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February 16, 1988

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your note recommending Mike Walsh to replace Bob Bork on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I have passed your letter to A. B. Culvahouse who is the White House action officer for this appointment. You may be sure Mr. Walsh will receive every consideration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Robert Dole
Republican Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

HHB/LRC/CAD/emu 2HHBA

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: A. B. Culvahouse
cc: Legis. Affairs

February 16, 1988

Dear Frank:

Thank you for your kind letter of
February 5.

I thoroughly enjoyed co-hosting the
Eagles' Dinner Dance, and I'm delighted
to hear that it proved to be so successful.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.
Chairman
Republican National Committee
Dwight D. Eisenhower Republican Center
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 16, 1988

Dear Mr. Luntz:

Thank you for your letter of January 25 inviting me to a fundraiser for Connie Mack's U.S. Senate campaign in Naples, Florida.

Regrettably, I must decline because of the severe limitations on my ability to participate in out-of-Washington events. Nevertheless, you have my best wishes for a very successful fundraiser.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Herb Luntz
Apartment 303
200 Pebble Beach Boulevard
Naples, Florida 33962

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 16, 1988

Dear Ms. Mendall:

On behalf of the Chief of Staff, I want to thank you for sending him the historic bronze bust of Benjamin Franklin by Chief Justice Warren Burger. Senator Baker appreciates your thoughtfulness and sends you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Ms. Iris Mendall
Director
Collector Relations
The Franklin Mint
Franklin Center, PA 19091

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 16, 1988

Dear Mr. Morice:

Thank you for your letter to the Chief of Staff.

Although Senator Baker appreciates your interest, he will not be able to participate in your project. I hope you will understand.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Dave Morice
The Wooden Nickel Art Project
231 Woodside Drive
Iowa City, IA 52240

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 16, 1988

Dear Rob:

I too enjoyed our visit at the Alfalfa Club Dinner.

I very much look forward to having a chance to see you when you're next in Washington. Just call Lura Nell Mitchell to set up an appointment.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Rob Mosbacher
Suite 2200
712 Main Street
Houston, TX 77002

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: Lura Nell Mitchell, WW, w/copy of incoming

February 16, 1988

Dear Buck:

Thanks for your letter of January 28 and the tape of Mel Dodge's interview with WBNS-TV. He certainly made the top of the news in Columbus, and we appreciated his words of support.

As you are aware, despite our best efforts, the House of Representatives failed by a narrow margin to support the President's request for additional aid to the Nicaraguan Resistance. We will continue, however, to work with Congress and with the Central American leaders to bring freedom and democracy to the people of Nicaragua.

Thanks also for your offer of assistance. I'll certainly take you up on it. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Cristena L. Bach, who works with mayors in our Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, and have asked her to stay in touch with you.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Dana G. Rinehart
Mayor of Columbus
City Hall
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 16, 1988

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your update on the activities of the Republican Heritage Foundation and the imminent release of your authoritative history of our Party. I look forward to seeing you when an appointment can be arranged.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Fred Schwengel
President
The Republican Heritage
Foundation, Inc.
Room 301
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
cc: w/copy of incoming to Lura Nell
Mitchell, First Floor West Wing

February 16, 1988

Dear Mr. Stott:

Thank you for your letter. Enclosed is the envelope you requested for Mr. John DiBuonaventuro. I'm pleased that we could again help.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Wayne D. Stott
The Village Art Gallery
Chesterbrook Village Shopping Center
500 Chesterbrook Boulevard
Chesterbrook, PA 19087

SW/LRC/CAD/jg 2FHBA

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB
Enclosure: ~~Christmas card envelope~~

February 17, 1988

Dear John:

Thanks for your note recommending Timothy Towell for appointment as U.S. Ambassador to Paraguay.

