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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III *JAB*

SUBJECT: UN Women's Conference in Nairobi

Your views on the delegation to the Nairobi conference have been, and will continue to be, taken into consideration by those charged with its selection. I recognize the concerns that some groups have, but I am confident that John Herrington and Bud McFarlane will recommend a delegation that is representative of this Administration's views.

As for the conference itself, I am certain that your input would be welcome, and it is entirely appropriate that you forward the views of concerned groups. However, inclusion in "all discussions involving this conference" would be beyond the scope of OPL's proper functions, and is unnecessary.

NSC and State are the agencies charged with direct responsibility for the conference. I am sure they are mindful of the President's commitments, and capable of dealing with the situation should the purpose of the conference be deflected toward extraneous issues (much as they have handled such situations in UNESCO, and in the UN on a daily basis).

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



December 14, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES A. BAKER III
FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*
SUBJECT: UN DECADE FOR WOMEN CONFERENCE, NAIROBI, KENYA
JULY 15 - 26, 1985

In light of the importance of the upcoming Nairobi Conference to various interest groups in this country, and in light of the President's commitment, expressed earlier this year, to withdraw American participation from the conference if it should become tainted with anti-Semitism or anti-Israel bias, I would like to be included in all discussions involving this conference.

The issue is of concern to Jewish groups, and to other patriotic organizations such as Eagle Forum, who do not wish to see the perversion of yet another UN platform into an opportunity to attack the West.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 4, 1984

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SCHEDULING
OFFICE

MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Assistant to the President
for Scheduling

FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey *FRW*
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

SUBJECT: Ninety Day Plan

*Sorry for the
delay.
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Below is a list of OPL activities over the next ninety days organized chronologically by category. This list includes functions which have already been approved, functions which have not yet been approved and functions which have not yet been formally proposed.

PRESIDENTIAL

Briefings

Open	Briefing for black pastors supportive of the President, HOLLADAY
Dec. TBD	Meeting with selected black friends and supporters to be proposed, BRADLEY
Dec. TBD	Press interview with Tony Brown - Tony Brown's Journal, to be proposed, BRADLEY
Dec. TBD	Interview with Simeon Booker, <u>Jet</u> Magazine, to be proposed, BRADLEY
Dec. 5	International Management Development Institute MELOY
Dec. 7	Southeast Asian-Americans, KOJELIS
Dec. 20	Briefing on Religion and Politics, HOLLADAY
Jan. TBD	Briefing for State Presidents of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to be submitted, MELOY
Jan. TBD	Meeting with the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, BREGER
Jan. 9	Briefing for White House Volunteers, PASCHALL

Jan. 22 Annual "March for Life", Cabinet Room, REILLY

Jan. 31 National Prayer Breakfast, SUNDSETH/HOLLADAY

Feb. TBD In late February briefing for the state presidents of the American Farm Bureau Federation on deficit reduction, tax reform and 1985 farm legislation, to be submitted, MELOY

Feb. TBD Attorney General's New National Commission on Pornography, Cabinet Room, REILLY

Feb. 1 Third Conference on Alternatives to Abortion and Help for Unwed Mothers, REILLY/SUNDSETH

Feb. 1 Briefing on Child Protection Act, MORRISON and PASCHALL

Feb. 3 National Religious Broadcasters Convention, SUNDSETH/HOLLADAY

Feb. 6 Briefing for state presidents, directors, county officials and key legislative chairmen of the National Pork Producers Council, to be submitted, MELOY

Feb. 7 Black Family Briefing: Employment, MORRISON

Feb. 14 Black Family Briefing: Child Support Enforcement, MORRISON

Feb. 19 Black Family Briefing: Minority Business, MORRISON

Feb. 21 Central America Outreach Meeting marking anniversary of release of Kissinger Commission Report/Jackson Plan Legislation and marking also the anniversary of the birth of Sandino, REILLY

Feb. 22 Black Family Briefing: Crime, MORRISON

Feb. 24 State of the American Farm Conference, J.W. Marriott Hotel, Washington, D. C., requested POTUS to deliver major agricultural address, MELOY

Feb. 26 Black Family Briefing: Social Security, MORRISON

Bill Signing Ceremony

Dec. 10 International Human Rights Day, KOJELIS

Photo Op - Video Tape

Open	POTUS photo op, Knights of Columbus, REILLY
Open	POTUS photo op, National Catholic Education Association, REILLY
Open	POTUS photo op, Catholic Daughters of America, REILLY
Dec. TBD	Photo op for Father Clement of "One Church, One Child" project, submitted, BRADLEY
Dec. TBD	Photo op with leaders of American Orthodox Jewish community, to be proposed, BREGER
Dec. TBD	Presidential message for the United Jewish Appeal Federation of Greater Washington Annual Major Gifts Gals Dinner, to be proposed, BREGER
Dec. TBD	Photo op with Mrs. Herrington from Texas and two pastors who were very active in the Year of the Bible, to be proposed, SUNDSETH
Dec. 3	Photo op for Lou Rawls, BRADLEY
Dec. 3 - 6	Video tape National Fertilizer Solutions Association Annual Convention, MELOY
Dec. 9	Reception honoring Senator Warner, Congressmen Frank Wolf and Stanford Parris, Supervisor Farrell Egge, Dr. Tirso del Junco and 30 volunteers, POTUS message, VILLALPANDO
Dec. 10	Outstanding Achievement Awards Luncheon honoring Dr. Tirso del Junco, POTUS message, VILLALPANDO
Dec. 11-20	Photo op for the six new national officers of the Future Farmers of America, MELOY
Dec. 17	Photo op for International Toastmistress Clubs, Inc., PASCHALL
Jan. 28	Message commemorating the anniversary of birth of Jose Marti, VILLALPANDO
Jan. 31	Message for the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution--"Continuing Traditions: A Festival of Afro-American Arts", MORRISON
Feb. 4	National Network of Runaway and Youth Services National Convention, Washington, D. C., PETERSON

