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July 27, 1987

Dear Dr. Frazier:

Thank you for your message informing Senator Baker that Herbert Fellman has recently been presented the "Outstanding Contribution Award."

Mr. Baker is always pleased to hear of Americans whose character and dedication are worthy of the public's admiration and support.

With Senator Baker's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Dr. Gregory W. Frazier
President
National Urban Indian Council
10068 University Park Station
Denver, CO 80210

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

Department of Labor - FYI

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Tarnoff and Mr. Kreisberg:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the Council on Foreign Relations booklet on "Science, Technology and Foreign Policy." I appreciate your thoughtfulness and look forward to having the time to read the two papers.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Peter Tarnoff
Mr. Paul H. Kreisberg
Council on Foreign Relations
58 East 68th Street
New York, NY 10021

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter informing me of your interest in serving on the President's Commission on Privatization.

I know what an honor it is to assist this President, and I certainly understand your desire to do so again. You have done much to fashion and promote the Reagan agenda, and in that light I am happy to discuss your message with Bob Tuttle. I assure you that you'll received every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John McClaughry

Concord, VT 05824

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cc: w/incoming to Bob Tuttle
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Morris:

I am writing in response to your letter of May 20 regarding Romania's status as a beneficiary of Most Favored Nation (MFN) tariff treatment.

I am sure you will be pleased to know that the President, on June 2, decided to renew MFN for Romania for another year. We have been trying to expand relations with Romania across the board, and the President is well aware of the importance of trade in our overall relationship and that MFN is the key to trade development. In our view, MFN has worked to the benefit of both the United States and Romania.

However, it is clear that opposition to the continuation of MFN for Romania is growing in the Congress and the U.S. public due to concern over Romania's human rights policies. The Administration shares these concerns, particularly with regard to the Romanian Government's treatment of various religious groups, and we have made our views known to the Romanians on many occasions. We believe that improved Romanian performance in the human rights area is essential if we are to be able to maintain the MFN relationship in future years.

We will continue our efforts to improve and expand contacts with the Romanians, while at the same time urging that Romania live up to its freely undertaken commitments regarding human rights under the Helsinki Final Act and other international agreements.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Edward J. Morris
General Manager
Armstrong Rubber Company
Modine Road
Clinton, TN 37716

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Wunder:

Thanks for your letter and offer. As you are probably aware, the President has appointed Cresencio Arcos, Jr. and Tom Loeffler to coordinate, respectively, public diplomacy and legislative activities in support of Administration initiatives in Central America. I am enclosing the White House releases concerning their respective appointments. Please feel free to contact them directly.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ralph C. Wunder
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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

Enc.: 7/787 White House release re Tom Loeffler
7/15/87 White House release re Cresencio Arcos, Jr.

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of support for David Marcus Cade. David was one of ten candidates nominated by Senator Thurmond toward filling one vacancy at West Point.

While David was judged to be qualified by the United States Military Academy Admissions Committee, other nominees competing for the same vacancy were judged to be better qualified. As a result, David was not selected for the Class of 1991. During the month of May, Colonel Rushton, the Director of Admissions for the United States Military Academy, spoke to both David's father and Senator Thurmond's office concerning David's status for the Class of 1991.

The Military Academy informs me that this was a most competitive year for admission. I appreciate your support for David, but there is nothing I can do to change this decision. Please accept my best wishes, however, which I send to both you and David.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable William N. Morris, Jr.
Mayor
Shelby County Government
Suite 850
160 Mid America Hall
Memphis, TN 38103

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

outgoing reply & fact sheet to C. Donovan

support of the Nicaraguan people, with every hope that their fight against tyranny will indeed bring the benefits of liberty to that oppressed land.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ward L. Quaal
The Ward L. Quaal Company
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401 North Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60611

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your kind letter. I was glad to see you at the recent White House briefing.

