

"THE PRESIDENT GOT DEMENTED"  
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RONALD REAGON WAS A LIKEABLE AND NICE ENOUGH FELLOW BUT—LETS FACE IT—HE WAS SHOWING SIGNS OF BECOMING INCREASINGLY SENILE FROM THE MID 1980'S ON—FROM THE FIRST STAGES OF THE ALZHEIMERS/DEMENCIA THAT WOULD FINALLY END UP KILLING HIM YEARS LATER, AFTER HE LEFT OFFICE.

SENILITY/DEMENCIA IS NOT SOMETHING THAT GOES VERY WELL WITH SUCH AN OFFICE. WITH SUCH AN OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. WHAT WITH THE POWER TO LAUNCH ENOUGH NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO DESTROY THE WORLD 40 OR 50 TIMES OVER, AND ALL THAT.

LOOK, BY THE LATE 1980'S REAGON HAD REACHED THE POINT WHERE LETTING HIM HAVE THE POWER TO DRIVE A CAR PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN A GOOD IDEA;

A CAR, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!  
MUCH LESS LETTING HIM HAVE NUCLEAR ARMED B-52'S AND NUCLEAR ARMED SUBMARINES AND ALL THE REST.

TELL THE TRUTH; ARE THOSE THE KIND OF HANDS YOU WOULD SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT KNOWING WERE ON THE NUCLEAR BUTTON, FIGURATIVELY OR LITERALLY?

IF TOLD IN THE LATE 80'S THAT AMERICA WAS UNDER ATTACK, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN AS LIKELY AS NOT TO SAY "THOSE DAMNED JAPS ARE AT IT AGAIN—WASN'T PEARL HARBOR ENOUGH FOR THEM?"

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AND WHAT DID THE PEOPLE CLOSEST TO HIM WHO LOVED HIM SO MUCH DO ABOUT IT? THE USUAL; THEY COVERED UP FOR HIM! IN ORDER TO "PROTECT HIM"! HELLO?!?

ONE DOES NOT "PROTECT" AN ALZHEIMER VICTIM BY INSISTING HE IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE TO CONTINUE DRIVING BEHIND THE WHEEL OF A TRACTOR TRAILER TRUCK GOING 60 M.P.H. AGAINST ONCOMING TRAFFIC DOWN A ONE WAY STREET, HAPPILY HAULING A TRAILER LOAD OF MISSILES, WITH ~~ONE~~ NUCLEAR TIPPED MULTIPLE WARHEADS ON THEM.

"OH, RONNY, DEAR, YOU'RE STILL THE GREAT DRIVER YOU ALWAYS WERE, ALL THESE CRAZY PEOPLE ARE JUST DRIVING THE WRONG WAY." THAT'S HOW THEY "PROTECTED" RONALD REAGON, BY "COVERING" FOR HIS "PROBLEM". SOME HELP GIVERS, THEY.

LOOK; NO MATTER HOW MUCH ONE MAY LOVE AND ADMIRE SOMEBODY, NO MATTER HOW MUCH ONE DESIRES TO HELP OR PROTECT OR COVER FOR ANOTHER PERSON, THERE REALLY DOES COME A TIME, THERE REALLY IS SUCH A POINT REACHED, WHENE TO CONTINUE DOING SO BECOMES MISGUIDED, WILLFULLY IGNORANT, AND JUST PLAIN DANGEROUSLY INSANE.

AND NANCY REAGON AND FRIENDS AND CLOSE STAFF ALMOST CERTAINLY REACHED THAT POINT - AND PROBABLY CROSSED IT - AT SOME POINT IN THE LATE 1980'S WHEN RONALD REAGON WAS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO HOLD ~~OFFICE~~ AN OFFICE, AND A POSITION, THAT - FOR HIS OWN + EVERYBODY ELSE'S GOOD - HE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T HAVE CONTINUED IN.