Feb. 16 POTUS photo op/proclamation signing ceremony for Lithuanian Independence Day, KOJELIS

OTHER

Open East Room reception with leaders of the mainline Protestant denominations (they have never met with the President), HOLLADAY

Open POTUS visit black college to emphasize support of historically black colleges, HOLLADAY

Open POTUS visit to black inner city parochial school to stress the importance of tuition tax credits, HOLLADAY

Open Small White House luncheon with Irving Kristol, Michael Novak and other noted thinkers to provide some fresh ideas, HOLLADAY

Open White House luncheon with several black academics to support fairness issue, HOLLADAY

Open POTUS remarks at Dr. T. J. Jamison's church service in Louisiana, HOLLADAY

Open Meeting with Dr. E. V. Hill, influential black pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, HOLLADAY

Open Meeting with Billy Graham to provide POTUS a unique perspective on world events, HOLLADAY

Open POTUS visit to the facility for the homeless to underline continuing interest in plight of street people (Mitch Snyder), HOLLADAY

Open Meeting with leaders of private overseas relief agencies to thank them for their cooperation concerning relief efforts in Ethiopia, HOLLADAY

Open Meeting with Dr. James Dobson, to discuss the state of the American family, HOLLADAY

Dec. or Jan. Luncheon with Black Female appointees in the Residence, to be proposed, MORRISON

Jan. 12 Saturday radio remarks in commemoration of Dr. King's birthday, MORRISON

Jan. 17 Luncheon with POTUS and Administration or 18 Representatives for the Hispanic Republicans, Democrats and Independent supporters, VILLALPANDO

Jan. 18 Hispanic Inaugural Ball, VILLALPANDO
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Jan. 21 POTUS drop-by black sponsored inaugural activity, to be submitted, BRADLEY

Jan. 21 POTUS drop-by Asian-American Inaugural Ball, Cannon Caucus Room, CHOB, KOJELIS

Jan. 21 POTUS drop-by Youth Inaugural Ball, Stadium Armory PETERSON

Jan. 31 East Room reception for international attendees to the National Prayer Breakfast, HOLLADAY

Feb. TBD Meeting with selected black leaders, to be proposed, BRADLEY

Feb. 1 POTUS drop-by at 1985 Annual Black History Month Kick-Off Luncheon, Capital Hilton, MORRISON

Feb. 1 POTUS to address National Black History kick-off Luncheon, BRADLEY

Feb. 7 POTUS Diamond Jubilee Luncheon with Boy Scouts of America, White House, PETERSON

Feb. 11 POTUS drop-by at luncheon honoring Black Flag and Federal Officers, Washington, D. C., MORRISON

Feb. 20 POTUS drop-by, Youth Year Kick-Off, International Youth Year Commission and Interagency Task Force, Constitution Hall, PETERSON

VICE PRESIDENTIAL

Dec. TBD The National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation, MELOY

Feb. TBD VP to attend the dedication ceremonies of the West Point Jewish Chapel, proposal submitted, BREGER

CABINET LEVEL EVENTS

Open Voluntary School Prayer Coalition, to be proposed, REILLY

Open Tuition Tax Credits, to be proposed, REILLY

Jan. TBD Proposal to be submitted for POTUS to meet with top agriculture and agri-business leaders, MELOY

Jan. TBD Briefing for CEO's and Washington representatives of major agricultural organizations on deficit, to be submitted, MELOY

Jan. 10 American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick has agreed to address this group, MELOY

Jan. 22 Ukrainian Independence Day, The Capitol, KOJELIS

Jan. 26 India Republic Day, KOJELIS

Feb. 7 Briefing for Board of Directors of the National Grain Trade Council; they requested that Secretary Schultz be invited to make a presentation, MELOY

Feb. 12 Kosciuszko Day, KOJELIS

Feb. 24 Estonian Independence Day, KOJELIS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
CHIEF OF STAFF AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRANK J. DONATELLI (50)
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC
LIAISON

SUBJECT: TRIP TO ROMANIA

Carolyn Sundseth of my staff has been invited to participate in a Congressional trip to Romania sponsored by a 501(c)(3) group, Christian Response International. As the attached letter suggests, Mrs. Sundseth was especially invited by Ambassador Funderburk.

She will depart December 9 and return December 18; her role is strictly as an observer. The group will also meet with the President and the Parliament. In addition to the Congressional delegation, two members of the British Parliament will be in the group.


Mrs. Sundseth's trip has been approved by the National Security Council, the State Department, and by the Legal Counsel.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 26, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: J. Douglas Holladay 
SUBJECT: Al Quie candidacy as Secretary of Education

Al Quie is a long time friend with an excellent reputation in the education community. I encouraged him to be in touch with you if he chose to be a serious candidate for the post of Secretary of Education. He would be effective on the Hill, not contentious and a real team player.

Cheers.





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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Friends of Al Quie
FROM: Bob Andringa *Bob*
DATE: November 13, 1984
RE: Possibility of Al Quie for Secretary of Education

Several people have asked me in the last couple days whether Al Quie might be willing to be promoted as a candidate for Secretary of Education.

I happen to have just spent the weekend with Al in Minnesota. Both he and Gretchen were relaxed, healthy and ready to serve again in Washington, should the President need them.

Because the decision on Ted Bell's successor may already be made, I thought I would get this quick memo to those of you who have inquired about Al's interest or who I think should know of the fact people are promoting him.

Having worked with Al in Washington and Minnesota, I obviously know him well. It occurs to me that, for the following reasons at least, Al would make a great Secretary:

1. Al is generally considered a conservative Republican.
2. As the former Ranking Member of the House Committee on Education and Labor, he has good relationships with most of the current key members of the House and Senate.
3. In twenty years on the House Committee, Al helped shape virtually all of the current education and training statutes. He knows the issues.
4. As a former state Senator and Governor, he knows how to help these folks take more responsibility for education in their own states and could relate well to state and local leaders generally.
5. Al has always been an active churchman and leader in the prayer breakfast movement, giving him unusual credibility with a wide range of religious leaders.

