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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/8

TO: Morton

FROM: *KARNA SMALL*
Director of Media Relations and Planning

I just returned from a 3-week trip to South America (for USIA) and am trying to get caught up.

About CHRISTIANITY TODAY...I do recall taking this up with Gergen and it was his suggestion at the time (couple of months ago) that we suggest that Meese do the interview. I did advise Jim Jenkins of that - he said he'd try to set it up. I informed the CHRISTIANITY TODAY people that RR couldn't do it, but suggested Meese. Quite honestly, I do not know if they called on Meese or not, but I would imagine they did.

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action

Karna —

Morton Blackwell asked me to find out if this has been scheduled, and if not, whether we should draft a schedule proposal.

Please advise. My # is 2657
ASAP.

Thank you

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I referred this to Jenkins for Messer to do if he wishes.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY

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July 5, 1983

Mr. David Gergen
Assistant to the President for Communications
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Gergen:

In March I wrote to you requesting an interview with the President, to be conducted by two or three editors of CHRISTIANITY TODAY Magazine. Since I have heard nothing in reply, I write again to see if perhaps the first letter has not found its way to your desk. Enclosed please find a copy of that letter.

Our magazine is planning on an extensive article dealing with the President's first term of office, and the impact his administration has had on several important moral issues which are of intense interest to our readership. (CHRISTIANITY TODAY has a paid circulation of approximately 180,000 and is published every other week during most of the year).

If a full-dress interview is not possible, may I ask whether our magazine's Washington correspondent, Beth Spring, could have a brief, 15-minute interview on several very specific questions with which she is dealing as she prepares her article on the President's first term? This would need to be done by the end of July or the first week in August at the very latest.

Whatever consideration might be extended to my request will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Minnery
Editor, Contemporary Issues

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enclosure

cc: Morton Blackwell, White House ✓
Robert Dugan, National Association of Evangelicals
Beth Spring

*check on status;
find out if it is
scheduled, ask
communications if
it is appropriate for
us to put forth a
schedule proposal*

Scheduling -

Karen Small - 755