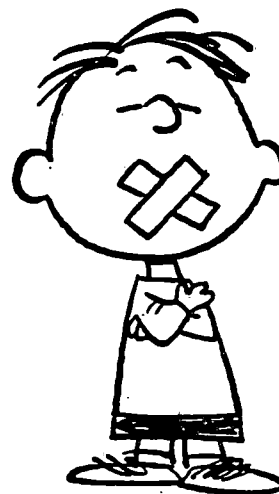
P.S. MAKE IT 25¢  
AND I'LL BE THE RICHEST  
IN THE WORLD.



**Dear Mr. President Johnson,**

**I would like to know some real secrets.  
I won't tell anybody. Not even my best  
friend Harvey.**

**A loyal citizen,  
Vincent J.  
Providence, Rhode Island**



Hi MR. PRESIDENT,

YOU NEED A SECRETARY FOR  
CHILDREN IN THE CABINET  
LIKE THE SECRETARY OF  
AGRICULTURE BECAUSE CHILDREN  
HAVE PROBLEMS LIKE  
FARMERS DO.

THANKS,  
MARCIA T.  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Dear President Johnson

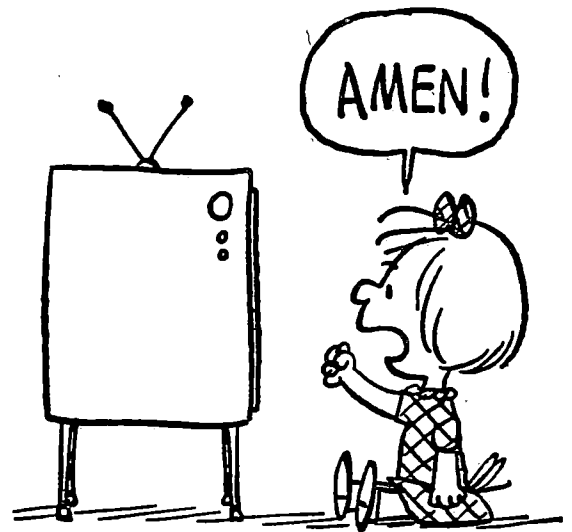
You are probably wondering who I am? My name  
is Betsy. I sent your name to the Peter Lewis  
Store which sells Big and Tall man clothing. You will  
no doubt receive a catalogue from this store. I  
was wondering if you would place an order for  
anything in the catalogue. I would receive a gift  
for getting them a new customer. They have good  
clothes and cheap prices. Thank you.

Betsy  
New York City

**Dear Mr. President,**

***I have seen you on TV a few times and I  
like the way you preach.***

**Janet T.  
Denver, Colorado**



**The President  
Washington  
Dear Mr. Johnson,**

*The little boys and girls my age don't say  
much about most things but now we are.  
We do not think mailmen should shoot funny  
little guns at our dogs. Many times our dogs are  
blamed for things they don't do. Help the  
poor dogs, Mr. President.*

*Your friend,  
Carole L.  
Sacramento, California*



Dear President Johnson,

We, the boys of the Junior Marines decided to write to you about our Junior Marine Corps. We know that a Marine is strong so we started a gym in our basement. We have two nine pound weights, one 27 pound weight, and one 18 lb. weight. Each person takes five minute shifts. ~~It~~ In five days we have become a lot stronger. When we finish in the basement we trot around the block once or twice. WE NEVER GET TIRED BECAUSE WE ARE MARINES.

James S.

Dover, Delaware

President Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Please write and tell me everything about your whole life. I need it for school. It can't be more than 100 words counting the title and by Lyndon Johnson.

Best wishes,  
Marlye W.  
Bridgeport,  
Connecticut

*Dear President Johnson,*

*If you were a little girl nine years old and you wanted to do something extra for your country what would you do? I only have a few afternoons off to help and I have to be home by five for my tub.*

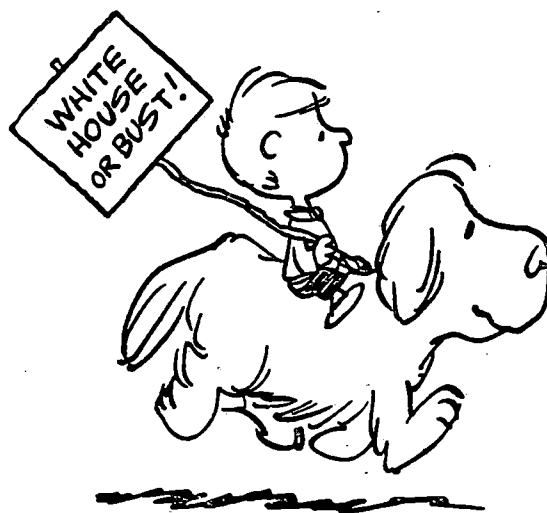
*Love,  
Beth T.  
Stamford, Connecticut*



Dear President,

I am coming to Washington, D. C. on my vacation. I would like to know if my dog, Rex, can come to the White House. He has never been to the White House. He will not bite and he is not dirty. If it is okay can I come with him?

Your pal,  
Leonard J.  
Springfield, Massachusetts



White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

My sister is running for President  
of the Hoffman School. We are trying  
the patriotic approach. Is that what  
you use? We are worried. Will it work?

Sincerely,  
Leslie M.  
Roslyn, New York

Dear President Johnson,

We are a 4th grade class in Chicago.  
We are measuring distances around the tops of  
our desks.

We use our hand span as the unit of meas-  
urement. Since the President is the most  
important person in our country, we decided  
we would use your hand ~~span~~ as our unit.  
We will call it a "Johnson" and measure  
our desks in "Johnsons".

We know you are a busy man, but could you  
send us your hand span size?

Your friends: Barry A, David R., Stefan  
C., Dean L., X Jack Y.

**Dear Mr. President Johnson,**

**Call me on the telephone. Here is my number, 311-555-2368. Don't call between 5 and 7 because that's when my sister is on the phone with her goofy friends.**

**Bye,  
Richard S.  
St. Louis, Missouri**



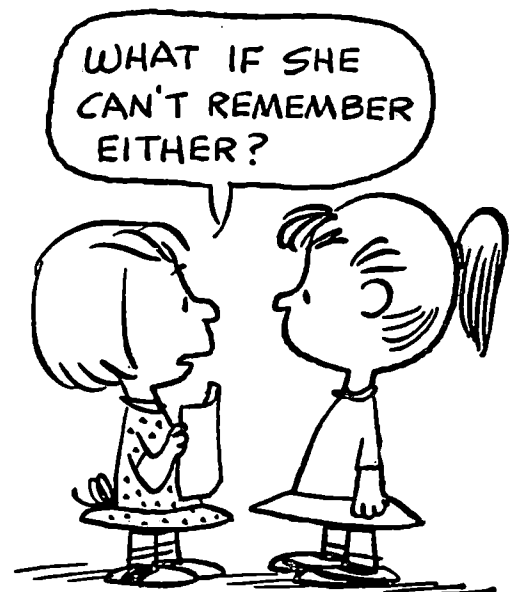
**Mr. Johnson  
White House**

**Dear Mr. President,**

**I am starting a collection of famous  
marriage proposals. I need to have when you  
proposed to Mrs. Johnson and what you said.  
It doesn't have to be the exact words.**

**A loyal fan,  
Eleanor K.  
Bangor, Maine**

**P.S. If you forgot, ask Lady Bird.**



Mr. President Johnson  
The White House

Dear Mr. President

We are three brothers and  
four sisters and my mother  
says thats enough.

So long,  
Janine P.  
Portsmouth, Virginia

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

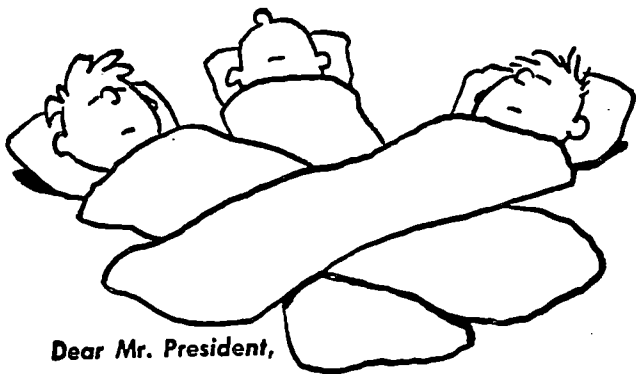
I am one of your sincere followers, and I am  
facing the long road of life for I am now a  
teenager. I've got a distant dream to be a  
lawyer and that is the reason I am writing  
to you.

I wish you would send me one of your Texas  
hats and then every time I am discouraged by  
the hard work I'll have your "helping hat"  
to give me courage when I need it most.

Thank you,

Edwin P.

Abilene, Texas



Dear Mr. President,

I am eleven years old. My name is Mike.  
Can you send me a Boy Scout cooking kit and ten  
sleeping bags so my scout pack can go camping.  
We are sleeping out in Jeffrey's backyard.

Thank you,  
Mike T.  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear President Lyndon Johnson,  
My name is Bobby Allen.  
My mother's maiden name was Johnson.  
My uncle checked back the records and  
found that you were my mother's sixth  
cousin and that makes you my seventh  
cousin. My problem is the kids in  
school don't believe me. Could you help  
me out since I am your seventh  
cousin for real.

Your seventh cousin,  
Bobby Allen  
Houston, Texas

Dear President Johnson,

I know that you are busy these days. I have an idea for your council on physical fitness. My idea is that if you had a Mr & Mrs. youth fitness program, they would have physical games.

Bud G.  
San Diego, California



Dear LBJ,

Would you grow a mustache for Timmy,  
Annabel and my classmates?

Your pal,  
Roger L.  
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear President Johnson,

My friend, Freddy, said  
that Mickey Mantle makes  
more money than the President. It  
isn't right. He just has  
to hit home runs and you  
have to watch Khrushchev  
and Castro

Victor S.

Salem,  
Oregon

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This book is about a love affair—between young Americans and President Ronald Reagan.

From all over the country, youngsters have been writing to the President expressing their thoughts, dreams, hopes, ideas, complaints—but most of all their affection.

Obviously, without the young letter writers this book would not be possible, but we are also grateful to President Reagan. In capturing the fancy of Americans young and old, it is really he who has made this book possible.

## *Acknowledgments*

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The letters are as they were written—only the names have been changed to protect the innocent, and not so innocent.

## Foreword

I love these letters!

Where else but in America could you find kids of all ages writing to the President to express their dreams, aspirations, affection, and even a complaint or two? Somewhere among these letter writers you may even find a future president or a secretary of state or a supreme court justice.

I never did write a letter to a president when I was a kid, but then again, Calvin Coolidge wasn't the sort of president who inspired letters.

Willard Scott  
Of the *Today Show*

Dear Mr. President,

Did Mrs. Reagan know you were going to be President when she married you?

Did you promise her you would be President so she would say yes?

*Karen S.*  
Age 9  
San Diego

Dear Mr. President,

I want to give you a kiss.

Love,  
*Susie S.*  
Age 7  
Shaker Heights

P.S. I want to kiss Mrs. Reagan and your horse, too.

Dear Pres Reagan,

I saw you on the news on Channel 2, 4 and 7.  
I hope you don't get tired running from Channel 2 to Channel 4 to Channel 7.

Your citizen,  
*Patty T.*  
Age 10  
Montauk

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,

Please send me a list of all the good things you have done so far as President.

Please send me the list right away because I have to write a story about you as President and I don't want to leave anything out.

Your friend,  
*Laurence R.*  
Age 10  
Harrisburg

Dear Mr. President,

I love you.

I am 8.

Someday I want to be your First Lady.

*Kathy S.*  
Age 8  
Los Angeles

Hi President!

I love you the best after my father.

Love and kisses,  
*Natalie R.*  
Age 8  
Buffalo

Dear President Reagan,  
Please help with inflation.  
My allowance can't buy anything anymore.

Your citizen,  
*Thomas J.*  
Age 12  
St. Louis

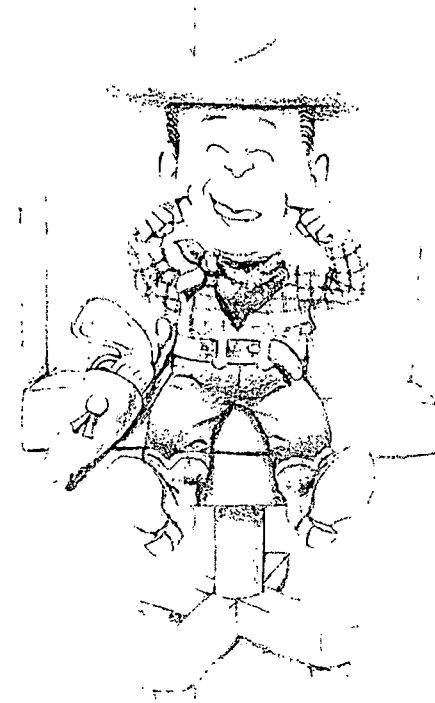
Dear Mr. President,  
I would like to shake your hand.  
I never shook the hand of a President  
before.

Love,  
*Alison E.*  
Age 8  
Pawtucket

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Do you have to be the smartest person in the  
U.S.A. to be President?

I have read a lot in the history books about a  
lot of Presidents and I'm not so sure.

Your friend,  
*George P.*  
Age 9  
Philadelphia



Hi Mr. President!  
I think you're cute.  
I hope it is okay to call a President cute.