6. He put together in Minnesota a coalition of business, labor, education and government leaders to work collaboratively on economic development. This is only one example of his ability to "bring people together" for common purposes.
7. While his whole life has been committed to public education, Al is a graduate of St. Olaf, a private college, and had one son really discover himself at a private high school. He believes in strong public and private education and knows how to keep both sectors from being overly antagonistic toward one another.
8. As a member of Secretary Bell's Commission on Excellence, Al has a good feel for current issues, the people involved in the reform movement, the Administration's views, etc.
9. Minnesota is the only state with a tuition tax credit program that has had court approval. Al has always supported that program.
10. Perhaps his strongest credentials are his personal character, reputation for integrity, ability to study and grasp a wide range of complex issues and his style of reconciling differences among competing factions.

In sum, Al Quie is unusually gifted for the type of job I believe the President would want done. Al knows, although not well, and respects the President. He has the country's best experience in state and federal government on education issues. He would have the strong support of leaders from every key sector in education, politics and religion. Senate confirmation should be no problem.

I hope these personal observations might be of help to you. In case you do not have Al's new address and phone number, they are: R.R. 5, Faribault, Minnesota 55021, (507) 332-7334.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance. My direct office phone is (303) 830-3620 and my home number is (303) 773-8160.

RCA:dg

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES A. BAKER, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

FROM: Frank J. Donatelli
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

SUBJECT: NCPAC Inaugual

NCPAC has invited you to be "Honorary Chairman" of the Inaugural Gala to be held concurrently with the Official Inaugural.

I understand Fred Fielding considers this to be inappropriate, but reportedly is willing to consider having you listed as "Honored Guest" or "Featured Speaker."

Because NCPAC has been greatly supportive of the Administration and fair to you personally, I am recommending that you agree to participate in this event in some capacity, the exact nature to be determined after your conversation with Fred Fielding.

Recommendation

That you agree to serve as "Honored Guest" or "Featured Speaker" of the NCPAC Gala after consultation with Fred Fielding.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

cc: Fred Fielding

BH: Pks
rmy by FF.
Thank
JAB

FF said it is
okay bh

Honored Guest - provided F.F. agrees

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1984

Dear Jim:

I participated earlier this year in the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the American East European Ethnic Conference. At that time, I decided that it would be appropriate to honor the leaders of the Conference here at the White House. I am hosting a luncheon at noon on Friday, November 2, in the Roosevelt Room.

I hope that you can join us or at least drop by.

Sincerely,



Faith Ryan Whittlesey

Mr. James A. Baker III
Chief of Staff
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/22

TO: *Jim Baker*

FROM: FAITH R. WHITTLESEY
*Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison*


Information

Action

*I thought you
should see the
attached telegram
from the
American Legion.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 22, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mrs. Whittlesey
FROM: DOUGLAS A. RIGGS 
SUBJECT: Mailgram on Grenada from the [unclear]
American Legion

You may wish to bring to the attention
of McFarlane/Baker.

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► *Doug Riggs*

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON DC 20500

AS THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRENADA RESCUE MISSION APPROACHES, THE 2.7 MILLION MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION REAFFIRM OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR YOUR RESOLUTE ACTION ON THAT OCCASION. WE COMMEND YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF THE ORGANIZATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES AND GOVERNOR GENERAL SCOON. SWIFT ACTION ON YOUR PART ENABLED U.S. AND CARIBBEAN FORCES TO RESCUE 1000 ENDANGERED AMERICANS AND RELIEVE GRENADIANS FROM MARXIST-LENINIST OPPRESSION. WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THE HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL ACTIONS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES ON SHORT NOTICE AND UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS. WE SALUTE THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AND MOURN THE BRAVE SACRIFICES OF THOSE WHO DIED OR SUFFERED WOUNDS IN DEFENSE OF FREEDOM.

CLARENCE M BACON, NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION

12:28 EST

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM:

FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

SUBJECT:

Reception for National Civil Liberties
Legal Foundation

On Tuesday, October 30, we will be hosting a briefing for the National Civil Liberties Legal Foundation in OEOP 450 between 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow the briefing in the Indian Treaty Room. The NCLLF is the "umbrella" organization for the fundamentalist Christian groups in this country. The group consists of educators, attorneys, media (owners of stations), medical doctors, members of the business community, ministers, and elected state officials. They have actively supported the President and this Administration and are interested in the current issues to be presented during this briefing.

We would like to invite you to drop by the reception for a few minutes at your convenience between 5:15 and 6:30 p.m.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 9, 1984



MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES BAKER III, CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY, ASSISTANT TO THE *FAW*
PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Alfred Smith Dinner - October 18

On Thursday, October 18th, the President and Mrs. Reagan will be going to New York to attend the Alfred Smith dinner at which both the President and Walter Mondale will speak under the sponsorship of Archbishop O'Connor, who may well be a Cardinal by that time.

I would like to strongly recommend that Robert Reilly be officially included in the President's party on that trip since this is one of the major Catholic events of the year. Being seen as part of the President's party on this occasion would greatly strengthen his ability to serve effectively as the liaison to the Catholic community. Representatives of most major Catholic organizations will be present.