Regarding your request to arrange a presentation to the President, I'm happy to send your message to the White House Scheduling Office for full consideration.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Sam W. Bartholomew, Jr.
Stokes and Bartholomew
Third National Financial Center
424 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37219

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
Fred Ryan w/incoming

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Hurley:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ed Hurley
The Hurley Report
Post Office Box 352
Plainview, NY 11803

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Governor Kunin:

Thank you for your recent letters written as Chairperson of the New England Governors' Conference regarding a plan by the U.S. Customs Service to close its Northeast Region Office in Boston.

Please know that I have forwarded your letter to Treasury Secretary Baker and asked him to look into this matter. I am sure that when he has had an opportunity to discuss this with the Customs Service, and to consider their position, he will be able to provide you with a more detailed answer to your questions.

I appreciate your calling this matter to my attention.

Best wishes for a successful Governors' Conference this weekend in Traverse City, Michigan.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Madeleine Kunin
Governor of Vermont
New England Governors' Conference, Inc.
76 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02110

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Bancroft:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Kayne Bancroft
875 Post Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas A. Robinson
Post Office Box 1309
Fitzgerald, GA 31750

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Ashbacher:

Thank you for sending your message to me.

You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will keep your words in mind.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Deborah Ashbacher
3900 Chert Drive
Round Rock, TX 78681

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Egan:

Thank you for sending your message to me.

You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will keep your words in mind.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Edward M. Egan
603 First Avenue
New York, NY 10016

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. McAdams:

Thank you for your message recommending Henry G. Elder for appointment as the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy in the Department of Energy.

Your correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate White House staff member for further consideration. You may be assured that your comments will be thoroughly reviewed.

I appreciate your interest and send my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Michael J. McAdams
President
National Energy Resources Organization
11529 Montgomery Road
Beltsville, MD 20705

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Cecil L. McLaughlin
915 South Missouri Avenue
Lakeland, FL 33803

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Goleman:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Fay Goleman
2325 Dwight Way
Stockton, CA 95204

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Dr. Blasingame:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

F. J. L. Blasingame, M.D.
Apartment 15
1350 North Astor Street
Chicago, IL 60610

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Crandall:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Shirley D. Crandall
2083 15th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94116

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Dr. Griffitts:

Thank you for your recent message.

It was good of you to tell me where you stand on these significant issues. You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will share your comments with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

James J. Griffitts, M.D.
11000 Southwest 190th Avenue
Dunnellon, FL 32630

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Taeni:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Selma Hymes Taeni
61 Wireless Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Gale:

Thank you for your message and thoughtful words of support.

I appreciate your bringing your observations to my attention. I will be sure to share these views with the appropriate members of the White House staff.

Again, thank you for your interest and encouragement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Marion P. Gale
1055 Anita Avenue
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Kathleen Armstrong
4503 Wayside Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76115

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Lang:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Alice S. Lang
Apartment 201
11-1/2 North Van Buren Avenue
Freeport, IL 61032

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Scott:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Betty Scott
526 Santa Cruz
Modesto, CA 95354

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bleiler:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bleiler
657 West J Street
Ontario, CA 91762

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Richard D. Hill
Apartment 1316-A
8933 Amador Circle
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Sister Mary:

Thank you for your kind message. I appreciate your warm words of support and confidence.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Sister Mary Lucy
Contemplative Sister of
the Good Shepherd
2711 Mullanphy Lane
Florissant, MO 63031

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 27, 1987

Dear Ms. Bekelja:

Thank you for sending your message to me.

You have no idea how helpful it is for me to hear directly from the American people. I will keep your words in mind.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Victoria D. Bekelja
439 West Simpson Street
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your note reminding me of your request to meet with the President while you are in Washington. I assure you that the appropriate White House staff members have been made aware of your letter.

I was glad to have your comments concerning Edward Devitt's qualifications as a possible Supreme Court nominee. As you know, the President has nominate U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Robert H. Bork to fill the spot vacated by Justice Lewis Powell. I am enclosing for your information copies of the White House releases concerning this nomination.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ralph J. Marlatt
President
Insurance Federation of Minnesota
Post Office Box 1467
St. Paul, MN 55101

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Enc.: 7/1/87ROTP at nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork
7/1/87 WH release re: Robert H. Bork

cc: Fred Ryan with copy of incoming - hmt
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Mr. Hillin:

Howard Baker saw that I received the copy of your recent publication, which you sent to Bill Hamby in Nashville. Your thoughtful interest in sharing your work with me is indeed appreciated, and I want you to know that I'm truly grateful for the support conveyed in your inscription.