Love,  
*Natalie B.*  
Age 10  
Pittsburgh

Dear Mr. Pres,

Does a President have an expense account?  
Who signs your expense account?  
My father has an expense account and he  
cheats all the time.

Yours truly,  
*Charles H.*  
Age 11  
Milwaukee

P.S. My father doesn't know I wrote this letter.

Dear Pres Reagan,

I would like to send you a birthday card but I  
don't know when it is.

Send me the day of your birthday and I will  
send you a 25 cents birthday card.

*Gabriel H.*  
Age 9  
Philadelphia

Dear President Reagan,

Do we have a lot of friends in the world or  
mostly enemies?

Your citizen,  
*James L.*  
Age 8  
Palm Springs

Dear Mr. President Reagan,

I think you should send a woman into space.  
Like my sister.

Love,  
*Haywood J.*  
Age 8  
Norfolk

Dear President,

I drew a picture of you.

I hope you like the picture.

I am a good American but not a terrific artist.

Your friend,  
*Pauline S.*  
Age 10  
Santa Clara

Dear President Reagan,

I hope you have a dog in the White House.  
Every President should have a dog in the  
White House even if he doesn't really want one.

*Vicky M.*  
Age 9  
Dallas

Dear President Reagan,  
I would like to be like you when I grow up.

Love,  
*Eric L.*  
Age 8  
Ashland

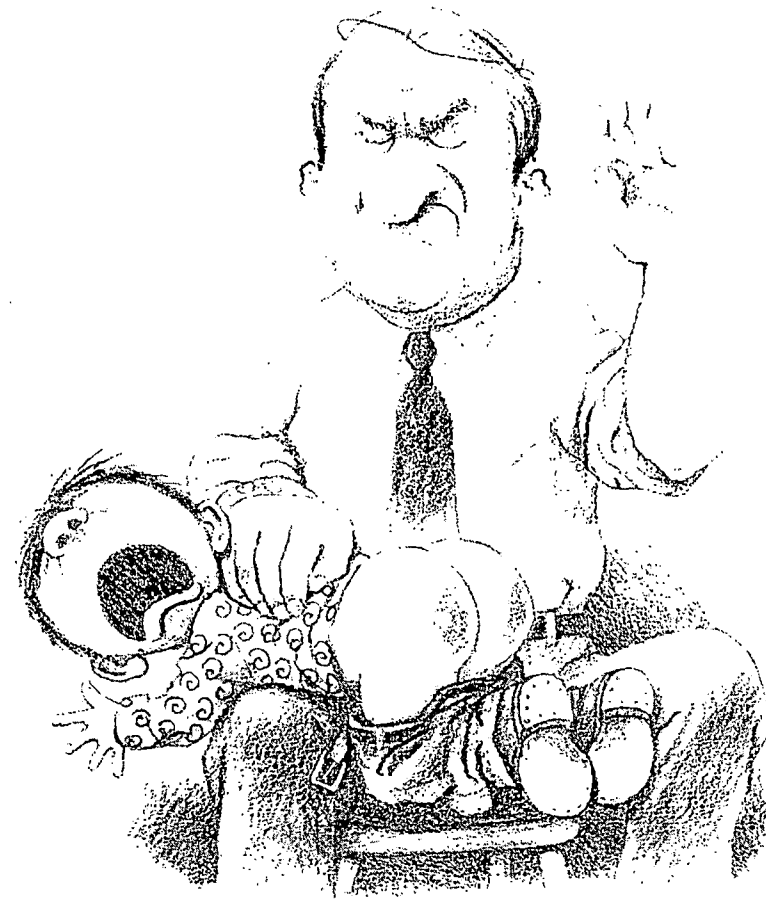
P.S. My mother hopes I will change my mind.

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
Is the U.S.A. broke?  
Thank you for the information.

*Lawrence M.*  
Age 9  
Rockville Centre

Dear Mr. Pres,  
I'm glad you are President instead of Jimmy  
Carter because I like jelly beans better than  
peanuts.

Your pal,  
*Ray V.*  
Age 9  
Albany



Dear Pres Reagan,  
Is it safe to live in the White House?  
It isn't so safe to live in my house.

Your friend,  
*Katie W.*  
Age 9  
Cambridge

Dear President Reagan,  
I like your smile.  
Do you have your own teeth?

Love,  
*Stacey R.*  
Age 8  
Tacoma

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I'm glad the baseball strike is over.  
Now America is a great country again.

A loyal American,  
*Neil C.*  
Age 9  
Waukegan

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I hope we have a woman President someday.

Your friend,  
*Hamilton J.*  
Age 8  
Hartford

P.S. My father says that will be the end of the  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President,  
I believe you should ban all the bombs.  
If there is an atomic war, nothing will be left  
and the whole world will be very sorry because  
only ants and fish will be left.

A friend,  
*Molly D.*  
Age 8  
Newark

Dear President,  
My mother and father believe in equal rights  
for women but not for kids.

Your friend,  
*Justine H.*  
Age 10  
Seattle

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
Did your mother know you were going to be  
President when you were 10 years old?

I am 10 years old and my mother doesn't  
think I will be President.

She doesn't think I will be good for much.

*Harvey S.*  
Age 10  
New Rochelle

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,  
Can kids go on strike?  
The food in our lunchroom is terrible.

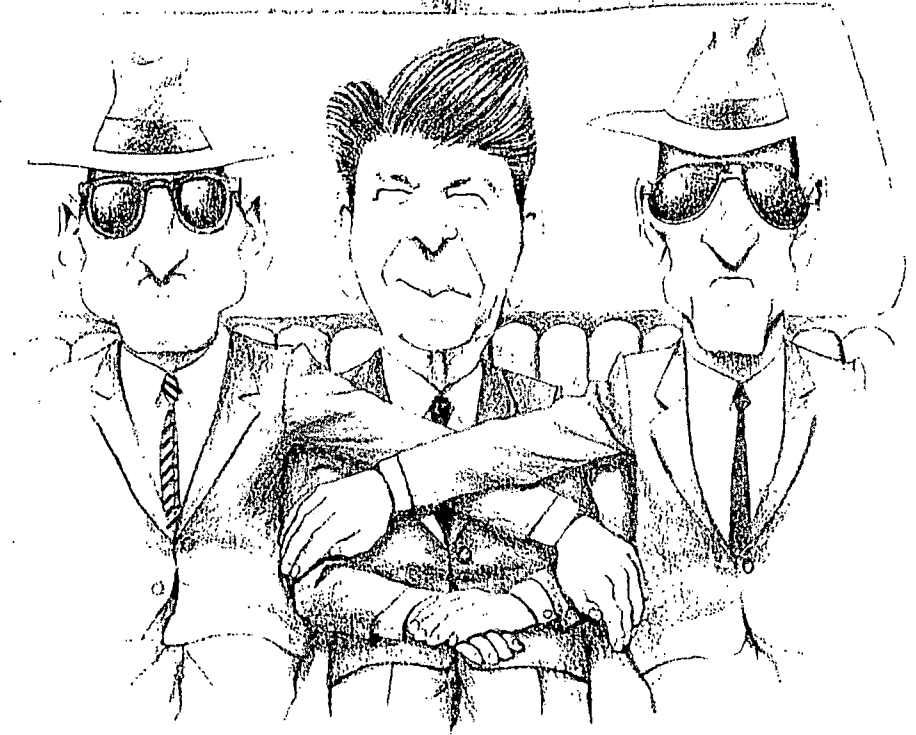
*Dana L.*  
Age 10  
Atlanta

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
Please write me a letter even if you have  
nothing to say.

*Pauline H.*  
Age 12  
Detroit

Dear Mr. Reagan,  
What happens to a President when he  
becomes an ex-President?  
I think you should find out because someday  
you will be an ex.

Love,  
*Stacey H.*  
Age 10  
Newark



Dear Pres Reagan,  
I don't think people should be allowed to  
drive their car unless they use their seat belt.  
You should make it a law even if you don't  
have to drive your own car and you have the  
Secret Service to keep you safe without a seat belt.

Your citizen,  
*Ila H.*  
Age 10  
Skokie

Dear Mr. President,

I hope Mrs. Reagan is the first woman President of the United States.

You should try and help Mrs. Reagan to be the first woman President of the U.S. even if it means you have to find another job.

Respectfully,  
*Tracy J.*  
Age 9  
Wyndham

Dear President Reagan:

I heard your speech on TV.

I liked it a lot because you didn't use big words.

Your fan,  
*Jason H.*  
Age 8  
Las Vegas

Dear Mr. President Ronald Reagan:

I think you are the handsomest President except for JFK and General Grant.

Yours truly,  
*Arnold H.*  
Age 9  
Tulsa

Dear President Reagan:

You are the first President I ever wrote to.

I hope you write back because if you don't I'll never write to a President again.

Your friend,  
*Barbara R.*  
Age 8  
New Haven

Dear Mr. President Reagan:

Could you please tell me if it is good or bad for the country that you are President?

Thank you.

*Donald W.*  
Age 7  
Brooklyn

Dear Mr. President,

I would like a picture of you when you were a kid.

Here is a picture of me when I was a kid.

Love,  
*Virginia R.*  
Age 11  
Philadelphia

Dear President Reagan,

I would like to work at the White House after school.

I could do jobs for you and Mrs. Reagan that the F.B.I. won't do for you.

Your American,  
*Lloyd P.*  
Age 10  
Baltimore

Dear Mr. President,

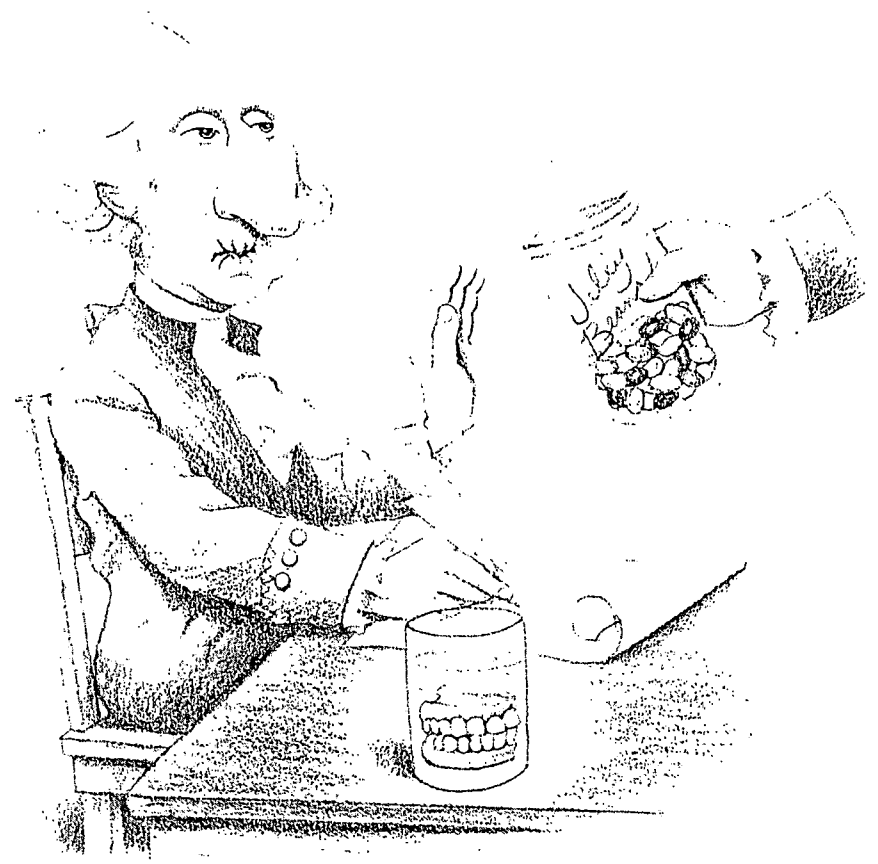
Are you a war President or a peace President?

Respectfully,  
*Amanda S.*  
Age 10  
Terre Haute

Dear President,

Is it hard to be Pres of the U.S.A.?  
Would it be easier to be a dictator?

An American,  
*Lorna S.*  
Age 10  
Madison



Dear Pres Reagan,

Are you the first President that ate jelly beans?

I never read that George Washington liked jelly beans.

*Harvey M.*  
Age 9  
Cambridge

Dear Mr. President Reagan,

Do women have more rights than other people?

Me and my friend will be women when we grow up.

Sincerely,  
*Nancy T.*  
Age 8  
Kansas City

Dear President,

What do you like better?

To be President of the United States or Gov of California?

Your friend,  
*Frank S.*  
Age 9  
Wheeling

Dear President Reagan,

I like your movies a lot and I'm not even a Republican.

*Sally F.*  
Age 9  
Fresno

Dear Mr. Pres,

You have the Secret Service and the F.B.I. to protect you.

All I have is my dog, Kelly.  
And Kelly is afraid of cats.

Love,  
*Wallace R.*  
Age 8  
Charleston

Dear Mr. Pres,

I read in the paper that you may stop the student loan program.

I hope you don't do that.

I need a student loan to go to college so I can be a doctor someday.

*Jocelyn L.*  
Age 10  
Jenkintown

P.S. I won't charge you when I am a doctor.

Dear Pres,

I love you and the Pope the best.

*Olga R.*  
Age 8  
Boston

Dear Pres Reagan,

Could you please send me the names of some cheap colleges?

I can't pay to go to the other kind.

*Raphael C.*

Age 12

Carson City

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Were there ever any other Presidents in your family?

Love,

*Erica B.*

Age 9

New Hope

Dear President Reagan,

There is too much air pollution.

