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Pro Life

Fran Watson
53 Cold Spring Hills Road
Huntington, New York 11743

Kathy
Draft
"Dear Fran"
note of
thanks with
comment
that
Caputo
was
impressive
a my
letter
Monday
FB

May 20, 1981

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution which was passed recently by the New York Right to Life Party regarding support of Bruce Caputo's candidacy for U.S. Senate in 1982.

We anticipate making this endorsement formally in June of next year when it will be legal. However, Mr. Caputo has been screened by the state committee and found acceptable at this time. He and Arthur Finkelstein feel that an early statement of support by the minor party which put Al D'Amato in office would be of help in blocking possible primary candidates.

Senator Moynihan will seek (with some success most likely) in appealing to the traditional Catholic on the issue of tuition tax credits. (Even if his identification is largely undeserved as a champion of that cause.)

You are free to use this in any way you wish, of course.

Sincerely,

Fran

Fran Watson
3rd C.D. State Committeeman

(516) 421-0094

New York State

RIGHT TO LIFE PARTYP.O. BOX 119
MERRICK, N.Y. 11566

May 4, 1981

RIGHT TO LIFE PARTY RESOLUTION
1982 U. S. SENATE RACE

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan has consistently voted against the rights of the unborn. He has shown a flagrant disregard for human and natural rights.

Senator Moynihan's disregard for human life is deplorable and unacceptable to the membership of the Right to Life Party and to all of the people of New York State and this great nation. For that reason we will strongly oppose Senator Moynihan's re-election.

Bruce Caputo, who has requested our party's nomination, has a record of unqualified support for human life, and in word and deed has consistently supported programs and policies designed to encourage the right to life of all human beings, including the unborn.

Mr. Caputo's public career is to be applauded. We strongly encourage his candidacy to replace Daniel Moynihan as Senator from New York, and we as a party through this resolution hereby state our intent to endorse Bruce Caputo for the U. S. Senate in 1982. Our U. S. Senate must have men and women of ability who consider human life sacred.

MARY JANE TOBIN
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Warren CountySEBASTIAN McGARIGLE
Chautauqua County

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1981

Fran Watson
53 Cold Spring Hills Road
Huntington, NY 11743


Dear Fran:

Thank you for sending me the copy of the New York Right to Life Party resolution supporting Bruce Caputo's Senate candidacy.

Mr. Caputo was a guest of mine at a recent luncheon with several leaders of influential conservative political action committees. He was very impressive, and I received several very favorable comments from those present.

I appreciate your keeping me informed.

Sincerely,


Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1982

Dear Mr. Smith:

In my capacity as White House liaison to pro-life groups, Craig Fuller has passed on to me the audio-visual presentation and research paper on pro-life timing and strategy you sent him.

I have found the research paper and the slides very interesting.

I agree the pro-life issue is one of the most important facing our Nation. The work of the Crusade for Life, Inc. is greatly appreciated.

If you have any other information you would like to share with me, please pass it along.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Donald S. Smith
Crusade for Life, Inc.
P.O. Box 1433
Whittier, CA. 90609

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON APR 5 1982
April 5, 1982

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE
FROM: **CRAIG L. FULLER**

- FYI
- Comment
- Action

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reply!*

For direct reply.

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From: Donald S. Smith
Crusade for Life, Inc.

Date Received: 82 / 04 / 05

Subject: Sends audio-visual presentation re: the Life issue.

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March 29, 1982

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I sincerely hope that the Life issue is still in the forefront of your thoughts. The more one learns about this issue, the clearer it becomes that this is the pivotal problem in America, the key to all other issues, social and economic alike.

Sincerest regards,

CRUSADE FOR LIFE, INC.



Donald S. Smith
Founder & Chairman

DSS:tj

Enclosures

cc: Mike Elliott
Carl Karcher
Chuck Kohlenberger

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 16, 1982

Morton:

Please review, provide reply
for Elizabeth's signature and
advise your recommendations.

Thanks.

Red

*Was Donald Smith
on list for
President's
April 5 meeting*

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Document Date: 82 / 03 / 03

From: Donald S. Smith
Crusade for Life, Inc.

Date Received: 82 / 03 / 08

Subject: Sends copy of research paper on pro-life timing and strategy. Suggests President should consider issuing Proclamation of Personhood.

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COMMENTS: For direct reply.

