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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 2, 1981

MEETING WITH SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD, SENATOR  
JENNINGS RANDOLPH, CONGRESSMAN CLEVE BENEDICT  
AND THE 1980 AND 1981 WEST VIRGINIA STRAWBERRY  
QUEENS

DATE: Monday, October 5, 1981  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:15 p.m. (5 minutes)  
THRU: Max L. Friedersdorf  
FROM: Powell A. Moore *PM*

I. PURPOSE

To respond to a request from Senator Robert Byrd for a meeting and photo session with the 1980 and 1981 West Virginia Strawberry Queens.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Byrd's active support of the air defense sale to Saudi Arabia is extremely important to us and we have been highly cooperative with him recently as a consequence. Senator Randolph is also undecided.

The request for this meeting with the West Virginia Strawberry Queens has been a longstanding one. The first request came from Congressman Benedict and was turned down. We resurrected the event recently after Byrd requested it for the reason stated above.

Congressman Benedict is the probable GOP candidate against Senator Robert Byrd in 1982. He is a first-term Republican representing the 2nd District, in the eastern part of West Virginia, which was represented for 32 years by a Democrat. Benedict serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee and has been a solid supporter of the Administration.

The West Virginia Strawberry Festival and Pageant is an annual event held in Buckhannon, West Virginia. The Strawberry Queen is eligible for competition in the Miss West Virginia Beauty Pageant. The 1980 Strawberry Queen, Miss Cynthia McWhorter, is a student at Fairmont State College. The 1981 Strawberry Queen, Miss Sherree Evangelist, is a dental hygienist.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

Cynthia L. McWhorter, 1980 Strawberry Queen

Sherree A. Evangelist, 1981 Strawberry Queen

Gary A. Frush, Director, West Virginia Strawberry Festival  
Association

Richard D. Jenkins, President and Executive Director, West  
Virginia Strawberry Festival

Senator Robert Byrd

Senator Jennings Randolph

Congressman Cleve Benedict

Staff

Powell A. Moore

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer and photo opportunity for the press.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- A. Participants enter Oval Office from the West Lobby.
- B. Brief introduction and greeting by the President.
- C. The President and participants move to front of fireplace.
- D. Media enters for still photographs and silent footage.
- E. After media departs, participants depart.

Attachment: Talking Points

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH 1980 AND  
1981 WEST VIRGINIA STRAWBERRY QUEENS

- Thank Senator Byrd for bringing these two lovely young women to see you.
- Thank Senator Randolph and Congressman Benedict for coming to the White House for this occasion.
- Ask the two young women to tell you about the pageants and what being the Strawberry Queen involves.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVE LARRY  
MCDONALD (D-GEORGIA)

DATE: October 5, 1981  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:30 P.M. (5 minutes)  
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *MLF*

I. PURPOSE

To express special thanks to Congressman Larry McDonald, who supported the economic package 100%; and to express appreciation for his ongoing counsel and friendship.

II. BACKGROUND

Larry McDonald represents the 7th Congressional District of Georgia (northwest corner of the state). Now serving in his third term, Larry is a member of the Armed Services Committee. The Almanac of American Politics 1982 characterizes Larry as "one of the nation's most unusual Congressmen", presumably because he is a medical doctor (urologist) by profession, has been a member of the John Birch Society, and maintains one of the most conservative voting records in the House (e.g., American Conservative Union rating of 100%).

Larry McDonald is the only House Democrat with a 100% voting record in favor of the economic package who is not also a member of the Conservative Democratic Forum (CDF). The other nineteen House Democrats with perfect voting records--all CDFers--were invited to meet with the President in the Oval Office on September 14th. At that time they received the President's special thanks and presented him with a "boll weevil" tie and other memorabilia.

Taken together, Larry McDonald and the 19 CDF 100%ers constitute the core of the Administration's Democratic support in the House. Although Larry has met with the President on numerous occasions in conjunction with the economic recovery package, he has not yet received the special recognition afforded his CDF counterparts.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President

OMB Director Stockman

III. PARTICIPANTS (cont.)

Representative Larry McDonald (D-Georgia)

Max L. Friedersdorf  
Kenneth M. Duberstein

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No set schedule

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Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
REPRESENTATIVE LARRY McDONALD (D-GEORGIA)

- Express special thanks to Larry for his 100% support of the economic package.
  
- Indicate your awareness of Larry's medical background (medical doctor with a specialty in urology) and applaud his outstanding efforts to help restore the nation to sound "economic health" as well.
  
- Ask Larry for his advice on how best to achieve the needed "second round" Budget cuts.
  
- Express your intention to continue to work closely with Larry and stress that you are counting on his help.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH CONGRESSMAN RON MOTTL (D-OHIO)  
AND HIS SON, RON MOTTL, JR.

DATE: October 5, 1981  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:35 p.m. (5 minutes)  
FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

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I. PURPOSE

To have a photo opportunity with Congressman Ron Mottl and his son, Ron Mottl, Jr. This fulfills a commitment to the Congressman.

II. BACKGROUND

Congressman Mottl voted with the President on all but one key vote on the economic package. He was one of the two Northeast-Midwest Democrats that provided key support. His 19-year old son, Ron, Jr., is running as an Independent candidate for President of the Parma, Ohio City Council against an incumbent Democrat. Congressman Mottl has requested that the President endorse his son's candidacy. This photo opportunity will fulfill this request.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
The Vice-President  
Congressman Ron Mottl  
Ron Mottl, Jr.  
Max L. Friedersdorf

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House Photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

No specific agenda.

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Attachment A: Talking Points

ATTACHMENT A

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH  
CONGRESSMAN RON MOTTL AND RON MOTTL, JR.

- Thank Ron Mottl for his support for your economic package.
  
- Stress that if Congress is concerned about interest rates then Congress is going to have to help restrain government spending.
  
- Ask Mottl for his support for your continuing efforts to reduce federal deficits.
  
- Point out to the Mottls that you are also trying to reduce the federal government's interference in state and local matters.
  
- Congratulate Ron Mottl, Jr. for his interest in government and wish him luck in his candidacy for the President of the Parma City Council.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 2, 1981

MEETING WITH SENATOR TED STEVENS, MR. WILLIAM  
H. PERKINS AND HIS SON, GARY PERKINS

DATE: Monday, October 5, 1981  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
TIME: 4:40 p.m. (5 minutes)

THRU: Max L. Friedersdorf *MLF*  
FROM: Powell A. Moore *P.A.M.*

I. PURPOSE

To respond to a request of Senator Ted Stevens for a meeting and photo opportunity for Mr. William H. Perkins and his son, Mr. Gary Perkins.

II. BACKGROUND

Senator Stevens has had a longstanding request for a meeting and photo opportunity for Mr. William H. Perkins and his son, Gary. Bill Perkins and his son have had their pictures taken with every President since Harry Truman, and would like to continue this tradition by having a photograph taken with you. Mr. Bill Perkins is prominent in Illinois legislative circles and is a key Republican Party financial supporter. He is a public affairs/legislative consultant and has his own firm in Chicago.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President  
Mr. William H. Perkins, Jr.  
Mr. Gary D. Perkins  
Senator Ted Stevens

Staff

Powell A. Moore

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer only.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- A. Senator Stevens, Mr. William Perkins and Mr. Gary Perkins enter the Oval Office from the West Lobby.
- B. Brief introduction and greeting by the President.
- C. Participants move to the front of the fireplace for photographs.
- D. Participants depart.

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Attachment: Talking Points

ATTACHMENT B

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON CONGRESSMEN  
COATS, HOPKINS, MCEWEN, MARLENEE, AND MARRIOTT

- Congressman Dan Coats, Republican representing north-east Indiana, 1st term, member of Energy and Commerce Committee.
  
