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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

call Paul's asst
& suggest they
write to her
& carbon me
on the letters.
I will follow up.



Coalitions For America

Talked with Marty Lawrence 2/8 + told her to invite Mrs Heckler directly

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January 17, 1983

& to CC Morton for follow-up

Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
136 Old Executive Office Building
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

We are writing you to ask for your help in inviting Secretary-Designate Margaret Heckler to address the Library Court Group, after her appointment has been confirmed.

As you know, Library Court is composed of conservatives who take special interest in social issues. For this reason we believe it be both useful and productive for her and us, if she would agree to come and speak to the group. This could serve as the beginning of a positive working relationship.

A meeting of this type could certainly help for our people to get to know Mrs. Heckler a little bit better.

We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Best wishes,

Paul M. Weyrich
President,
Coalitions For America

Connaught Marshner
Chairman,
Library Court Group

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September 18, 1981

BCC: Morton Blackwell ✓

The Honorable Richard Schweiker
Secretary of Health and
Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to you because I know that you are sincere in wanting to bring an end to the current situation of abortion on demand in this land, and because you are in a position to help shape the policy of this Administration toward that end.

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With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Connie Marshner
Connaught Marshner

CM/wjw

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Ask Gary Bauer
about Remond

Spoke w/ Gary + he
said he has received
the same letter + he
has spoken w/ Connie
personally about it
He feels her fears at
this time are not true
but he will be watching
for this closely-

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 10/5

TO: Norton

FROM: Diana

For your info _____

Per our conversation _____

Other:

Before sending to Elizabeth,
Red asked if you
could check out the
rumor + determine whether
there is any substance.
EHP will surely ask.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Monday PAC Luncheon Attendees

FROM: Paul Weyrich P.W.

DATE: June 9, 1981

RE: Letter from President Reagan

Enclosed is a letter I received recently from President Reagan regarding political action committees. I thought this might be useful -- feel free to quote from it if you like.

PW/bc

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1981

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your comments regarding bills which seek to limit the scope and effectiveness of political action committees.

In my view the growth of political action committees has enabled many thousands of people to increase their participation in the political process. One hallmark of such groups is that all contributions to them are, by law, entirely voluntary. This is a healthy situation. The freedom of all Americans to organize themselves voluntarily to affect the course of their government is a precious right.

In the last Congress, almost all Republicans united in vigorous opposition to the Obey-Railsback bill which would have placed new, rigid limits on the right of citizens to contribute to political candidates through political action committees. The Senate did not pass this bill, which narrowly passed the House without any committee hearings and with severely limited debate.

Because many of the supporters of this type of bill were not returned to the Congress, there seems little chance that either House would pass such legislation now.

Our Federal election law is so complex and burdensome currently that virtually every participant could be at the mercy of a selective enforcement process. It would be easy for enforcement officials to cite almost any candidate or committee for some technical infraction. That most certainly is not a healthy situation.

Our election laws need to be simplified rather than made more burdensome. Citizen participation should be encouraged rather than limited. I would surely oppose any bill similar to the Obey-Railsback proposal.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mr. Paul M. Weyrich
Coalitions for America
721 Second Street, N.E.,
Washington, D.C. 20002



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June 26, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

You indicated during the recent campaign that if elected you would seek to promote the good things about America. I believe you have done a good job of doing just that in your first half-year in office. Many of us are grateful for the recognition you have given to the Vietnam veterans, for example, and I believe the actions you have taken to correct a great historical wrong.

I am sure that you share my concern with the sad state of American television in recent years. The Coalition for Better Television, to which we belong as one of the hundreds of different groups across this land, has sought to improve the quality of television by monitoring television programs and calling to the attention of the sponsors of these shows the feelings of millions of Americans who want to see positive alternatives to the filth, violence and blatant sex which have been glorified by the television industry in the past decade or so.

One of the companies most responsive to the Coalition for Better Television's outstanding nationwide campaign was Proctor and Gamble. The Chairman of the Board, Owen Butler, recently announced that his corporation was withdrawing sponsorship of some 50 programs because of the violence and profanity displayed in them.

I am convinced that the vast majority of Americans applaud this effort, and I am equally convinced that your supporters, in particular, want to see the better things in life emphasized rather than the nihilism and negativism which has been so much a part of the television programming.

