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Go to Yorba Linda or Grand Rapids. You will see what these men and their spouses meant. / Their museums and libraries etch what we are as a Nation, and a people. Their lives enriched America -- and helped America enrich the world. //

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Next, Ronald Reagan was a Main Street prophet. He understood that America is great because of what we are -- not

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Some say Ronald Reagan make Americans feel better about their country again. He did more than that. He made America a better country. // This leads me, finally, to how you were a global prophet. Mr. President, you built a better world. / It was said of Charles DeGaulle that "greatness knows no national boundaries." So it was, and is, of you. You changed the course not only of your country but of history. You often talked of "winning one for the Gipper." Mr. President, you helped win one for freedom around the world. //

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Today, the world is safer because Ronald Reagan believed that we who are free to live our dreams, have a duty to support those who dream of living free. / Today, ~~because you helped light the lamp of liberty, ours is a better world to live.~~ // You predicted that Communism would land in the dust bin of history -- and you were right. / ((Recently, someone told me that visitors to Lenin's tomb haven't been able to get a good look at him since Communism's collapse. He's still spinning.)) // You pioneered the Strategic Defense Initiative -- and perhaps nothing has done more to reaffirm freedom's values, and our ideals. / You knew that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last. So you helped make our military strong and proud again -- and your vision paid off for every American in the sea and sands of the Gulf. // You believed, too, passionately, in human brotherhood. So you engaged in diplomatic summitry -- and abeted the cause of peace among Nations. //

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In all of this, of course, you were helped by among the most beloved women of Post-World War II America. California's First Lady -- a magnificent American First Lady. Mr. President, as usual you said it best: "I can't imagine life without the love and courage of Nancy Reagan." //

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As First Lady, Nancy Reagan championed the ___ project, and helped bring ___. She refurbished the White House with the dignity that was her legacy, and her life. Let me repeat a quote

to highest level ever achieved.

from Mrs. Thatcher which Barbara especially likes: "If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman." // Nancy Reagan did -- for this generation and generations yet unborn. As First Lady, she visited __ continents and __ Nations. To the scourge of drugs, she urged, "Just say no." To America's future, she supplied a lyric "yes." / Nancy, won't you please stand and let us show how we appreciate what you mean to the United States of America. //

Let me close, then, with a story, and salute. Mr. President, when your favorite President died in 1945, the New York Times wrote, "Men will thank God on their knees, a hundred years from now, that Franklin D. Roosevelt was in the White House." // It will not take 100 years -- millions do so today - - for us to thank God that you were in the House. You loved America -- knew America. You blessed America as few men ever have. //

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MEMORANDUM FOR CURT SMITH

FROM: BOB SIMON 

SUBJECT: REAGAN

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Elaine Crispen, Nancy's former press secretary, said she thought Nancy would want to be remembered for the being the first to depopularize drug use (Just Say No), breast cancer awareness, and the foster grandparents program. She also mentioned the refurbishing of the White House residence. She said the President might not want to mention that. However, Mrs. Bush talks all the time about what a wonderful job Nancy did on that. I think it would be OK to talk about, since only GB and Mrs. Bush benefit from Nancy's work.

Doug Gamble is still working. See attachments for anecdotes.

DOUG GAMBLE

Oct. 25/91

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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN
3 pages

MORE REAGAN LIBRARY (Curt Smith)

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I'M GOING TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO PLAY POLITICS TODAY. I WON'T, ~~AND~~ AS AN AIDE SUGGESTED, HAVE MY PICTURE TAKEN WITH THE EX-PRESIDENTS AND RELEASE IT TO THE PRESS WITH A CAPTION SAYING "PRESIDENT BUSH COMFORTS THE UNEMPLOYED."

IT'S GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH WAS LOCATED IN FLORIDA, BUT I THINK RONALD REAGAN COULD MAKE A GOOD CASE FOR ITS EXISTANCE IN CALIFORNIA.

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MORE...

TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - REAGAN (CONT'D)

AMONG RONALD REAGAN'S MANY ATTRIBUTES WERE HIS TASTE AND WISDOM IN SELECTING A VICE PRESIDENTIAL RUNNING MATE.

✓ YOU CAN SEE SO FAR IN ALL DIRECTIONS FROM THIS LIBRARY SITE, EVEN I HAVE EXPANSIVE VISION.