We have too much air pollution because there are too many autos.

We should stop the cars and have everybody ride bikes or roller skates.

*Peter W.*

Age 9

San Bernardino

Dear Mr. President,

Please do something about the cost of food.

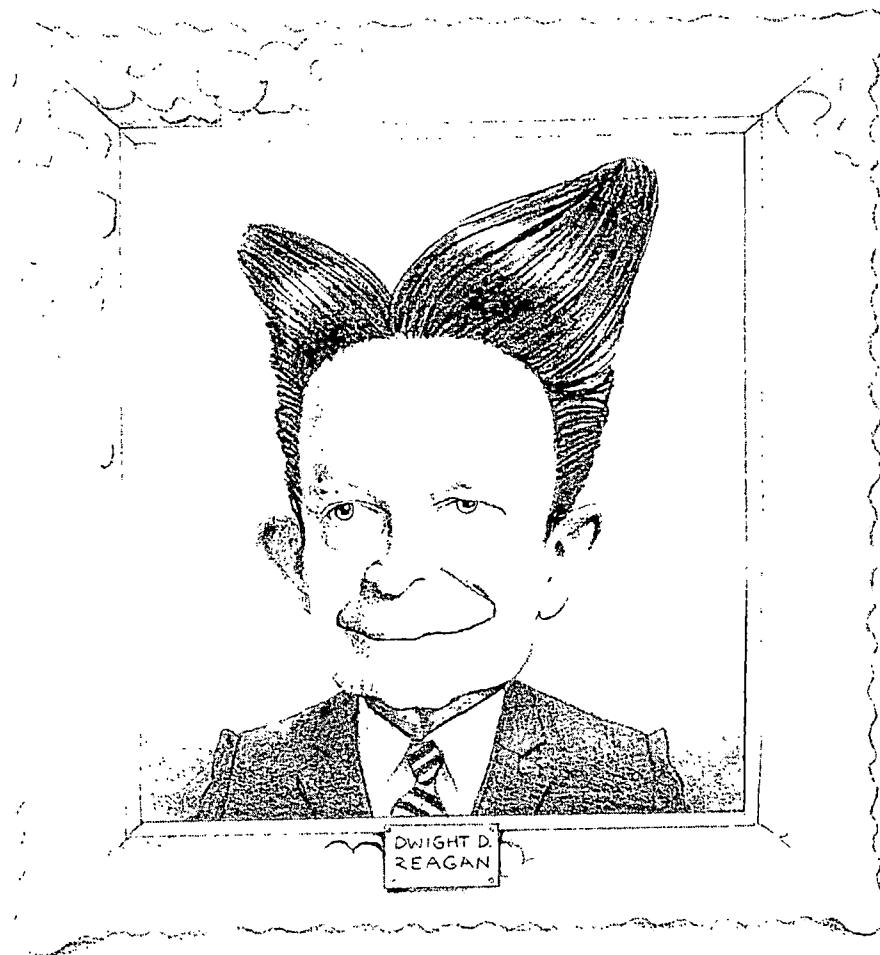
My mom can only buy Twinkies once a month.

Love,

*Alexandra M.*

Age 10

Tulane



Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
I am going to be President of the U.S.A.  
My girlfriend, Alyce, is going to be Vice-  
President.

*Gregg W.*  
Age 9  
Alexandria

Dear Mr. President,  
I would like to be President because the  
President gets to travel a lot for free and I can't  
even go to Philadelphia by bus.

Love,  
*Jeanine W.*  
Age 11  
Trenton

Dear President Reagan,  
How many bathrooms are there in the White  
House?

There are two bathrooms in my house and  
we are 5 kids and my mother, my father, my  
Aunt Sara, my Uncle Jeff and the cats.

Yours truly,  
*Teddy H.*  
Age 9  
Minneapolis

Dear Pres Reagan,

I hope you don't take too much money from  
the arts.

If there isn't enough money for the arts my  
church may never be able to do the Nativity next  
Christmas.

Love,  
*Paul W.*  
Age 11  
Hasbrouck Heights

Dear President Reagan,

I think someday you will be called the jelly  
bean President.

Love,  
*William H.*  
Age 10  
Bronx

Dear Pres Reagan,

I hope my teacher Miss Smith is teacher of  
the year.

Could you please help Miss Smith to be  
teacher of the year?

Miss Smith is a great teacher even when she  
is in a bad mood.

Best wishes,  
*Joanna F.*  
Age 10  
Salt Lake City

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Do you play golf?  
I've never seen any pictures of you playing  
golf.  
Are you the first President that doesn't play  
golf?

Sincerely,  
*Dana F.*  
Age 10  
Albuquerque

Dear Mr. President,  
I'm sorry you couldn't go to Prince Charles's  
wedding.  
I promise to invite you to my wedding  
someday.

Love,  
*Mindy H.*  
Age 9  
Fargo

P.S. Mrs. Reagan can come too.

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,  
I go to church every Sunday.  
I pray for America and my little league  
baseball team.

*Theodore C.*  
Age 9  
Oklahoma City



Dear Pres Reagan,  
Could you please help my father with his  
taxes?  
After he pays his taxes he doesn't have  
enough money left even to feed the canary.

Love,  
*Patricia R.*  
Age 8  
Birmingham

Dear President,

I am 8.

Please don't have any war because I want to be 10 someday.

Love,  
*Patricia Z.*  
Age 8  
Wallingford

Dear Mr. President,

Are you a male chauvinist?  
My big sister wants to know.

Your pal,  
*Ellen C.*  
Age 10  
Santa Fe

Dear Mr. President,

I hope a woman is President of the U.S.A.  
The reason I think a woman should be President of the U.S.A. is they can't do much worse.

Your friend,  
*Paula G.*  
Age 10  
Princeton

Dear President Reagan,

My father is a good American but sometimes he doesn't have enough money to pay his taxes. Please don't get mad at my father. He is a veteran.

Your pal,  
*Sanford B.*  
Age 9  
Wausau

Dear Mr. Pres,

What will you do when you are ex-President Reagan?

Will you be an actor again?

Maybe now you will win an Academy Award because you have had a lot of practice as President.

Your friend,  
*Serena C.*  
Age 9  
San Francisco

Dear Pres Reagan,

Does the government tell the truth?  
My brother isn't so sure.

Your American,  
*Desmond K.*  
Age 8  
Taos

Dear Mr. President,

I think before we send another man to the moon we should fix the subways in New York.

Yours truly,  
*David J.*  
Age 9  
Manhattan

Dear Mr. President,

How much rent do you pay in the White House?

We pay \$315 a month.

Do you have a nice landlord at the White House?

Our landlord hates everybody.

Sincerely,  
*Deidre D.*  
Age 9  
Chicago

Dear Pres Reagan,

Do you ever get mad?

My father says you never get mad except at the Channel 2 news.

Your friend,  
*Annie W.*  
Age 10  
Philadelphia

Dear President Reagan,

I hope you don't build the neutron bomb.  
I think we should get rid of all bombs.

Even the water bombs my Uncle Steve likes to make for fun.

Your citizen,  
*David R.*  
Age 8  
Bellevue



Dear President,  
Hello.  
I am Stevie.  
I am 6.  
My mommy wrote this letter for me.  
I want to be Pres.  
But I can't be Pres yet because I'm not  
allowed to cross the street by myself yet.

Love,  
*Stevie R.*  
Age 6  
Orlando

Dear Mr. President,  
I am glad you are the President but I don't  
know why.

*William Z.*  
Age 8  
Houston

Dear Mr. President,  
You are the most popular person in the  
Bronx after Reggie Jackson.  
If he doesn't hit 300 this year you will be the  
most popular.

*Ronald N.*  
Age 10  
Bronx

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Did we win World War II or did the  
Japanese?  
I would like a true answer.

*Herbert C.*  
Age 9  
Miami

Dear Mr. President,  
What is your favorite city in the U.S.A.?  
What city were you born in?  
What city do you hate the most?  
Who is the greatest American besides you?  
Please write me back.

*Georgia B.*  
Age 8  
Wheeling

Dear President Reagan,  
Someday I would like to visit the White  
House but I want to go to Disneyland first.

Love,  
*Norman K.*  
Age 9  
Buffalo

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
What time do you get up in the morning?  
I guess a President can sleep as late as he  
wants.

My mother makes me get up at 7:00 A.M.

Your friend,  
*Mark L.*  
Age 9  
Chevy Chase

Dear Mr. President,  
I hope you live forever and my father said  
you already have.

*Christopher W.*  
Age 8  
Trenton

Dear Mr. President,  
Please come to Grand Rapids when you  
aren't too busy with Russians and the baseball  
strike.

*Carole W.*  
Age 9  
Grand Rapids



Dear Pres Reagan,  
I like your smile.  
Are you always happy even when you read  
the newspaper?

Love,  
*Caryn H.*  
Age 9  
Raleigh

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

I think you should make a law against dentists.

Please do it before Tuesday.

That's when I have to go to Dr. Pearl again.

*Lynn T.*

Age 9

Fort Benning

Dear Mr. President,

I am against marijuana but if people want to smoke you should let them do it.

America is a free country even for people who smoke marijuana or drink beer.

Your friend,

*Felicia J.*

Age 10

Englewood

Dear Pres Reagan,

I saw a picture of you on a horse.

Do you think the horse knows you are a President?

A citizen,

*Scott H.*

Age 8

Weston

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

I think we should do more for the American Indian.

The Indians were the first people in America and if we didn't have the Indians America would be just a place where there were only buffaloes.

Thank you for helping the Indians.

*Andrew M.*

Age 10

Joplin

Dear Pres Reagan,

Someday the U.S.A. will run out of water.

We should stop wasting water or soon all we will have to drink is Coke and 7-Up.

Your citizen,

*Beth J.*

Age 11

Miami

Dear Mr. Pres,

Why do we have to pay taxes?

Could you please send me a postcard and tell me why?

Your friend,

*Katherine R.*

Age 8

Middletown

Dear Mr. Pres,

How long have you and Mrs. Reagan been married?

My mother and father have been married for 22 years.

Your citizen,  
*Ellen H.*  
Age 9  
Albany

P.S. My father isn't a President but my mother still loves him.

Dear Mr. President,

Are you for or against the people?

Respectfully,  
*Katie H.*  
Age 9  
Canton

Dear Mr. President,

I am glad my mother and father voted for you.

My grandmother didn't vote for you because the last President she voted for was President Truman.

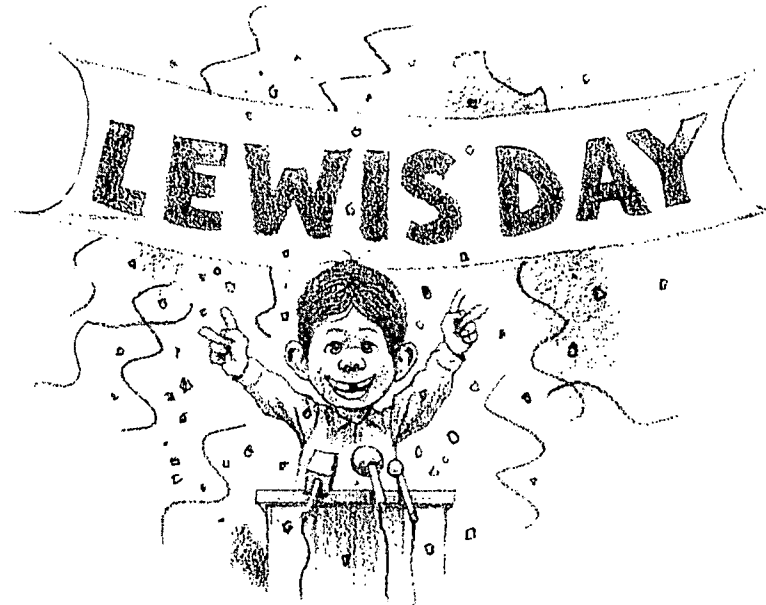
Your friend,  
*Bruce W.*  
Age 10  
Raleigh

Dear Mr. President,

My birthday is July 21.

Please make it a national holiday.

Your friend,  
*Lewis B.*  
Age 10  
New York



Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
Do you like to jog?  
I like to jog.  
Jogging is very good for you.  
You should jog when you are not on TV or  
working at the White House.

Love,  
*George K.*  
Age 9  
Clearwater

Dear Mr. President,  
The honest citizens need more policemen.  
We don't have enough policemen in Buffalo.  
There are more crooks than cops.

Your citizen,  
*Jesse G.*  
Age 10  
Buffalo

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
I would like a picture of your horse.  
I already have enough pictures of Presidents.

*Faith K.*  
Age 10  
Bloomington

Dear Mr. President,  
Did you spank your kids?  
I hope not.  
Because if the Pres of the U.S.A. didn't spank  
his kids then my father won't spank me.

Love,  
*Ellis M.*  
Age 8  
Little Rock

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Is it harder to be an actor in Hollywood or an  
actor as President?

*John R.*  
Age 9  
Oakland

Dear Mr. Pres:  
My mom looks like Mrs. Reagan.  
You should meet my mom sometime.  
She is very nice.  
My mom is the First Lady in our house.

*Gordon P.*  
Age 8  
Winnetka

Dear Mr. President,  
Everybody likes you.  
Even the Democrats.

Love,  
Terry A.  
Age 8  
Farmingdale

Dear Mr. President,  
Do you believe in heaven?  
I hope you do because when you go to  
heaven then you can see all the other Presidents  
who went to heaven except the Presidents who  
didn't.

