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Apostolic Church

OF JESUS CHRIST

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REV.
MARK J. WACHTSTETTER
PASTOR

March 27, 1981

Dear President Ronald Reagan,

While the nation has recently been bombarded with news of Right Wing groups and their efforts to control local, state, and federal government, there have been thousands of christians puzzled as to the responsibility of the church. We represent many of those people who believe that government control is not the answer. No matter how immoral a nation or it's government the church is destined to flourish. This will happen through evangelism and bringing individuals to their knees. Christ calls individuals to repentance, not nations. Though we believe the answer to our nation's social problems is a return to God and faith, we also realize imposed morals are worthless. There must be a change of heart. This is why we come, requesting affirmation of continued freedom of worship, that as we fall to our knees asking forgiveness for wrong incentives, and other Americans can join with us in this liberty granted to the citizens of our great nation.

Civilizations do not just die, their leaders and people are first destroyed by God. We must never forget that a civilization is not destroyed because of the wickedness of unbelievers, but because of the carnality of christians. It has been said that the destruction of our nation will not come because of evildoers but because good men sit back and do nothing.

We plan to do something. Praying for a change of heart in individuals and asking God for guidance.

May the church realize and accept its responsibility and the government theirs.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Mark J. Wachtstetter

Rev. William O'Keefe
Pastoral Assistant

The people we represent are pro-life. We strongly believe more restraint needs to be brought to government funded abortions. If that leaves it wide open to underground organizations, let them partake in the ugliness of it.

We believe the solution to the economic woes is to continue caring for the needy. Not improper handling of funds, but making sure the right people get the help. The government should work on its own misguided, wasted and misused funds and then perhaps help the church to do the same.

In many cities across the nation our members are opposed to the public school system, and rightfully so. To work with a child and try to bring that child to an understanding of right and wrong, only for the school system to attempt to destroy what they are doing.

Christian Education began in 1620, Public Education in 1837.

A state university restricted all Christian activities on its campus. Meanwhile the university was teaching an eastern religion and giving students prayers to worship the sun and the moon.

A state court brought criminal charges against parents who put their children in a christian school rather than in a public school which admittedly was teaching the religion of secular humanism.

We feel the need is for the American people to return to God. We encourage a government backed week of prayer and humility, giving thanks for what we have and requesting guidance.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
11 Chronicles 7:14

It is our fear that if the American people do not turn back to God shortly the future holds nothing but decadence and internal strife.

We pray God becomes the light shining on a brighter tomorrow and a more hopeful future.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ"
Colossians 2:8

INDIVIDUALISTIC FREEDOMS

Regardless of recent polls we are encouraged with our new administration. The following statements are not meant to be destructive, rather constructive. We trust they will be accepted in this manner.

One of the main concerns is separation of church and state. For this to be fully effective the church should refrain from intensive guidance of government, and likewise the government restrain from church intervention.

Secondly, bringing balance to public education. Teaching theory as theory and nothing more. We are disappointed that our children have been experimented with in the classroom. Values clarification and secular humanism are definitely undermining, and we feel it is not the responsibility of public schools to present spiritual or moral guidelines unless the whole spectrum of morality is presented. If views other than secular humanism and values clarification are not presented by qualified persons, our children should not be forced to participate. We need to realize we are responsible for raising future generations.

I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of Hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of our youth.

"I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."
Martin Luther (Sixteenth Century)

While we support Human Rights to a degree, we also feel that extensive freedoms granted to groups like E.R.A., Gay Rights, and promotion of common law living, are not only undermining to the family unit, but also destructive to the fabric of our society. We feel it inclusive that action be taken immediately concerning these things, not stripping persons of their individual rights but restraining their militancy.

We realize taxation is perhaps a touchy subject with the millions of dollars donated to non-profit organizations yearly. It is the ministries responsibility to steward those funds properly. We are aware there may be misuses, but at the same time the majority are innocent. Many churches would close if taxation was ever placed on them. For this reason we hope for continued freedom from taxation. The only tax we would ever support is on excessive property and business holdings.

WHY THE ROMAN EMPIRE FELL

The events which led to the collapse of the Roman Empire are startlingly similar to the events which are occurring in our nation today.

HISTORICAL SEQUENCE:

1. **STRONG FAMILIES:** Rome was founded on high moral standards. Each father was respected as the head of the family. In the early republic, the father had legal authority to discipline rebellious members of his family.
2. **HOME EDUCATION:** The education of the children was the responsibility of the parents. This further strengthened the children's honor and respect for their parents and also deepened the communication and understanding between parents and children.
3. **PROSPERITY:** Strong Roman families produced a strong nation. The Roman armies were victorious in war. The wealth of conquered nations increased Roman prosperity and prestige.
4. **NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:** Great building programs began in Rome. A vast network of roads united the empire. Magnificent palaces, public buildings, coliseums were constructed.
5. **INFILTRATION OF "THE LIE:"** As Roman families prospered, it became fashionable to hire educated Greeks to care for the children. Greek philosophy, with its humanistic and Godless base, was soon passed on to the Roman families. Women demanded more rights and, in order to accomodate them, new marriage contracts were designed, including "open marriages."
6. **BIG GOVERNMENT:** By the first century A.D. the father had lost his legal authority. It was delegated to the village, then to the city, then to the state, and finally to the empire. In Rome, citizens complained about housing shortages, soaring rents, congested traffic, polluted air, crime in the streets, and the high cost of living.