Morton - Please review, provide reply for HUD signature and adv. to your recs.

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March 3, 1982

Mr. Craig Fuller
Assistant to the President
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Dear Craig,

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Here, at long last, is my research paper on pro-life timing and strategy.

I sincerely hope you will have the time to peruse it, as it presents the complete argument for my thesis that the time remaining to the pro-life movement is very brief.

Let me say again that the matter of abortion is of the greatest pertinence to Mr. Reagan's presidency. Abortion is not just a moral problem, not just a social problem. Like slavery, abortion is a great crack in our nation's foundation of liberty and justice for all.


I personally doubt that our economic woes will cease as long as this open killing continues.

Mr. Reagan should seriously consider issuing a Proclamation of Personhood. It could only reinforce the Hatch Amendment. Such a proclamation might or might not be observed by the states. But Mr. Reagan will have taken a definitive step for Life, and one which will resound throughout the world. He will have shown himself to be a man of vision even greater than Abraham Lincoln.

In your position as a confidential advisor to the President, perhaps you could urge him to think and pray about this momentous step. While there is still some possibility of solving the abortion problem.

Sincerely yours,

CRUSADE FOR LIFE, INC.


Donald S. Smith
Founder & Chairman

DSS:tj

Enclosure

cc: Carl N. Karcher
Michael J. Elliott

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February 19, 1982

Mr. Craig L. Fuller
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I recommend viewing the slides in a dark room at 8 - 10 feet. This should make the presentation ideal for a small briefing. Perhaps you could arrange to show it to the senior staff, or even the President.

As I mentioned earlier, the full research report should be reproduced in another two weeks. I plan to send you a copy promptly.

I sincerely hope that the Life issue is still in the forefront of your thoughts. The more one learns about this issue, the clearer it becomes that this is the pivotal problem in America, the key to all other issues, social and economic alike.

Sincerest regards,



Donald S. Smith
Founder & Chairman

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Enclosures

cc: Mike Elliott
Carl Karcher
Chuck Kohlenberger

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From: Donald S. Smith 820219

Founder & Chairman

Crusade for Life, Inc.

Date Received: 82 / 02 / 16

Subject: Abortion

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COMMENTS: For your appropriate handling.

Originator: Fuller Cribb Hart Hodapp Gonzalez Faoro

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February 9, 1982

Mr. Craig L. Fuller
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Craig,

Over five months have elapsed since Carl Karcher, Mike Elliott, and I met with you at the Century Plaza Hotel, but the impact of that occasion has remained fresh in my thoughts. At that time I promised you copies of the charts I presented on pro-life timing and strategy, together with written information covering the key points.

Preparing this material developed into a rather time-consuming project. But the information is now ready for release, so I am sending you under separate cover a set of 14 slides and a cassette tape containing the narrative material. I will also send you a copy of my research paper, when reproduction is complete.

I am also sending copies of this information to key pro-life people in Washington, such as Henry Hyde and Dr. Koop.

When you review the data, I think you will agree that the time remaining to the pro-life movement is very short. Although the Hatch Amendment is now moving through Congress, there is considerable doubt as to whether it will make it. If it fails, we will have to start all over. Meanwhile, over 3,000 babies a day are dying at the hands of abortionists.

I still firmly believe that a Presidential Proclamation is an essential step in the solution, even as it was during Lincoln's presidency. The Proclamation of Personhood does not conflict with other approaches. In fact it fits hand and glove with proposals such as the various amendments and the Human Life Bill.

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To: Elizabeth
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Mr. Craig Fuller
February 9, 1982
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Have you had opportunity to present my letter to Mr. Reagan? Is he considering the idea? I still strongly urge for him the same briefing we gave you, not because he isn't pro-life, but because he should see firsthand how urgent the problem is.

Please give me your comments on the strategy and timing presentation I am forwarding, and feel free to share it with anyone else.

Sincerely for Life,

CRUSADE FOR LIFE, INC.



Donald S. Smith
Founder & Chairman

DSS:tj

cc: Carl Karcher
Mike Elliott

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Morton*

FROM: Diana Lozano

SUBJECT:

The attached is for your:

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Comments: _____

Susan: Copy for my files.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: Diana Lozano *DL*

FROM: June Farrell

RE: LIFE Magazine Poll: December 4, 1981
Abortion--Women's Attitudes

*Site
Right
to Life
MB*

As requested, here is a synopsis of results of a poll on abortion attitudes conducted by Yankelovich, Skelly and White for LIFE magazine as reported in the November, 1981 issue of LIFE.

