



7 June 2004

Dear Mrs. Reagan,

It was with profound sadness that we in the Marine Corps learned of the Nation's great loss this past Saturday. Let me express on behalf of all Marines our heartfelt condolences to you and your family for the loss of your husband. Words cannot adequately convey our sorrow and ease your pain, but please know that you are in our prayers.

President Reagan once told an audience of Marines that "*Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference in the world. But, the Marines don't have that problem.*" Marines were and still are deeply honored by his tribute. President Reagan's character, unselfish service, caring example, and strong leadership will always be an inspiration to us. He was a man who truly made a difference.

We mourn with you and will keep you in our thoughts during this difficult time. If there is anyway in which your Marines can be of service, you need only ask.

With deepest sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hagee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

M. W. Hagee

General, U.S. Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Mrs. Ronald W. Reagan

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