I appreciate receiving your strong endorsement, and I have passed your correspondence to the Office of Presidential Personnel. You may be sure Mr. Towell is receiving every consideration for this important post.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable John Heinz
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Katja Bullock, FYI
cc: Will Ball, FYI
cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Beck:

Thank you for your letter to the Chief of Staff requesting his autograph on your enclosed First Day Cover of Senator Dirksen.

Although your interest is appreciated, I must send a disappointing response. Because Senator Baker receives so many requests for his autograph on special items, he has decided, in fairness, to decline them. I hope you will understand.

Your support means a great deal to Senator Baker, and he asked me to send you the enclosed photograph which comes with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. Tim L. Beck
Box 130
Eddyville, KY 42038-0130

Enclosures

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

Enclosures: autopenned b/w photograph of Senator Baker;
writer's First Day Cover of Senator Dirksen returned

February 18, 1988

Dear Ms. Bolt:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. I appreciate your support, but I have no regrets about not running for office this year. I'm happy to serve President Reagan as he completes his term.

Your words of friendship mean a great deal to me. Please accept my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Ms. Linda Strasburger Bolt
2564 Crum Creek Road
Berwyn, Pennsylvania 19312

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HHB-17

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your kind invitation to address the Food Marketing Institute's Public Affairs Assembly on February 29.

As much as I would like to attend and see you, my schedule has me out of Washington that week. Nevertheless, I appreciate your thoughtfulness and send my warm best wishes for a successful gathering.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Paul Borman
President
Borman's, Inc.
Post Office Box 33446
Detroit, MI 48232-5446

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mayor Callendar and Mr. Junck:

Thank you for your kind invitation. I am honored that you would think of asking me to attend the 34th Annual Sioux City Steak Dinner on April 26.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule force me to decline. However, you have my best wishes for a most enjoyable evening.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Loren Callendar
Mayor of Sioux City
and Mr. Roland D. Junck
101 Pierce Street
Sioux City, IA 51101

HHB/WJB/LRC/jgf2
HHB-14

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mrs. Casano:

Thank you for your message and the material you enclosed.

It is always a pleasure to hear from the American people as I serve President Reagan and this great nation. I look forward with interest to reviewing the information you sent.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. Gladys R. Casano
121 Camellia Trail
Leesburg, FL 32748

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HHB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your letter of January 14 concerning the State of the Union address. As I am sure you noticed, the President said that "we're strong, prosperous, at peace and we are free. This is the state of our Union." This theme is similar to the one you suggested. I am enclosing a copy of the full text of the address and its accompanying documents for your information.

Your letter also proposed removing or reducing the current exemption of certain Social Security payments from income tax. It would be difficult for the President or the Congressional leadership to endorse such a proposal at this time. Last October the President referred to the then forthcoming budget summit and said, "I'm putting everything on the table with the exception of Social Security, with no other preconditions." The summit agreement he subsequently reached with the joint Congressional leadership clearly endorsed this position.

Your concerns about funding for the homeless and elderly were specifically addressed in the budget agreement, which stated that "essential programs serving the poor, including the elderly, should be a priority." In Fiscal Year 1987, \$528 million was allocated to the homeless and another \$31 billion of Federal assistance to low-income families came from block grants and other programs. The budget agreement ensures that aid to these groups will continue.

I appreciate your thoughts and support.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Rufus S. Hill, Jr.
3331 Legation Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015
HHB/OMB/LRC/CV/CAD/MikeDriggs(OPD)/emu (pc2-2HHB)
Enclosures: SOTU 1/25/88; Fedl. Budget Reform FS; The Crusade for
a Drug Free Nation FS; Freedom & Peace FS; Education Reform
FS; FS on SOTU; Legislative and Administrative Msg to Congress
FS&Msg.
cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your message and the material you enclosed.

It is always a pleasure to hear from the American people as I serve President Reagan and this great nation. I look forward with interest to reviewing the information you sent.

You have my best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. L. Allen Morris
The Allen Morris Company
12th Floor
The 1000 Brickell Building
Miami, Florida 33131

HHB/LRC/CAD/jgf2
HHB-10

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Oberly:

Thank you for your message.