With my thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Hank Hillin
1 Bridlewood Lane
Route 2, River Oaks
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027-6228

cc: Howard Baker
cc: Bill Hamby

RR:CMF:JEH:AVH:jeh

July 28, 1987

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your letter regarding the proper interpretation of the ABM Treaty. While I apologize for the delay in my response, I appreciate the opportunity to share with you my views on this matter.

President Reagan directed at the inception of the SDI program that it be conducted in full compliance with all U.S. international legal obligations, including the ABM Treaty. The SDI program was initially structured to conform to a restrictive interpretation of that Treaty, which would prohibit development and testing of ABM systems based on "other physical principles," except those in a fixed land-based mode. In 1985, the United States undertook a review of the ABM Treaty and its negotiating history in order to gain a more precise understanding of what the Treaty permits with respect to the development and testing of ABM systems. That review led the President to conclude that a broader interpretation of the Treaty -- permitting development and testing of all ABM systems involving other physical principles, regardless of basing mode -- was fully justified.

The only provision of the Treaty which deals with future technologies is Agreed Statement D, which allows "creation" (i.e., development and testing) of ABM systems based on other physical principles and provides for consultations and agreement only on deployment. The negotiating record clearly demonstrates that the United States tried, but failed, to secure Soviet agreement to a Treaty text that would have prohibited development of space-based and other mobile-based ABM systems based on future technologies. The Soviets firmly rejected that U.S. effort, arguing that restrictions could not be imposed on systems and components that were not yet created and thus not yet defined.

While some statements by White House officials during the ABM Treaty ratification process tended to support the restrictive interpretation, others were consistent with the broader interpretation. President Nixon's letter of transmittal did not address future ABM systems at all; the treatment of the subject in Secretary Rogers' official report on the Treaty is entirely consistent with the broader interpretation. The report of the Foreign Relations Committee included only a brief statement concerning future ABM systems, which repeated the thrust of

Secretary Rogers' report. The resolution of advice and consent did not in any way condition the Senate's consent to the Treaty on the restrictive interpretation.

In any case, even if some Senators believed that the United States and the Soviet Union had agreed to the restrictive interpretation, those beliefs could not create binding bilateral obligations under the Treaty. The best evidence of what the United States and the Soviet Union agreed to is in the Treaty text and the negotiating record. The Soviet Union refused to accept what is now called the narrow interpretation, and the United States has no greater obligation than the obligation the Soviet Union was willing to undertake.

I hope this is helpful to you in your examination of ABM Treaty issues. Please feel free to get back in touch if there is anything else I can do.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Frank E. Moss
1848 Wasatch Drive
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Mr. Monroig:

Thank you for your recent letter. I thoroughly enjoyed addressing the White House briefing on minority small business and I especially appreciate your kind words.

I'm also delighted to learn that you are pleased with Hector Ramos' appointment at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He will be an asset to this Administration.

Again, thank you for writing. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Antonio Monroig
Wolf, Arnold & Monroig, P.C.
1850 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Mr. McCrocklin:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the PHOENIX Plan report on the thrift industry.

I'm sorry my schedule did not allow a meeting while you were in Washington, but I will review this material as time permits and share it with the appropriate White House officials.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. John McCrocklin
Jim McCrocklin and Associates
Post Office Box 2
San Marcos, TX 78667

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
Dan Crippen w/copy of incoming
Jim Miller w/copy of incoming

July 28, 1987

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter recommending Walter Wendlandt for a position on the Board of the Interstate Commerce Commission and for enclosing his resume.