- Congressman Larry Hopkins, Republican representing north-central (Frankfort and Lexington) Kentucky, 2nd term, member of Agriculture and Armed Services Committees.
  
- Congressman Bob McEwen, Republican representing southwest Ohio, 1st term, member of Public Works and Transportation and Veterans' Affairs Committees.
  
- Congressman Ron Marlenee, Republican representing central and eastern (Great Falls and Billings) Montana, 3rd term, member of Agriculture and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees.
  
- Congressman Dan Marriott, Republican representing west (Salt Lake City) Utah, 3rd term, member of Interior and Insular Affairs and Small Business Committees. Marriott is very supportive of the decision to initially base the MX in existing Titan and Minuteman sites.

ATTACHMENT A

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING  
WITH CONGRESSMEN COATS, HOPKINS, MARLENEE,  
MCEWEN, AND MARRIOTT

- Thank you for your help in enacting the budget cuts and tax reductions.
- However, additional spending cuts are necessary if the economic recovery program is to succeed.
- I am confident that because of strong Republican support for my proposal, the Congress will approve the additional cuts.



# THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

## MEETING WITH LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY GROUP

DATE: October 5, 1981  
TIME: 5:00 p.m. (20 minutes)  
LOCATION: The Oval Office  
  
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY  
RE CONTINUING RESOLUTION(S)  
DEFERRALS/BUDGET

### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss selected sensitive issues of legislative strategy. These relate to operations under the continuing resolution, the possibility of advancing a set of "deferrals," and associated issues which may affect the ability to achieve your deficit targets.

### II. PARTICIPANTS

David A. Stockman  
Edwin Meese III  
James A. Baker III  
Michael K. Deaver  
Richard G. Darman  
Max L. Friedersdorf  
Craig L. Fuller  
David R. Gergen

### III. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Dave Stockman will introduce the issues. Following group discussion, he will seek your guidance.

(Dolan)

October 4, 1981

OUT OF TOWN MEDIA BRIEFING -- 9:30 a.m. - Monday, October 5, 1981

First, let me welcome you today to the White House. The opportunity to meet and talk with you in these special briefings is something all of us in the Administration <sup>HAVE</sup> look forward to ~~and hold in very high regard.~~

~~It reminds me of a remark attributed some years ago to a New York City educator during the newspaper strike in that city. This particular educator, who lived near Washington Square Park, supposedly noted the absence of the Times from the newstands and said this had two primary effects: first, the park was much cleaner; second, there was a new diversity of opinion at cocktail parties.~~

~~You DON'T <sup>NEED</sup> TO TELL YOU OF~~  
Well, that story illustrates the tremendous influence ~~those~~ of you ~~of~~ the press and media ~~do~~ have on public opinion. I think you're the first to agree that diversity of interpretation and opinion is very important to your work and to our robust tradition of press freedom. This diversity, as you know, has been threatened recently with the sad demise of several important institutions in the newspaper field. This came home to us in Washington recently when the Washington Star closed up <sup>SHOP</sup> ~~office~~ after more than a century of publication.

So we do look forward to this opportunity to talk with you -- you all know the fresh perspective that a new reporter can bring to an old beat. That's why we hope these briefings

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will lead to some new insights and perspectives -- for both of us -- and that the ultimate beneficiaries will be the readers, listeners and viewers in your hometowns.

This last month has been an extremely busy one. But it's also been a very satisfying time. <sup>WE</sup> ~~I~~ think ~~it's fair to say~~ we have brought about a sea change in national policy. ~~I think~~ you <sup>MAY</sup> detect a feeling of zest and buoyancy around the White House. For all of us here, this has been an exciting and invigorating 9 months.

In the last month ~~alone, we've made~~ <sup>THERE WAS</sup> a radio address to the Nation on Labor Day, a television address on the economy, and ~~held~~ a news conference that covered the waterfront of issues. I've had an opportunity to do some traveling ~~too~~ -- to talk (about the housing industry) to union members in Chicago, <sup>to</sup> help get Westway underway in New York City, ~~to~~ assist at the dedication of President Ford's museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and to talk to Republican women leaders in Denver about Wall Street and Main Street.

Last week, in New Orleans, <sup>I</sup> ~~we~~ announced some major initiatives on crime and ~~I hope, talked some much needed sense about that problem.~~ ~~We~~ also spoke to the World Bank conference about our new development policy, ~~and this morning~~ <sup>WHEN I LEAVE YOU I'M TALKING</sup> ~~I had an opportunity to convey~~ to the National Alliance of Business ~~some thoughts~~ about mobilizing the private sector to assist the underprivileged.

During all of this, we've had the usual round of White House activities ranging from a luncheon for Black

college leaders to some very fruitful diplomatic discussions

~~that include~~ <sup>including</sup> a visit with Prime Minister Begin of Israel.

*Now I think that's pretty good for a guy who only works 2 or 3 hours a day.*  
~~I mention all this because I think it is important to~~

~~note that while~~ We have made economic recovery a first priority ~~but~~ the approach of this Administration is hardly one-dimensional. We have been moving systematically to deal with that broad range of problems we promised to do something about in the campaign last year.

There's a good bit of discussion now about our plans to sell the AWACS system to Saudi Arabia. ~~As I pointed out in my press conference last week,~~ This issue is not simply a question of balancing the interests of two nations in the Middle East. It has to be seen in the larger context of the strategic importance of the Persian Gulf area. I think this message is <sup>BEGINNING TO</sup> get ~~being~~ through to key members of Congress. The truth is: we intend to stand by our old and trusted allies but we also intend to look for new and dramatic ways to protect and solidify the security and peace in the Middle East.

In our recent decision to rebuild our strategic force, we have also attempted to show some balance and flexibility. Our plans for the MX and B-1 have these advantages: we can afford them; we keep our options open -- so that we can respond adequately and in time to any new Soviet build-ups; and we send to the Soviets that signal that Winston Churchill

once said was critical for any successful negotiations with the U.S.S.R. -- strength of purpose, strength of resolve.

In the area of the economy, we are now pressing for the additional budget cuts needed to keep our promise of a balanced budget. I think we have managed to take the Social Security problem out of partisan politics with the appointment of a bipartisan commission charged with one task: finding a solution to Social Security's deep financial problems.

These two initiatives should be seen in the context of what else ~~has been achieved~~ <sup>WE'VE DONE</sup> in the last 9 months.

When this Administration entered office, the Federal budget was growing by some 14 percent a year. That growth has now been cut in half. ~~When this Administration took office,~~ Federal tax revenues were scheduled to increase by more than \$300 billion over 3 years' time. We have now passed the largest tax <sup>RATE</sup> reduction in history and almost entirely thwarted this increase. We have also indexed taxation to the rate of inflation -- another historic reform. On the regulatory front, more than 180 Federal regulations have been modified or cancelled with an estimated savings of more than \$15 billion. The flow of new regulations has been cut in half. And we have also worked hard to assure a stable monetary policy.

~~If all this leaves you a little breathless, I can assure you I sometimes feel the same way.~~ It has been an exciting time -- and I admit sometimes a painful and difficult one.