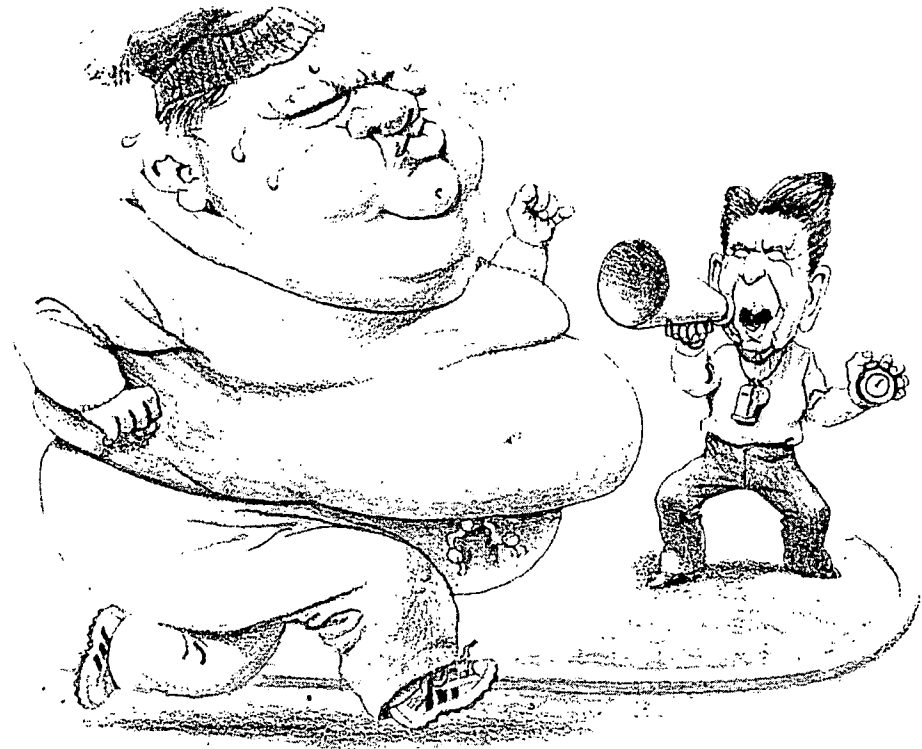
Love,  
Linda K.  
Age 7  
Hollywood

Dear Mr. President,  
Will you run for President again?  
I hope Mrs. Reagan lets you do it.

Love,  
Amy B.  
Age 8  
Baltimore

Dear President Reagan,  
Are Americans too fat?  
Please help the fat Americans like my Uncle  
Michael.

Love,  
Vicky G.  
Age 9  
Anderson



Dear Pres Reagan,

My mother and father like you very much.

Their name is Mr. and Mrs. Carlson.

They are good citizens and pay their taxes and never break the law.

You should invite them to the White House sometime when you want to meet average Americans.

Sincerely,  
*Sylvia C.*  
Age 10  
Milwaukee

Dear Mr. President,

What is your favorite TV program?

I would like to know so I can watch the same TV program as the President of the U.S.A.

Your friend,  
*Brooke A.*  
Age 9  
Minneapolis

Dear Mr. President,

Are you a good father?

I guess the President has to be a good father because if the President isn't a good father then nobody else will be a good father.

Thank you for being a good father.

Love,  
*Terence H.*  
Age 8  
Jacksonville

Dear President Reagan,

How much vacation does a President get?

My father is a fireman and he gets 2 weeks vacation.

But I guess a President gets more vacation because a fireman works hard and puts out fires but a President has to be ready all the time even when he is sleeping.

An American,  
*Lloyd T.*  
Age 9  
Boston

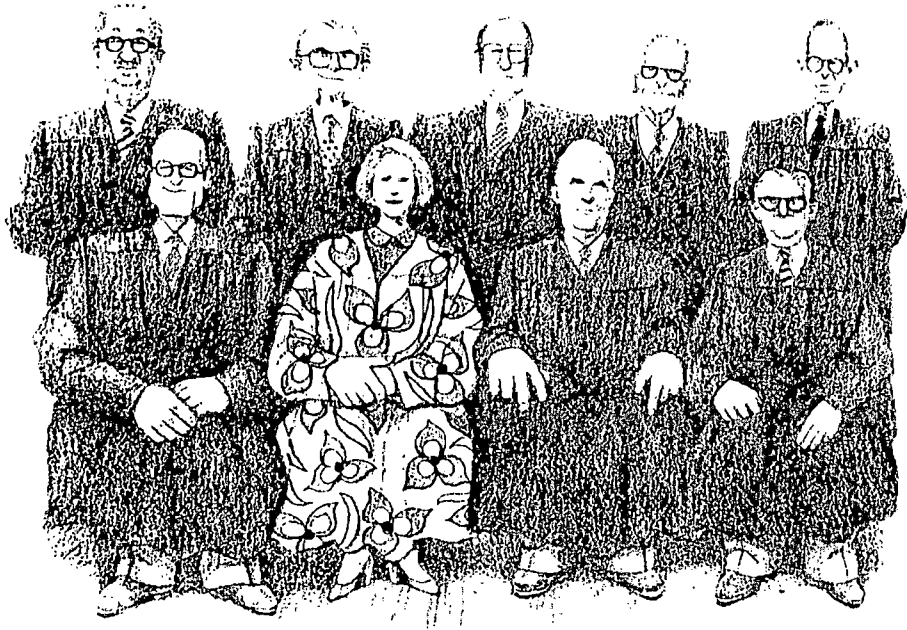
Dear Pres Reagan,

I live in Washington, D.C. like you and I deliver newspapers.

I would like to deliver newspapers to the White House.

I am very nice and I can get there every morning before you and Mrs. Reagan have your orange juice.

Your friend,  
*Allen H.*  
Age 9  
Washington



Dear Pres Reagan,

I am happy there will be a woman on the Supreme Court.

But I don't think she should have to wear a black robe.

Maybe she could wear a robe that is a pretty color.

Love,  
*Helaine L.*  
Age 11  
Boston

Dear Sir,

I read you have your own theater in the White House.

Now I know why you wanted to be President.

*Mitchell C.*  
Age 10  
New York

Dear President Reagan,

I'm glad a lot of people voted for you.

Please don't be mad at the people who didn't vote for you.

Love,  
*Veronica H.*  
Age 9  
Chicago

Dear President,

How would you look with a mustache?

I drew a picture of you with a mustache.

I hope Mrs. Reagan likes it.

Love,  
*Marianne T.*  
Age 8  
Valdosta

Dear Mr. Pres,  
How much do you weigh?  
Do you weigh more or less than Abraham  
Lincoln?

*Michael G.*  
Age 9  
Dayton

Dear Mr. President,  
Why did they paint the White House white?  
Couldn't they get any other paint?  
Could you please have somebody important  
answer?

Thank you,  
*Elizabeth Y.*  
Age 9  
Lexington

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Could you please get my father a good job?  
All the companies he works for always go  
out of business and the government never goes  
out of business.

*Randall P.*  
Age 9  
Brooklyn

Dear Mr. President,  
I watch the news on TV every night so I can  
see you and Dan Rather.

A friend,  
*Tanya J.*  
Age 10  
Portland



Dear President,

What is the safest city in the United States?  
I think maybe we should move.

Your citizen,  
*Amy C.*  
Age 9  
Los Angeles

Dear Mister President,

I hope you have time to read my letter.  
I know a President is very busy so maybe  
Mrs. Reagan could read my letter for you.

Love,  
*Ralph L.*  
Age 8  
Gainesville

Dear President,

If you need a good Secret Service agent you  
should get Clint Eastwood.

*Stacy W.*  
Age 9  
Cheyenne

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Who was your favorite actress when you  
were an actor?

Was she as good an actress as Mrs. Reagan?

Love,  
*Diane P.*  
Age 9  
Palo Alto

Dear Pres Reagan,

You wear nice clothes.  
I think you dress better than Pres Carter or  
Pres Herbert Hoover.

Your citizen,  
*Scott A.*  
Age 10  
Des Moines

Dear Mr. President,

I'm glad you don't smoke.  
I would never want to have a President who  
smokes.

Your friend,  
*Kate Y.*  
Age 10  
Brooklyn

P.S. I hope you don't drink or eat chocolate.

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I saw one of your movies on TV last night.  
I liked the picture a lot except they didn't call  
you Mr. President.

Love,  
*Jane P.*  
Age 9  
Joplin

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
If you weren't President of the United States,  
I wish it could be Prince Charles.

Sincerely yours,  
*Vicky B.*  
Age 8  
Nutley

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I like you on TV a lot even when you are on  
TV instead of the good programs.

Respectfully,  
*Julian D.*  
Age 9  
Norwich



Dear President Reagan,  
Mrs. Reagan is too beautiful just to be a First  
Lady.  
You should let her be in the movies like Bo  
Derek.

Love,  
*Tracey G.*  
Age 10  
Las Vegas

Dear Pres Reagan,

I think you are the best President since Jimmy Carter.

A loyal citizen,  
*Jenny H.*  
Age 11  
Muncie

Dear President,

We would like you to come to our house for dinner.

Could you please come on Friday night?  
That's the night mom always makes fried chicken.

Yours,  
*Marjorie C.*  
Age 9  
Lincoln

Dear President Reagan,

I've seen you on TV a lot since you became President.

You are a great actor.

Best wishes,  
*Coleen W.*  
Age 9  
Bridgeport

Dear Pres,

I live in Oklahoma City.

Could you please come to Oklahoma City?

There are very nice people in Oklahoma City.  
Even the Democrats.

A friend,  
*Donna C.*  
Age 8  
Oklahoma City

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,

I think you should get a medal.

Your pal,

*Mike G.*

Age 8

Poughkeepsie

P.S. If the U.S. won't give you a medal, my Cub Scout troop will give you one.

Dear Mr. President,

What does a President do when he isn't on television?

Thank you,  
*Donald S.*  
Age 10  
Anderson

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
I think you should make a law that nobody  
can smoke cigarettes.  
Please start with my mother.

*Sandra H.*  
Age 10  
Atlantic City

Dear Mr. Pres,  
I believe you are the most popular President  
since Napoleon.

Love,  
*Melissa R.*  
Age 9  
Milwaukee

Dear Mr. President,  
I would like to be in the President's cabinet.  
I would like to be Secretary of State or  
Secretary of Defense or any other jobs where you  
need help right away.

Your citizen,  
*Bobby D.*  
Age 10  
Salt Lake City



Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
I read that your son Ron is a ballet dancer.  
I want to be a ballet dancer when I grow up  
or maybe a football player.

Your friend,  
*Peter F.*  
Age 10  
Redondo Beach

Dear Mr. Reagan,

Do you wear your cowboy boots in the White House?

I think you should wear your cowboy boots in the White House because some people like cowboys better than Presidents.

Love,  
*Jay K.*  
Age 8  
Utica

Dear Pres Reagan,

I would like to go into the army someday if I can be a general.

Please take my name.

Yours truly,  
*Frederick P.*  
Age 10  
Wilmington

Dear Mr. Pres,

Do you know Brooke Shields?

Love,  
*Agatha R.*  
Age 9  
Gainesville

Dear Mr. Pres,

I would like to fly the President's plane to Los Angeles because I want to visit my grandmother and I don't have any money for an airplane ticket.

Your friend,  
*Sandy M.*  
Age 10  
New York

Dear President,

I would like to see you in the Rose Garden at the White House but I'm allergic.

Love,  
*William J.*  
Age 8  
Phoenix

Dear Mr. President,

My school orchestra would like to come and play for you and Mrs. Reagan at the White House.

I hope we can come soon.

Sincerely yours,  
*Abby B.*  
Age 12  
Boston

P.S. We don't play too loud.

Dear President Reagan,  
Please send me a letter and a picture.

Love,  
*Norman M.*  
Age 9  
Fort Meyers

P.S. It won't cost you any money because a  
President doesn't have to pay for his own stamp.

Dear President Reagan,  
Please send me some of your jelly beans.  
I never had a President's jelly beans before.

Love,  
*Jennifer K.*  
Age 9  
Hartford

Dear Mr. President,  
You should get Superman to work for the  
U.S.A.

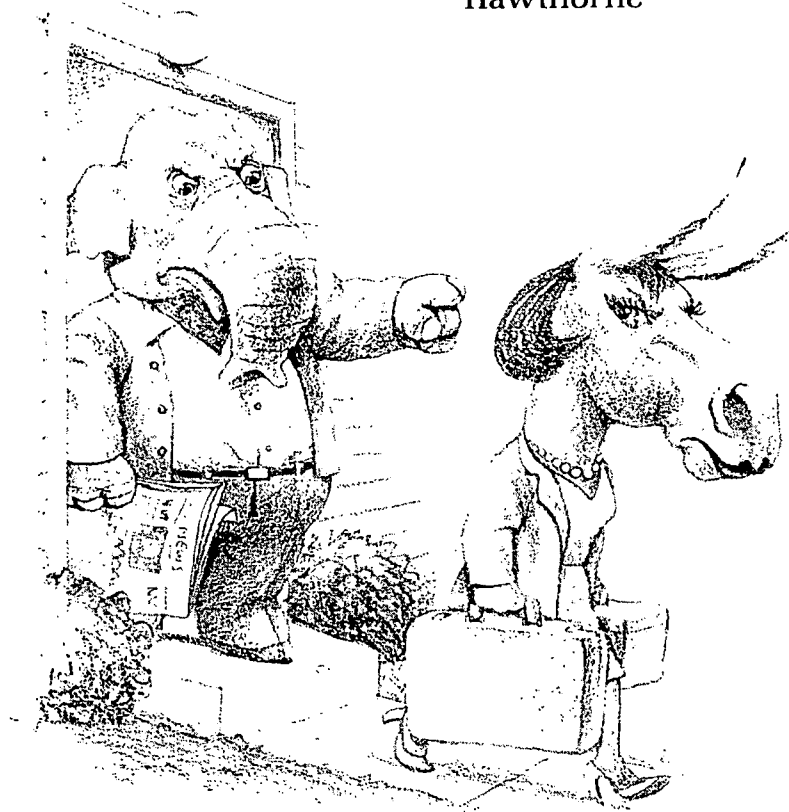
If we had Superman we wouldn't have to  
worry about anybody.

