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October 11, 1983

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to send greetings and congratulations as you celebrate the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Nazarene Church.

You should be very proud to have reached this milestone in the history of your church. The Nazarene Church has grown to more than 600,000 members since its founding in 1908. I know your enthusiasm will insure continued growth.

I share your dedication to the traditional moral values that have led America to greatness. We Americans are a proud and patriotic people who owe our first allegiance to God. It is by his blessing and our devotion to him that we have prospered.

I know that you have faced difficult hardships in the Youngstown area, but I believe we have passed the worst. We every right to look forward to a future that is both happy and bright.

Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best and God bless you all.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Reverend Michael Burns
Cherry Lane
Hubbard, Ohio 44425

RR:Hodge:-- 10LIV
cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell(FYI)/CF
EVENT: OCTOBER

STRAIGHT WIRE - OCTOBER 11, 1983

Mr. Alwyn Zoutendyk
Chairman, Illinois Committee
for the Year of the Bible
340 Browning Court
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

It is indeed a pleasure to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for the "Year of the Bible" Banquet.

By bringing together members of many faiths for this event, you are helping further a greater appreciation by all Americans of the principles upon which this country was founded. American has been richly blessed as a nation, and I believe much of our strength as a people is derived from our commitment to the traditional spiritual values of our forefathers.

On this notable occasion, you are honoring our nation's heritage of trust in the precepts of the Bible. Though we live in turbulent, challenging times, the Bible continues to offer solace for the troubles we face.

You have my thanks for your thoughtful examination of America's enduring principles. Truly you are, as written in II Timothy 2:15, "a workman who needth not to be ashamed." As long as there are citizens such as you, we can look to the future with hope and inspiration.

You have my best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable banquet.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Wells:pv
cc: K. Osborne/D. Livingston/M. Blackwell (FYI)/CF
Event: Oct. 11

September 14, 1983

Dear Ms. Wilkins:

Thank you very much for the inscribed copy of Personal Promises From God's Word which Dr. James E. Johnson presented at the White House on your behalf. The Word of God has always been a special source of strength and encouragement to me and I truly appreciate your thoughtful spiritual remembrance.

Nancy joins in sending our warm best wishes to you and all our friends at The Dove Christian Retreat.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Ms. Aquilla Wilkins
The Dove Christian Retreat
Post Office Box 5563
Longview, Texas 75608

RR:CMF:JEH:AVH:mds

cc: Morton Blackwell

September 7, 1983

I am delighted to send warmest greetings to those who gather for the National School Prayer Breakfast.

This occasion provides me with a welcome opportunity to once again express my support for the effort to return prayer to America's classrooms. As I have often said, prayer provides important guidance for our daily lives. Our country was founded on traditional spiritual values that reflect the religious heritage of a people dedicated to prayer. As we all know, the Founding Fathers did not intend to expel God from the classroom. Their intent was not to protect us from religion, but to protect religion from government.

I assure you that my Administration remains committed to the principle of prayer in school and we will continue to do all we can to insure its restoration.

Nancy joins me in wishing you the best for a successful event, and may God bless your efforts in waging this battle for our children.

GIVE MESSAGE TO MORTON BLACKWELL who wishes to hand-carry to event.

RR:HODGE:9LIV

cc: K.Osborne/F.Fielding/M. Blackwell/D.Livingston/CF
EVENT: SEPT. 12

STRAIGHTWIRE - SEPTEMBER 1, 1983

The Reverend Richard A. Tedesco
c/o Christian Church of North America
56th Annual Convention
Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel
1999 Jefferson Davis Highway
U.S. Route 1
Arlington, Virginia 22202

I am pleased to send warmest greetings to all who gather for the 56th annual convention of the Christian Church of North America.

Your organization is to be commended for its firm commitment to the spiritual values upon which this nation was founded. America has been richly blessed because her people put God first in all things. If we are to address successfully the challenges of the future, we must continue this tradition in the years to come.

Today there are over 15,000 members of your church in North America, and at mission stations around the world. Your organization plays an important part in strengthening the foundations of their faith. It is my hope that you will always meet with great success in this important work.

Nancy joins me in wishing you the very best for an enjoyable conference and for the future.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:HODGE: - 9live
cc: K.Osborne/M. Blackwell/C.Livingston/CF
EVENT: SEPT. 2-4

December 20, 1983

Dear Jack:

Thank you for letting me know of the important work being done by the United Students of America Foundation.

It is a truism to say that the students of America are its future leaders, but sometimes we forget that America's students are playing a leadership role today. They form a vital element in the national political debate, not only because of their numbers but even more because of their idealism and energy.