This came home to me when I was discussing our belt tightening measures with President Ford while we were also talking about his new library and museum in Michigan. I confess I felt a little envy about it all, -- <sup>With an eye on the</sup> ~~with Dave~~ <sup>future I spoke to Dave Stockman. He told me he's been ferreting</sup> ~~Stockman on the staff I told Jerry I'd be lucky to get a~~ bookmobiles ~~named after me. I should settle for that though --~~ ~~the way things look now nobody's buying any more -- an airport~~ ~~is my honor.~~

~~Well, I've greatly enjoyed these few minutes with you.~~  
I hope you will find your day here a productive one. I hope too you will relax and enjoy yourselves. (~~Although I caution~~ <sup>DONT</sup> ~~you not to~~ relax too much -- as you know, my staff doesn't like waking people up.)

Dave Stockman and Don Regan are here to talk with you, too. But before we hear from them -- let me take a few questions.

OCTOBER 5, 1981

2:30

SIGNING CEREMONY: RAOUL WALLENBERG BILL

-- TODAY I AM SIGNING A BILL TO MAKE RAOUL WALLENBERG AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES. BUT IN MAKING HIM A U.S. CITIZEN, TRULY WE ARE THE ONES BEING HONORED. RAOUL WALLENBERG IS THE SWEDISH SAVIOR OF ALMOST 100,000 JEWISH MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN. WHAT HE DID, WHAT HE ACCOMPLISHED IS OF BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS.

-- SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL, ANOTHER MAN OF FORCE AND FORTITUDE, IS THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED HONORARY U.S. CITIZENSHIP. AS JOHN F. KENNEDY SAID AT THAT SIGNING CEREMONY, "INDIFFERENT HIMSELF TO DANGER, HE WEPT OVER THE SORROWS OF OTHERS." THAT COMPASSION ALSO EXEMPLIFIES THE MAN WE GATHER FOR TODAY.

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-- IN 1944, THE U.S. REQUESTED SWEDEN'S COOPERATION IN PROTECTING THE LIVES OF HUNGARIAN JEWS FACING EXTERMINATION AT THE HANDS OF THE NAZIS. IN THE MONTHS THAT FOLLOWED, THE U.S. SUPPLIED THE FUNDS AND THE DIRECTIVES, AND RAOUL WALLENBERG SUPPLIED THE COURAGE AND THE PASSION. HOW CAN WE COMPREHEND THE MORAL WORTH OF A MAN WHO SAVED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES, INCLUDING THOSE OF CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. LANTOS?

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-- IN 1945, IN VIOLATION OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, HE WAS SEIZED BY THE SOVIET UNION. TODAY THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT HE IS STILL IMPRISONED BY THE SOVIETS. WHEREVER HE IS, HIS HUMANITY BURNS LIKE A TORCH.

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-- I HEARD SOMEONE ONCE SAY THAT A MAN HAS MADE AT LEAST A START ON UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF HUMAN LIFE WHEN HE PLANTS SHADE TREES UNDER WHICH HE KNOWS HE WILL NEVER SIT. RAOUL WALLENBERG IS JUST SUCH A MAN. HE NURTURED THE LIVES OF THOSE HE NEVER KNEW AT THE RISK OF HIS OWN.

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-- THEN, JUST RECENTLY, I WAS TOLD THAT IN A SPECIAL AREA BEHIND THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL IN ISRAEL, HUNGARIAN JEWS NOW LIVING IN SWEDEN PLANTED 10,000 TREES IN RAOUL'S HONOR. MRS. LAGERGREN, MR. VON DARDEL, WE ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER SO THAT YOUR BROTHER CAN SIT BENEATH THE SHADE OF THOSE TREES AND ENJOY THE RESPECT AND LOVE SO MANY HOLD FOR HIM.

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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS FOLLOWING LUNCHEON  
OCTOBER 5, 1981

THIS DISTINGUISHED BIPARTISAN GROUP OF FORMER NAT'L SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR THE SALE OF AWACS & OTHER AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA. AFTER READING THIS STATEMENT, BOTH HAROLD BROWN & HENRY KISSINGER WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A FURTHER STATEMENT OF THEIR OWN.

"THE SALE OF AWACS & OTHER AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA WOULD MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE U.S. IN A VITAL PART OF THE WORLD. THE REJECTION OF THIS SALE WOULD DAMAGE THE ABILITY OF THE U.S. TO CONDUCT A CREDIBLE & EFFECTIVE FOREIGN POLICY, NOT ONLY IN THE GULF REGION, BUT ACROSS A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES."

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I WISH TO PERSONALLY THANK EACH FOR  
THEIR RECOGNITION THAT THIS SALE IS IN THE  
NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS OF THIS NATION.  

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THEIR PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT THIS TIME IS AN  
INDICATION OF THE BROAD BIPARTISAN SUPPORT  
THIS SALE HAS AMONG KNOWLEDGEABLE FORMER  
NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICIALS FROM BOTH  
REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATIONS.  

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(DOLAN)

OCTOBER 5, 1981

OUT OF TOWN MEDIA BRIEFING

FIRST, LET ME WELCOME U TODAY TO THE W.H. THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET & TALK WITH U IN THESE SPECIAL BRIEFINGS IS SOMETHING ALL OF US IN THE ADMIN. HAVE LOOKED FORWARD TO.

U DON'T NEED ME TO TELL U OF THE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE U OF THE PRESS & MEDIA HAVE ON PUBLIC OPINION. I THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST TO AGREE THAT DIVERSITY OF INTERPRETATION & OPINION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO YOUR WORK & TO OUR ROBUST TRADITION OF PRESS FREEDOM.

THIS DIVERSITY, AS U KNOW, HAS BEEN THREATENED RECENTLY WITH THE SAD DEMISE OF SEVERAL IMPORTANT INSTITUTIONS IN THE NEWSPAPER FIELD. THIS CAME HOME TO US IN WASH. RECENTLY WHEN THE WASH. STAR CLOSED UP SHOP AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY OF PUBLICATION.

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SO WE DO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH U -- U ALL KNOW THE FRESH PERSPECTIVE THAT A NEW REPORTER CAN BRING TO AN OLD BEAT. THAT'S WHY WE HOPE THESE BRIEFINGS WILL LEAD TO SOME NEW INSIGHTS & PERSPECTIVES -- FOR BOTH OF US -- & THAT THE ULTIMATE BENEFICIARIES WILL BE THE READERS, LISTENERS & VIEWERS IN YOUR HOMETOWNS.

THIS LAST MONTH HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY BUSY ONE, BUT IT'S ALSO BEEN A VERY SATISFYING TIME. WE THINK WE HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT A SEA CHANGE IN NAT'L POLICY. U MAY DETECT A FEELING OF ZEST & BUOYANCY AROUND THE W.H. FOR ALL OF US HERE, THIS HAS BEEN AN EXCITING & INVIGORATING 9 MONTHS.

IN THE LAST MONTH THERE WAS A RADIO ADDRESS TO THE NATN ON LABOR DAY, A TV ADDRESS ON THE ECONOMY, & A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT COVERED THE WATERFRONT OF ISSUES.

I'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME TRAVELING -- TO TALK TO UNION MEMBERS IN CHICAGO ABOUT THE HOUSING INDUSTRY, TO HELP GET WESTWAY UNDERWAY IN N.Y.C., ASSIST AT THE DEDICATION OF PRES. FORD'S MUSEUM IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., & TO TALK TO REPUB. WOMEN LEADERS IN DENVER ABOUT WALL STREET & MAIN STREET.

LAST WEEK, IN NEW ORLEANS, I ANNOUNCED SOME MAJOR INITIATIVES ON CRIME & ALSO SPOKE TO THE WORLD BANK CONFERENCE ABOUT OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT POLICY. WHEN I LEAVE YOU, I'M TALKING TO THE NAT'L ALLIANCE OF BUSINESS ABOUT MOBILIZING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ASSIST THE UNDERPRIVILEGED.

