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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1985

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Speaker
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Letter also to Senator Strom
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TO The Honorable Strom Thurmond
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Letter from the President, dtd. 7/13/85, advising that he is able to
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Delivered by D. W. Chirdon

Received by

Dennis W. Shedd

Time received

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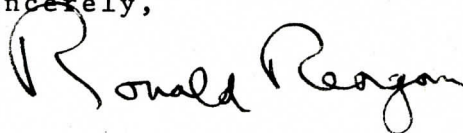
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Nevertheless, consistent with my long-standing arrangement with Vice President George Bush, and not intending to set a precedent binding anyone privileged to hold this Office in the future, I have determined and it is my intention and direction that Vice President George Bush shall discharge those powers and duties in my stead commencing with the administration of anesthesia to me in this instance.

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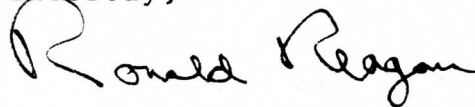
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Office of the Press Secretary
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For Immediate Release

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