*10/10 Bob has done an excellent job with the Roman Catholic hierarchy + lay groups. Carter had no relationships w/ these people. Please allow Bob to join the party!
Thanks.
Faith*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1984



MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
CHIEF OF STAFF AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY *FHW*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Reception for Evangelical Women Leaders

We would like to extend an invitation to attend a reception on Thursday, October 11, in the Indian Treaty Room between 5:30 and 6:30 for the Evangelical Women in Leadership. This group consists of Christian women in leadership positions from all across the nation. We are expecting approximately 250 women to attend. Some of these women, many of whom have radio and TV programs or are married to someone who does, have an influence on listening audiences of hundreds of thousands. They would be honored to have you drop by the reception.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 1984



MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES BAKER III, CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY, ASSISTANT TO THE
PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC LIAISON *FRW*

SUBJECT: The President's Trip to New York to the
Alfred Smith Dinner October 18

I understand that it has been suggested that the President make a visit to Father Bruce Ritter's Covenant House the afternoon before attending Archbishop O'Connor's Alfred Smith dinner at the Waldorf on Thursday, October 18. I would like to add my recommendation to this excellent idea. I realize that one should avoid competing news events on the same day. However, the President's stop by at Covenant House would nicely complement his appearance at the Smith dinner, which is one of the most prestigious formal affairs in the Catholic community. The President's visit to Covenant House to show his concern for the victims of pornography and sexual abuse would demonstrate that the President not only speaks of his concern for others, but shows it in a very concrete personal way. The two events would reinforce each other very nicely, and this is why I would suggest that both events take place on the same day instead of planning a visit to Father Ritter during a subsequent visit.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 28, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: Frank J. Donatelli (215)

SUBJECT: Meeting with League

1) Set Design

The Mondale campaign submitted an alternative set design (see attached crude drawing). Its principal difference with that submitted by the League is the placement of the panel in front of the audience and the comingling of the panelists and the moderator.

2) Tickets

The League's proposal is 250 tickets plus an agreed list of office holders who will be invited from the League's allotment.

3) Starting Time

The networks will begin broadcasting at 9:00 p.m. At 9:00.55, the candidates will walk on stage. Mrs. Ridings will formally open the debate at 9:01 p.m. The debate is scheduled to conclude at 10:31 p.m. An exact scenario document is in transit to us.

4) Podium

The White House will supply both podiums for all three debates.

5) Curtain

The Ferraro campaign has accepted a blue curtain. Mondale is still holding our for black.

6) Moderators

Barbara Walters will moderate the first debate. Sander Vanocur and Edwin Newman will preside at the last two.

7) Photo Op

The limit is five minutes onstage after each debate.

8) Debate Position

Both presidential candidates have requested stage left. The Vice President will have stage right.

9) Coin Flip

The President will receive the first question and make the first closing statement in the first debate. We have the last closing statement in the second debate. The Vice President has the first question and first closing statement.

10) Candidate Addressed

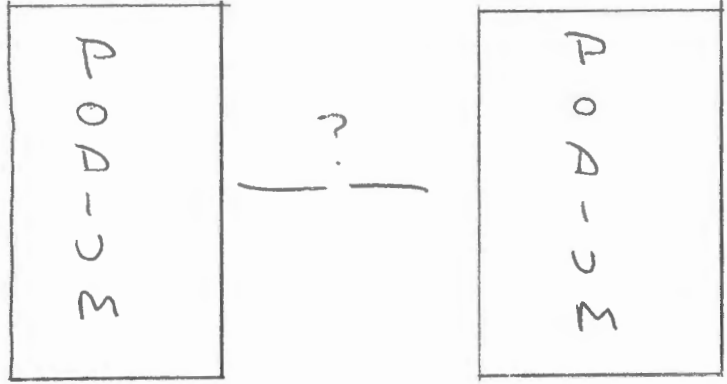
The candidates will be referred to by moderator and panelists as:

The President:	Mr. President
The Vice President:	Mr. Vice President
Walter Mondale:	Mr. Mondale
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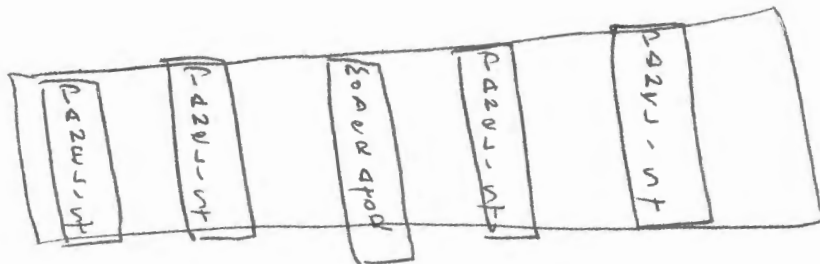
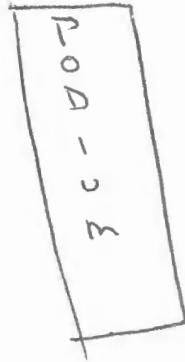
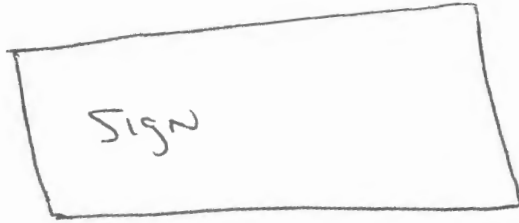
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PROPOSAL

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Audience + Cameras

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 25, 1984

TO: JAMES A. BAKER III
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*

SUBJECT: Rosy Grier
213/748-9672

Rosy Grier is one of the President's strongest supporters and has made numerous appearances in his behalf. Would it be possible to include him on an AIR FORCE ONE trip? Your early consideration of this request will be appreciated.

Many thanks.

Jim -

a speech in

support of the

Genocide Treaty by

Jane Kirkpatrick
(who supports it)

would help

diminish conservative
opposition.

Fair

As you know, Helms will
not filibuster.

Mr. Farkane is going to discuss w/Whittlesey

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: LINAS KOJELIS

SUBJECT: Visit of Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, September 28

The President's scheduled meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko is being followed very closely in the East European-American communities, especially by Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian and Ukrainian-Americans. While most of these groups have not expressed opposition to the meeting and trust the President to remain true to his principles, they nonetheless, urge him to remain realistic and firm.

Specifically, the Baltic and Ukrainian-American have requested that the following issues be added to the meeting's agenda:

1. Political Prisoners: The President is urged to request the release of political prisoners, and the granting of permission to them and their families to emigrate to the West if they so desire. They urge the President to make release of political prisoners a measure of Soviet "good faith" intentions for future U.S./Soviet relations.