DURING ALL OF THIS, WE'VE HAD THE USUAL ROUND OF W.H. ACTIVITIES RANGING FROM A LUNCHEON FOR BLACK COLLEGE LEADERS TO SOME VERY FRUITFUL DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS INCLUDING A VISIT FROM P.M. BEGIN OF ISRAEL. NOW I THINK THAT'S PRETTY GOOD FOR A GUY WHO ONLY WORKS 2 OR 3 HOURS A DAY.

WE HAVE MADE EC. RECOVERY A 1ST PRIORITY BUT THE APPROACH OF THIS ADMIN IS HARDLY 1-DIMENSIONAL. WE HAVE BEEN MOVING SYSTEMATICALLY TO DEAL WITH THAT BROAD RANGE OF PROBLEMS WE PROMISED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IN THE CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR.

THERE'S A GOOD BIT OF DISCUSSION NOW ABOUT OUR PLANS TO SELL THE "AWACS" SYSTEM TO SAUDI ARABIA. THIS ISSUE IS NOT SIMPLY A QUESTION OF BALANCING THE INTERESTS OF 2 NATNs IN THE MID. EAST. IT HAS TO BE SEEN IN THE LARGER CONTEXT OF THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE PERSIAN GULF AREA. I THINK THIS MESSAGE IS BEGINNING TO GET THROUGH TO KEY MEMBERS OF CONG. THE TRUTH IS: WE INTEND TO STAND BY OUR OLD & TRUSTED ALLIES BUT WE ALSO INTEND TO LOOK FOR NEW & DRAMATIC WAYS TO PROTECT & SOLIDIFY THE SECURITY & PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN OUR RECENT DECISION TO REBUILD OUR STRATEGIC FORCE, WE HAVE ALSO ATTEMPTED TO SHOW SOME BALANCE & FLEXIBILITY. OUR PLANS FOR THE MX & B-1 HAVE THESE ADVANTAGES: WE CAN AFFORD THEM; WE KEEP OUR OPTIONS OPEN SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND ADEQUATELY & IN TIME TO ANY NEW SOVIET BUILD-UPS; & WE SEND TO THE SOVIETS THAT SIGNAL THAT WINSTON CHURCHILL ONCE SAID WAS CRITICAL FOR ANY SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR -- STRENGTH OF PURPOSE, STRENGTH OF RESOLVE.

IN THE AREA OF THE ECONOMY, WE ARE NOW PRESSING FOR THE ADDITIONAL BUDGET CUTS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR PROMISE OF A BALANCED BUDGT. I THINK WE HAVE MANAGED TO TAKE THE SOC. SEC. PROBLEM OUT OF PARTISAN POLITICS WITH THE APPT. OF A BIPARTISAN COMMISSION CHARGED WITH 1 TASK: FINDING A SOLUTION TO SOC. SEC.'s DEEP FINANCIAL PROBLEMS.

THESE 2 INITIATIVES SHOULD BE SEEN IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT ELSE WE'VE DONE IN THE LAST 9 MONTHS.

WHEN THIS ADMIN. ENTERED OFFICE, THE FED'L BUDGET WAS GROWING BY SOME 14% A YEAR. THAT GROWTH HAS NOW BEEN CUT IN HALF. FED'L TAX REVENUES WERE SCHEDULED TO INCREASE BY MORE THAN \$300 BIL. OVER 3 YEARS TIME. WE HAVE NOW PASSED THE LARGEST TAX RATE REDUCTION IN HISTORY & ALMOST ENTIRELY THWARTED THIS INCREASE. WE HAVE ALSO INDEXED TAXATION TO THE RATE OF INFLATION -- ANOTHER HISTORIC REFORM. ON THE REGULATORY FRONT, MORE THAN 180 FED'L REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED OR CANCELLED WITH AN ESTIMATED SAVINGS OF MORE THAN \$15 BIL. THE FLOW OF NEW REGs HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF. & WE HAVE ALSO WORKED HARD TO ASSURE A STABLE MONETARY POLICY.

IT HAS BEEN AN EXCITING TIME -- & I ADMIT  
SOMETIMES A PAINFUL & DIFFICULT ONE.

THIS CAME HOME TO ME WHEN I WAS  
DISCUSSING OUR BELT TIGHTENING MEASURES WITH  
PRES. FORD WHILE WE WERE ALSO TALKING ABOUT  
HIS NEW LIBRARY & MUSEUM IN MICH. I CONFESS  
I FELT A LITTLE ENVY ABOUT IT ALL. WITH AN  
EYE ON THE FUTURE I SPOKE TO DAVE STOCKMAN. HE  
TOLD ME HE'S BEEN PRICING BOOKMOBILES.

I HOPE U WILL FIND YOUR DAY HERE A  
PRODUCTIVE ONE. I HOPE TOO YOU WILL RELAX &  
ENJOY YOURSELVES. (DON'T RELAX TOO MUCH --  
AS U KNOW, MY STAFF DOESN'T LIKE WAKING  
PEOPLE UP.)

DAVE STOCKMAN & DON REGAN ARE HERE TO  
TALK WITH U, TOO. BUT BEFORE WE HEAR FROM THEM  
LET ME TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS.

(PARVIN/TD)

OCTOBER 5, 1981

PRESIDENT'S BACKUP COPY FOR NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BUSINESS

THANK YOU FOR THAT ~~REDACTED~~ WARM WELCOME.

I KNOW YOUR ORGANIZATION IS CONCERNED WITH JOBS. I HEARD

OF A FELLOW WHO HAS BEEN UNEMPLOYED A LONG TIME. A FEW

DAYS AGO HE FOUND A JOB IN A CHINA WAREHOUSE. HE'D ONLY

WORKED A COUPLE OF DAYS WHEN HE SMASHED A LARGE ORIENTAL

VASE. THE BOSS TOLD HIM IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS THE MONEY  
WOULD BE DEDUCTED FROM HIS WAGES EVERY WEEK UNTIL THE VASE

WAS PAID FOR. THE FELLOW ASKED, "HOW MUCH IT COST?"

THE BOSS TOLD HIM, "\$300!"

THE FELLOW SAID, "AT LAST, I'VE GOT A STEADY JOB."

SERIOUSLY, I'M AWARE THAT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF  
BUSINESS WAS FORMED TO REDUCE THE DESPAIR OF UNEMPLOYMENT &  
TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES WHERE THEY WOULD OTHERWISE NOT  
EXIST. YOU HAVE SET FOR YOURSELVES A NOBLE & NECESSARY

GOAL. YOU KNOW THAT A JOB AT \$4 AN HOUR IS PRICELESS IN  
TERMS OF THE SELF-RESPECT IT CAN BUY.

MANY PEOPLE TODAY ARE ECONOMICALLY TRAPPED IN WELFARE.  
THEY WOULD LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO BE OUT IN THE WORK-A-  
DAY WORLD WITH THE REST OF US, INDEPENDENT & SELF-SUFFICIENT.  
THEY AREN'T LAZY OR UNWILLING TO WORK -- THEY JUST DON'T  
KNOW HOW TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THAT WELFARE SECURITY  
BLANKET.

