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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED F. FIELDING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*

SUBJECT: Further Correspondence From
Bob Jones III

Last fall Bob Jones III, President of Bob Jones University, wrote Morton Blackwell requesting that the White House intervene on behalf of Dr. Peter Ng, who has an application pending before the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Dr. Ng is a Fundamentalist minister. On December 20, 1983, you wrote Mr. Jones, advising him that established White House policy did not permit such intervention on behalf of private parties with respect to matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions, such as INS. You noted that the reason for this policy was to maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws.

Mr. Jones has now replied, stating that the American public lost confidence in the impartial administration of our laws long ago, and that our refusal to intervene on behalf of Dr. Ng was simply another example of our insensitivity to the interests of Fundamental Christians. Mr. Jones suggests in his letter that you would have reacted differently to an alleged civil rights violation, and, in a thinly veiled threat, asserts that the alleged insensitivity of the Administration to Fundamental Christians will not go unnoticed by that sizable voting block.

The audacity of Jones' reply is truly remarkable, given the political costs this Administration has incurred in promoting the interests of Fundamental Christians in general and Bob Jones University in particular. A restrained reply to his petulant paranoia is attached for your review, telling Jones, in essence, to go soak his head. Since Jones copied Senator Thurmond and Congressman Campbell on his incoming, we should do the same on our reply.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING Orig. signed by FFF
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Bob Jones III Correspondence

I would greatly appreciate your comments on the attached letter from Bob Jones III, responding to my correspondence to him of December 20, 1983, on your behalf.

Can we discuss?

Thank you.

/Attachment

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Subj.

Chron.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1984

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am writing in reply to your letter of December 27, 1983. That letter was written in response to my own of December 20, in which I advised you that White House policy did not permit staff members to intervene on behalf of private parties concerning matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions. Pursuant to this policy, I was compelled to decline your request that the White House intervene on behalf of Dr. Peter Ng with respect to his application before the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In your letter of December 27 you rejected the stated purpose of the White House policy -- to maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws -- on the ground that "the American public has lost that confidence a long time ago." You also suggested that my letter was evidence of alleged Administration insensitivity to the interests of Fundamental Christians.

With respect, I cannot share your view that the American public has lost confidence in the impartial administration of our laws. In any event, even if the public has lost such confidence, it will hardly be restored by White House interference in the adjudicative responsibilities of agencies on behalf of those who are fortunate enough to secure the support of influential individuals such as yourself.

I must also object to your suggestion that my response to Dr. Ng's case reflects insensitivity to the interests of Fundamental Christians. The White House policy prohibiting intervention on behalf of private parties with respect to matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions is applied in an even-handed fashion without regard to the beliefs or other characteristics of the individual involved.

Nor do I share your view that this Administration has been insensitive to the interests of Fundamental Christians. In my view, the Administration has done much to advance the interests of Fundamental Bible-believing Christians. That which has been done, incidentally, has not been done to gain political support from that group, but because it was right. By the same token, political considerations will not move us to do that which is not right.

I am sorry that you do not agree with us concerning the desirability of a policy that precludes White House interference in private matters pending before agencies with adjudicative responsibilities. I hope and trust, however, that you will view this disagreement for what it is, and not as evidence of broad insensitivity on the part of this Administration to the interests of Fundamental Christians.

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Bob Jones III
President, Bob Jones University
Greenville, SC 29614

cc: The Honorable Strom Thurmond
The Honorable Carroll Campbell

bcc: Morton C. Blackwell

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Subject: Follow-up on INS' harassment of Dr. Peter Ng

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BOB JONES University GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA · 29614

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

TELEPHONE (803) 242-5100

December 27, 1983

Mr. Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

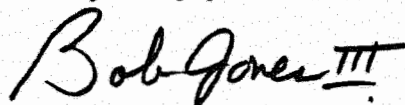
One of the purposes for which the voluminous White House staff exists is for the providing of inquiry into abuses of the bureaucracy.

You protest that your policy forbids inquiry into the INS' harassment of Dr. Peter Ng in order to "maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws." Mr. Fielding, you are not naive. You are aware that the American public has lost that confidence a long time ago. If I had not believed Dr. Ng was being abused by the INS I would not have written to the White House.

I am sorry that once again the White House has shown itself totally insensitive to the interests of Fundamental Christians who put Mr. Reagan there. Mr. Mondale could not have treated us with greater indifference and disdain than has Mr. Reagan whom we believed to be our friend.

If I had written to you about an alleged civil rights violation, I am sure you would have worn holes in your shoe leather trying to show interest and sensitivity in behalf of the minority group. The greatest human rights violations taking place in America at this hour are being directed against Fundamental Bible-believing Christians, and they are taking place by the bureaucracy under the Reagan Administration. Believe me, this has not gone unnoticed by that sizable voting block to whom Mr. Reagan owes so much.

Very truly yours,



Bob Jones III
President

BJIII: mb

cc Senator Strom Thurmond
Congressman Carroll A. Campbell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING (orig. signed by FFF)
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Dr. Peter Ng's Case Before
U.S. Immigration

You forwarded to this office a letter you received from Bob Jones III, requesting the White House to intervene on behalf of a private party with an application pending before the INS. A copy of our reply to Jones is attached for your information.

Attachment

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cc: FFFielding/JGRoberts/Subj/Chron

From cover.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 20, 1983

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of October 26, 1983 to Morton Blackwell has been referred to this office for consideration and response. In that letter and accompanying materials you outlined the circumstances surrounding Dr. Peter Ng's pending application before the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), and requested that the White House intervene to help Dr. Ng.

I must advise you that established White House policy does not permit such intervention on behalf of private parties with respect to matters those parties have pending before agencies with adjudicative functions, such as INS. The purpose of this policy is to maintain public confidence in the impartial administration of our laws. Accordingly, we cannot intervene with the INS on Dr. Ng's behalf.

I hope you will understand the reasons for our policy. I am sorry that we cannot be more responsive to your request.

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. Bob Jones III
President
Bob Jones University
Greenville, SC 29614

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