The poll sample numbered 1,015 women for all sections of the U.S. and the error margin was put at roughly 3%.

While opinions vary by region, income group, religion, race and age, one significant consensus is clear: not one major grouping--including the most politically conservative--believes a woman should be legally denied the right to choose to have an abortion if she determines the procedure is necessary.

Put more specifically:

56% of the women polled agree the procedure is "morally wrong."

67% believe no legal obstacle should be placed in a woman's way once she's decided an abortion is necessary.

60% state flatly they oppose the congressional effort to declare the moment of conception as beginning of life and to extend legal status to the fetus.

92% favor abortion when the woman's life is at risk.

Breaking these figures down further:

- Demographically, support for legal abortion drops to 61% among Catholic women, to 62% among women age 55 years and over, and 55% among women who've had 4 or more children. Meanwhile, 80% of all non-white women support abortion.
- Geographically, 54% of women in rural America support abortion, 71% of women living in central cities support abortion. Regionally, pro-choice sentiment runs highest, 75%, in the West.
- Two out of three pro-choice advocates also favor passage of the ERA, but this isn't a reliable guide to the abortion issue since 45% of women who oppose abortion would like to see ERA become law anyway.
- 62% of women who call themselves politically "conservative" favor legal abortion.
- Opposition ^{is} swells when the question comes down to using government funds to pay for abortion. But, 75% of the women are willing to support public funding if the need for abortion results from rape or incest.

Tues Nov 24 ?

Howard
Paul
Terry
Richard
Ron Godwin
The Conservative
Caucus

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 17, 1981
Baker & Meese
9-9:30

Dear Mr. Messing:

With regard to your letter of November 11th, requesting a meeting between Mr. Meese and the American Life Lobby, the Life Amendment PAC, and the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress (CSFC): I have referred your request to Mr. Lyn Nofziger, who asks that you meet with him to discuss the agenda suggested. He can be reached through the White House switchboard at 456-1414.

If, after meeting with your 3 groups, Mr. Nofziger feels that any of the agenda items require Mr. Meese's personal attention, he will let us know.

In view of the large percentage of the many issues, problems, and initiatives addressed to Mr. Meese, but which can be handled by the White House staff without Mr. Meese's personal participation, we have to ask that your request receive some preliminary staffing before attempting to involve him personally. As an active, sophisticated, Washington-based organization, I'm sure you can understand the problem.

Sincerely,

Jim Jenkins
JAMES E. JENKINS

Deputy Counsellor to the President

Mr. F. Andy Messing, Jr.
Executive Director
The Conservative Caucus, Inc.
National Headquarters
450 Maple Avenue East
Vienna, Virginia 22180

✓ cc: Mr. Lyn Nofziger

Ed - your baby
[Signature]

November 6, 1981

Mr. Edwin Meese, III
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Meese,

We are very concerned about the lack of a coordinated strategy to accomplish the September Budget reduction recommended by President Reagan.

We do not believe that efforts on an amendment by amendment, appropriation by appropriation bill basis will be successful to accomplish in total any where near the President's Budget figures.

We request a meeting to discuss a strategy to accomplish the President's Budget in connection with the FY 82 Second Continuing Resolution which must be acted on by the Congress before November 20th.

The discussion would cover provisions in the Second Continuing Resolution which would prohibit spending at a rate greater than the levels recommended by President Reagan in September. This would accomplish the goals of many of the undersigned groups such as the elimination of The Legal Services Corporation and reduction of funds for Title 10.

Because of the time frame we request that this meeting occur on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 10 or 11. In this regard, please have someone contact Mrs. Helen Gombert, secretary to Mr. Howard Phillips of The Conservative Caucus, (281-6782), to advise us when this would be possible.

We are ready and willing to fight for the President's September Budget request as we did on Gramm-Latta I and II and Conable-Hance, but we must be clear in the approach to this effort.