It is good to hear directly from the American people and learn of their views on various issues. Thanks for taking the time to share your thoughts with me.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Louis A. Oberly
328 Clemson Circle
Tyler, Texas 75703

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HHB-3A

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Pesonen:

Thank you for your thoughtful message. Your kind words of support and encouragement mean a great deal to me.

You have my warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Peter O. Pesonen
8299 Bassett Road
Minocqua, Wisconsin 54548

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HHB-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Porter:

Thank you for your message inviting the Chief of Staff to attend your military Aviation Day reception at Halls High School on February 23.

Your invitation is appreciated, but the heavy demands of Mr. Baker's schedule make it impossible for him to accept. However, he asked me to thank you for your kindness and send you his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lura Nell Mitchell
Personal Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. John Porter
Halls High School
800 West Tigrett Street
Halls, TN 38040

LNM/WJB/ws
LNM-1

cc: Lorraine Camarano, Room 61 OEOP

February 18, 1988

Dear Al:

I apologize for not responding earlier to your recommendation letter in behalf of Paul Carlin for appointment to the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service. Unfortunately, a candidate had been selected for the last Republican vacancy before your letter arrived.

I appreciate your writing to recommend Mr. Carlin. Please continue to pass along your recommendations regarding other qualified candidates to serve in the Administration.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Alan K. Simpson
Republican Whip
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB
Will Ball (FYI)

February 18, 1988

Dear Danny:

Thanks for your note and for sharing with me your response to the editorial in the Hatchet. I was pleased to read it, and I appreciate your strong support for President Reagan.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Danny R. Smith
2820 Marshall Street
Falls Church, VA 22042

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cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Mr. Threlkeld:

Thank you for your message and kind words of support.

I am pleased that you took the time to share your views with me. I appreciate having the benefit of your judgment.

Again, thanks for your interest. Please accept my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. David Threlkeld
716 Edwards Street
Union City, TN 38261

HHB/LRC/CAD/jgf2
HHB-3

cc: Lorraine Camarano - 61 OEOB

February 18, 1988

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of February 3. I couldn't agree with you more. Your letter to the editor is right on target, and I certainly appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me. You made some fine points, and you're not alone in letting our friends in the networks know they made the wrong decision. All the "feedback", I'm convinced, is definitely having a positive effect.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

Mr. William T. Watson
315 Suburban Road
Knoxville, TN 37923

HHB/MO/CAD/emu (pc2-2HHB)

cc: Lorraine Camarano, 61 OEOB

February 19, 1988

Dear Miss West:

I am pleased to offer my hearty belated congratulations and warm good wishes as you celebrated your 100th birthday.

I know you must have accumulated many fond memories over the years. May those memories and the experiences you continue to enjoy make your days bright and sustain you in the years to come.

Again, Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

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

Miss Lora West
Providence Health Care Center
Sparta, GA 31087

HHB/FJD/CAD/emu 2HHB

cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 - OEOB
cc: Pam Stevens

February 22, 1988

Dear Sam:

Thanks for your letter with your recommendations for the President's State of the Union Address. I was pleased to have your ideas and want to thank you for taking the time to share them with me. Although the President's thematic approach meant very little reference to specific entities like the Endowment and the Peace Institute, I'm sure he will be looking for opportunities to cite the work that both are doing to promote the ideals of self-government and peaceful conflict resolution.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Samuel W. Lewis
President
United States Institute of Peace
1550 M Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005-1708

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 22, 1988

Dear Commander Stock:

Thank you for your thoughtful invitation to attend your annual dinner on March 8. I am deeply honored by your kindness.

Regrettably, the heavy demands of my schedule will not permit me to attend. However, you have my warmest wishes for a delightful evening as you honor Bill Nichols with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Congressional Award.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Earl L. Stock
National Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
VFW Memorial Building
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, DC 20002-5799

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 22, 1988

Dear Howard:

Thanks for your February 2 letter. I deeply appreciate your kind words -- life is treating me well, but I don't have much time to relax!