I believe that you should, to the extent possible, lend your support to such efforts. That is why I am asking you to write to Mr. Butler at Proctor and Gamble to commend that company for the contribution it has made to the betterment of America. It is already evident that the filth industry is cranking up a major campaign against Proctor and Gamble for their courage. Those of us who are committed to decency need to support any responsible effort to raise national standards.

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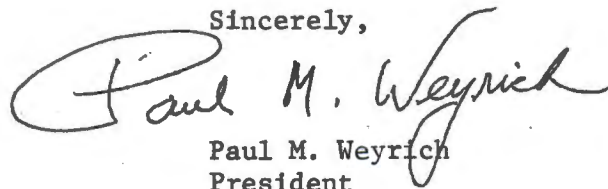
President Ronald Reagan
June 26, 1981

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Mr. President, I know all of the groups which are involved in this fight (most of whom were strong supporters of yours in 1980) would be most grateful for a signal to Proctor and Gamble that you support what they did.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul M. Weyrich". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Paul M. Weyrich
President

PMW/bc

cc: ✓ Mr. Morton Blackwell
Dr. Ron Godwin



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*File
resumes*

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April 14, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Public Liaison
The White House
134 Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

The perennial comment that I hear these days is that there is a dearth of our type of candidates for the different positions. In order to do my part in alleviating that shortage, I am enclosing for you five resumes which may not already be "in the system". These are all people who seem suited for slots in HHS. Some of them may be suitable for Schedule C positions. All of them have a personal recommendation from me, as well as from other leaders in the pro-family movement.

Here are the names and slots for which I think they would be suited:

MARSHALL FIGHTLIN - Associate Commissioner, Office of
Services for Children and Youth

JOHN KLENK - - - - Director, Health Services Administration

LAVERNE RYAN - - - Commissioner, Office of Services for
Children and Youth - or - Office of
the Administrator, Health Care
Financing Administration

ARTHUR LOCKNER - - Office of Family Planning - or
Associate Bureau Director, Program
Office for Maternal and Child Health

JOHN MCELDERRY - - Director, Region VIII, Department
of Health and Human Services

All of these people have my recommendation and, to my knowledge, are long time supporters of Ronald Reagan. Please contact me if there is anything further that I could do to help place these deserving individuals.

Sincerely yours,

Connaught

Connaught Marshner

CM:dg
Enclosures


MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1981

TO: Elizabeth H. Dole

FROM: Morton Blackwell 

RE: Meeting with Paul Weyrich, W. H. Mess at 12:00 Noon

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Suggested talking points:

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What could we do in the White House to encourage a fruitful exchange of information about the President's economic package with conservative leadership?

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202/544-3541 (o)
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14. Rev. Del Fehsenfeld
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27. Mr. Al Janney
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*FILE
COMMUNICATIONS
SECTION*

February 23, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D. C. 20270

Dear Mr. President:

We have three different coalitions consisting of more than sixty different groups which work on a wide range of issues. Perhaps the only issue upon which everyone in these coalitions was united concerned the effort to limit the effectiveness of political action committees. In the last session of congress the specific measure was known as the Obey-Railsback Bill. It passed the House but died in the Senate under the threat of a filibuster.

The organized left in this country intends to make a major push for this legislation and, in doing so, they will have the cooperation of much of the nation's media, which has bought the Common Cause argument that most politicians in the congress are bought and paid for by the special interests. The Minority Leader, Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia is dedicated to making this into a major issue for his party. It is conceivable that this measure could pass the congress, although, of course, all of the groups involved in the coalitions are going to do everything possible to stop this legislation.

It would be very helpful in our fight if we could have a pledge from you that you will veto any bill which seeks to limit the scope and effectiveness of political action committees if it passes the congress and comes to you for your signature. All of us involved in the movement for limited government, free enterprise, a strong national defense and traditional family values, would deeply appreciate a commitment of this kind from you which we can use to counter the upcoming battle initiative by the political left. We urge you to give this matter your earliest consideration and hope for a favorable reply.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Weyrich

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April 3, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the
President for Public Liaison
The White House
Old Executive Office Building
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Morton:

On Thursday, April 9, National Security Advisor Dick Allen will be coming to the Stanton meeting. Obviously this is subject to change if we have a grave crisis or if the President calls a Cabinet meeting.