The USA Foundation is doing an excellent job of reaffirming traditional American values on our campuses. I believe that a great majority of students have always believed in these values, but the campus political discussion has too often been dominated by activists who oppose economic freedom, a strong defense, and family values. Now balance and fairness are being restored to that debate, and the USA Foundation is in the forefront of those bringing about this healthy change in our colleges and universities. Please accept my best wishes for every future success with this essential mission.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jack Abramoff
Chairman
United Students of
America Foundation
Suite 540
214 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

RR/RDC/AVH/nlm--12PMNB

cc: Morton Blackwell

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September 16, 1983

Nancy and I take great pleasure in sending our warm congratulations as the Denver Symphony Orchestra celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary.

We are delighted to join the Denver community in paying tribute to your many accomplishments over these past years. The vitality of your commitment to providing a range of programs to spread the appreciation of and enthusiasm for music to all ages has been laudable.

I commend Helen Black, the Symphony's first business manager, and all those who have shared in the responsibility for the artistic and institutional success of the Denver Symphony throughout the years and look forward to another half-century of service to future generations of audiences in the Rocky Mountain region.

Again, our congratulations and best wishes.

RONALD REAGAN

**SENT TO:
SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Denver Symphony Orchestra
1245 Champa Street
Denver, Colorado 80204

RR:Livingston:-- 9LIV
cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell/CF
EVENT: SEPT. 22
Draft information provided by NEZ

Note: Ltr. requested by Holly Cross

April 8, 1983

Dear Dr. Gay:

I was delighted to address the National Association of Evangelicals and to personally express my gratitude for your prayers on my behalf. It was a particular pleasure to present the views of this Administration on today's critical social problems to an audience which shares my concerns about the moral future of our country. You have my deepest appreciation for all your efforts which made this possible.

With thanks and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur Gay, Jr.
President
National Association of Evangelicals
1330 South Courtland Avenue
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068

RR:JTH:KCS:AVH:2pres

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

PNT
Date 4-11

To:

ANNE HIGGINS

From: Morton C. Blackwell

_____ Please respond on behalf of
the President

_____ Please prepare draft for
Elizabeth Dole's signature

_____ Please prepare draft for
my signature

_____ FYI

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Jim Hogan - ?
did we already
write?
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DRAFT REPLY TO DR. GAY

Dear Dr. Gay:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to address your convention in Orlando. The reception there was excellent, and I am greatly encouraged by the outpouring of response to my speech from your members as well as many others.

Please convey special thanks to your Executive Committee for their very thoughtful and supportive letter to me of March 9.

As you know, my remarks brought forth opposition in some quarters. The fellows in Moscow were very outspoken. Criticism in this country has, in the main, been by secularists who are offended at any confession of religious belief by a national official.

Nancy and I thank you for your prayers in our behalf.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Blackwell (4/21)



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EVANGELICALS

450 E. Gundersen Drive/P.O. Box 28, Wheaton, Illinois 60187 312/665-0500

March 9, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for your inspiring address to our annual convention on March 8. You have given voice to those millions of God-fearing Americans who steadfastly cling to the timeless values that have made this land of the free unique among the nations of the world.

We admire your courage in publicly stating a profound Biblical truth--that there is sin and evil in the world and that Jesus Christ calls us to oppose it with every fibre of our being. There are, indeed, secularists who want America to turn its back on the Judeo-Christian ethic which is the moral bedrock of "one nation under God."

Count on us to do everything in our power, as God enables us, to see that your vision for a true peace throughout the world becomes a reality.

Be assured, Mr. President, of our faithful prayers for you and your lovely wife, Nancy.

Sincerely yours,

The Executive Committee
National Association of Evangelicals

Arthur E. Gay, President

Leith Anderson

Daniel Mercaido

Robert W. McIntyre, 1st V.P.

Arthur Climenhaga

John Perkins

Ray Hughes, 2nd V.P.

Donald Duff

Paul Toms

Louis L. King, Secretary

Edward Hales

John White

Paul Steiner, Treasurer

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Thomas Zimmerman

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WHITE HOUSE GIFT REGISTER

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President's Gifts
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Date Received: June 1, 1981 Accepted By: _____

Name of Donor: Steve Schlah

Title: of the Vietnam Veterans of Santa Barbara

Address: Veterans Memorial Building 112 W. Cabrillo Blvd.
Santa Barbara, Calif. 93101 Country: U.S.A.

Presented By:

Donor: x Other (Name): _____

Address: _____

Circumstances of Presentation: gave it in memory of the 56,000 men who
died in Vietnam - see accompanying
statement

Brief Description of Gift: _____
multi - metal sculpture

Gift Intended For:

President: x First Lady: _____ President & First Lady: _____

Other First Family Member (Name): _____

Other (Name): _____ Title: _____

Office: _____ Tel.: _____

Acknowledgement:

Copy Attached: _____ To Be Handled By Gift Unit: xx
(Only for President and/or First Lady)

Disposition: To White House Gift Unit, Room 62, OEOB Date: June 8, 1981

Report Prepared By: Morton Blackwell Tel: x 2657

Other Comments:

*Religious
Presidential
Message*

STRAIGHT WIRE - MARCH 18, 1982

Dr. Jack Hiles
First Baptist Church
523 Sibley Boulevard
Hammond, Indiana 46320

I am happy to send greetings to all those who gather for the 19th Annual Pastors School.