Signed,

The Conservative Caucus
The Moral Majority
National Christian Action Coalition
Gun Owners of America
Public Service Research Council
National Defense Council

cc: James Baker
Michael Deaver

*Conservative
Caucus*

November 6, 1981

Mr. James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff & Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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The Moral Majority
National Christian Action Coalition
Gun Owners of America
Public Service Research Council
National Defense Council

cc; Edwin Meese
Michael Deaver
bc: Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Conservative
Caucus*

November 23, 1981

TO: Red Cavaney
FROM: Morton Blackwell *MB*
RE: Conservative Organization leaders

In addition to the letter to Mike Deaver requesting a meeting, conservative organization leaders wrote letters to Mr. Baker and Mr. Meese. Last week someone from Mr. Baker's office called Andy Messing and set up a meeting per Messing's letter.

Prior to the furlough, the meeting was scheduled for Tuesday at 9 AM, November 24. Mr. Baker and Mr. Meese are scheduled to meet with Howard Phillips, the Conservative Caucus, Paul Weyrich, Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress, Terry Dolan, NCPAC, Richard Viguerie, The Viguerie Company, and Ron Godwin, the Moral Majority.

I have been asked to sit in on this meeting, as was Ed Rollins, but Rollins is going to be out of town.



The Conservative Caucus, Inc.

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November 11, 1981

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff & Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

Not having heard from your office, reference the attached letter, I am taking the liberty to again request a meeting in the immediate future.

Since time is critical in developing an active and cogent strategy to support the President's efforts, it is imperative that this meeting be held at the earliest possible time. Again, please coordinate with Mrs. Helen Gombert, secretary to Mr. Howard Phillips of The Conservative Caucus (281-6782).

Three other organizations are interested in participating in this meeting (besides the ones listed in the attached letter):

- American Life Lobby
- Life Amendment PAC
- Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress (CSFC)

Anxiously awaiting your response.

Sincerely,

F. Andy Messing Jr.

F. Andy Messing, Jr.
Executive Director

FAM:mrw
Attachment

cc: Edwin Meese
James A. Baker

I called 11-12-81. Said letter wasn't signed + they didn't call back. Would put on "request list"

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November 6, 1981

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff & Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver,

We are very concerned about the lack of a coordinated strategy to accomplish the September Budget reduction recommended by President Reagan.

We do not believe that efforts on an amendment by amendment, appropriation by appropriation bill basis will be successful to accomplish in total any where near the President's Budget figures.

We request a meeting to discuss a strategy to accomplish the President's Budget in connection with the FY 82 Second Continuing Resolution which must be acted on by the Congress before November 20th.

The discussion would cover provisions in the Second Continuing Resolution which would prohibit spending at a rate greater than the levels recommended by President Reagan in September. This would accomplish the goals of many of the undersigned groups such as the elimination of The Legal Services Corporation and reduction of funds for Title 10.

Because of the time frame we request that this meeting occur on Tuesday or Wednesday, November 10 or 11. In this regard, please have someone contact Mrs. Helen Gombert, secretary to Mr. Howard Phillips of The Conservative Caucus, (281-6782), to advise us when this would be possible.

We are ready and willing to fight for the President's September Budget request as we did on Gramm/Latta I and II and Conable-Hance, but we must be clear in the approach to this effort.

Signed,

- ✓ The Conservative Caucus
- ✓ The Moral Majority
- ✓ National Christian Action Coalition
- ✓ Gun Owners of America
- ✓ Public Service Research Council
- ✓ National Defense Council

cc: Edwin Meese
James Baker

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1981

TO: Mike Deaver
FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole
RE: Response to letter from Andy Messing

Morton Blackwell of my staff suggests that one or more of you, Ed Meese and Jim Baker should agree to meet with leaders of these six conservative groups who are interested in discussing strategy for passing the President's budget.

These groups have been given to understand by Max Friedersdorf that his office only implements policy. Since they so frequently pour in resources to help pass the President's legislative program, they want to establish at least some form of dialogue with us over strategy.

These groups and others in alliance with them are an important part of the President's winning coalition. I recommend that you meet with them.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JIM JENKINS

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*
SUBJECT: 4:30 P.M. January 26th Meeting with
Conservatives

Mrs. Dole reported that Mr. Meese suggested at the senior staff meeting this morning that appropriate conservative staffers were invited to attend his meeting with conservative leaders this afternoon.

Mrs. Dole has asked me to attend for the Office of Public Liaison, and I will do so unless you suggest otherwise.