I would hope you would plan to attend this meeting and to be there promptly at 8:30 a.m. with some tough questions that you want to ask of Dick. He indicated that he might be willing to come on a fairly regular basis if there is some interest. So I want to be sure that we are all there and eager to question him so that he will feel his time is well spent.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Weyrich

*Talked with Donna re meeting
& said you wouldn't be back till Friday
apr. 7*



Coalitions For America

Sent to
EHD
10/1/81

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September 18, 1981

BCC: Morton Blackwell

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The chairman of the group is Connaught Marshner, who has worked on Capitol Hill for more than 10 years. She is the Chairman of the National Pro-Family Coalition and was Chairman of the Family Policy Advisory Board of the Reagan-Bush campaign. Author of *Blackboard Tyranny*, a critique of public education, she formerly was Education Director for the Heritage Foundation and earlier worked for Rep. Phil Crane. She is frequently asked to advise leading Senators, Congressmen, and the White House on the concerns of pro-family groups. Mrs. Marshner also edits the *Family Protection Report* for the Free Congress Foundation and is a frequent public speaker at national forums.



Connaught Marshner

The Stanton Group. This coalition consists of more than 25 separate organizations interested in national defense and foreign policy. It is the newest of the coalitions, having been formed in early 1980.

Because of the very dramatic change in the nation's defense and foreign policy objectives as a result of the 1980 elections, the Stanton group has assumed the important role of coordinating the various interest groups and Congressional staffers who work in this area.

Leading Administration spokesmen, as well as key Members of Congress of both parties who advocate a strong national defense, appear at the meetings every other week. As is the case with the other two coalitions, the meetings stress action and follow-through, as they formulate strategies for implementing policies which promote a strong America.

The chairman of the Stanton meetings is Paul M. Weyrich, who is also President of Coalitions for America. A former print and broadcast journalist in Wisconsin and Colorado, Weyrich came to Washington in January, 1967 as an aide to Senator Gordon Allott. He later worked as special assistant to Senator Carl T. Curtis. He was the founder and first President of the Heritage Foundation. Shortly thereafter he established the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress as well as the Free Congress Foundation.



Paul M. Weyrich



Richard Allen, National Security Advisor to the President, addresses a meeting of the Stanton Group.

Time magazine has called him the New Right's leading strategist; his advice is often sought by Members of Congress and other key opinionmakers. He has also helped found a number of key groups which are implementing conservative policies, including the Senate Steering Committee, the House Republican Study Committee and the American Legislative Exchange Council.

The staff coordinator for Coalitions for America is Padraic Buckley. He has a degree in government and politics from St. John's University in New York and worked as a field representative for Rep. Bill Carney (C-R, N.Y.). He later was in charge of intergovernmental affairs in Cong. Carney's Washington office.



Padraic Buckley

Elia Dal Bello is secretary to the group. Prior to joining the staff, she did secretarial work in the medical profession for four years.

The Board of Directors

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Although it has a variety of functions, Coalitions for America primarily acts as a coordinating council for the implementation of conservative ideas. Its role is both educational and operational. A forum recently sponsored by Coalitions for America, for example, allowed conservatives to hear from some of the nation's leading defense experts on the subject of military reform. Because of the current Soviet-United States military imbalance, vastly increased defense expenditures will be necessary in the next few years. Conservatives need to consider carefully how to utilize these funds to our best strategic advantage. The forum presented alternatives for reform—alternatives which may be expected to be taken up as legislative action in the future.

Besides its educational and operational role, Coalitions for America gives exposure to the ideas of leading conservative innovators and makes it possible for those ideas to be implemented. It also cooperates with other organizations which need assistance in carrying out worthwhile programs. Major contributions, for example, were made to the Panama Canal Truth Squad effort, as well as to the Defeat Salt II program, which was sponsored by the Conservative Caucus.

Another specific project of Coalitions for America has been the coordination of the Family Protection Act, which is a major piece of legislation sponsored by U.S. Senator Roger Jepsen of Iowa and Rep. Albert Lee Smith of Alabama. It is the focal point of the pro-family agenda in the United States. This legislation could be the most important factor in the 1980's in the effort to assist middle and low income families to survive economically and to sustain traditional values in homes and schools without federal intervention.

In addition, through Coalitions for America, task forces have been organized to prepare the conservative legislative agenda on a whole variety of other issue areas, including economics, the judiciary, consumer affairs, education, child care, health and welfare, budgetary reform, taxes, the Federal Election Commission and so on. The legislative drafting as well as the implementation of these ideas are major projects of Coalitions for America.