Unemployment was a perennial problem. To solve it, the government created a multitude of civil service jobs, including building inspectors, health inspectors, and tax collectors.

7. **DECLINE AND PERSECUTION:** The problems of big government only multiplied. Meanwhile, a flourishing New Testament Church was established in the Roman Empire through the preaching of the Apostle Paul and others. The final act of the Roman Empire was to bring great persecution to these Christians.

Rome was quite tolerant of all religions except Christianity. Christianity was banned and Christians were persecuted, burned, and thrown to the lions. Why? Because the very nature of Christianity is intolerant of "the lie" of Satan which is the basis of every other religion.

By the third century, Christianity conquered pagan Rome.



March 11, 1981

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Dear Pastor Wachtstetter:

This is to acknowledge your letter of March 2 asking for a meeting with the President when you and a group of ministers are in Washington the week of March 23-28.

I am sorry I must advise you that the President's heavy schedule precludes his seeing you and the others.

However, Mr. Morton Blackwell of our Domestic Policy Staff will be glad to meet with you, and I suggest that you contact him in advance of your trip here about a mutually agreeable time for an appointment. His telephone number is 202/456-2397.

With my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Mark J. Wachtstetter
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cc and incoming with file to Mr. Blackwell, Room 128 EOB.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MARCH 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM

RED CAVANEY

TO:

FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL

VIA: PATRICIA A.E. RODGERS *TR*

SUBJ: SCHEDULING REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event: MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND A GROUP OF MINISTERS

Date: MARCH 23-28

Location: THE WHITE HOUSE

Background: REVEREND WACHSTETTER MET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER AND WITH BOB MADDOX, CARTER'S RELIGIOUS GROUPS LIAISON, FOR BREAKFAST IN THE WHITE HOUSE LAST YEAR. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED PENTACOSTAL CHURCH (APPROXIMATELY 5,000 CHURCHES NATIONWIDE,) AND HEAD OF CONCERNED YOUNG PASTORS. HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE MORAL MAJORITY. HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET THE PRESIDENT TO EXPRESS HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT AND HIS POLICIES.

NOTE: RETURN REQUESTED BY MARCH 10

RECOMMEND ACCEPT

~~RECOMMEND REGRET~~

COMMENTS:

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Would suggest you "spin" this as an open for the possibility of including in a later group meeting of religious members. OPL staff member Morton Blochweel would love to meet when in town 3/23-28.

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REGRET

Date 3/9

GJN



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REV.
MARK J. WACHTSTETTER
PASTOR

Mr. Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant to the President
Appointment and Scheduling
Old Executive Office Building
Washington D.C.

Mr. President,

Greetings.

We realize the pressures of an incoming administration, but have confidence that policy will transform smoothly under your leadership.

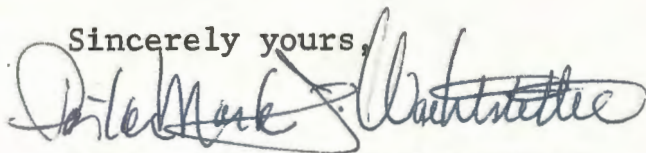
Last October a group of our ministers met in Washington with Mr. Bob Maddox, special liason of religious concerns to former President Jimmy Carter. We shared ideas and expressed concerns with Mr. Maddox as well as seeing former President Carter briefly. We very much enjoyed the visit to our nation's capitol.

We believe in you Mr. President as a man of great potential, possessing aspirations shared by we, the American citizens. Ideologies as those you've expressed, do not come easy; especially to people who have lived blessed, fulfilled lives. When given a cause no one can match the spirit of Americans. We look to you to channel that spirit, to achieve what is good for our nation and also good for the world. On Nov. 4, 1980, you received an overwhelming vote of confidence, a strong foundation on which to build not dreams, but realities. Some of our ministers were privileged to attend your inauguration, Mr. President on Jan. 20. As ministers and traveling evangelists we represent thousands of members and fellow ministers nationwide. We still feel the need to share issues with you our 40th President. While new policies begin to shape our future, we desire to be a part of that future. Not a loud demanding segment, but an active, and free organization, successfully operating in the greatest nation on earth.

For this purpose we request to meet with you to express concerns. A group of our ministers plan to be in Washington the week of March 23-28. We would request audience with you during that week, but realize your busy schedule so we remain somewhat flexible until April 19th, after which several of us will be ministering out of the country.

We anxiously await your response and pray God's blessing on you, Mr. President as you work in a troubled world, but remember, you have hopeful, prayerful Americans behind you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pastor Mark J. Wachtstetter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "W".

Pastor Mark J. Wachtstetter





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April 24 1981

Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Federal Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

We realize the heavy schedule you must carry representing all the groups you handle, but we appreciate the opportunity to share our views with you. We pray God's blessing on our government and its officials in what we feel is a crucial time.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Mark J. Wachtstetter

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Rev. Stanley Wachtstetter
Apostolic Bible College
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September 23, 1983

Morton Blackwell
White House

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Choice Greetings.

In reference to my previous correspondence I had requested a briefing for the brothers on October 26, 1983, and was attempting to bring together the ALJC, the UPC and the PAW. Having received no response from the other groups I would like to negate that request.

I will now attempt to pursue my original plan of bringing together 10-15 Apostolic groups for a briefing at a latter date. I will submit a list of names (between 40-50) and two or three proposed dates for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Stan Wachtstetter

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