HANDWRITING FILE

AFTER WE UNDERTOOK OUR WELFARE REFORMS IN CALIFORNIA, I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM A WOMAN WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN WHO HAD BEEN ON WELFARE. SHE WROTE THAT SHE HAD BECOME SO DEPENDENT ON THE WELFARE CHECK SHE EVEN TURNED DOWN OFFERS OF MARRIAGE RATHER THAN GIVE UP THE SECURITY IT SEEMED TO REPRESENT. BUT SHE SAID SHE ALWAYS KNEW IT COULDN'T LAST FOREVER, SO WHEN OUR REFORMS BEGAN SHE JUST ASSUMED THE TIME HAD COME. SHE TOOK THE KIDS & THE \$600 SHE HAD SAVED FROM HER, AS SHE PUT IT, "SO CALLED POVERTY" & WENT TO ALASKA WHERE SHE HAD RELATIVES. SHE TOLD ME THAT SHE NOW HAD A GOOD JOB & THAT WORKING HAD GIVEN HER A GREAT DEAL OF SELF-RESPECT FOR WHICH SHE THANKED ME. AND THEN ONE LINE I'LL NEVER FORGET; SHE SAID, "IT SURE BEATS DAYTIME TELEVISION."

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OUR ECONOMIC PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR THE VERY PURPOSE OF CREATING JOBS. AS I SAID ON LABOR DAY, LET ME MAKE OUR GOAL IN THIS PROGRAM VERY CLEAR: JOBS, JOBS, JOBS, & MORE JOBS. AND WHAT IS MORE, OUR PROGRAM WILL REDUCE INFLATION SO THE WAGES FROM THESE JOBS WILL NOT DECREASE IN EARNING POWER.

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PART OF THAT ECONOMIC PACKAGE ALSO INCLUDES BUDGET CUTS. SOME OF THESE CUTS WILL PINCH -- WHICH UPSETS THOSE WHO BELIEVE THE LESS FORTUNATE DESERVE MORE THAN THE BASIC SUBSISTENCE WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL SAFETY NET PROGRAMS PROVIDE. THE FACT IS, I AGREE. MORE CAN BE DONE. MORE SHOULD BE DONE. BUT DOING MORE DOESN'T HAVE TO MEAN SIMPLY SPENDING MORE. THE SIZE OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE BAROMETER OF SOCIAL CONSCIENCE OR CHARITABLE CONCERN.

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ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OR NOT, ISN'T IT TIME TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT THE WAY WE PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES? NOT JUST BECAUSE THEY COST SO MUCH & WASTE SO MUCH, BUT BECAUSE TOO MANY OF THEM JUST DON'T WORK.

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EVEN IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD ALL THE MONEY IT WISHED TO SPEND ON SOCIAL PROGRAMS, WOULD WE STILL WANT TO SPEND IT THE WAY WE HAVE IN THE PAST? IN ALL MY YEARS AS GOVERNOR, & NOW AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE NEVER FOUND AN AGENCY, A PROGRAM, A PIECE OF LEGISLATION... OR A BUDGET... THAT WAS ADEQUATE TO MEET THE TOTAL NEEDS OF HUMAN BEINGS. SOMETHING IS MISSING FROM SUCH AN EQUATION. I BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING IS PRIVATE INITIATIVE & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT -- THE KIND THE NAB EXEMPLIFIES.

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THERE IS A LEGITIMATE ROLE FOR GOVERNMENT, BUT WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT BEFORE THE IDEA GOT AROUND THAT GOVERNMENT WAS THE PRINCIPAL VEHICLE OF SOCIAL CHANGE, IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE REAL SOURCE OF OUR PROGRESS AS A PEOPLE WAS THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE PRIVATE SECTOR STILL OFFERS CREATIVE, LESS EXPENSIVE, & MORE EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVES TO SOLVING OUR SOCIAL PROBLEMS. NOW, WE ARE NOT ADVOCATING PRIVATE INITIATIVES & VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES AS A HALF-HEARTED REPLACEMENT FOR BUDGET CUTS. WE ADVOCATE THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE RIGHT IN THEIR OWN REGARD. THEY ARE A PART OF WHAT WE CAN PROUDLY CALL "THE AMERICAN PERSONALITY."

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THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARISM & INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE HAS BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD. FEDERAL LOAN GUARANTEES WILL NOT BE RESTORED BY ~~WEALTHY PEOPLE DANCING TILL DAMN AT CHARITY BALLS.~~ <sup>BY CHARITY ALONE</sup> NOR WILL WE REPLACE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ~~WITH THE JUNIOR LEAGUE.~~ VOLUNTARISM IS A MEANS OF DELIVERING SOCIAL SERVICES MORE EFFECTIVELY & OF PRESERVING OUR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS. JOHN F. KENNEDY KNEW THIS WHEN HE SAID:

"...ONLY BY DOING THE WORK OURSELVES -- BY GIVING GENEROUSLY OUT OF OUR OWN POCKETS -- CAN WE HOPE IN THE LONG RUN TO MAINTAIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE PEOPLE OVER THE STATE -- TO INSURE THAT THE PEOPLE REMAIN THE MASTER -- THE STATE, THE SERVANT.

"EVERY TIME THAT WE TRY TO LIFT A PROBLEM FROM OUR OWN SHOULDERS, & SHIFT THAT PROBLEM TO THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT, TO THE SAME EXTENT WE ARE SACRIFICING THE LIBERTIES OF OUR PEOPLE."

THERE ARE HARD-HEADED, NO-NONSENSE MEASURES BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN MEET THOSE NEEDS OF SOCIETY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT, CANNOT OR WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FILL. VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES & PHILANTHROPY PLAY A ROLE AS WELL AS ECONOMIC INCENTIVES & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. TO BE CERTAIN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT AMERICA'S DEEP SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY BUT WE ARE ALSO TALKING ABOUT A BUCK FOR BUSINESS IF IT HELPS TO SOLVE OUR SOCIAL ILLS.

WITH THE SAME ENERGY THAT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT SOUGHT GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, WE WILL SEEK PRIVATE SOLUTIONS. THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US IS TO FIND WAYS ONCE AGAIN TO UNLEASH THE INDEPENDENT SPIRIT OF THE PEOPLE & THEIR COMMUNITIES. THAT ENERGY WILL ACCOMPLISH FAR, FAR MORE THAN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS EVER COULD. WHAT FEDERALISM IS TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR, VOLUNTARISM & PRIVATE INITIATIVE ARE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THIS COUNTRY IS BURSTING WITH IDEAS & CREATIVITY, BUT A GOVERNMENT RUN BY CENTRAL DECREE HAS NO WAY TO RESPOND.

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HAVING BEEN A GOVERNOR FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT KNEW SOMETHING OF THE DANGERS OF OVER-CENTRALIZATION. IN A MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS, HE WROTE, "CONTINUED DEPENDENCE UPON RELIEF (IT HADN'T YET BEEN GIVEN THE NAME WELFARE) INDUCES A SPIRITUAL & MORAL DISINTEGRATION FUNDAMENTALLY DESTRUCTIVE TO THE NATIONAL FIBRE. TO DOLE OUT RELIEF IN THIS WAY IS TO ADMINISTER A NARCOTIC, A SUBTLE DESTROYER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT... THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST & SHALL QUIT THIS BUSINESS OF RELIEF."

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WHAT EXACTLY IS VOLUNTARISM? I GUESS GARY COOPER DID ABOUT THE BEST JOB DESCRIBING IT IN THE MOVIE "MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN."

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"FROM WHAT I CAN SEE," HE SAID, "NO MATTER WHAT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT WE HAVE, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE LEADERS & ALWAYS BE FOLLOWERS. IT'S LIKE THE ROAD OUT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE. IT'S ON A STEEP HILL. & EVERY DAY I WATCH THE CARS CLIMBING UP. SOME GO LICKETY-SPLIT UP THAT HILL ON HIGH -- SOME HAVE TO SHIFT INTO SECOND -- & SOME SPUTTER & SHAKE & SLIP BACK TO THE BOTTOM AGAIN. SAME CARS -- SAME GASOLINE -- YET SOME MAKE IT & SOME DON'T. AND I SAY THE FELLAS WHO CAN MAKE THE HILL ON HIGH SHOULD STOP ONCE IN A WHILE & HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T."