Your citizen,  
*Aaron P.*  
Age 8  
Cleveland

Dear Mr. Pres,  
My mother and father are divorced.  
My mother is a Democrat and my father is a  
Republican.

Maybe that's why they are divorced.

Your citizen,  
*Bruce L.*  
Age 9  
Hawthorne



Dear Mr. President,

I think a lot of people were surprised when you became President, especially Jimmy Carter.

Your friend,  
*David Y.*  
Age 10  
Portland

Dear President Reagan,

We have a lot of trouble in our family.

My mother doesn't feel so good and my father just lost his job and my grandfather is in the hospital.

Everything else is okay except the dog hates the cat.

Your citizen,  
*Ray G.*  
Age 9  
Abilene

Dear President,

You and Teddy Roosevelt are the best cowboy Presidents.

A student,  
*Paul H.*  
Age 11  
Kansas City

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

I am going to be a Republican when I grow up.

Right now I'm only a Boy Scout.

Your friend,  
*Albert W.*  
Age 9  
Staten Island

Dear Pres Reagan,

Who was your favorite President when you were a child?

I would like to know even if it was Calvin Coolidge.

*Jerome L.*  
Age 11  
Minneapolis

Dear Mr. Pres,

If you have a draft for the army, please take my big brother first.

Your friend,  
*Lloyd G.*  
Age 7  
Brookline

Dear Pres Reagan,  
What size sweater do you wear?  
My mother is making you a surprise.

Love,  
*Barbara R.*  
Age 10  
New York

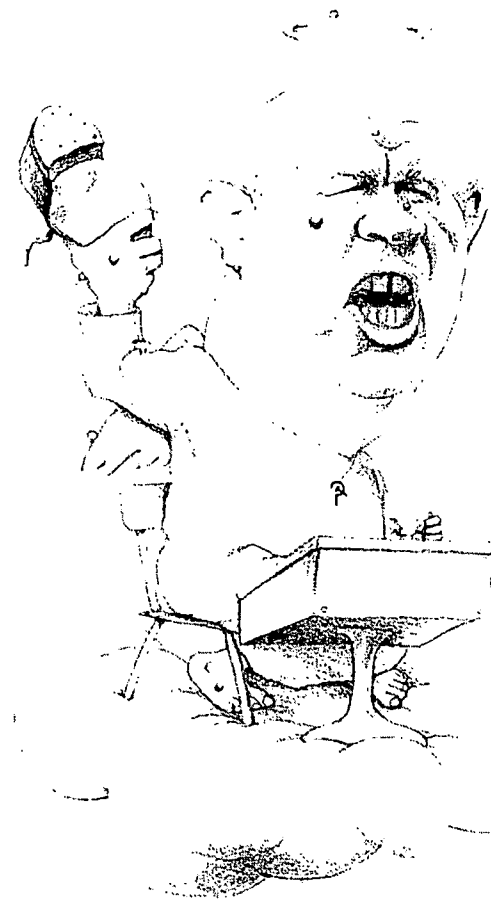
Dear Sir,  
My girlfriend is Barbara.  
I am going to marry Barbara someday but  
first I want to make a million dollars.  
Then I will marry Barbara when I am 18.

Your citizen,  
*Roy M.*  
Age 9  
Bethesda

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
I would like to be Pres of the U.S.A. for a day.

Thank you,  
*Charles C.*  
Age 9  
Newton

P.S. If a day is too much 5 seconds is okay.



Dear President,  
Do Russians go to heaven?

*Grace K.*  
Age 8  
Tuscaloosa

Dear Mr. President,  
Does Mrs. Reagan know any White House secrets?

My father tells my mother everything.

Your pal,  
*Emanuel J.*  
Age 9  
Syracuse

Dear President,  
I think George Washington would have liked you.

*Daniel R.*  
Age 9  
Honolulu

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I would like to bring my puppy to the White House.

You don't have to worry. He is paper trained.

Love,  
*Leslie H.*  
Age 9  
Wilkes-Barre

Dear Mister President,  
I would like a souvenir from the White House.

Anything would be okay except the desk.

*Robin G.*  
Age 9  
Green Bay

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
I would like to be your best friend.  
I never had a best friend who was a President before.

Thank you.  
*Cara M.*  
Age 8  
Wilton

Dear Mr. President,  
Do you need a good cook in the White House?  
My mother is a great cook.

Love,  
*Sandra R.*  
Age 8  
Sausalito

P.S. I hope Mrs. Reagan won't get mad about my letter:

Dear Pres Reagan,

I would like to live in Washington, D.C. but only if I can be President.

Your citizen,  
*Alison H.*  
Age 8  
Scranton

Dear President,

I hope they give you a monument in Washington like Lincoln and Jefferson.

An American,  
*Charles G.*  
Age 10  
Portland

P.S. You will have to wait.

Dear Mr. Pres,

~~Could you please help my father with his~~  
parking ticket.

He forgot he was parked in the wrong place.

Thank you.

Love,  
*Loren R.*  
Age 8  
Cincinnati

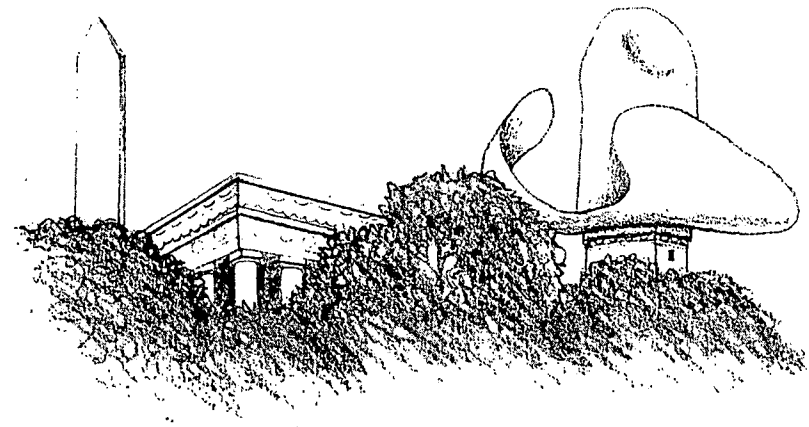
P.S. He didn't mean it.

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan:

I have a question.

Did you want to be President because you never got an Academy Award?

Love,  
*Cynthia P.*  
Age 10  
Cincinnati



Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,

I thank God every day that you are Pres of the U.S.A.

*Sherry L.*

Age 8

Shaker Heights

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

Do you have any bad habits?

My mother said I shouldn't write and ask a President if he has any bad habits.

But everybody has bad habits except dead people.

Your friend,

*Edwin F.*

Age 9

Nashville

Dear Mr. President,

I would like you to come to New York and march in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

You don't have to be Irish to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

You just have to like parades.

Your citizen,

*Sean J.*

Age 9

New York

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a picture of my sister.

My sister is very pretty and she would like to find a boyfriend.

I am sending the picture to you because maybe you know a boyfriend for my sister because the President knows everybody.

Thank you,

*George B.*

Age 8

Newark

Dear Pres Reagan,

I think Barbara Walters should be Secretary of State.

*Gloria S.*

Age 10

Teaneck

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

I would like to study in school how to be President of the U.S.A.

Could you please tell me what to study?

My best subject is art.

Your friend,

*Eric W.*

Age 9

Wilmette

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Do you and Mrs. Reagan fight?  
My mother and father fight all the time and  
my father is only a bus driver.

Yours truly,  
*Seth C.*  
Age 10  
Boston

Hi Mr. President!  
I hope you make a law so people can't buy  
guns.  
If there weren't so many guns not so many  
people would get killed.

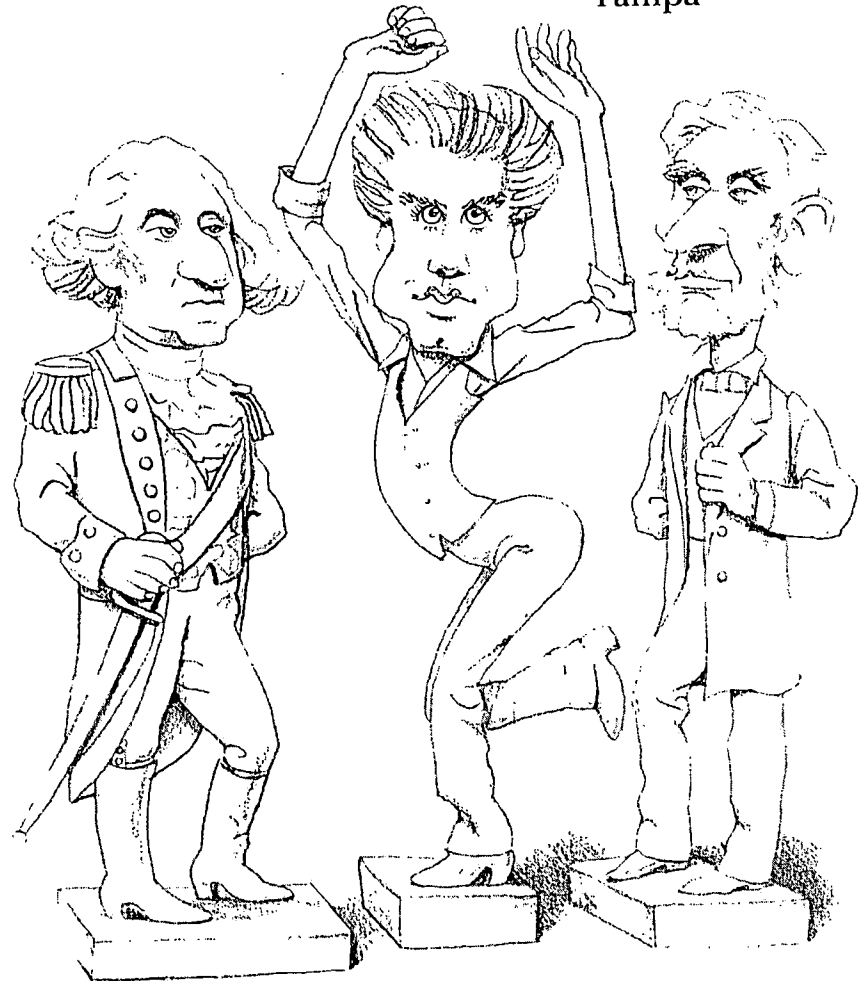
Thank you,  
*Alex C.*  
Age 9  
Baltimore

P.S. The F.B.I. can carry guns.

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I am a loyal American.  
Please take my name.  
Your citizen,  
*Richard H.*  
Age 10  
Chicago

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I want to be famous and rich when I grow  
up.  
Should I be President of the U.S.A. or like  
John Travolta?  
Thank you.

*Roger K.*  
Age 10  
Tampa



Dear Pres Reagan,

How do you like Washington?  
How does Mrs. Reagan like Washington?  
Do you miss your ranch?  
Do you like horses better than Congress?

Your fan,  
*Perry W.*  
Age 9  
Cleveland

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,

Have you ever been to New Rochelle?  
Please come to New Rochelle.  
Then you will go into the history books as  
the first President to visit New Rochelle.

Love,  
*Christopher C.*  
Age 9  
New Rochelle

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

My class voted you the best American  
President of 1981.

Sincerely,  
*Elizabeth H.*  
Age 9  
Detroit

Dear Mr. Pres,

I saw a picture of you and Mrs. Reagan  
wearing jeans on your ranch.  
Do you ever wear jeans at the White House?

Your friend,  
*Robert K.*  
Age 10  
Boston

P.S. I think jeans are okay at the White House.

Dear Pres Reagan,

Do you think the end of the world will ever  
come?

Will you be President then?

Your citizen,  
*Lester K.*  
Age 10  
Altoona

Dear President,

Did you really play football for Notre Dame?  
I saw you do it on the late show.

Yours truly,  
*Valerie H.*  
Age 9  
Hollywood

Dear Pres Reagan,

I would like to come and take your picture at the White House.

I have an instant camera so I can take your picture quick and you won't even have to waste any time from the big deals in Washington.

Thank you.

*Franklin G.*  
Age 9  
Middlebury

Dear President Reagan,

Do you watch the Johnny Carson show?

He says some funny things about you and Mrs. Reagan.

Love,  
*Sheila B.*  
Age 8  
La Jolla

Dear Pres Reagan and Mrs. Reagan:

I don't think you will like living in Washington as much as California.

There are no movie stars in Washington.

Your friend,  
*Laurie G.*  
Age 8  
Atlanta



Dear Pres Reagan,

What does Mrs. Reagan do all day?

My mother isn't the First Lady so she doesn't do much except take care of us 7 kids and the 3 dogs and the 5 cats.

