

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1983

Dear Bill:

Now that we're back from our trip to Japan and Korea, I just wanted to tell you how grateful I am for everything you did. As you probably know, I have a plaque on my desk which reads, "There is no limit to what a man can do as long as he doesn't mind who gets the credit."

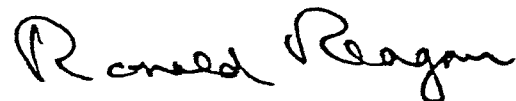
Well, Bill, the world has just witnessed American leadership at its best, working as a partner with our democratic friends to build a more peaceful and prosperous world. And I don't mind telling everyone that you deserve a giant share of the credit.

Your contributions were vital at every stage of the planning and execution of our visit -- from the early brainstorming of our Pacific Basin policy, right down to my historic address to the Diet and my meetings with Prime Minister Nakasone and President Chun. And when you weren't losing sleep worrying about my activities, you managed to negotiate a U.S. energy export agreement with Japan that will bring thousands of jobs to American workers and greater security for both our nations.

Bill, I've been fortunate to have you at my side for some of our most significant foreign policy successes. I remember your fine work at the Williamsburg Summit, both in drafting the Heads of State Declaration, and in successfully urging the Europeans to avoid further dependence on Soviet energy.

You've helped our country develop a truly global strategy in international economic relations for greater security and economic growth without inflation. I'm grateful for all your help, Bill, and like your family and friends, I'm proud of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely,".

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