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OVER OUR HISTORY, AMERICANS HAVE ALWAYS EXTENDED THEIR HANDS IN GESTURES OF ASSISTANCE. THEY HELPED BUILD A NEIGHBOR'S BARN WHEN IT BURNED DOWN, THEN FORMED A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SO IT WOULDN'T BURN DOWN AGAIN. THEY HARVESTED THE NEXT FELLOW'S CROP WHEN HE WAS INJURED OR ILL & RAISED SCHOOL FUNDS AT QUILTING BEES & CHURCH SOCIALS. THEY TOOK FOR GRANTED THAT NEIGHBOR WOULD CARE FOR NEIGHBOR.

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WHEN THE CITY OF CHICAGO WAS LEVELED BY FIRE, URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMS DIDN'T EXIST; THE PEOPLE SIMPLY GOT TOGETHER & REBUILT THE CITY. THE GREAT FRENCH OBSERVER OF AMERICA, DE TOCQUEVILLE, WROTE, "WHENEVER AT THE HEAD OF SOME NEW UNDERTAKING YOU SEE THE GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE, OR A MAN OF RANK IN ENGLAND, IN THE UNITED STATES YOU WILL BE SURE TO FIND AN ASSOCIATION OF INDIVIDUALS."

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THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICANS HAS DONE SO MUCH & IS SO RICH IN VARIETY. CHURCHES ONCE LOOKED AFTER THEIR OWN MEMBERS & DURING THE DEPRESSION THE MORMON CHURCH UNDERTOOK ITS OWN WELFARE PLAN BASED ON THE WORK ETHIC -- A PLAN THAT IS STILL SUCCESSFUL TODAY. WITH NO DISRESPECT INTENDED ONE CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF GOVERNMENT WELFARE WOULD EXIST IF ALL OUR CHURCHES HAD PICKED UP THAT TASK. BEFORE WORLD WAR I, THE ROCKEFELLER & CARNEGIE FOUNDATIONS TOGETHER SPENT TWICE AS MUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT FOR EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES -- SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEED. THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR INFANTILE PARALYSIS SET OUT TO CONQUER POLIO WITH DIMES... & DID IT. IN A FITTING SYMBOL OF AMERICA, OUR OWN STATUE OF LIBERTY WAS BUILT WITH THE NICKELS & DIMES OF FRENCH SCHOOLCHILDREN & THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR PARENTS.

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WE ALL KNOW COUNTLESS STORIES OF INDIVIDUAL & PERSONAL GENEROSITY. THERE WAS AN INCIDENT IN LOS ANGELES A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO INVOLVING A MAN NAMED JOSE SALCIDO WHOSE WIFE HAD DIED OF CANCER, LEAVING HIM BOTH THE FATHER & MOTHER OF 13 CHILDREN. IN AN ACCIDENT ONLY THE LORD CAN EXPLAIN, ONE DAY THE BRAKES ON HIS TRUCK DID NOT HOLD & HE WAS CRUSHED AGAINST A BRICK WALL AS HE WALKED IN FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. THE CHILDREN WHO HAD LOST THEIR MOTHER NOW HAD LOST THEIR FATHER. BUT THEY WERE NOT ORPHANED BY THEIR NEIGHBORS OR EVEN COMPLETE STRANGERS WHO IMMEDIATELY BEGAN COLLECTING CONTRIBUTIONS. THE PARISH CHURCH STARTED A DRIVE. FINALLY A FUND WAS SET UP AT THE BANK & A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO TAKE CARE OF IT. THEY ALSO DISCOVERED HOW KIND THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND CAN BE.

ONE LETTER ACCOMPANYING A CHECK SAID IT ALL. "THIS IS FOR THE CHILDREN OF JOSE SALCIDO. IT IS FOR THEM TO KNOW THERE ARE ALWAYS OTHERS WHO CARE; THAT DESPITE PERSONAL TRAGEDY, THE WORLD IS NOT ALWAYS THE DARK PLACE IT SEEMS TO BE; THAT THEIR FATHER WOULD HAVE WANTED FOR THEM TO GO ON WITH COURAGE & STRENGTH, & STILL OPEN HEARTS."

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I KNOW THERE ARE CYNICS WHO DISMISS THE NOTION OF AMERICANS HELPING OTHER AMERICANS. THEY SAY THAT I SPEAK OF AN AMERICA THAT NEVER WAS & NEVER CAN BE. THEY BELIEVE VOLUNTARISM IS A MUSHY IDEA & THE PRODUCT OF MUSHY THINKING. THEY SAY OUR SOCIETY TODAY IS TOO COMPLEX OR THAT WE ARE TRYING TO REPEAL THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. THE CYNICS WHO SAY THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN SO BUSY INCREASING WASHINGTON'S POWER -- THAT THEY HAVE LOST SIGHT OF AMERICA. HAVE THEY FORGOTTEN THE GREAT NATIONAL EFFORTS BEFORE THERE EVER WAS A THING CALLED "FOREIGN AID"? THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ORGANIZED TO HELP JAPAN IN THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE, FAMINE IN INDIA, BUNDLES FOR BRITAIN. THE SPIRIT IS NOT DEAD.

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I WISH THE CYNICS WOULD VISIT DAVID & FALAKA FATTAH IN PHILADELPHIA. THE FATTAHS DECIDED TO PUT THEIR HEARTS & MINDS INTO REDUCING THE GANG VIOLENCE IN WEST PHILADELPHIA, WHICH KILLED UP TO 40 PERSONS A YEAR IN THE EARLY 1970's. THEY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN NEGOTIATING A CITY-WIDE PEACE TREATY AMONG GANGS THAT REDUCED THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM 40 TO ABOUT 1 A YEAR.

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THIS ONE COUPLE DID SOMETHING THAT ALL THE SOCIAL WELFARE & LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TOGETHER HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. THEY REPLACED THE GANG STRUCTURE WITH A FAMILY STRUCTURE. THEIR HOUSE OF -(YOU-MOW-JAH)- HAS HELPED MORE THAN 500 BOYS DEVELOP INTO SELF-SUFFICIENT & PRODUCTIVE YOUNG MEN. AND TODAY THEY ARE ESTABLISHING WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED AN URBAN BOYS TOWN.

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I WISH THE DOUBTERS WOULD VISIT DETROIT WHERE A FEW YEARS AGO HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION WERE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. POTENTIAL BLACK PARENTS WERE JUDGED BY ARBITRARY INCOME STANDARDS & NOT BY WHETHER THEY COULD OFFER A WARM, LOVING, SECURE FAMILY TO A HOMELESS CHILD.

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BUT A COMMUNITY GROUP CALLED HOMES FOR BLACK CHILDREN CHALLENGED THE ADOPTION PRACTICES OF THE LOCAL AGENCIES WITH ASTOUNDING RESULTS. IN ITS FIRST YEAR, HOMES FOR BLACK CHILDREN PLACED MORE KIDS IN PERMANENT HOMES THAN ALL 13 OF THE TRADITIONAL PLACEMENT AGENCIES COMBINED. THERE IS THE DEBOLT FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA THAT BEGAN ADOPTING ONLY CHILDREN WHO WERE GRIEVOUSLY HANDICAPPED.