Love,  
*Hilda W.*  
Age 8  
St. Louis

Dear President Reagan:

I hope you do something for women when you are President.

I am only a kid but someday I will be a woman, too.

Your citizen,  
*Amy L.*  
Age 9  
Los Angeles

Dear President Ronald Reagan:

I would like to visit you in the White House someday when you aren't too busy with the rest of the country.

Yours truly,  
*Bobby W.*  
Age 8  
San Francisco

Dear Mr. President Reagan:

I saw a picture of Mrs. Reagan on a horse.

I don't think the First Lady should ride on a horse.

I think she should ride in a big car instead.

A citizen,  
*Stephanie H.*  
Age 8  
Detroit

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

What is your favorite sport?

Is it tennis?

Is it baseball?

Is it football?

Is it basketball?

Is it soccer?

Is it golf?

Is it swimming?

My favorite sport is all of them.

Your pal,  
*Parker A.*  
Age 10  
Westport

Dear Sir:

Why does the U.S. Mail take so long?

I think we should bring back the pony express.

*Roberto D.*  
Age 9  
Chester

Hi Mr. Prez,

You are the most famous person in the U.S.A. except for Dan Rather.

*Cindy J.*  
Age 10  
Hartford

Dear President Reagan,  
I would like to read the story of your life if it isn't too boring.

Your fan,  
*Aaron R.*  
Age 10  
Seattle



Dear President Ronald Reagan,  
What do you like best about being President?  
The thing I would like best about being President is the push-button phone on the President's desk.

Love,  
*Holly M.*  
Age 9  
Cincinnati

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I read in the newspaper that you used to be a Democrat.

Why did you become a Republican?  
My father has always been a loyal American except when he voted for Eisenhower, Nixon and you.

A citizen,  
*Samantha R.*  
Age 11  
San Antonio

Dear Mr. President,  
Who is the boss of the U.S.A.?  
You or Mrs. Reagan?

Love,  
*Elaine J.*  
Age 9  
Evanston

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
Please send me your picture.

Love,  
*Laura J.*  
Age 9  
San Diego

P.S. I will send you my picture when the dentist  
takes the braces off my teeth.

Dear Pres,  
What is your favorite food?  
I am doing a report for school on important  
facts about important people.

*Peggy F.*  
Age 10  
Chicago

Dear Mr. President Ronald Reagan,  
I hope you will read my letter even if you are  
busy.

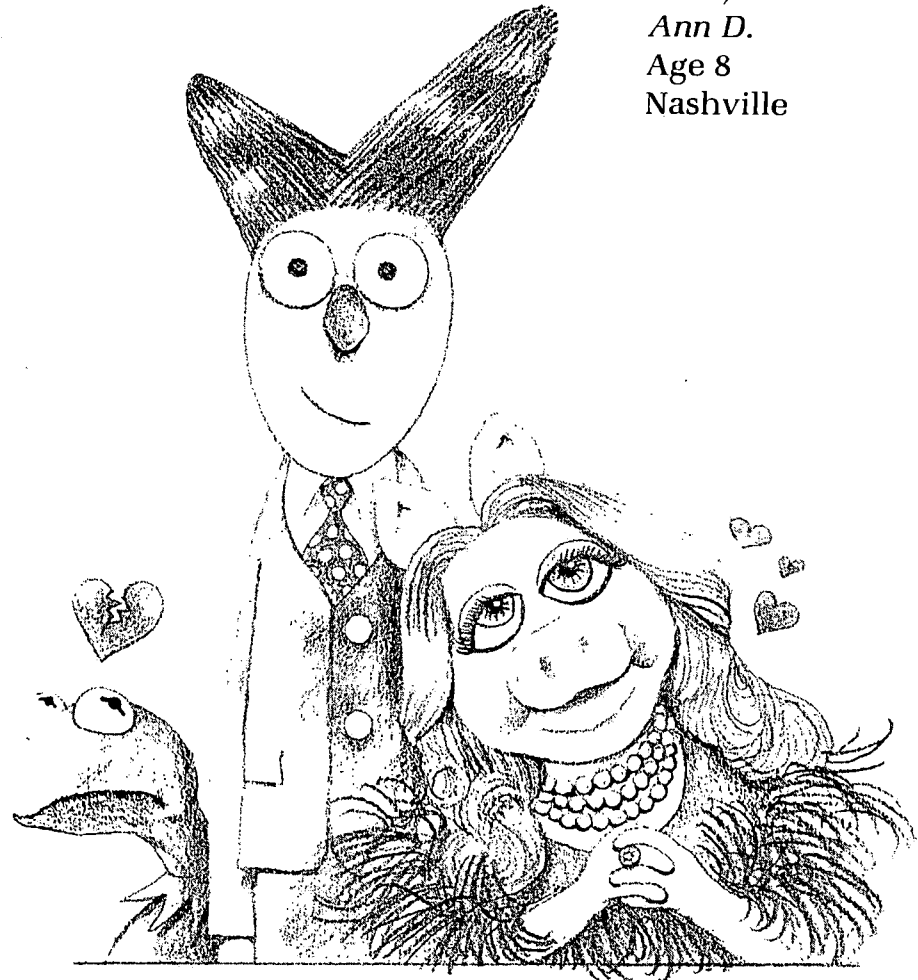
You should read what the people have to say  
even the kids.

Love,  
*Jay H.*  
Age 9  
Grand Rapids

Dear Mr. Pres,  
I guess because you are President you know  
everybody.

Do you know Miss Piggy and the Muppets?

Love,  
*Ann D.*  
Age 8  
Nashville



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Dear Pres Reagan,

Does Mrs. Reagan call you Ronnie or Mr. President?

Your citizen,  
*Aaron P.*  
Age 11  
Seattle

Dear Mister President,

I hope we never have a war.  
Grownups should be like kids.  
Kids never have a real war.

Love,  
*Marie C.*  
Age 10  
Corpus Christi

Dear President Reagan:

Why did you want to be President?  
I would rather be an actor.  
Actors make more money than Presidents.

Your citizen,  
*Wally B.*  
Age 11  
Houston

Dear President Ronald Reagan:

I would like to be your pen pal.

Your friend,  
*Martin H.*  
Age 10  
Dallas

P.S. Please send me \$3.00 for postage stamps.

Dear President Reagan:

I hope you have fun when you are President.  
I don't think Pres Carter had as much fun as  
when he was a peanut farmer.

Your friend,  
*Aaron H.*  
Age 10  
Memphis

Dear Pres Reagan:

How did you win the election?  
I have run for President of my class 3 times  
and I haven't won yet.

Sincerely yours,  
*Carl H.*  
Age 10  
Seattle

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan:

I hope you will be President in 1990.

I will be 18 then and I can vote for you.

*Stephanie L.*

Age 8

Chicago

Dear Mr. President,

How come you don't have any gray hair?

My father is 40 and he is already bald and gray.

Your friend,

*Cheryl H.*

Age 10

Newark

Dear President Reagan:

My mother and father voted for you even though they saw all your old pictures.

Yours truly,

*Bruce G.*

Age 9

Seattle

Dear Pres Reagan:

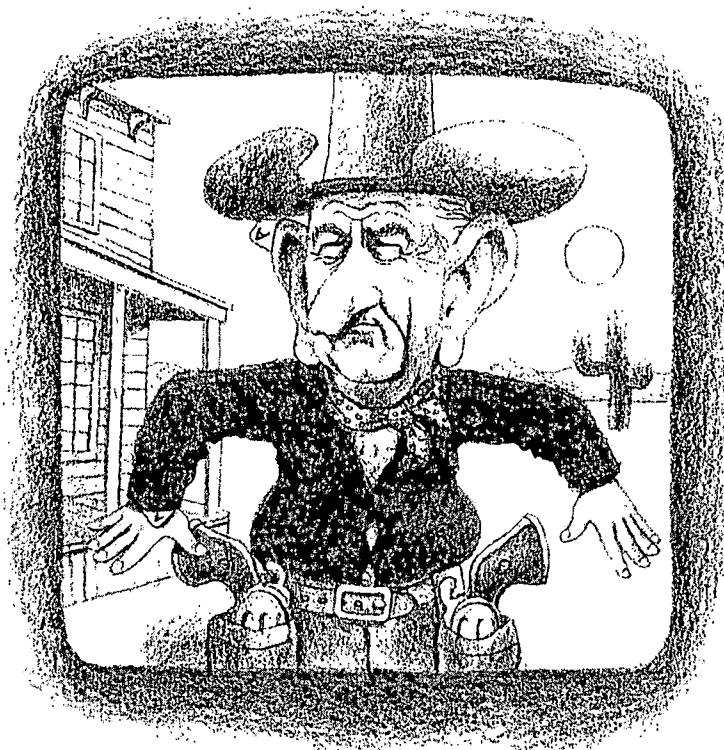
Which President was the best actor besides you?

Love,

*Debbie K.*

Age 9

New York



Dear President Ronald Reagan:

I think Mrs. Reagan is very pretty.  
Was she a movie star like you or was she just another woman?

Sincerely,  
*Denise K.*  
Age 8  
San Diego

Dear President Reagan:

I hope you like to live in the White House.  
I live in a white house too but sometimes the roof leaks.

Your friend,  
*Arthur L.*  
Age 9  
Cincinnati

Dear President Reagan:

Did you want to be President when you were a kid?

I am 10 and I still don't know what I want to be.

Your friend,  
*Bruce W.*  
Age 10  
Chicago

P.S. Maybe I will know when I'm 11.

Dear President Reagan:

Please write and tell me what the President does all day and I will write you back and tell you what I do all day.

Yours truly,  
*Martin G.*  
Age 9  
Atlanta

Dear President Reagan:

Are you the first President to ride a horse since George Washington?

Love,  
*Victoria J.*  
Age 9  
Miami

Dear Mr. Reagan:

My best friend Arthur says that the reason you got elected President was because you really knew John Wayne.

I thought you would want this information.

A citizen,  
*Michael B.*  
Age 9  
Pittsburgh

Dear President Reagan:

I want to be President of the U.S.A.

Please send me a letter so I will know how to do it.

Thank you,  
*William H.*  
Age 10  
St. Louis

P.S. I will be a good President.

Dear President Reagan:

I think the whole U.S.A. loves you a lot.

So do I.

Your citizen,  
*Karen J.*  
Age 8  
Miami

Dear President Reagan:

I would like to ride in the President's airplane.

Thank you very much.

I would like to ride from my house to school.

*Gloria G.*  
Age 8  
St. Louis

Dear Pres Reagan,

I would like your fingerprints.

*Dexter H.*  
Age 9  
Knoxville



Dear Pres Reagan:

I hope Mrs. Reagan likes it in the White House.

My mother would like to live in the White House if she didn't have to make all the beds.

A loyal citizen,  
*Paula J.*  
Age 8  
San Francisco

Dear President Reagan:

How old are you?

My mother says you are as old as my grandfather but my grandfather is bald and he can't walk so fast.

Yours truly,  
*Bobby M.*  
Age 8  
Houston

Dear Pres. Reagan:

Is Mrs. Reagan a good cook?

The First Lady should be the best cook in the U.S.A.

Your friend,  
*Lois G.*  
Age 9  
Birmingham

Dear President Reagan:

Were you good in spelling in school?

I'm not good in spelling but I would like to be President someday if you don't have to be a good speller.

Yours truly,  
*Andy H.*  
Age 8  
St. Louis

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to be a Secret Service agent when I grow up.

Right now the only one I protect is my little brother Martin.

A loyal American,  
*Michael A.*  
Age 13  
Sausalito

Dear Prez,

I like you.

You are a great Prez.

Please send me \$10 from the U.S. bank.

Love,  
*Debbie C.*  
Age 8  
Canton

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I would like to visit Camp David someday.  
I have never been to camp.  
I live in the city.

Your friend,  
*Darlene H.*  
Age 8  
Philadelphia

Dear Mr. President,  
I would like to come to the White House and  
tell you a joke.  
You will like my joke.  
It will make you laugh.

Your friend,  
*Tony W.*  
Age 9  
Scranton

P.S. I never made a President laugh before.

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Does the President have a boss?  
Is it God?

Love,  
*Angela R.*  
Age 8  
New York

Dear President Reagan:  
I think you should help ex-president Carter.  
Maybe now he could become an actor.

Yours truly,  
*Robert H.*  
Age 9  
Philadelphia



Dear Pres Reagan,  
Do you say your prayers every night?  
I hope so.

Love,  
*Mary Ellen G.*  
Age 10  
Dallas

Dear President Reagan,  
How old are you?  
My mother says you are not supposed to ask  
a lady or a President how old they are.

Your friend,  
*William P.*  
Age 9  
Atlanta

P.S. I am 9.

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
I think you are doing a good job but I don't  
know much because I'm just a kid.

*Jason K.*  
Age 10  
Providence

Dear President,  
I saw Mrs. Reagan on TV.  
I liked her dress.  
Did you pay for her dress or did you get the  
money from Fort Knox?

Your citizen,  
*Valerie M.*  
Age 9  
Stowe

Dear President Ronald Reagan,  
Is spanking kids against the law?  
Me and my brother would like to know.

*Alexander and  
Michael R.*  
Age 8  
Rochester

Dear President,  
We took a poll in our school and you came in  
second.

Your friend,  
*Vicky M.*  
Age 9  
Needham

P.S. Robert Redford came in first.

Dear Mr. President,

How much does a President make?

I think a President should make a lot of money even if he gets everything for free.