Coalitions for America has played, and will continue to play, a key role in bringing together various conservative, business and single issue groups for the purpose of advancing conservative objectives and defeating liberal initiatives at all levels, in all branches of government, on a continuing, day-to-day basis.

The coalition meetings are carefully structured and conducted to produce action. Consistent dedication and regular attendance from the participants is required. The chief objective

of the meetings is to formulate strategy and to decide on appropriate action. All participation is voluntary, but there is staff follow-through for each action volunteered. The coalitions have demonstrated that through their collective efforts and dedication to principle, conservatives can have a substantial impact on Capitol Hill and across the nation.

There are presently three coalitions, the Kingston Group, the Library Court Group and the Stanton Group. More than 70 different organizations, groups and committees participate in them.

The Kingston Group. The oldest of the coalitions, Kingston brings together representatives of a broad range of business, conservative and single-issue groups on a weekly basis. Although it began with a small number of conservative activists in the early 1970's, it has grown along with the conservative movement and now includes more than 50 organizations, all dedicated to the ideals of limited government and free enterprise.

The meetings provide an invaluable opportunity for Senators, Members of the House, Administration officials, and key Hill staffers to report on proposed or pending legislative initiatives. This enables issue focus groups to alert their grassroots activists on timely questions.

During the budget fight in 1981, for example, the Kingston Group played a key role from beginning to end. As the Minority Whip in the House, Rep. Trent Lott, wrote: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Kingston Group members for your hard work on behalf of the Reagan bi-partisan budget substitute. Your grassroots effort was pivotal in this critical victory.



Rep. Trent Lott

"You and the interest groups you represent are to be congratulated. It is understandable that people put their time and money into a project in which they have a specific interest, but on the budget you helped simply because you believed it was in the best interest of the American people and the economy."



Richard B. Dingman

The Kingston Group is chaired by Richard B. Dingman. He is the Director of the Republican Study Committee and has served in various capacities on Capitol Hill for many years. A former elected official in one of the Washington area suburbs, Dingman has an excellent grasp of how the political process works.

Since its first meetings, the Kingston Group has been involved in nearly all of the important legislative battles which have taken place over the past several years. Some of the legislation it has dealt with includes the Consumer Protection Act, Labor Law Reform,

Common Situs Picketing, Taxpayer Funding of Congressional Elections, the Repeal of the Hatch Act, and so on. The group has acted on literally hundreds of legislative initiatives and now, thanks to a better political climate for conservatives, is advancing from merely trying to stop liberal measures to taking initiative in pursuing conservative reforms. Kingston has been a successful prototype; similar groups are now meeting in other parts of the United States, remaining in close touch with the Washington group.

The Library Court Group. Formed in 1979, this coalition seeks to coordinate the activities of the growing number of organizations concerned with education and social issues.

More than 30 separate entities now participate regularly in the Library Court Coalition, which meets every other week. The aim is to work to protect the family and to promote social policies which support traditional values, such as the work ethic and a sense of individual responsibility. Representatives of the various organizations volunteer at the meetings to undertake specific tasks, thus maximizing the effectiveness of each constituent group and the coalition as a whole.

The Library Court Group also sponsors the Legislative Exchange Action Force (LEAF). LEAF funds a phone bank operation to alert the extensive grassroots network interested in family issues when pressing business requires immediate action. Many participants in the group represent organizations with newspapers, newsletters and radio and television programs. Collectively they have the ability to reach millions of people on major issues.

During the last two years of the Carter Administration, the Library Court Group concentrated on stopping liberal initiatives, such as the so-called Domestic Violence Act, and on helping to derail the White House Conference on Families. Now, however, the group is working closely with various Administration officials to implement positive programs and reforms which pro-family groups believe are in the best interests of the nation.



U.S. Senator Don Nichols (R-Oklahoma) addresses a Library Court meeting.



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March 16, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: PAUL M. WEYRICH

SUBJECT: MEETING IN HOUSTON WITH GRASSROOTS HISPANIC LEADERS

Rick Roldan of our staff set up a meeting for me in Houston with 11 grassroots Hispanic leaders. All of these people had supported Ronald Reagan for President in 1980. Most of them had supported Gov. Clements and some of the other statewide GOP candidates as well. They were Republicans, Independents and Democrats. Nine of the eleven were more or less conservative. Two of the others were moderates in the true sense of that word.