Though the Baltic and Ukrainian-Americans would like to see all political prisoners released, the major organizations have identified some priority requests (many of these being in especially poor health):

Estonians: Mart Niklus, Enn Tarto, Tiit Madisson

Latvians: Lidiya Lasmane-Doronina, Ints Calitis, Gederts Melngailis

Lithuanians: Viktoras Petkus, Balys Gajauskas, Vytautas Skuodis

(Note: Vytautas Skuodis is an American citizen, born in Chicago, Illinois.)

Ukrainian: Yuriy Shukhevych

The groups stress that it is important for the President to mention these people by name or to hand Mr. Gromyko a list. Even if they are not released, the fact that the President specified these individuals will guarantee them more humane treatment.

2. U.S. Non-Recognition of Soviet Annexation of Baltic States: The Baltic-American communities ask that, in his "tour d'horizon" of international issues, the President inform Mr. Gromyko that the U.S. considers the Soviet presence in the Baltic States an unresolved matter.

3. Family reunification: The President should express U.S. displeasure at the Soviet Union's refusal to allow family members of American citizens living in the Soviet Union who wish to emigrate to the U.S. to do so. The Lithuanian community is especially interested in the case of Mrs. Marija Jurgutis, whose husband currently lives in Los Angeles.

4. Soviet Tariffs: Many Americans of Baltic and Ukrainian birth or heritage continue to send packages of clothing, medicine and other supplies to their relatives in the U.S.S.R. Recently, the Soviet government has increased the duty which the recipients must pay on packages from the West to a prohibitive rate. The President is asked to request a reduction of tariff rates.

Recommendation: It would be very helpful if we could arrange a meeting for Baltic and Ukrainian-American representatives with Mr. McFarlane as soon as possible after September 28 to brief them on the results of the Gromyko visit. If you agree, I will prepare a memorandum requesting such a meeting.

cc: John Lenczowski, NSC

9/19

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Jim Baker*
FROM: FAITH R. WHITTLESEY
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison



- Information
- Action

*I thought you
be advised of the
information which I
asked Tina to
put in the attached
memo.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH WHITTLESEY, ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: LINAS KOJELIS, ^KASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF
PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: USA TODAY advertisement

I thought you might be interested in the fact that a one-quarter page advertisement will appear in the Sports Section of tomorrow's national edition of USA TODAY under the following headline:

WHEN A PRESIDENT TALKS,
PEOPLE LISTEN

The ad has a small black and white photo of the President making his mike-test statement about enacting legislation against the Soviet Union and then asks if this is his idea of a joke. The text continues with:

" President Reagan is the only President in the last 30 years not to have successfully negotiated arms control with the Soviet Union. And, further that he is the only President since Hiroshima to not have held a summit meeting with the Soviet Union. In the past four years he has not brought us closer to peace."

Then there are three coupon-type boxes:

1. Yes, I'd like to put a similar ad in my home town paper and am enclosing \$5.00 to cover the cost for camera-ready copy.
2. I would like a copy of your 30 second T.V. spot which has appeared in T.V. ads all over the country. I am enclosing \$32.00 for (check one) 3/4", Beta, or VHS.
3. I would like a cassette copy of the President's remarks and am enclosing \$5.00.

I understand that there is a very small disclaimer at the bottom of the ad which is as follows:

Paid for by concerned republicans Jay & Lawrie Harris

It was ordered by Peter Fenn & Associates, 6 E Street, S.E.,
Washington, D.C., 20003.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER III
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FRW*


SUBJECT: Columbus Day - October 8

I would like to remind you that, as yet, we have not had a decision on a plan involving the Italian-American community in the celebration of Columbus Day. The event this past Saturday night hosted by the National Italo-American Foundation, though very successful, included primarily white-collar people of Italian descent. We have not as yet hosted a White House event for the blue-collar Italian community such as the Sons of Italy or UNICO.

The issues with the strongest appeal to the blue collar Italian community are the social issues which have formed the basis of this President's extraordinary support from ethnic Americans and Roman Catholics: tuition tax credits, pro-life, and school prayer. This group of ethnic Americans would likely be even more supportive than the white collar groups if they were recognized for their contribution to their own communities and the nation.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III 
SUBJECT: Meeting with Reverend T. J. Jemison

As I understand it, the President's meeting yesterday with Reverend Jemison went very well. I hope you will have Mel Bradley follow up on it in order to maintain some momentum. Also, I would appreciate it if you would keep Jim Cicconi in my office informed of further plans and progress.

Thank you.

cc: Jim Cicconi

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Baker

FROM: DOUGLAS A. RIGGS 

SUBJECT: Fraternal Order of Police (FOP)

Since neither Faith nor Jim Cicconi are here today, I will bring this "endorsement" of the President to your attention. This will be published in the September issue of the FOP's magazine.

FOP has 160,000 members.

JOURNAL ARTICLE
NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recognizably, this is a national election year. Therefore, it is important for all law enforcement officers, especially members of the Fraternal Order of Police, to review the accomplishments of the REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. That review will direct everyone's attention to a considerable law enforcement benefit package which has been the trademark of RONALD REAGAN.

Since I took office as National President in August 1983, I have been contacted by members of President Reagan's staff an average of twice a month. I have been invited to breakfast in the White House to discuss law enforcement problems on two occasions. Five times either me or members of the FOP Legislative Committee have had discussions in the White House with key legislative coordinators. The President's foreign affairs people had 30 members of the FOP in to the Old Executive Office Building for a briefing. I have had two meetings with the Secretary of Labor and a personal invitation to the Republican Convention to meet other Labor Department officials and members of organized labor. Topping all this off with a meeting with PRESIDENT REAGAN on August 30th, along with other members of the Law Enforcement Council. AT ALL THESE MEETINGS, AND WHILE VISITING WITH WHITE HOUSE STAFF ON THE TELEPHONE, WERE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING LEGISLATION OF COMMON INTEREST AND DISCUSSING LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS IN GENERAL.