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FROM TIME TO TIME WE WERE ASKED TO WIN ONE FOR THE GIPPER. BUT IN THE END, THE GIPPER WON ONE FOR AMERICA.

✓ HE'S COME ALONG WAY FROM THOSE EARLY DAYS AS A BASEBALL PLAY-BY-PLAY BROADCASTER. I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY HOME RUNS HE DESCRIBED BACK IN THOSE DAYS, BUT AS THE MANAGER OF "TEAM AMERICA" HE SHOWED US HOW TO HIT A FEW.

SO STIRRING WERE HIS WORDS OF PATRIOTISM, THEY OFTEN BROUGHT A LUMP TO OUR THROAT AND TEARS TO OUR EYES. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST CHRONICLE THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA, HE LITERALLY EMBODIED IT.

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TO: CHRISTINA MARTIN - REAGAN (CONT'D)

NOT EVEN A BULLET FROM THE GUN OF A WOULD-BE ASSASSIN COULD STAY HIS SPIRIT OR STILL HIS ~~XXX~~ SENSE OF HUMOR. ON THAT TERRIBLE DAY IN MARCH OF 1981 HE LOOKED AT THE DOCTORS AND NURSES IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND SAID "I HOPE YOU'RE ALL REPUBLICANS." REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS, HIS COURAGE MADE ALL OF US PROUD TO BE AMERICANS.

PRESIDENT REAGAN'S POLICY OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH WAS NOT A MERE PLATFORM ON WHICH TO BUILD AN ELECTION CAMPAIGN, IT WAS A LAUNCHING PAD FROM WHICH A NEW ERA OF CO-OPERATION AND STABILITY HAVE ARISEN.

HE NOT ONLY RE-BUILT OUR MILITARY, HE RESTORED THEIR MORALE. THANKS TO RONALD REAGAN, OUR FIGHTING FORCES NOT ONLY WENT INTO "OPERATION DESERT STORM" CARRYING THE MOST SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS IN THEIR ARSENAL, THEY WENT INTO BATTLE WEARING THEIR PRIDE ON THEIR SLEEVES.

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**Remarks at the Dedication of the
Ronald Reagan Presidential Library
November 4, 1991**

President Reagan and Nancy, Barbara and I are just delighted to be here on this 11th anniversary of your election as President. My special greeting, of course, to your fellow Californians, President and Mrs. Nixon; also President and Mrs. Ford; President and Mrs. Carter. Mrs. Johnson, you're so sweet to be here. Members of the Reagan, Kennedy, Johnson, and Roosevelt families.

As I listen to these talks I got to thinking: Wouldn't Fred Travalina, Rich Little, Dana Carvey have a wonderful time here today? [Laughter] And I was so moved by Chuck Heston's opening comments; and Lod Cook, congratulations, sir. Once again, you've stepped up and done a superb job. Reverend Donn Moomaw, thank you, sir, for the invocation. And, of course, being with my trusted adviser and military leader, General Colin Powell, is a treat. And then, déjà vu, as Sergeant Alvie Powell sang "The Star-Spangled Banner." He did that at my inauguration, and I'll never forget it. Ambassador Annenberg and all who worked so hard on this library, our profound thanks to you.

This marks an historic occasion. For the first time, five Presidents and six First Ladies, past and present, have gathered together in the same locale. The four former Presidents, dedicated public servants, and these wonderful First Ladies, each has played a significant part in the American story.

We begin with the 37th President, Richard Nixon, and the woman we know and love as Pat. Mr. President, you were an innovator at home, a peacemaker and groundbreaker abroad. We'll never forget it. Here, too, are Betty Ford and America's 38th President, Gerald Ford. To this son of Michigan we say: We are very grateful for your quiet strength of character, your vigor, and your just plain innate decency.

Next, we thank the 39th President, Jimmy Carter, and his wife Rosalyn. America applauds your life-long commitment, sir, to peace, to human rights, to helping others. And it was most gracious of you to make such an extra effort to be here today.

And I feel very badly that you haven't met a Democratic President yet, but please don't do anything about that. [Laughter] And Lady Bird, Mrs. Johnson, we salute you for your dedication to our natural beauty and also for your love of family that shines through every single day.

