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Dear Bill:

I imagine you have seen the issue of TIME magazine for March 30, in which the cover story, "A Change in the Weather," deals with America after Reagan. If you haven't seen it, be sure to get a copy because it's something you won't want to miss

The article predicts a more favorable climate ahead for some of the things you helped lay the groundwork for. TIME predicts that political leaders of both parties will be "talking more and more about compassion," be seeking "more active approaches to deep-seated social problems," and display "a new sense of community values." They emphatically do not predict a return to an era of big spending in an effort to deal with social problems but rather a growing stress on "the idea that compassion is best implemented through cooperation of governments, businesses, and private citizens." How many years have you been saying that?

And this idea will be familiar to you: "America cannot afford stupidity. It costs too much. Education therefore must have a priority, and not just through more money; it needs discipline and imagination. America can no longer afford racism and a neglect of the underclass. They also cost too much. These are problems that must be solved not only as a matter of social justice (which they are) but as a question of America's long-term economic survival."

Now I'm going to make a prediction: In the years ahead, your ideas will find a much readier reception than they have in the past, and your pioneering work will provide the foundation on which a significant part of the future will be built. You may have been a "maverick" in the '70s and 80's but you'll be the model for the '90s and the teens of next century.

I hope my book will help hasten the recognition that is sure to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left, a horizontal line crossing it, and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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