Let's look at some of the REAGAN law enforcement interests and what he has done about them:

1. THE ARMOR-PIERCING BULLET ISSUE. In our initial White House conversations, FOP voiced apprehension that law enforcement was being stone-walled by the Departments of Treasury and Justice on this "officer safety" issue. For whatever the reason, the advancement of this important legislation through Congress was being held up by the misguided lobbying of the National Rifle Association and by a failure of the law enforcement agencies of the Federal Government to come up with a workable 'bullet' definition. The White House knew FOP was concerned and brought all these agencies and organizations together to work out a mutually beneficial compromise. The new legislation outlawing the manufacture and importation of armor-piercing bullets is in Congress and we expect the legislation to move through THIS Congress. BUT ONLY BECAUSE PRESIDENT REAGAN SHOOK IT LOOSE! I would be remiss at this point if I didn't point out that the two members of Congress who have stood by FOP all along, and who have faded all the heat for the "cop-killer bullet legislation" are CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI AND SENATOR PATRICK MOYNIHAN.

2. THE \$50,000 DEATH BENEFIT BILL FOR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS. Our Federal Brothers and Sisters have benefited financially by the Reagan Administration, the bi-partisan support of Members of Congress, and the bi-partisan support of the U.S. Senate. President Reagan's support, from the start, of this important legislation, was a signal to Congress to make an effort in this area. That legislation has been signed by the President and will be law October 1st.

3. THE LAW ENFORCEMENT HEROES MEMORIAL. We expect passage of this resolution by the end of September with a favorable signing by the President. Introduced by our very good friends SENATOR PELL and REPRESENTATIVE BIAGGI, President Reagan agrees that an appropriate memorial should be erected which recognizes all law enforcement officers who have given their lives in the line

of duty.

4. President Reagan has already signed the bill making technical changes in the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982. Working with the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems, and other police organizations, FOP successfully participated in eliminating provisions of the Old Act which would have limited retirement payments to beneficiaries and removed provisions which limited named beneficiary participants to just the spouse and children. In a meeting with Secretary of Labor Donovan recently, he promised the Reagan Administration's support in attempting to change other TEFRA provisions which still remain. Those sections still remaining which affect a small, but growing, number of police officers, limits the amount of pension which can be drawn at age 40 to \$26,741 and escalates with age. SO YOU SEE, WE NEED THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION BACK NEXT YEAR TO ASSIST US ON THIS MATTER!

5. COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PACKAGE. President Regan's record as a 'crime fighter', speaks for itself. FOP made him a Patrol Officer because the legislation his administration has proposed will do more good for the officers working the streets than any other group of law enforcement personnel. Just to name a few of the important pieces of crime legislation that we have already seen this year and pieces which we will see by the end of this Congress are:

THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE ACT
THE JUVENILE ASSISTANCE ACT
MISSING CHILDREN DAY
THE BAIL REFORM ACT
INSANITY DEFENSE ACT
DRUG FORFEITURE REFORM
DEA DRUG DIVERSION
DRUG COORDINATING POLICY BOARD

I have only briefly outlined the accomplishments and commitment of RONALD REAGAN to the law enforcement community. I cannot officially endorse President Reagan for re-election because the National Conference meets in the off-year, but I would stongly encourage all members to examine the REAGAN record, and make note of my personal experience with the REAGAN ADMINISTRATION. I can honestly tell you that there simply is no other choice which would benefit law enforcement more. I, PERSONALLY, AM VOTING FOR RONALD REAGAN - HOW ABOUT YOU?

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
AND CHIEF OF STAFF

FROM: MARSHALL BREGER 
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

SUBJECT: Status of Israel Free Trade Area Legislation

Israel Free Trade Legislation has been introduced in the House and has over 150 co-sponsors, of whom about one third are Republicans. The bipartisan bill, H.R. 5377, is before the House Ways and Means Committee; the Trade Subcommittee has completed hearings and markup will be held either in the Subcommittee or the full committee shortly after Congress returns. Subcommittee Chairman, Sam Gibbons (D-Fla) this month took a committee delegation to Israel to further explore the issue. The trip was considered successful.

In the Senate the Finance Committee has unanimously reported out Free Trade legislation. That legislation, which contains no restrictions on presidential negotiating authority, currently has 22 sponsors, including 19 Republicans. It enjoys the strong support of Chairman Dole and of Senator Danforth, Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on Trade. The same measure has also been attached by the Finance Committee to a miscellaneous tariff bill now before the Senate in the hope of expediting passage.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
August 17, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER

FROM: JUDE MUSKETT *jm*
OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: POVERTY

Per your request, I have had the attached newsclip from the White House News Summary fact-checked.

- o The biggest annual rise in poverty took place under the Carter-Mondale budgets of 1978-1981.
- o In Carter's last three budget years, poverty rose at a 9.1% annual average rate.
- o In the Reagan Administration's first two years it rose at an annual average rate of 5.3%. [The newsclip states 5.4%]
- o 1983 was the first year since 1978 that poverty did not rise appreciably.
- o By any standard measure, the Carter-Mondale Administration brutalized more Americans than any modern administration.
- o The greatest enemy of the poor is inflation, and by cutting inflation from 13% to 4%, President Reagan has done more to help the poor than any president since John Kennedy.

One further fact not stated in the newsclip:

- o Likewise, in Carter's last three budget years, poverty among non-aged persons in female headed households rose at an annual average rate of 5.9%. Under President Reagan, it rose only 4.1%. [Based on Census tabulations not contained in the published poverty report.]

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Editorials/Columnists (continued)

POVERTY FIGURES

Carter-Mondale Tougher On Poor Than Reagan -- "...You should remember that the biggest annual rise in poverty took place under the Carter-Mondale budgets of 1978-1981. In Carter's last three budget years, poverty rose at a 9.1% annual rate. In the Reagan Administration's first two years it rose at an annual rate of 5.4%; 1983 was the first year since 1978, that poverty did not rise appreciably....By any standard of measure, the Carter-Mondale Administration brutalized more poor Americans than any modern administration....The greatest enemy of the poor is inflation, and by cutting inflation from 13% to 4%, Mr. Reagan has done more to help the poor than any president since John Kennedy."