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I WISH THE CYNICS WOULD CALL ON THE NEW YORK CITY PARTNERSHIP, AN ASSOCIATION OF 100 BUSINESS & CIVIC LEADERS, WHICH THIS PAST SUMMER FOUND JOBS FOR ABOUT 14,000 DISADVANTAGED YOUTHS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM WOULD NOT HAVE OTHERWISE FOUND JOBS. OR MAYBE THEY SHOULD TALK TO THE HONEYWELL PEOPLE, WHO ARE TRAINING PRISON INMATES IN COMPUTER PROGRAMMING. THOSE INMATES WHO REACH AN EMPLOYABLE SKILL LEVEL BEFORE LEAVING PRISON HAVE A RECIDIVISM RATE OF LESS THAN 3%, COMPARED TO A NATIONAL RATE ESTIMATED AT 70%.

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OR LOOK AT THE MARVELOUS WORK McDONALD'S IS DOING WITH ITS RONALD McDONALD HOUSES. THESE ARE PLACES -- HOMES REALLY -- USUALLY NEAR CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS WHERE FAMILIES CAN STAY WHILE THEIR CHILDREN ARE TREATED FOR SERIOUS DISEASES. CURRENTLY, 28 HOMES ARE OPEN & ANOTHER 32 ARE IN SOME STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. SINCE THE HOMES ARE FUNDED MAINLY BY THE LOCAL McDONALD OPERATORS & THE STAFF IS ALL VOLUNTEER, NO TAXPAYER MONEY IS SPENT.

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THE CYNICS SHOULD ASK THE FATTAHS IF THE SPIRIT IS DEAD. THEY SHOULD ASK THE FAMILIES WHO'VE BEEN HELPED BY THE McDONALD HOUSES & THE HOMES FOR BLACK CHILDREN IF THE SPIRIT IS DEAD. THEY SHOULD ASK THE DISADVANTAGED NEW YORK YOUTHS WHO HAD SUMMER JOBS OR THE PRISON INMATES WHO ARE DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD. WHY CAN'T THE SKEPTICS SEE THE SPIRIT IS THERE -- WHERE IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN -- INSIDE INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS?

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INSIDE INDIVIDUAL AMERICANS LIKE FATHER BRUCE RITTER. FATHER RITTER'S COVENANT HOUSE IN THE HEART OF TIMES SQUARE OFFERS YOUTHS WHO ARE RUNAWAY OR EXPLOITED A SANCTUARY FROM THE PRESSURES OF MODERN LIFE & AN ESCAPE FROM THOSE WHO WOULD PREY ON THEM. WITH THE HELP OF 200 PART-TIME & 65 FULL-TIME VOLUNTEERS, FATHER RITTER LAST YEAR AIDED NEARLY 12,000 YOUTHS.

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PERHAPS THE DOUBTERS SHOULD CONSIDER HOW EMPTY & GRAY OUR SOCIETY WOULD BE IF RIGHT NOW THERE WERE NO SUCH THING AS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY. ERMA BOMBECK, THAT WITTY WOMAN WHO APPEARS IN OUR NEWSPAPERS, ONCE WROTE A MORE SOBER ARTICLE ON WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE IF THE VOLUNTEERS ALL SET SAIL FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY. LET ME READ PART OF WHAT SHE SAID:


"THE HOSPITAL WAS QUIET AS I PASSED IT. ROOMS WERE VOID OF BOOKS, FLOWERS & VOICES. THE CHILDREN'S WING HELD NO CLOWNS... NO LAUGHTER. THE RECEPTION DESK WAS VACANT.

"THE HOME FOR THE AGED WAS LIKE A TOMB. THE BLIND LISTENED FOR A VOICE THAT NEVER CAME. THE INFIRM WERE IMPRISONED BY WHEELS ON A CHAIR THAT NEVER MOVED. FOOD GREW COLD ON TRAYS THAT WOULD NEVER REACH THE MOUTHS OF THE HUNGRY.

"ALL THE SOCIAL AGENCIES HAD CLOSED THEIR DOORS, UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROGRAMS OF SCOUTING, RECREATION, DRUG CONTROL, BIG SISTERS, BIG BROTHERS, YW, YM, THE RETARDED, THE CRIPPLED, THE LONELY, & THE ABANDONED.

"THE HEALTH AGENCIES HAD A SIGN IN THE WINDOW 'CURES FOR CANCER, MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, BIRTH DEFECTS, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS, EMPHYSEMA, SICKLE CELL ANEMIA, KIDNEY DISORDERS, HEART DISEASES, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.'

"THE SCHOOLS WERE STRANGELY QUIET WITH NO FIELD TRIPS, NO VOLUNTEER AIDS ON THE PLAYGROUND OR IN THE CLASSROOMS... AS WERE THE COLLEGES WHERE SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT WERE NO MORE.



"THE FLOWERS ON CHURCH ALTARS WITHERED & DIED. CHILDREN IN DAY NURSERIES LIFTED THEIR ARMS BUT THERE WAS NO ONE TO HOLD THEM IN LOVE."

HER ARTICLE TOLD A VERY MUCH UNRECOGNIZED TRUTH: VOLUNTEER CUTS WOULD BE MUCH MORE DISRUPTIVE TO THE NATION THAN FEDERAL BUDGET CUTS. BECAUSE THEY ARE SO IMPORTANT, THIS ADMINISTRATION SEEKS TO ELEVATE VOLUNTARY ACTION & PRIVATE INITIATIVE TO THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE. WE SEEK TO INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE ON OUR DAILY LIVES & THEIR ROLES IN MEETING OUR SOCIAL NEEDS. FOR TOO LONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY ARE RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HELPING THEIR FELLOW MAN BECAUSE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER THE JOB.

WE SEEK TO PROVIDE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE FOR VOLUNTARISM WITHOUT FEDERALIZING IT. TODAY I AM ANNOUNCING THE CREATION OF A PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES, COMPRISED OF 35 LEADERS FROM CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS, & VOLUNTARY & RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. ITS PURPOSE WILL BE TO PROMOTE PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERSHIP & RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOLVING PUBLIC NEEDS & TO RECOMMEND WAYS OF FOSTERING GREATER PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.

I HAVE ASKED BILL VERITY, THE CHAIRMAN OF ARMCO STEEL, TO CHAIR THE TASK FORCE & ACT AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN EXPANDING PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES & IN RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY EFFORTS.

& He HAS AGREED TO DO SO.

I AM INSTRUCTING THE CABINET TO REVIEW AGENCY PROCEDURES & REGULATIONS & IDENTIFY BARRIERS TO PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT. WE WANT TO DEREGULATE COMMUNITY SERVICE. FOR EXAMPLE, MOTHERS & GRANDMOTHERS HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS WITHOUT SPECIAL COLLEGE TRAINING. WHY IS IT CERTAIN STATES PROHIBIT ANYONE WITHOUT A COLLEGE DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FROM OPERATING A DAY-CARE FACILITY?

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I AM ALSO ASKING THE CABINET TO DEVELOP PUMP PRIMING & SEED MONEY PROGRAMS THAT OFFER INCENTIVES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT. IN ADDITION, THE CABINET WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO DEVELOP PRIVATE INCENTIVES. FURTHERMORE, EXISTING PROGRAMS WILL BE EXAMINED TO DETERMINE THOSE WHICH COULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVELY CARRIED OUT IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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VOLUNTARISM IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR PLAN TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT BACK TO THE PEOPLE. I BELIEVE THE PEOPLE ARE ANXIOUS FOR THIS RESPONSIBILITY. I BELIEVE THEY WANT TO BE ENLISTED IN THIS CAUSE. WE HAVE AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY IN AMERICA IN THE DAYS AHEAD TO BUILD ON OUR PAST TRADITIONS AND THE RAW RESOURCES WITHIN OUR PEOPLE. WE CAN SHOW THE WORLD HOW TO CONSTRUCT A SOCIAL SYSTEM MORE HUMANE, MORE COMPASSIONATE & MORE EFFECTIVE IN MEETING ITS MEMBERS NEEDS THAN ANY EVER KNOWN.