Our churches have such an important role in our daily lives, providing inspiration and guidance to their members and service not only to their own members but their communities, too.

You have my best wishes as you close your conference and prepare to return to your ministries.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Livingston:ck

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell/K.Camalier/CF

*Presidential
Message*

December 1, 1981

Dear Dr. Hamill:

As you celebrate this special moment in your life, Nancy and I would like to join your family and friends in offering our heartfelt congratulations.

Our nation's heritage has been deeply enriched by the work of those individuals who have given of themselves so that the spiritual needs of people might be fulfilled. Although friends honor you at this time, even you will never know the results of your dedicated work, and that is as it should be. Yet we realize, too, that the seeds that you have planted in your lifetime will grow forever, and we are inspired by your example.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you on this memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Reverend James E. Hamill
First Assembly of God Church
255 North Highland
Memphis, Tennessee 38111

WHcc:

The Honorable Ralph Duncan
Member of the House of Representatives
of the State of Tennessee
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

cc: Morton Blackwell

RR/AVH/sew
P-17

November 6, 1981

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for "Unity '81."

The work of this conference is especially significant in view of the legislation pending before Congress. The different provisions being considered range from Constitutional amendments to a Human Life Statute. Although there is disagreement at this point among their supporters, the measures all share the goal of providing greater protection for the most defenseless and innocent among us, the unborn child. In accordance with my long held views on abortion, I look forward to one of these proposals reaching my desk for action.

You have my best wishes for a productive conference and continued progress in the future.

RONALD REAGAN

Sent to:

DELIVER TO MORTON BLACKWELL 2657

RR:WELLS:vs

cc: K.Osborne/A.Locke/J.Wells/M.Blackwell/CF

EVENT: NOV.6

September 8, 1981

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for the Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ.

Spiritual development is one of the most important elements underlying the strength of the American people. I know your organization contributes to the spiritual vitality of your members and the nation. While the coming year, like those of the past, presents a challenge to achieving the goals of your Faith, your optimism in facing those obstacles is an example to all of us.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable Convocation and for your success in the future.

RONALD REAGAN

Sent Special Delivery to:
The Reverend Howard E. Quillen, Jr.
Editor in Chief
Church of God in Christ, Inc.
272 South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Enclosure: 8x10 glossy photo

RR:Wells:keb
cc: H.vonDamm/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell/CF
DUE: ASAP
EVENT: November (Memphis)
Requested by Reverend Quillen.

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*Presidential
Messages*

STRAIGHT WIRE - NOVEMBER 13, 1981

Reverend J. A. Gaines, S.T.L.
Executive Director
Helping Hand Rescue Mission, Inc.
65 East 25th Street
Huntington Station, NY 11746

I am very proud to extend my congratulations as the Helping Hand Rescue Mission celebrates its sixteenth anniversary.

As you know, my Administration is endeavoring to strengthen the spirit of voluntarism in our great nation and I proudly commend the Reverend J. A. Gaines and all those affiliated with the mission for your heartfelt efforts in behalf of your fellow man.

You have my best wishes for continued success in the important work that you do.

With warm personal regard and, again, my congratulations.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:LIVINGSTON
cc: K. Osborne/M. Blackwell/D. Livingston/A. Locke/CF
EVENT: NOV. 15

October 1, 1981

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Dear Mr. Brown:

As the President indicated in his letter to you, your request to present him with a copy of the second edition of your book was forwarded to our scheduling office to see if a meeting could be worked out.

Unfortunately, the demands on the President's time continue to be so heavy that we are not able to add this meeting to his schedule. I am sure you know how much the President appreciated your interest and how much he regrets not being able to visit with you again.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harold O.J. Brown
Trinity Evangelical Divinity
School
2065 Half Day Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

cc: Michael K. Deaver; Elizabeth Dole
GJN:cv:emb-46a

*Presidential
Messages*

October 30, 1981

Nancy and I are delighted to extend our greetings to members and guests of the Bible Way Churches World Wide Inc. as you meet for your 54th Annual Banquet.

This special evening is a time for thoughtful reflection on the important work you do.

You have our best wishes for a very successful evening and continued effectiveness in your program.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Sent to:

Dr. Smallwood E. Williams
Presiding Bishop
Bible Way Churches World Wide Inc.
c/o Hyatt Regency Hotel
Washington, D.C.

CALL GERALDINE BROWN WHEN SIGNED: 727-0274 or 554-8783.