(Warren Brookes, Detroit News, 8/14)

ARMS CONTROL

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM CICCONI

FROM:

MARSHALL BREGER

MB

Tom Dine of APAIC called about an appointment with Mr. Baker regarding free trade. What do you want to do about that? I had discussed free trade with Mr. Baker last week while you were away and he seemed to feel it would be an Administration priority.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 16, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: JAMES W. CICCONI *JW*
SUBJECT: Meeting Request from AIPAC

Bob Asher, president of the American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee, has called and requested a meeting with you during the Dallas convention. Asher wants to discuss the Israel Free Trade Area legislation, and would also like to include Tom Dine and several others.

As you know, Dine, AIPAC's executive director, had previously requested a meeting with you on this subject, but we decided to put him off. AIPAC, of course, is seeking a stronger Administration push behind the legislation when Congress reconvenes.

Asher indicated that if a Dallas meeting is not possible, they would like to set one up in Washington soon after.

OK. ||
My own thought is that AIPAC is making it very difficult for us to dodge this bullet. I feel we should put off a meeting till after the convention. However, we may want to schedule one after Labor Day when, hopefully, we will have made a decision on how to pursue this issue.

you |
I will follow-up with Asher based on whatever you decide.

Thanks.

Tom Dine
638-2256

BH:

Have told Asher we'll do after Labor Day. Best thing would be if you could work out a day and time by calling Tom Dine. Breger should be invited, along w/ B. Oglesby (and me).


Thanks
Jmi

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 23, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III 

SUBJECT: Liaison with Overseas Americans

Since approval has been obtained from NSC, State, and Defense, your office may move forward with plans to set up a White House liaison function with Americans living overseas.

It is my understanding that this function will be handled by Doug Riggs of OPL, and will require no additional personnel. Further, I understand that this White House liaison function should not interfere with the primary liaison and assistance functions performed by the various departments. Obviously, you should be scrupulous to avoid any activity that could be deemed to be political in nature.

Organizations of overseas Americans can be notified immediately of this new arrangement. However, given the nature of this function, a press release is not felt to be necessary.

cc: Richard G. Darman
Robert C. McFarlane
John F. W. Rogers

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 23, 1984

TO: JAMES A. BAKER III

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY *FW*

SUBJECT: Establishment of an office of Adviser to the President on Affairs of Overseas Americans

Please find attached a copy of the letter I have received, with enclosure, from Sam Mandeville who is President of the Federation of International American Clubs suggesting that an office of Adviser to the President on Affairs of Overseas Americans be established. Having served abroad, I know how confusing it is for so many Americans to have no particular person to whom they can turn for help on a broad range of problems.

What do you think of the idea of announcing that one of the Special Assistants to the President on my staff of the Office of Public Liaison has been named liaison to the American community overseas? I have in mind Doug Riggs for this assignment. His role certainly would not be a policy-making one but rather a liaison function.

This action would be a very positive step in the minds of many Americans who live and work abroad, and the announcement would be widely circulated in the American community overseas.

Mr. Mandeville will be in Washington the week of May 28 and I will be meeting with him probably on May 29. I would like very much to have an answer from you by that time.

*Original sent
to F.W.*

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Attachment

5/25. Faith:

I think this is a good idea provided it's made clear the role is one of liaison only. So go ahead - but please make sure NSC is fully briefed before any announcement. Thanks.

JMB


THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 13, 1984 '84 JUL 13 A10:02

TO BH
FOR JAB

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES CICCIONI

FROM: J. DOUGLAS HOLLADAY 

SUBJECT: CBN Interview on July 25 with Jim Baker

The following are the questions that Pat Robertson will use in his interview with Jim Baker on July 25. This interview will not in any way be confrontational, merely informative. Also, Pat Robertson's style is often to depart from set questions if he has the urge. Yet Robertson is totally supportive of the efforts of the Administration to stabilize the region.

This live interview will last a total of only 15 minutes. While the interview begins at 10:00 a.m., Jim should arrive at the studio by 9:45 for make-up and instructions. The interview will be conducted from Virginia Beach on a split screen. Jim will be at the studio at the National Press Club building on 14th & F street.

Questions

1. Why should Americans care about what happens in Central America? How does it affect the person in Hometown, Illinois?
2. Compare the differences in the struggle for freedom in recent years in El Salvador and in Nicaragua.
3. There appears to be a debate over whether aid to the contras will help achieve peace in the region. Why is aid to the contras necessary?
4. What is the Administration trying to achieve by supporting the contras and also negotiating with the Sandinistas (reference to Shultz's trip)?
5. Are there any other points that the public should be aware of regarding U.S. policy in Central America or the situation in Central America?

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President
MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Deputy Chief of Staff
and Assistant to the President

FROM: Frank J. Donatelli (JD)
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

SUBJECT: First Anniversary of KAL

The First Anniversary of the Korean Airline (KAL) tragedy is September 1. To commemorate this occasion, a coalition of conservative groups and Congressmen is holding a memorial service at the Washington Sheraton Hotel. They will invite the President to participate.

I am told that if we refuse the invitation and do nothing else, several conservative activists and Congressmen will issue critical statements, and demand a meeting with the President. In addition, the memorial service will be turned into an "anti-Reagan rally" by including anti-Reagan speakers on the program. The potential is here for another Ford-Solzhenitsyn controversy.

Several options present themselves.

- 1) Participate in NO forums.
- 2) Attend the Washington Sheraton function. In that case, I'm told that no anti-Reagan speakers would be part of the program.
- 3) Meet privately with a few relatives of KAL victims on Friday, August 31, in the Oval Office.