Love,  
*Cara R.*  
Age 10  
San Francisco

Dear President Ronald Reagan,

I don't think women should be drafted like men.

Women are strong but they don't like blood.

A loyal citizen,  
*Debra W.*  
Age 12  
Houston

Dear Mr. President,

I think you are very handsome.

Love,  
*Mary H.*  
Age 11  
Bridgton

P.S. Pres Carter was nice looking but you look better.



Dear Pres Reagan:

I saw a picture of you in a cowboy hat.

Where will you put your horse when you live in the White House?

Your citizen,  
*Jennifer L.*  
Age 8  
Boston

Dear President Reagan,  
Will Senator Kennedy ever be President?  
Please write and tell me.

Thank you,  
*Ralph M.*  
Age 10  
Boston

P.S. I won't tell Senator Kennedy.

Dear Pres Reagan,  
I'll bet Mrs. Reagan likes the White House a  
lot because she doesn't even have to throw out  
the garbage.

*Eileen J.*  
Age 10  
Greensboro

Dear Mr. President,  
I have written you 22 letters.  
I can't write any more.  
Please answer quick.  
I have no more stamps.

*Herbert C.*  
Age 9  
Terre Haute

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,  
How come you are so thin?  
Are you on a jelly bean diet?

Love,  
*Julia R.*  
Age 8  
Fort Worth

Dear Mr. President,  
I would like to know if Congress is for or  
against the President.

Love,  
*Stephanie B.*  
Age 9  
Dayton

Dear President Reagan,  
I think you are very brave.  
Even when you were shot, you didn't cry.  
My sister cries if she gets a splinter in her  
finger.

Your friend,  
*Carl J.*  
Age 10  
New Haven

Dear President,  
I would like to fly on Air Force One.  
So far I have only been on a Greyhound bus.

Love,  
*Deena A.*  
Age 11  
Cleveland

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
Is Russia stronger than America?  
Please write if you know the answer.

Love,  
*Rita M.*  
Age 9  
Philadelphia

Dear President Ronald Reagan,  
Is it hard to be a President?  
I would like to be sure before I become  
President in 2012.

Your citizen,  
*Larry K.*  
Age 10  
Peoria

Dear Pres Reagan:

Please write to me and tell me what the Vice  
President does.

My teacher says not much.

Your friend,  
*Jerry L.*  
Age 9  
New York



Dear Mr. President,  
Would you rather be Prince than President?  
If you were, Mrs. Reagan could be Princess  
Nancy.

Your friend,  
*Darlene H.*  
Age 10  
Miami

Dear President Reagan,  
I like your speeches a lot except the speeches  
I don't understand which is most of them.

A loyal American,  
*Richard D.*  
Age 9  
Laguna Beach

Dear Mr. President Reagan,  
Please get rid of the fruit flies in California.

Your friend,  
*Mickey H.*  
Age 10  
Los Angeles

P.S. Maybe you could send them to Alaska where  
they will die from the cold.

Dear President Reagan,  
Please cut my father's taxes as soon as  
possible so he can give me a raise in my  
allowance.

Thank you,  
*Andy M.*  
Age 9  
Durango

Dear President Ronald Reagan,  
We, the students of Grade 6, would like to  
invite you and Mrs. Reagan to our Halloween  
party.

*The students of*  
*Grade 6*  
Altoona

P.S. If you can't come, please send the Vice-  
President or the ex-President Jimmy Carter.

Dear Mr. President,  
Do you go to church every Sunday?  
I hope you do because the Pres of the United  
States should be good friends with God.

A loyal American,  
*Julie K.*  
Age 10  
Akron

Dear Mr. President,

I hope you will do something to help the poor Americans in the U.S.A. even if you aren't one of them.

Thank you,  
*Alexander K.*  
Age 12  
Detroit

Dear Mr. President Reagan,

This is letter #5 that I have written to you and so far I still haven't been invited to the White House yet.

Love,  
*Leora G.*  
Age 12  
Reno

Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,

I would like to keep my money at Fort Knox.  
I don't think banks are too safe.

Yours truly,  
*James K.*  
Age 10  
Harrisburg

Dear Pres Reagan:

I heard about you from Walter Cronkite.

Your citizen,  
*Allison H.*  
Age 9  
Nashville



Dear Pres Reagan,

I'm happy you aren't in the hospital anymore.

I prayed for you and so did my father even though he is a Democrat.

Your citizen,  
*Laurie A.*  
Age 9  
Birmingham

Dear Pres Reagan,

I don't think they should have a draft for the army.

If you want to join the army it should be up to you like when you join the Boy Scouts.

A citizen,  
*Larry G.*  
Age 10  
Albuquerque

Dear Mr. President,

I baked you a cake.

It is a chocolate cake with ice cream.

I would like to come to the White House and give you the cake soon before the ice cream melts.

Love,  
*Ellen R.*  
Age 9  
New York

Dear President Reagan,

I think Mrs. Reagan looked beautiful at the wedding of Prince Charles.

I'm sorry you didn't have the money to go, too.

Your citizen,  
*Paula G.*  
Age 11  
Brooklyn

Dear Pres Reagan,

I like you a lot.

I named my cat after you.

Love,  
*Sara G.*  
Age 8  
Stamford

Dear President Reagan,

Thank you for putting a woman on the Supreme Court.

Maybe someday a woman will be manager of the New York Yankees.

Sincerely,  
*Mary H.*  
Age 9  
New York

Dear Mr. President,

I am happy you didn't get hurt too much when you were shot.

The Secret Service men are very good.

I wish I could have a Secret Service man at my school.

There is one big kid who always socks me a lot.

*Harvey J.*  
Age 8  
Phoenix

Hi Mr. President,

This is Robbie.

I am 8.

I am going to be Pres of the U.S.A.  
I'll write you when I'm ready.

Love,  
*Robbie W.*  
Age 8  
Seattle

Dear Pres Reagan,

I think you are the best President we ever had except for George Washington.

Love,  
*Susan R.*  
Age 10  
Oakland

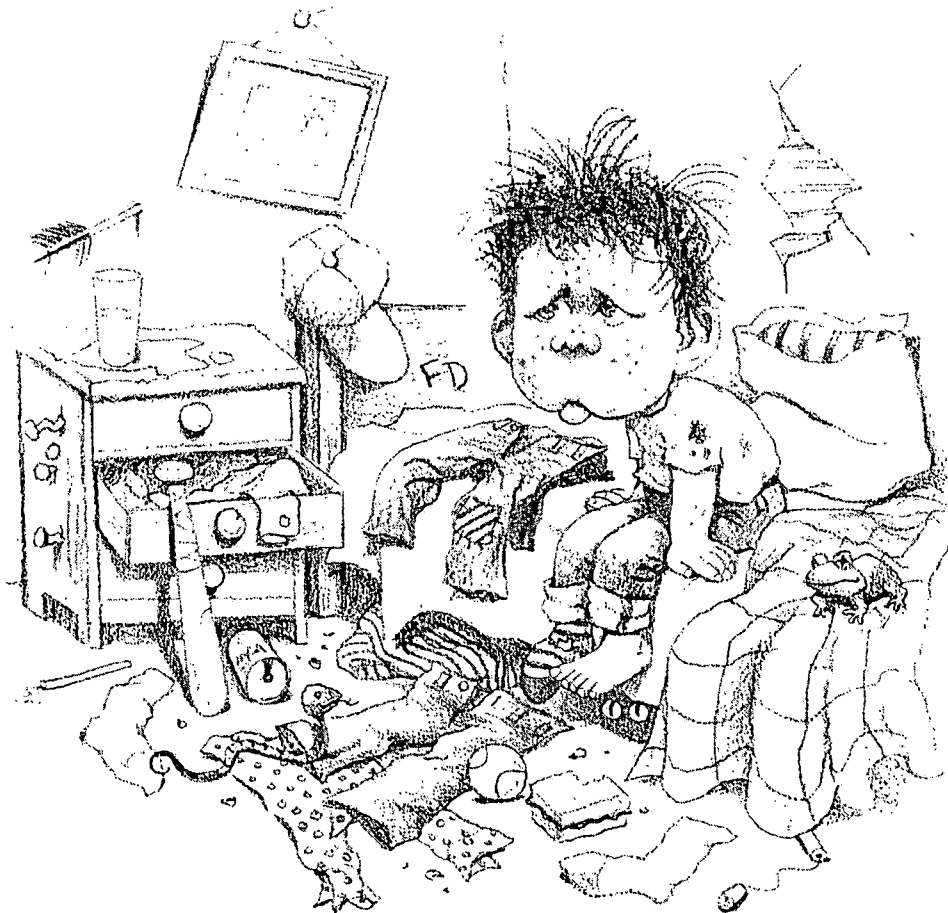
P.S. Don't feel bad. Nobody can be better than the father of our country.

Dear President Ronald Reagan,

I would like to have my birthday party at the White House.

There will be 15 kids and we won't mess up.  
That is why I'm not inviting Freddy.

Your friend,  
*Renee G.*  
Age 9  
Washington



Dear Pres Reagan,

I think we should have a Be Kind to Animals Week all over the U.S.A.

Nobody does anything for animals and there are more of them than there are of us.

Your citizen,  
*Ruthellen Y.*  
Age 9  
Richmond

Dear President Ronald Reagan,

Someday your birthday will be a national holiday like Washington, Lincoln and Halloween.

Your friend,  
*Sharon G.*  
Age 8  
Topeka

Dear Mr. President,

I am glad you cut the budget.

My mother just did the same thing.

*Jennifer K.*  
Age 10  
Denver

Dear President,

I saw a picture of you on a horse.

Is your horse the first horse of the U.S.A.?

Love,  
*Wendy M.*  
Age 9  
New York

Dear Mr. President Reagan,

Thank you very much for helping to end the baseball strike.

Now could you please help the Chicago White Sox win the pennant?

Yours truly,  
*Roger W.*  
Age 10  
Chicago

Dear President,

Is the food at the White House any good?

The reason I ask is because you look thin and I thought maybe you weren't eating enough.

Love,  
*Jane R.*  
Age 8  
New Haven

Dear President,  
I like the way you talk.  
For a President you are a good talker.

Your citizen,  
*Mark H.*  
Age 9  
Sarasota

Dear President Reagan,  
How many rooms are there in the White  
House?

I would like to see all the rooms in the White  
House except the kitchen.

Your friend,  
*Richard E.*  
Age 10  
Biloxi

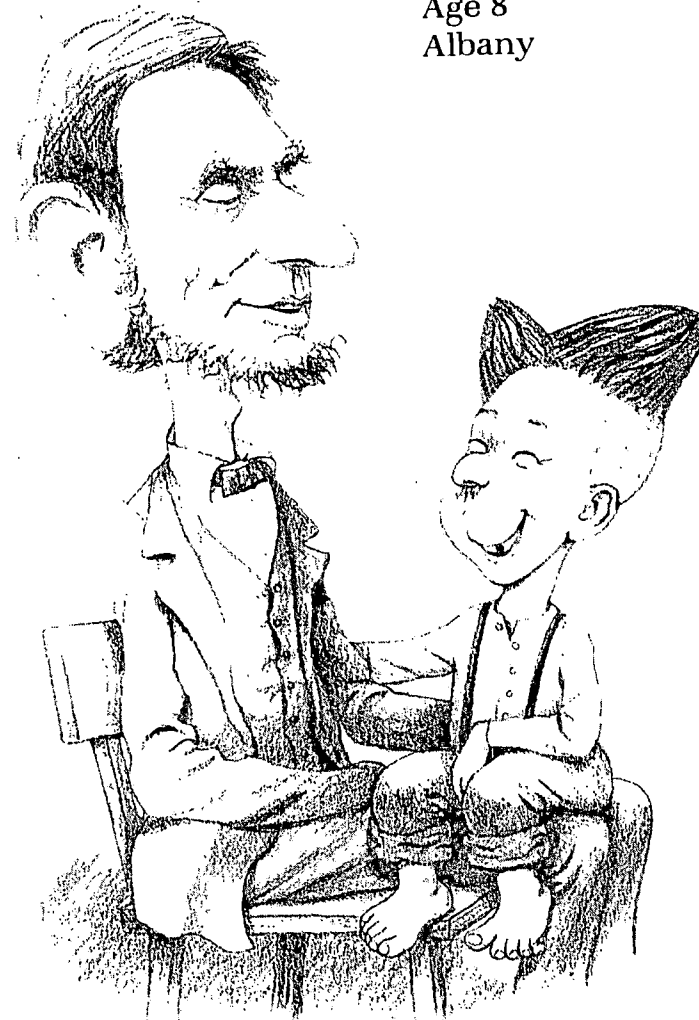
Dear Mr. President:

I read that your favorite food is jelly beans.  
I like jelly beans, too, but my mother won't  
let me eat them for breakfast.

*Nicholas H.*  
Age 8  
Stamford

Dear President Reagan,  
Did you know President Lincoln?  
My best friend Butch said you did.

Yours,  
*Davey H.*  
Age 8  
Albany



Dear Pres Ronald Reagan,  
How are you?  
I am fine.  
What's new with the country?

Love,  
*Victoria R.*  
Age 9  
Hartford

Dear Pres Reagan,  
Do you and Mrs. Reagan sleep in Lincoln's  
bedroom?  
It must be a very old bed.

Love,  
*Judith B.*  
Age 9  
Reading

Dear Mr. President,  
I'm glad they took good care of you in the  
hospital.  
My granddad was in the hospital last month  
and they took good care of him but the bill they  
gave him almost made him sick all over again.