*Please do,
Ed Meese said last
night that you would
be welcome, I simply
didn't get around to
telling you — JES*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file
Pro-Cons. Gps.

May 21, 1981

To: Red Cavaney
From: Morton Blackwell
Re: Heat regarding schedule proposal

Diana delivered to me a message that my "pro-life friends told on" me regarding Mike Deaver's decision against that schedule proposal.

That is nonsense. I did not give anyone any confidences to break.

You will recall that you instructed me repeatedly to tell Paul Weyrich that the plan he and EHD had worked out was approved in concept and that it was just a matter of having Mike Deaver give approval on a date. I did so per your instruction.

It is Mike's job to make this sort of decision, and everyone knows it. I certainly have not suggested to Weyrich or anyone else that this decision should be objected to. I said we would try again later. If Weyrich has mounted an effort convince Mike to change his mind, he has spared me knowledge of it.


Relying on your advice regarding the direction of flow on a hillside, I accept being cast as the villain in this piece. But if anyone here expects that anyone can bat 100% in keeping conservatives happy with all our decisions, please rethink.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM



DATE: 7/12/82 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY ASAP

SUBJECT: DRAFT MESSAGE FOR RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

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Remarks:

Per discussion in Senior Staff, would you please provide comments on the attached to my office ASAP. The remarks are scheduled to be taped at 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

(Dolan/AB)
July 9, 1982
4:00 p.m.

TAPING: MESSAGE FOR RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION
Monday, July 12, 1982

Last year there were more than one and one half million abortions in America. This is a great moral evil and an assault on the sacredness of human life.

No one in America is more sensitive to this enormous tragedy and no one in America has done more to put a stop to it than those of you attending this Right to Life Convention. It is you who have attempted to protect the helpless and speak for the unborn; you have carried the burden and fought the good fight. For this, God will bless you, and for this, millions of Americans, myself included, thank you.

But now -- as Congress approaches the three quarter mark in its current session -- you deserve much more than thanks or mere verbal support. And certainly the hundreds of thousands and perhaps millions of unborn children who face extinction this year deserve much more than words -- they deserve to have their right to life fully protected by law. The time has come for Congress to face the national tragedy of abortion -- to fully discuss and debate on the House and Senate floor the heartbreaking dimensions of this tragedy. The time has also come for Congress to act -- to pass human life legislation.

Those of you who supported anti-abortion candidates in the 1980 election -- and those of us who as candidates actively spoke out against abortion -- cannot be accused of being irresponsible or overly zealous in our pursuit of human life legislation. We

have been patient and realistic. Last year we understood that past national policies had headed our country well down the road to economic disaster. We knew we had to deal with this momentous problem; we did so with urgency and effectiveness. I know that many of you supported and worked hard for this Administration's program for economic recovery.

But as I said a few months after taking office -- and in the midst of our attempts to change our economic policy -- this Administration does not and will not have separate agendas -- one for economic matters, one for the so-called "social" issues. Our concern is to make America healthy: economically, morally, in every way. Abortion is an inescapable national dilemma. It is a problem that cannot wait; it must be confronted.

The abortion tragedy is after all one of the greatest moral -- and potentially one of the most divisive -- issues to ever face this country. As history shows in the case of other such great issues, those men and women in public life who attempt to ignore them are only causing a deeper disarray in our national life and increasing the potential for disunity and disruption.

Like the Dred Scott decision, the Supreme Court's ruling that legalized abortion will continue to have a profound and painful impact on our Nation until it is properly addressed by the people through their elected representatives. Only the other day, a federal judge in Connecticut reopened the whole legal debate on this matter when he ruled that a fetus had civil rights including the right to sue an alleged attacker. Recently, a report by the Senate Judiciary Committee emphasized the far reaching impact of the abortion tragedy by concluding that the

effect of the U.S. Supreme Court decisions has been to legalize abortion right up until the moment of birth.

And only a few months ago . . . many of us read of a child in Bloomington, Indiana permitted by the courts to die only because he was handicapped.

As George Will would write in an emotional but carefully reasoned -- and I might add unforgettable -- essay, the freedom to do away with inconvenient life is now being extended -- just as those of us who are part of the Right to Life movement predicted -- beyond fetal life to entirely new categories of life.

But the truth is: moral evil knows no categories, it can never be carefully managed or easily controlled. If allowed to prosper, it grows and expands; it infects the body politic and eats away at the heart of a Nation. And it hurts the people -- their moral vigor, our national stamina.