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AFTER I SPOKE OF VOLUNTARISM SEVERAL DAYS AGO, I RECEIVED THIS MAILGRAM:

"AT A BREAKFAST MEETING THIS MORNING, 35 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE LARGEST EMPLOYERS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF SAN ANTONIO MET & COMMITTED TO:

1. SUPPORT OF YOU & YOUR COMMITMENT OF RETURNING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPPORT OF MANY WORTHY PREVIOUSLY FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS TO THE LOCAL LEVEL.

2. COMMITTING THEMSELVES INDIVIDUALLY & CORPORATELY TO DO MORE IN BEING A PART OF CONTINUING OR ESTABLISHING THAT SAFETY NET OF SERVICES EACH COMMUNITY NEEDS.

3. AS A FIRST STEP, COMMITTING TO ACHIEVING A MINIMUM 20% INCREASE IN OUR LOCAL UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN WHICH REPRESENTS 60 AGENCIES INCLUDED WITHIN THAT SAFETY NET.

AND FINALLY, COMMITTING THEMSELVES THAT THE PROGRAMS SUPPORTED ARE NEEDED & EFFICIENTLY & EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERED. YOU HAVE OUR SUPPORT.

HAROLD E. O'KELLEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD & PRESIDENT, DATAPOINT CORPORATION.

TOM E. TURNER, SR., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD & PRESIDENT, SIGMOR CORPORATION.

DR. ROBERT V. WEST, JR., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, TESORO PETROLEUM CORPORATION.

H. B. ZACHRY, SR., CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, H.B. ZACHRY COMPANY."

AND JUST THIS WEEKEND I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY PROMISING TO UNDERTAKE NEW & URGENT INITIATIVES TO REDUCE UNEMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY AMONG MINORITY YOUTHS. THE INSURANCE COMPANIES PLAN TO DIRECT THEIR FINANCIAL RESOURCES -- WHICH ARE IN THE HUNDREDS OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS -- TO FURTHER THIS GOAL. THEY ALSO PLAN TO INCREASE THEIR DOLLAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THOSE PROGRAMS AFFECTING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ADDRESS THE TOUGH SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF SPECIAL CONCERN TO MINORITY AMERICANS. AND I BELIEVE WE WILL SOON SEE A TORRENT OF PRIVATE INITIATIVES THAT WILL ASTOUND THE ADVOCATES OF BIG GOVERNMENT.

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THE EFFORTS OF YOU AT THIS CONFERENCE ALSO SHOW WHAT CAN BE DONE WHEN CONCERNED PEOPLE & BUSINESSES JOIN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOVERNMENT. YOU ARE A MODEL OF FUTURE ACTION.

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I AM CALLING UPON YOU TODAY TO HELP IN THE CAUSE TO ENLARGE THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR CITIZENS. THE SPIRIT THAT BUILT THIS COUNTRY STILL DWELLS IN OUR PEOPLE. THEY WANT TO HELP -- WE ONLY NEED TO ASK THEM.

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ALL OF US AND PARTICULARLY WE WHO ARE PARENTS HAVE WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER THE YOUTH OF TODAY HAVE ABSORBED SOME OF THE TRADITIONS WITH WHICH WE ARE SO INDOCTRINATED. WELL A FEW YEARS AGO IN NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF., OCEAN FRONT HOMES WERE THREATENED BY AN ABNORMALLY HIGH TIDE & STORM GENERATED HEAVY SURF. ALL THROUGH THE DAY & COLD WINTER NIGHT, VOLUNTEERS WORKED FILLING & PILING SANDBAGS IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE THESE HOMES.

LOCAL TV STATIONS, AWARE OF THE DRAMA OF THE SITUATION, COVERED THE STRUGGLE. IT WAS ABOUT 2 A.M. WHEN ONE NEWSCASTER GRABBED A YOUNG FELLOW IN HIS TEENS, ATTIRED ONLY IN WET TRUNKS. HE HAD BEEN WORKING ALL DAY & NIGHT -- ONE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED OF HIS AGE GROUP. NO, HE DID NOT LIVE IN ONE OF THE HOMES THEY WERE TRYING TO SAVE. HE WAS COLD & TIRED. THE NEWSCASTER WANTED TO KNOW WHY HE & HIS FRIENDS WERE DOING THIS. THE ANSWER WAS SO POIGNANT BUT TELLS US SOMETHING SO TRUE -- IT SHOULD BE PRINTED ON A BILLBOARD. "WELL," HE SAID, "I GUESS, IT'S THE FIRST TIME WE EVER FELT LIKE WE WERE NEEDED."

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AMERICANS ARE NEEDED. THEY ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY TRUE TO THE TRADITION OF VOLUNTARISM THAT HAS SERVED US SO WELL. AND THEY ARE NEEDED TO KEEP AMERICA TRUE TO HER VALUES. IN THE DAYS FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II WHEN A WAR RAVAGED WORLD COULD HAVE SLIPPED BACK INTO THE DARK AGES, POPE PIUS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> SAID: "THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A GENIUS FOR GREAT & UNSELFISH DEEDS. INTO THE HANDS OF AMERICA GOD HAS PLACED AN AFFLICTED MANKIND." LET THOSE WORDS BE TRUE OF US TODAY. LET US GO FORTH FROM THIS CONFERENCE & SAY TO THE PEOPLE: JOIN US IN HELPING AMERICANS HELP EACH OTHER.

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October 2, 1981

WALLENBERG BILL SIGNING CEREMONY -- OCTOBER 5, 1981

- Today I am signing a bill to make Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States. But in making him a U.S. citizen, truly we are the ones being honored. Raoul Wallenberg is the Swedish savior of almost 100,000 Jewish men, women, and children. What he did, what he accomplished is of biblical proportions.
- Sir Winston Churchill, another man of force and fortitude, is the only other person who has received honorary U.S. citizenship. As John F. Kennedy said at that signing ceremony, "Indifferent himself to danger, he wept over the sorrows of others." That compassion also exemplifies the man we gather for today.
- In 1944, the United States requested Sweden's cooperation in protecting the lives of Hungarian Jews facing extinction at the hands of the Nazis. In the months that followed, the U.S. supplied the funds and the directives, and Raoul Wallenberg supplied the courage and the passion. How can we comprehend the moral worth of a man who saved tens of thousands of lives, including those of Congressman and Mrs. Lantos?

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- In 1945, in violation of diplomatic immunity and international law, he was seized by the Soviet Union; ~~THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT~~ today, he is still imprisoned by the Soviets. ~~But the glow of his goodness cannot be darkened by the brutality of the Soviet prison system.~~ Wherever he is, his humanity burns like a torch.
- I heard someone once say that a man has made at least a start on understanding the meaning of human life when he plants shade trees under which he knows he will never sit. Raoul Wallenberg is just such a man. He nurtured the lives of those he never knew at the risk of his own.
- Then, just recently, I was told that in a special area behind the Holocaust Memorial in Israel, Hungarian Jews now living in Sweden planted 10,000 trees in Raoul's honor. Mrs. Lagergren, Mr. von Dandel, we are going to do everything in our power so that your brother can sit beneath the shade of those trees and enjoy the respect and love so many hold for him.