Today, we're here to honor "An American Life," which is the title of his autobiography. We also honor an American original. Ronald Reagan was born on February 6th, but his heart is the Fourth of July.

And with his disarming sense of humor, President Reagan was something refreshingly different in Washington: A politician who was funny on purpose. [Laughter] And he also was, though, a visionary, a crusader, and a prophet in his time.

He was a political prophet, leading the tide toward conservatism. He was also a Main Street prophet. He understood that America is great because of what we are, not what we have. Politics can be cruel, can be mean and ugly and uncivil. And unfailingly, Ronald Reagan was strong and gentle. And he ennobled public service. He embodied the American character. He came from the heart of America geographically and culturally. Not even a bullet from the gun of a would-be assassin could stay his spirit.

I remember the terrible day in March of '81. He looked at the doctors in the emergency room and said, "I hope you're all Republicans." [Laughter] Well, Republicans or Democrats, his courage and humor made us all proud, proud to be Americans. And for 8 years, I was very proud to be his Vice President. And I saw a man who was thoughtful, sentimental, sending money to strangers who touched him, writing letters on yellow legal paper, and asking that they be retyped because he wanted to make it easier for the recipients to read.

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civility and generosity and kindness, values etched in the American character. Once asked who he admired most in history, he simply responded, "The man from Galilee."

Mr. President, your faith is what is true and good, and that helped reaffirm our faith in the United States of America. Ronald Reagan believes in returning power to the people, and so he helped the private sector create more than 16 million jobs. He sought to enlarge opportunity, not Government. So, he lowered taxes and spending and cut inflation and helped create the longest peacetime boom in American history.

How ironic that the oldest President of the United States would prove as young as the American spirit. Here, as in Washington—[applause]—here, as in Washington, he was aided by the true love of his life. As First Lady, Nancy championed the Foster Grandparents Program, heightened breast cancer awareness. She refurbished the White House with the dignity that is her legacy. She sure left us a nice, cozy place to live, I might say. [Laughter] And to the scourge of drugs, she urged America's children to "Just Say No." And Nancy, for these things, and many more, all Americans salute you.

And finally, the President was a global prophet. Today, we've heard this, but the world is safer because he believed that we who are free to live our dreams have a duty to support those who dream of living free.

He predicted that communism would land in the dustbin of history, and history proved him right. And he knew that when it comes to national defense, finishing second means finishing last. So he practiced what he preached, supporting a strong military and pioneering the Strategic Defense Initiative. And his vision paid off for every American in the sea and sands of the Gulf. And America thanks him for that, too.

Mr. President, history will record the 1980's were not only among America's finest hours, they became perhaps democracy's finest era. Our friend, the Iron Lady, as usual, said it best. I speak of Margaret Thatcher, your fellow liegeman of liberty. Recently, she spoke of how great leaders are summed up in a sentence. Here's a quote: "Ronald Reagan won the cold war without firing a shot. He had a little help.

At least that's what he tells me." [Laughter] And looking here at men and women from Presidencies of the last three decades, it occurs to me that help came largely from the American people and you.

Here's part of what the historians will say of Ronald Reagan: He was the Great Communicator and also the Great Liberator. From Normandy to Moscow, from Berlin to the Oval Office, no leader since Churchill used words so effectively to help freedom unchain our world.

You were prophet and President, and I want to thank you for your many, many kindnesses to Barbara and to me. You love this country. You know America. And you have blessed America as few men ever have. Now, it is my distinct privilege and honor to introduce the 40th President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

Note: The President spoke at 12:15 p.m. in Simi Valley, CA. In his remarks, the President referred to Charlton Heston, actor and master of ceremonies; Lodwick M. Cook, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Walter H. Annenberg, a Foundation Member; Reverend Donn Moomaw, Senior Pastor of Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, CA; and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Presidents Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, Jimmy Carter, and Ronald Reagan also spoke at the dedication ceremony. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Nomination of James R. Lilley To Be an Assistant Secretary of Defense November 4, 1991

The President today announced his intention to nominate James Roderick Lilley to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs at the Department of Defense. He would succeed Henry S. Rowen.

Ambassador Lilley has served as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, 1989-1991. Prior to this he was Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, 1986-1989. He was Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs at the Department of State, 1985-1986; and a consultant on international security affairs at the Depart-