I polled them about whether they thought Ronald Reagan could carry Texas in 1984. One thought he could for sure. Another wasn't sure, but hoped so. Nine said there was no way even though six of these nine would vote for him if he runs in 1984. Interestingly all eleven said John Tower was in better shape than Reagan and all eleven said that Tower can win if he runs and all eleven will enthusiastically support Tower, who, they say, is the only GOP candidate who relates to the Hispanic community.

The meeting took place at LUCAC Council #60 in Houston. The group included Joseph Penã who is 1st V.P. and Comptroller for Underwood, Neuhaus and Co., Angel Abitua, a State Employment Officer, Al Vera, a High School teacher, Luis Adame, who owns a catering business, Al and Rosemarry Gonzales, who own a small engineering consulting firm, Manuel Leal, an assistant U.S. attorney and Olga Soliz, a businessman. I will have the names of the others later.

These people had very strong views about why the Republicans, with the exception of Senator Tower, do poorly in the Hispanic community.

Basically they said that the various Hispanic leaders who claim to speak for them are self-created and don't really represent their views but that the GOP and the Administration continue to deal with these people and consequently they retain their credibility. "They are the only ones who will listen to us" one of them said.

Another said that Hispanics have chosen to obey the law and work within the system while certain prominent Blacks chose civil disobedience, riots and flaunting the law. In return for their working within the system they see the Blacks rewarded and themselves neglected.

Leal said that the Hispanic community offers "a whole culture which is right in line with your principles" and yet Republicans make little effort to appeal to Hispanics on cultural grounds. "We are family people. We are church people. The liberals give us their solutions. They relate to us. Conservatives don't offer us the way out even though we are made to receive the message," he said.

They believe that Gov. Clements and other Republicans failed to do well in their area because "the party chose not to do grass roots campaigning. They put everything into TV. They were Country Club campaigners.

All of them have very strong views about immigration. They want the current laws enforced. They believe and say they have evidence that various Mexicans pay off border patrol people to get back in the country. They cited one fellow who has been working in the U.S. for 15 years. Everytime he wants a vacation to see his family, he turns himself back in and gets a free ride back but in a month is back in the U.S.

They despise the amnesty provision in the immigration bill but like the provision which penalizes employers for hiring illegal aliens.

They are very angry about the SBA. They believe strongly that they are discriminated against by the SBA. even when they have a long record of stability. They came forth with a lot of particulars which I did not really grasp. I promised that I would call this to the attention of the White House, without holding out any hope that something would be done about it.

To a person they accused the current GOP leadership in Texas, as well as nationally, of insensitivity. They said that in their areas it comes down to a contest of "which candidate or which party is going to take care of the little guy" and they said Republicans are seldom in the ballgame because "they don't speak the right language."

"I will tell you this, the people will take care of the insensitivity at the polls next time", Abitua said.

Interestingly all of them want a tough policy on El Salvador. They said if the GOP campaigned on strong defense and military action in the Hispanic community there would be an emotionally favorable response. "We are patriotic people" said Adame who was the least conservative of those attending. When I asked Olga Soliz what sort of policy she favored in El Salvador she said "send in the marines" which caused the three other women in attendance to clap affirmatively.

They have an abiding distrust of the business establishment in Houston which they think wants to settle undesirables in their areas, thus creating a problem for them. They asked why these people don't choose to settle refugees from Central America in their own neighborhoods. There is obviously rivalry between groups here.

They felt the GOP could do better with a strong direct mail campaign, which they said, the Democrats used to great advantage.

Most of them want to support GOP candidates in 1984 but they feel that their views will be shunted aside.



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Secretary-Designate Margaret Heckler
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Dear Mrs. Heckler:

This is a formal invitation to address the Library Court Group. By way of introduction let me tell you that the Group is made up of the representatives of about 70 groups who are interested in social issues. These people are activists in their particular areas of concern. For the most part they are religious, social conservative.

I think it could prove very useful and productive if you were to come and introduce yourself to the Group. With a hostile congress the days ahead may well prove difficult ones; we hope that hearing from you will enable the Library Court Group to get behind the efforts of the Administration.

I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Best wishes,

Connaught Marshner
Chairman,
Library Court Group

cc Morton Blackwell

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