I'm happy to share your recommendation with the appropriate members of the White House staff. You may be sure that Mr. Wendlandt's qualifications will receive every consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable M. A. Taylor
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of Texas
Post Office Box 2910
Austin, TX 78769

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: w/incoming to Bob Tuttle

July 28, 1987

Dear Mr. Hueter:

Thank you for your letter recommending Linda Arey for the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Ms. Arey's behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation is valued and that she will receive every consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Ernest B. Hueter
National Legal Center for the
Public Interest
Suite 301
1000 16th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: w/incoming to Bob Tuttle

July 28, 1987

Dear Congressman Hall:

Thank you for your letter recommending Beverly Selby for the position of Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison.

I appreciate your writing in Ms. Selby's behalf, and you can be sure that your recommendation is valued and that she will receive every consideration.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Ralph M. Hall
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: w/incoming to Bob Tuttle

July 28, 1987

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your June 24 letter concerning motor carrier safety in commercial zones. As you know, the Administration is firmly committed to improving the safety of our Nation's highways for all users, including motor carriers.

In your letter, you request help in expediting a Department of Transportation notice of proposed rulemaking to regulate interstate trucks that operate in commercial zones. I am pleased to report that the Department has issued a proposed rule which appears in the July 13, 1987 Federal Register. I encourage you to submit your views to the Department of Transportation during the public comment period for consideration as the rulemaking process moves forward.

Thank you again for your efforts on behalf of motor carrier safety.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Thomas J. Donohue
President and Chief Executive Officer
American Trucking Associations, Inc.
2200 Mill Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

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July 28, 1987

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your note reminding me of your request to meet with the President while you are in Washington. I assure you that the appropriate White House staff members have been made aware of your letter.

I was glad to have your comments concerning Edward Devitt's qualifications as a possible Supreme Court nominee. As you know, the President has nominate U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Robert H. Bork to fill the spot vacated by Justice Lewis Powell. I am enclosing for your information copies of the White House releases concerning this nomination.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.
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Enc.: 7/1/87ROTP at nomination of Judge Robert H. Bork
7/1/87 WH release re: Robert H. Bork

cc: Fred Ryan with copy of incoming
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter endorsing the Columbia Club's invitation to address their 97th Annual Beefsteak Dinner this fall in Indianapolis.

Although I am honored to receive their request, the heavy demands of my schedule will prevent me from accepting this invitation. Please know, however, that Mr. Gaston has my best wishes for a most successful event.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Richard G. Lugar
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Bill:

I appreciate your letter assessing the political benefits and costs associated with an executive order on pornography. As you acknowledge, there are reasons to have the Justice Department address the legal and constitutional issues raised by this proposal prior to consideration by the White House domestic policy staff. Accordingly, we have formally requested a comprehensive legal opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel.

As you may know, the Administration is working on a bill which would significantly enhance our efforts to combat child pornography and obscenity. I believe you will find this bill responsive to some of your concerns and deserving of your consideration and support.

Thank you again for your views on this important matter.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable William H. Armstrong
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: Will Ball with copy of incoming

July 28, 1987

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your letter of June 3, 1987, in which you expressed concerns about the effect of the Environmental Protection Agency's decisions concerning the Champion Paper Mill in Canton, North Carolina. I share your conviction that Federal regulations should be carefully tailored within the law to avoid imposing costs so high that companies are forced out of business to the detriment of all.

I have been advised by our legal counsel's office that since the matter you raised is currently the subject of litigation, as well as ongoing regulatory action by the EPA, I cannot involve myself in the issues you raised. The White House has a standing policy of not involving itself in pending regulatory or adjudicatory disputes involving the various Departments and agencies. The purpose of this policy is to avoid any political interference or influence with such agency decisions or even the appearance of such influence. While I understand that this may be disappointing to you, I trust you can appreciate the importance of this policy to the fair resolution of cases and claims handled by the agencies and Departments of the Federal government.

Thank you again for your letter. I certainly appreciate the good wishes from both you and Jane.

Sincerely,

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

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

July 28, 1987

Dear Don:

Thank you for your note forwarding William Clagett's resume and letting me know of his availability for the post of TVA Chairman.

I appreciate your input on this important appointment and I am happy to circulate Mr. Clagett's resume along with your recommendation to everyone in the decision-making chain. His qualifications and experience will ensure he's very carefully considered.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Donald P. Hodel
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