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THANK YOU
LETTER
RECEIVED FROM
FORMER HOSTAGE

Mrs. Reimche presented a letter which had been received from L. Bruce Laingen, former hostage in Iran, thanking Council for its expression of support and commendation in the form of a Proclamation which was sent to all of the former hostages.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 19, 1981

The Honorable
Walter J. Katnich
Mayor of the City of Lodi
Lodi, California

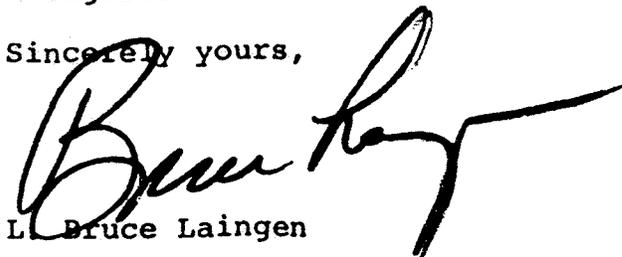
Dear Mayor Katnich:

I want to thank you, on my behalf, and that of all the hostages now restored to freedom, for the honor shown us by your City in its expression of support and commendation. We and our families have been overwhelmed by the kindness and love of our countrymen. It has been a reflection of America's finest traditions of compassion and regard for freedom and we will always be grateful.

I would also appreciate your conveying my thanks to the citizens of the area, so many of whom have written us -- more than we can possibly respond to directly. That is especially true of school children, whose expressions of strength and decency give us great confidence in the future of our country.

Again, thanks, and best regards.

Sincerely yours,



L. Bruce Laingen