I'm pleased to learn of your interest in being appointed to the National Battlefield Monuments Commission. I've passed your correspondence to Bob Tuttle for careful consideration.

Again, thanks for writing. Joy joins me in sending our warm wishes to you and Claude.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Howard G. Swafford
Swafford & Swafford
Courthouse Square
Jasper, TN 37347

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
Katja Bullock w/incoming

February 22, 1988

Dear Mrs. Brady:

Senator Baker has asked me to respond to your thoughtful invitation to the President to participate in the opening of the newly renovated National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame on July 14, 1988 in Saratoga, New York.

Although he would like to be able to accept this opportunity you have given him, the President's projected schedule for July will preclude it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director of Presidential Appointments
and Scheduling
Director of Private Sector Initiatives

Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady
1 East 66th Street
New York, NY 10021

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cc and incoming to Message Unit for consideration
cc: FYI-K. Fuller
L. Camarano

February 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Novick:

On behalf of Senator Baker, I want to thank you for your January 28 letter.

I am sorry that this must be a disappointing response. Because of the great number of similar appeals received by Mr. Baker, it is not possible for him to comply with your request. I hope you will understand.

Senator Baker was pleased to hear from you and sends you his warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sue Walkup
Special Assistant
to the Chief of Staff

Mr. William Z. Novick
Director, Chicago Division
American Committee for the
Weizmann Institute of Science
79 West Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Flanagan:

Thank you for your February 8 letter recommending Timothy J. Reardon as United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

I appreciate receiving your assessment of Mr. Reardon's credentials, and I've passed your endorsement on to A. B. Culvahouse, the White House action officer for this appointment. You may be sure that Mr. Reardon will receive every consideration for this important position.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan
Member of the House of Delegates
of the State of Maryland
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
A. B. Culvahouse-FYI

February 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Gladstone:

Thank you for sending along a copy of the executive summary of your recent study for the Tax Foundation. I have long agreed with one of your primary conclusions: that changes in the tax code on an almost yearly basis impede the ability of U.S. companies to plan adequately for the future. Perhaps we can provide for more constant policies while cleaning up some of the international impediments you cite.

Again, I appreciate your sharing this useful information with me.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. William L. Gladstone
Chairman and Firm Managing Partner
Arthur Young
277 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10172

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

February 22, 1988

Dear Mrs. Kane:

I'm delighted to send my congratulations on your eightieth birthday. I hope your celebration on March 5 is a special one, and that the year ahead will bring much happiness. Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. Daniel B. Kane
518 West Amelia
Cassville, WI 53806

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

whcc:
Mr. Don Kane
6159 Yinger
Dearborn, MI 48126

February 22, 1988

Dear Mrs. Fockler:

I am delighted to send my congratulations on your 90th birthday. I hope that you have a wonderful celebration on March 4, and I wish you much happiness in the coming year. Happy Birthday!

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. Annie Lee Fockler
1314 Cherry Street
Summersville, West Virginia 26651

P.S. I'm especially pleased that you are enjoying my book on Washington.

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB

WHCC:

Mr. Herbert Hill Fockler
Woodmoor
10710 Lorain Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland 20901

February 22, 1988

Dear Mr. Nagel:

Thank you and your colleagues for your letter in behalf of Charles G. Stalon and Martha Hesse.

I have passed your recommendations on to Robert Tuttle, Director of the Office of Presidential Personnel. He is the White House action officer handling appointments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Please be assured that your concerns will receive every consideration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Mr. Dennis J. Nagel
Chairperson
Iowa State Utilities Board
Department of Commerce
Lucas Building, Fifth Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319

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cc: Lorraine Camarano - Rm. 61 OEOB
Katja Bullock-FYI
Gwen King-FYI