RR:Livingston:sew

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/A.Locke/M.Blackwell/CF

EVENT: OCT. 30

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Pms Greetings*

July 16, 1981

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Holmes:

Happy Anniversary!

What a wonderful milestone -- your 70th wedding anniversary. We're sure there are many fond memories of your life together which will make July 26 -- and July 27! -- a day of joyful celebration.

Nancy joins me in sending our warmest congratulations and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses M. Holmes
522 N. Allen Road
Zephyr Hills, Florida 33599

RONALD REAGAN

RR/AVH/PAG/pps

bcc: Martin Anderson
~~WXXX/B/B/~~ Morton Blackwell
S. Russell Stearns

September 14, 1983

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gray:

I appreciated receiving the symbolic plaque which Dr. James E. Johnson presented at the White House on your behalf. It is always a special source of encouragement to know that I can rely on the spiritual support of friends and I am truly grateful for your prayers as I work toward the goals all God-fearing people fervently desire.

Nancy joins me in sending you our warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Gray
32 Loch Street
Toowoomba, Queensland
Australia

RR:CMF:JEH:AVH:mds

cc: Morton Blackwell

DISPATCH THRU STATE.

September 14, 1983

Dear Johnny:

I'm sorry I missed seeing you when you came to the White House last month but I do want to thank you for the wonderful gifts you presented to Morton Blackwell for me. Nancy and I look forward to sharing in your autobiography and are truly grateful for the inscription you penned on the flyleaf. It was a pleasure to write to the other thoughtful folks and we really appreciate your seeing that we received their special remembrances.

Nancy and I send our best to you and Juanita.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable James E. Johnson
11510 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland 20902

RR:CMF:JEH:AVH:mjs

cc: Morton Blackwell

NIGHTLETTER - October 28, 1983

Mr. Charles Houston
Holiday Inn
Brooke Haven, Mississippi 39601

Congratulations on your 100th birthday.

Nancy and I are delighted to join your family and friends
in wishing you well on your special day. We send our warm
regards and our hopes for future happiness.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:MAK:AVH:plr10pmb
cc: Morton Blackwell

September 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Freed:

This is to express my sincere thanks for the handsome clock which Dr. James E. Johnson presented at the White House on your behalf. You and your associates were most kind to think of me and I am truly grateful for the spiritual support that prompted your gift.

My best wishes to you and your colleagues as I continue to work, with God's help, toward the goals we all so fervently desire.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Clyde H. Freed, Jr.
Vice President, Sales
God's Blessings, Inc.
Suite 31
620 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RR:CMF:JEH:AVH:mds

cc: Morton Blackwell

September 14, 1983

Dear Mr. Stone:

You were kind to remember me with the set of recordings of The New Testament which Dr. James E. Johnson presented at the White House in August. Your spiritual gift is a real source of encouragement as I work toward the goals all peace-loving peoples desire. Thank you very much for your meaningful gesture of friendship.

Nancy joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. James Stone
c/o Dr. James E. Johnson
11510 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, Maryland 20902

RR:CMF:JEH:AVH:mds

cc: Morton Blackwell

October 27, 1983

It is a special privilege to extend my warm congratulations on the Twenty-fifth anniversary of "Missions to Military."

For twenty-five years your Servicemen's Centers have touched the lives of many of our men and women who faithfully serve their country in the Armed Services. Your organization's concern for the spiritual and moral well-being of our Service personnel is deeply appreciated.

I wish you and your organization continued success in your future endeavors.

RONALD REAGAN

SENT TO:

The Reverend Keith H. Davey
Executive Director
Missions to Military
Post Office Box 6
Norfolk, Virginia 23501

RR:LIVINGSTON: - 10liv

cc:

K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell/E.Hickey/CF

DUE: ASAP

Draft information provided by DOD

October 28, 1983

Nancy and I are proud to send our warm greetings and best wishes to all those gathered for this event sponsored by the MIA-POW Rally Committee.

In the last several months there has been progress in resolving the MIA-POW issue, but it has been limited and has proven disappointing for all of us. I want each of you to know that our commitment has not diminished in any way. We feel a strong partnership with the families and all our citizens concerned with this issue.

We will not forget the great love of country of the young Americans who left their homes and families to fight in Vietnam. They are part of a long tradition of Americans who have bravely served our nation in efforts to repel the challenge of tyranny. Those involved in that conflict have shown the singular sacrifice and devotion that have repeatedly shaped America's destiny. We will not relent in our efforts to bring about a full accounting of MIA-POW concerns.

You have our heartfelt prayers as you meet to urge a final resolution of this tragic issue.

RR:Wells:pmv

cc: K. Osborne/D. Livingston/M Blackwell/B.
Kimmitt-NSC/cf

EVENT: OCTOBER 30
TO MORTON BLACKWELL FOR DISPATCH