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H.E. Madam Nancy Reagan  
Former First Lady  
The United States of America

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Dear Madame Reagan,

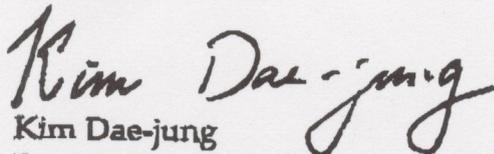
I was gripped with grief on hearing the news of the passing of His Excellency Ronald Wilson Reagan, former President of the United States of America.

President Reagan was a strong and courageous leader. He tore down the long-standing walls of confrontation between the East and the West and led the world to historic change toward democracy and freedom. He also acted as a driving force behind the solidarity and the national development of the United States.

In particular, when I was sentenced to death by the military regime in 1980, he worked not only to save my life but also for the democratization of South Korea. I still remember this with gratitude.

The life and achievements of President Reagan will live forever in history and in the hearts of all. May he rest in peace. I would also like to extend my most sincere condolences to you, your family, and the people of the United States.

Sincerely yours,



Kim Dae-jung  
Former President of the Republic of Korea