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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 23, 1981

Rev. W. E. Blake I
Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
William Howard Taft Road at Kemper Lane
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206

Dear Rev. Blake:

Thank you for your letter to the President, requesting a meeting involving a group of clergy and citizens from Cincinnati.

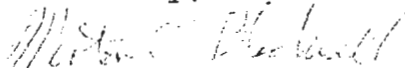
Your interest in meeting and talking with the President is most appreciated. Unfortunately, due to heavy demands on his schedule, such a meeting can not be arranged at this time.

You might be interested to know that the Administration recently held a briefing for religious leaders on the President's economic program. Representatives of the African Methodist Episcopal Church participated in this meeting.

As the President's liaison with religious groups, I would be happy to hear any concerns, questions, or suggestions you might have. Please feel free to communicate with me regarding matters of concern to you.

Once again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 11, 1981

*Done (Morton -
recontacted!)*

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE
THRU: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *MA. J.*
FROM: POWELL A. MOORE *P.A.M.*
SUBJECT: Bishop's Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

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cc: Greg Newell -

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With cordial regards,

Sincerely,

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Powell A. Moore
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Legislative Affairs (Senate)

The Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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cc: Greg Newell (thru Max Friedersdorf)
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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

UNITED STATES SENATE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

STROM THURMOND

April 29, 1981

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

Dear Mr. President:

Bishop Quinton Anderson, Secretary of the Bishops' Council of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, would like to lead a delegation of nine A.M.E. Bishops to Washington to meet with you at your convenience.

These churchmen would like to personally pledge to you their support for your program of individual initiative and self-help as you address the economic and social problems facing our Nation.

Should you be able to meet with Bishop Anderson and his colleagues, then your staff should contact Mr. Taft Holland to work out the details. Mr. Holland's address is:

Mr. Taft Holland
3454 Gunston Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22302
Home: 820-5825
Work: 254-5150

I believe that a meeting with these leaders would be very helpful to your program, and I hope that you will be able to meet with this delegation.

With warmest personal regards,

Respectfully,

Strom Thurmond

ST:hf

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STRAIGHT WIRE - JULY 12, 1983

The Right Reverend Frank M. Reid, Jr.
Suite 207, Cantey Building
3710 Landmark Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29240

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for the "Megatrends Dinner" of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

This special occasion provides a welcome opportunity to express my high regard for the work of your organization. The members of the A.M.E. Church have repeatedly demonstrated their deep concern for the well-being of their fellow citizens and the future of our country. Your strong leadership and vision are playing an instrumental role in furthering the progress of Black Americans throughout our nation.

You have my best wishes for a most rewarding event and continued success in the future.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Wells:ck

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/E.Rollins/M.Blackwell/
M.Bradley/CF

EVENT: JULY 12

Requested by Fred Biebel, RNC.