Sincerely,  
*Raphael H.*  
Age 9  
Boise

Dear President Ronald Reagan,  
What does a President do when he isn't  
President?  
Does he do the same things real people do?

Love,  
*Leslie L.*  
Age 10  
Manhasset

Dear Mr. President,  
How many phones do you have in the White  
House?  
We have three phones in our house and my  
sister uses them all.

Your citizen,  
*Charles C.*  
Age 10  
Wilmington

Dear Mr. President,  
I like your clothes.  
You dress very nicely.  
Who buys your clothes?  
Mrs. Reagan or the F.B.I.?

Love,  
*Laurie G.*  
Age 10  
Gainesville

Dear President Reagan,  
What is your middle name?  
My teacher said your middle name is Wilson.  
That is a nice middle name.  
I don't even have a middle name.

*Sherry K.*  
Age 9  
Cleveland

Dear President,  
I heard on TV that your nickname was  
"Dutch."  
I don't have a nickname but my cat does.

*Robbie L.*  
Age 7  
Brentwood

Dear Mr. President,  
My grandmother is in a nursing home.  
She needs help.  
Please help my grandmother.  
Her name is grandmother.

Love,  
*Betsy H.*  
Age 8  
Wheeling

Dear Mr. Pres Reagan,  
How old do you have to be to be Pres of the  
U.S.A.?  
I am 10 and I would like to know how long I  
have to wait.

*Steve R.*  
Age 10  
Tenafly



Dear Pres Reagan,

I would like to sleep at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue some night and you can sleep at 420 Main Street some night.

Your friend,  
*Paul C.*  
Age 9  
Middletown

Dear Pres Reagan,

Me and my best friend, Alex, would like to sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" at the White House.

We know all the verses.

*Dennis P.*  
Age 9  
Detroit

Dear Mr. Pres,

I hope you don't build any more nuclear power plants.

They are dangerous.

It is better to go without electric lights than to blow up the world.

*Stacey H.*  
Age 10  
Philadelphia

Dear President Reagan,

I think you are a great President if you don't think about it too much.

Your fan,  
*Leila F.*  
Age 11  
Syracuse

Dear Mr. President,

Please call me on the telephone.

I never had a President call me before.

Your citizen,  
*Andrew R.*  
Age 10  
Chicago

P.S. You can call me collect.

Dear President Reagan,

You are very lucky to have Mrs. Reagan as First Lady.

She is very smart like Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Carter.

The First Ladies sometimes are smarter than the Presidents.

Love,  
*Phyllis K.*  
Age 9  
Baltimore

Dear Mr. President,

I think one of the reasons you got elected President is because all of the actors voted for you.

Yours truly,  
*Melissa K.*  
Age 10  
Atlanta

Dear President,

Someday they will put your picture on a stamp and you will be worth 20 cents.

I like you,  
*Daphne S.*  
Age 8  
Lake Tahoe

Dear Mr. Reagan,

I would like to shake your hand.

*Jane L.*  
Age 7  
Gary

P.S. If you are too busy I would like to shake the hand of the Vice-President.

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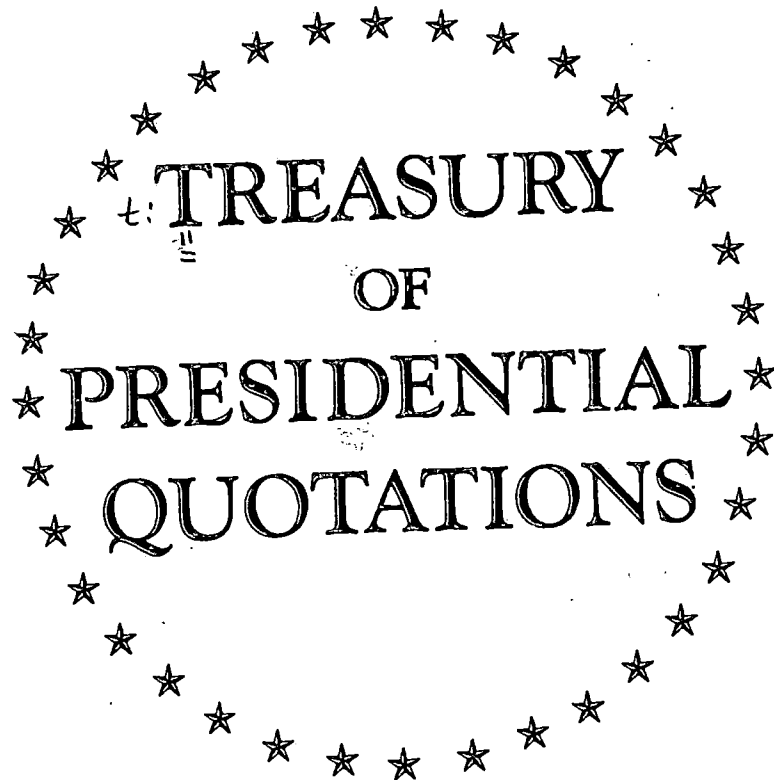
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29. As President, I have no eyes but constitutional eyes; I cannot see you.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

To a South Carolina commission, ca. 1861; *Lincoln Treasury*, p. 55

30. I do not intend to be overawed or controlled by real or pretended friends, nor do I mean to be bullied or driven from my purpose by my enemies.

ANDREW JOHNSON

Speech in Washington, D.C., Feb. 22, 1866; *Document*, p. 5

31. It was my fortune or misfortune to be called to the Chief Magistracy without any prior political training. Under the circumstances it is but reasonable to suppose that errors of judgment must have occurred.

ULYSSES S. GRANT

Message to Congress, December, 1876; *Messages and Papers*, p. 400

32. I recommend an amendment to the Constitution prescribing a term of six years for the Presidential office and forbidding a reelection.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

Inaugural Address, Mar. 4, 1877

33. I am not liked as a President, by politicians in office, in the press or in Congress. But I am content to abide the judgment—the sober second thought—of the people.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

Diary, Mar. 1, 1878; *Diary and Letters*, III, 462

34. Nobody ever left the Presidency with less regret, less disappointment, fewer heartburnings, or more general content with the result of his term (in his own heart, I mean) than I do.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

To Guy M. Bryan, Jan. 1, 1881; *Ibid.*, V, 632

35. No more public life for me! I will retain the place of the one man who having reached the Presidency would not seek or accept a second term.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

To Hon. W. H. Smith, Apr. 3, 1888; *Ibid.*, IV, 382

36. Presidents in the past have always been better than their adversaries have predicted.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

Diary, July 26, 1888; *Ibid.*, p. 400

37. Only a few Presidents have had the felicity to see their party stronger at the close of their terms than it was at the beginning. Only a few have left their country more prosperous than they found it. Results determine. The tree is known by its fruit.

RUTHERFORD B. HAYES

Diary, Dec. 10, 1891; *Ibid.*, p. 38

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 ter by any individual, but that  
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 he man whom they believed  
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VILLIAM HENRY HARRISON  
 ; Fort Meigs, 1840; *Quarterly*,  
*January, 1908, p. 197*

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VILLIAM HENRY HARRISON  
 gural Address, Mar. 4, 1841

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JAMES K. POLK  
 1848; *Diary (Quaife), III, 350*

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 President's power is negative  
 enact no law.

JAMES K. POLK  
 gress, Dec. 5, 1848; *Messages*  
*and Papers, IV, 2512*

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 of the executive department,  
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JAMES K. POLK  
 eember, 1848; *Chips, p. 208*

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 a happier man in my retire-  
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JAMES K. POLK  
 1849; *Diary (Quaife), IV, 373*

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 o the disposal of office, and  
 es shall be deemed sufficient

ZACHARY TAYLOR  
 gural Address, Mar. 5, 1849

21. The Presidency is a distinction far more glorious than the  
 crown of any hereditary monarch in Christendom; but yet it is a  
 crown of thorns.

JAMES BUCHANAN  
 To Nahum Capen, June 26, 1852; *Life, II, 42*

22. I have no other object of earthly ambition than to leave my  
 country in a peaceful and prosperous condition, and to live in  
 the affections and respect of my countrymen.

JAMES BUCHANAN  
 Special Message to Congress, Feb. 2, 1858; *Messages, p. 191*

23. I am . . . heartily tired of my position as president. I shall  
 leave it . . . with much greater satisfaction than when entering on  
 the duties of the office.

JAMES BUCHANAN  
 To Sarah Polk, Sept. 19, 1859; *Works, X, 332*

24. I have had a hard time of it during my administration, but,  
 upon a careful review of all my conduct, I should not change it in  
 a single important measure if this were now in my power.

JAMES BUCHANAN  
 Letter in the *Philadelphia Times*, Sept. 21, 1861; *Messages*,  
*p. 303*

25. I am very grateful for the renewed confidence which has been  
 accorded to me both by the convention and by the National  
 League. . . . The part I am entitled to appropriate as a compliment  
 is only that part which I may lay hold of as being [their] opinion  
 . . . that I am not entirely unworthy to be entrusted with the place  
 which I have occupied for the last three years. But I do not allow  
 myself to suppose . . . that I am either the greatest or best man in  
 America, but rather they have concluded that it is not best to swap  
 horses while crossing the river. . . .

ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
 Reply to National Union League, June 9, 1864; *Complete*  
*Works, X, 122*

26. What is the Presidency worth to me if I have no country?

ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
 Washington, D.C., 1864; *War Years, III, 282*

27. I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if  
 at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost  
 every friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that  
 friend shall be down inside of me.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
 Reply to Missouri Committee of Seventy, 1864, *Life (Tar-*  
*bell), II, 175*

28. Only events and not a man's exertions in his own behalf, can  
 make a President.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
*Ca. 1859; Circuit, p. 153*

11. We shall be the more American if we but remain true to the principles in which we have been bred. They are not the principles of a province or of a single continent. We have known and boasted all along that they were the principles of a liberated mankind.

WOODROW WILSON  
Second Inaugural Address, Mar. 4, 1917

12. We should try to guide ourselves by general principles and not get lost in particulars.

CALVIN COOLIDGE  
*Autobiography*, p. 100

13. The great principles of life do not change; they are permanent and well known. Men are not ignorant of what justice requires. No power can ever be brought into existence which will relieve of obligations. The sole opportunity for progress lies in their faithful discharge.

CALVIN COOLIDGE.  
Address at Fredericksburg, Va., July 6, 1922; *Citizenship*, p. 117

14. The basic principles laid down in the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount are as applicable today as when they were declared, but they require a host of subsidiary clauses. The ten ways to evil in the time of Moses have increased to ten thousand now.

HERBERT HOOVER  
Address, May 7, 1924; *Memoirs*, II, 170

15. To stand upon the ramparts and die for our principles is heroic, but to sally forth to battle and win for our principles is something more than heroic.

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT  
Speech at Houston, Tex., June, 1928

16. A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
First Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 1953

See also Democracy 9, Errors 15, Freedom 5, Greatness 8, Honesty 2, Jews 5, Liberty 33, Neutrality 7, Opinion 6, Patriotism 8, People (The) 17, Politics 16, Preparedness 6, Public Office 21, Reforms 3, Revolutions 1, Right 2, Russia 3, 4, States' Rights 17, Success 8, 9, Tolerance 3, Union 14, Unity 2, Virtue 4, Voters 2, War 32, 44, 46

**Privileges** 1. Great responsibility must go hand in hand with great privileges.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
To King Edward VII, Feb. 12, 1908; *Works (Mem. Ed.)*, XXIV, 318

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*Works*, III, 315

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*Works*, IV, 426

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*Works*, XIII, 387

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*Life*, II, 45

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865; *Com-  
works*, XI, 92

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Principles 1. My fixed principle never to be the tool of any man, nor the partisan of any nation, would forever exclude me from the smiles and favors of courts.

JOHN ADAMS  
Diary, Nov. 18, 1782; *Works, III, 315*

2. Every honest man will suppose honest acts to flow from honest principles, and the rogues may rail without intermission.

THOMAS JEFFERSON  
To Benjamin Rush, Dec. 20, 1801; *Works, IV, 426*

3. My principle is to do whatever is right, and leave consequences to Him who has the disposal of them.

THOMAS JEFFERSON  
To James Martin, Sept. 20, 1813; *Writings, XIII, 387*

4. My principles are convictions.

JAMES BUCHANAN  
Speech at Greensburg, Pa., Oct. 7, 1852; *Life, II, 45*

5. Important principles may and must be flexible.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
Last public address, Washington, D.C., Apr. 11, 1865; *Complete Works, XI, 92*

6. In the support and practice of correct principles we can never reach wrong results.

ANDREW JOHNSON  
Speech at Nashville, Tenn., 1864; *Chips, p. 286*

7. Our differences are policies, our agreements principles.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY  
Speech at Des Moines, Ia., 1901

8. Men and times change—but principles—never.

GROVER CLEVELAND  
1904; *Man and Statesman, II, 321*

9. I have gotten over being frightened by being told that I am forgetting the principles of the fathers. The principles of the fathers are maintained by those who maintain them with reason, and according to the fitness of the thing, and not by those who are constantly shaking them before the mass of voters when they have no application.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT  
In Washington, D.C., May 8, 1909; *Presidential Addresses, p. 83*

10. Principles lie back of our action. America would be un conceivable without them. These principles are not incompatible with great material prosperity. On the contrary . . . they are indispensable to it.

WOODROW WILSON  
Address in New York, N.Y., Dec. 6, 1911; *Life, IV, 55*