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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Tuition
Tax
Credits*

June 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

VIA JONATHAN VIPOND

FROM MORTON C. BLACKWELL

SUBJECT: Meeting with Tuition Tax Credit Coalition

This meeting will be in room 194 at 2:15 Friday, June 3.

From my conversation with Nancy Risque yesterday, the tuition tax credit coalition is working to get Packwood and Moynihan to offer tuition tax credits as a floor amendment to the withholding tax repeal bill. They are also working on Roth and D'Amato on the same matter.

Dole refused to add tuition tax credit as a committee amendment, but seems likely not to oppose the amendment on the floor. Speculation is that he hopes amendments will kill the withholding repeal, which I consider very unlikely.

The meeting with the coalition will be very friendly. We have given them what they needed: a strategy for passing both Houses.

The agenda for the meeting:

1. Welcome -- FRW -- "You asked for it; you got it. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how can we help each other now."
2. Legislative status report--Nancy Risque or Bob Kabel
3. Reports on outside activities:
 - a. Bob Baldwin--Citizens for Educational Freedom
 - b. Ed Anthony--U.S. Catholic Conference
 - c. Bob Smith--Council for American Private Education
 - d. Elmer Von Feldt--Knights of Columbus
 - e. Former Gov. Ed Whitcomb--Accelerated Christian Education
 - f. Any others wishing to report

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Tuition Tax Credit Invitees
2:15, Room 194

Charles O'Malley	Department of Education
Gary Jones	Department of Education
Gary Bauer	Department of Education
Bob Baldwin	Citizens for Educational Freedom
Edward Anthony	U.S. Catholic Conference
Frank Monahan	U.S. Catholic Conference
Rev. Thomas Gallagher	U.S. Catholic Conference
Robert Smith	Council on American Private Education
Tara Kalagher	Council on American Private Education
Elmer Von Feldt	Knights of Columbus
Patrick Donlin	Knights of Columbus
Harvey Bacque	Knights of Columbus
James Robinson	U.S. Catholic Conference
Rev. Edward Spiers	Knights of Columbus
Sister Renee Oliver	Citizens for Educational Freedom
Bob Billings	National Christian Action Coalition
Msrg. Francis Barrett	National Catholic Education Association
Rev. Vincent Duminico	Jesuit Secondary Education Association
Paul Weyrich	Committee for the Survival of A Free Congress
Roy Jones	The Moral Majority
James Skillen	Association for Public Justice
Rebecca Rodriguez	Citizens for Educational Freedom
Mark Jones	The Moral Majority

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June 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Tuition Tax Credits

It is clear that we will get little cooperation from the U. S. Catholic Conference people. They were the only ones throwing out excuses for inaction. I expected the meeting to go much better, underestimating the venom of this group. Their concern seems to be to arrange to blame us for their inaction and for the eventual failure of the bill they may cause.

I suggest one way to settle the matter of "real" White House support for this amendment: ask Ken Duberstein to call Packwood and Moynihan and say the President would strongly support their motion to amend the Withholding Bill by adding Tuition Tax Credits. Bear in mind that Packwood and Moynihan are really closer to the U.S.C.C. than to the Administration on most issues. I would not be surprised to see Packwood and Moynihan find a way to scuttle Tuition Tax Credits if they can blame us. Packwood and Moynihan have been shamed into cooperating this year; neither has any more reason than the U.S.C.C. to want President Reagan to get any political benefit for passing Tuition Tax Credits.

Therefore, there is a great danger in giving Packwood and Moynihan the lead on Tuition Tax Credits. I suggest we take out an insurance policy. I am told that, if asked by the White House, Senator Grassley will introduce Tuition Tax Credits as an amendment to the withholding repeal bill. Duberstein (or Meese) might ask Grassley also to offer what we are asking Packwood and Moynihan to offer. Then if Packwood and Moynihan should happen to want to back down for any reason, Grassley still has a vehicle we can support and which Packwood and Moynihan would have at least to vote for. This will give us a much stronger position.

In summary, someone high on the White House staff should call Packwood and Moynihan as well as Grassley to make it clear that the President wants Tuition Tax Credits on the withholding bill.

Finally, someone must tell Treasury Assistant Secretary Buck Chapoton and Secretary Regan as soon as possible that the President wants Tuition Tax Credits added to the repealer bill. Chapoton was a problem on the Tuition Tax Credits from the outset, nearly preventing us from uniting the Tuition Tax Credit coalition last year on a single bill. We must not be scuttled by some statement from Treasury uncoordinated with our strategy.

Despite all of our problems, we may be on the verge of winning this battle if we don't lose our nerve or get caught napping by some who are ostensibly our friends.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on June 3, 19 83

for MORTON C. BLACKWELL of OPL:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

- O'MALLEY, Charles
- JONES, Gary
- BAUER, Gary
- BALDWIN, Robert
- ANTHONY, Edward
- MONAHAN, Frank
- GALLAGHER, Thomas
- SMITH, Robert
- KALAGHER, Tara
- VON FELDT, Elmer
- DONLIN, Patrick
- BACQUE, Harvey
- ROBINSON, James
- SPIERS, Edward
- OLIVER, Renee
- BILLINGS, Robert
- BARRETT, Francis
- DUMINICO, Vincent
- WEYRICH, Paul
- JONES, Roy
- SKILLEN, James
- RODRIGUEZ, Rebecca
- JONES, Mark
- MURRAY, Mary
- HENZKE, Leonard
- LEHRFELD, William
- DONOVAN, Marcella
- BUTLER, Gregory

MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB

Requested by SHORTLEY

Room No. 194

Room No. 191 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 2 pm

Date of request June 3, 1983

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

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June 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

VIA JONATHAN VIPOND

FROM MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

Per our discussion with Nancy Risque and Bob Kabel, we have set up the following meetings with Bob Kabel:

5pm, Monday, June 20--Sister Renee Oliver

5pm, Tuesday, June 21--Bob Baldwin

9:30 am, Wednesday, June 22--Leonard DeFiore

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: Faith Ryan Whittlesey
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Tuition Tax Credit Strategy

Bob Baldwin has spoken to Bob Kabel regarding a possible strategy for passage of tuition tax credits.

The suggestion is this: Attach tuition tax credits in the Senate to the House passed repealer of dividend and interest withholding.

Among its other assets, this course of action would be face-saving for the President because he could maintain, correctly, that he is getting at least one of his priorities handled while losing the withholding battle.

Perhaps Mr. Baker would be interested in this strategy.

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