That is why the House and Senate must deal with the abortion issue. Major human life measures such as Senator Helm's Human Life Bill, Senator Hatch's Human Life Federalism Amendment and Senator Hatfield's Abortion Funding Restriction Bill deserve full consideration by the Senate this session. Believe me, in all of this, I share your sense of urgency.

You know, it has always puzzled me that those who favor abortion will argue that because a child is not old enough or perfect enough or wanted enough that it is an act of kindness to deny him or her the chance of life.

C.S. Lewis once wrote that "love is something more stern and splendid than mere kindness." This is a critical insight into

the present debate over abortion and it is something of what I meant when I wrote to George Will about his column on that child in Bloomington -- a column in which George mentioned his own handicapped son, Jonathan.

"Jonathan is indeed fortunate," I wrote, "that God has chosen the Wills for his parents; and, as I see from your column, the Wills are even more fortunate that God has given them Jonathan."

This is the heart of the matter. The world is not ours to superintend -- nor is innocent life ours to dispense with or terminate. Those decisions belong to another -- another to whom the mystery of evil and suffering in our world is fully comprehensible and who counts our resignation in these matters to our credit. It is ~~his~~ guidance we seek now and in all of our future efforts.


Obviously, the days ahead will be important ones in the struggle for human life legislation. And what you do during the next few days will be vital to the success of our efforts in this great cause. I want you to know that you have my wholehearted support and my fervent prayers for your success. Have a good convention and God bless you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ED GRAY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Issue Update on Right-to-Life

I discussed with Bill Gribben the idea of an issue update on right-to-life. He believes that the issue is such that plowing new ground or attempting a projection of the President's views based on past statements is inopportune.

Gribben suggests that an issue update on right-to-life should consist of a summary of the President's major statements on this topic. I concur.

I think an issue update could begin with an introductory section which simply states that, because there are currently at least three remedies being proposed to the tragedy of abortion, leaders of most major pro-life organizations have encouraged the President not to express preferences for one remedy over the others.

However, the introductory statement could continue, this is a major public issue and one on which the President has strong views. Therefore we are supplying an updated summary of major statements and positions of the President on the abortion question.

Ed, Doug Martin of my staff has obtained all of the source materials suggested by Bill Gribben for use in preparing an issue update. Attached is all of that information. I hope you find it useful.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 26, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL

FROM: DOUGLAS F. MARTIN *D & M*

SUBJECT: Information that you have requested on the subject of Right to Life

The materials which you have asked me for have been located, and copies of the material are provided for you. The only material included herein which must be returned is the book which must be returned to the OEOB Library.

ENCLOSURE A SINCERELY, RONALD REAGAN

ENCLOSURE B Letter to Nellie Gray

ENCLOSURE C Portions from President Reagan's press conference on March 6, 1981

ENCLOSURE D Transcript which President Reagan read from to tape message for the Right to Life Convention on July 12, 1982

ENCLOSURE E Memorandum for the Attorney General and Secretary Schweiker of April 30, 1982

ENCLOSURE F Letter to Senator Helms of April 5, 1982

ENCLOSURE G Message from President Reagan read by Secretary Schweiker for the 1982 Washington March for Life

ENCLOSURE H-1 Statement by then Governor Reagan on abortion

ENCLOSURE H-2 Policy Statement by then Governor Reagan and George Bush on abortion after the Republican Convention

ENCLOSURE H-3 Portions from President Reagan's press conference on January 19, 1982

ENCLOSURE H-4 Letter to Mr. Beckett of the Intercessors of America

ENCLOSURE H-5 Letter to Mr. Horan thanking him for a copy of the book New Perspectives on Human Abortion

ENCLOSURE H-6 Portions from Presidential Document
Series as of February 26, 1982

ENCLOSURE H-7 Letter to Mr. Sheehan of the Massa-
chusetts Citizens for Life, Inc.

ENCLOSURE H-8 Letter to Mr. Packard thanking him for
a copy of Life Lines

ENCLOSURE H-9 A Quote for Publication

ENCLOSURE H-10 Letter to Dr. Driesbach of the Cali-
fornia Pro-Life Medical Association

ENCLOSURE I Letter from President Reagan to Rep-
resentative Hyde concerning the
Bloomington baby