I would personally recommend course number three. It would not involve hype and can be done in a dignified fashion. Moreover, I believe it would be acceptable to the sponsoring groups and thus avoid any negative publicity generated by their criticism.

In any case, we should make some decision as soon as possible.

Give to BH

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1984

JAB SAW
Pls. save for him
AS his BRIEFING PAPER -
Thanks -
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MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III

FROM: J. DOUGLAS HOLLADAY 

SUBJECT: Live Television Interview with host Pat Robertson
of the Christian Broadcast Network

I. REQUEST

During a meeting between some conservative leaders and the President several months ago, your excellent exchange with Pat Robertson of CBN on the subject of school prayer was mentioned. All concurred that you should do more of this. It was of enormous benefit in helping viewers understand the issues surrounding this sensitive topic.

Robertson again would like to interview you live for twenty minutes in Washington, D.C. Questions will be provided beforehand.

II. BACKGROUND

The American populace considers itself a religious people. George Gallup has found that 3 out of 4 adults describe themselves as religious; while 45 million Americans according to a Mutual Life survey, hold themselves out as "intensely religious."

Christian television viewing has increased significantly in recent years. 32% (1/3) of all Americans say that they have watched religious television programming within the past seven days. Religious television is an enormously influential medium in America today.

III. DATE AND TIME

CBN is beginning a series on Central America on July 25, thus it would be preferable for you to appear on that date. Either July 26 or 27 would be their second choice. The air time of this live interview is 10:00am.

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IV. PLACE

The National Press Club studio, a block from the White House, would be the likely place for the interview. This is the studio that CBN ordinarily uses for its Washington segments.

V. FOLLOW-UP

Several other Christian networks would welcome the opportunity to interview you. I feel that there are two others that you should seriously consider: the PTL Club out of Charlotte, N.C. and the Trinity Broadcasting Network based in Los Angeles, CA.

cc: James Cicconi
Margaret Tutwiler

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1984

To: JAB III

FYI.

See 7/10

*Discuss w/
MKD. See notes*

MEMORANDUM FOR JAMES A. BAKER, III
MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: Frank J. Donatelli (ESD)

SUBJECT: Public Perception of Foreign Policy

I have been hearing a good deal of grumbling from conservatives about the President's many recent overtures to "improve communications with the Soviet Union." This memo is to apprise you of these concerns as expressed by some of the President's conservative supporters.

According to liberal Democrats, the U. S. "bellicose" rhetoric and "arms buildup" have alienated the Russians and made them more intransigent. The Russians won't even talk to us anymore. This lack of communication is raising suspicions on both sides and is increasing the danger of nuclear war.

Some polling data would seem to indicate that the public agrees with this view. The President receives his lowest marks for his handling of foreign policy, especially in Central America. The public is concerned that no substantive talks with the Soviets are taking place and are nervous about a breakdown in communications between the superpowers. A minority are very concerned about an outbreak of war in a second Reagan Administration.

Given this situation, some have counseled that the President run as the "peace" President this year, much as Richard Nixon did in 1972. One observer has noted that conservative Republicans run first on a promise to bury the Russians and then for reelection by promising to make peace with them. If it worked well for Nixon, the argument goes, it can also work for us.

The difficulty with this strategy is that the Russians show no signs of cooperating. Unlike Brezhnev, who not only met with Nixon, but signed the SALT Treaty less than one month after we mined Haiphong harbor, the Russians this year won't even agree to talks about nuclear arms, despite numerous appeals from the White House. The reasons for this are many and beyond my expertise. The several changes in leadership (three times during this Administration) certainly is a factor. The key point is that Chernenko, unlike Brezhnev, will not allow us to be the "peace candidate" this year.

Correctly, we have tried to diffuse the issue by making clear on numerous occasions our desire to resume weapons talks and generally for better relations with the Soviets. But, the papers seem to be filled daily with Russian snubs of new American overtures. There is a fear that too many such gestures, absent some reciprocity, will make the President look weak and indecisive, thus undercutting one of his most appealing attributes, which is strong leadership.

*paper
& we are
taking care
to guard
against this*

If the foreign policy discussion is limited to who is more likely to resume negotiations with the Russians, we will lose the public debate, and rightly so. Historically, liberal Democrats have put much greater emphasis in negotiating paper agreements with the Soviets. The public knows this all too well. Our mission should be to move the foreign policy debate onto terrain more favorable to us. The public favors lessening tensions, but they have no illusions about our adversary. We should ask: who is most responsible for tensions in the world, the U. S. or the Soviets? And can we best keep the peace by being strong and resolute or by wishing for it?

As to the first question, we can use this year to remind the public of the Soviet record the past four years, including their implication in the attempted assassination of the Pope, the invasion of Afghanistan, the jailing of Sakharov, using yellow rain in Southeast Asia and deploying SS19's in Eastern Europe. The second question offers us the opportunity to justify increased defense spending and to explain how a strong defense is essential to successful negotiations. The key is which issue agenda will be foremost in the minds of the American voter: peace talks and arms control (they win) or Russian atrocities and intransigence and American military strength (we win).

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*Not
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agree*

This is not meant to disparage all conciliatory gestures. Indeed, our recent willingness to negotiate space-based weapons is a good example of the effectiveness of these acts. Each situation must, of course, be judged on its own merits.

yes

We should seek out forums that might be appropriate to reinforce our themes. Two possibilities:

(1) First Anniversary of KAL 007 (September 1)

No

- A Rose Garden ceremony designed to honor the victims of this Soviet atrocity might be appropriate.

(2) First Anniversary Grenada Liberation (October 26)

Yes

- A major address somewhere on the stump (possibly Philadelphia) to celebrate the extension of freedom in the Western Hemisphere.

We are already committed to a Captive Nation Ceremony (July 16), which could emphasize many of these themes.

In any case, we should remember that offers of conciliation are not necessarily unvarnished blessings. If made too often to no avail, the President's image of strong leadership through consistency of policy will certainly suffer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Jen', written in a cursive style.