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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ANN F. LEWIS *Ann*

SUBJECT: RONALD REAGAN

Carl Anthony is conducting several interviews which will form an article on Ronald Reagan for the February 1999 issue of *GEORGE* magazine. He has asked that you answer two questions, to which I have drafted the following responses:

1. "Is there one particular 'Reagan moment' which revealed a quality or aspect of Reagan's character and personality to you?"

Every time we drive past the Ronald Reagan Building here in Washington, I feel the essence of his presence: his unflagging optimism, his proud patriotism, his unabashed faith in the American people. President Reagan has always fought with a sense of optimism and spirit, and since he left office, the freedom and opportunity for which he stood have continued to spread.

Do you approve? Yes _____ No _____

Yes. The way he wanted to bring about change with humor, strength, optimism. It was the road to his success as a leader.

2. "Ultimately, what do you think Reagan's greatest legacy to the American people has been?"

His belief in the ability to overcome all challenges, and his conviction that America must lead the world forward.
President Reagan understood clearly that America could not stand passively in the face of the greatest change. He understood we had to embrace the obligations of leadership to build a better future for all. When I think of President Reagan's legacy, I recall his resolve to fight for freedom and opportunity, and his understanding that American leadership in the world remains indispensable.

Do you approve? Yes _____ No _____