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October 1, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

I enjoyed our brief meeting and the opportunity to share with you some observations concerning the rather varied styles in the past where so-called "mainline" Protestant leaders and members have communicated with the President and his staff. You are in the enviable position where the most modest improvements will indicate an enormous gain for the mutual benefit of all.

Jane Goodman will send you several suggestions for your review and consideration. In my judgement, she is a real professional in carrying out her assignments.

You mentioned the current interest for the President to lend prestige and energy to the emphasis of volunteerism. As I indicated to you, I think this is a timely priority and one which can gather wide support. The delicate issue is likely to be how such a commission can facilitate its work. There will, undoubtedly, be strong personalities involved. The need for a gifted person to assist in seeking consensus and co-ordination is of the greatest significance. Selection of such staff/volunteer is crucial and when ever it is appropriate, I am sure the resources of the Alban Institute would be available in whatever way might be of greatest assistance.

In closing, I believe I can be of greater help by maintaining a very low profile. At the same time, please consider checking things out with Bryce Harlow (304) 876-6596. I have written him concerning our visit together.

With best wishes,



Sidney Lovett

/c



May 6, 1982

Dr. Morton Blackwell
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Dr. Blackwell:

Thank you for arranging the meeting with our United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society Directorate.

Avery Post and his colleagues would like to postpone their request for a meeting with Don Moran until early summer. I will be in touch with you as plans develop with a formal request.

Sincerely,

Paul Kittlaus/nh

Paul Kittlaus
Director
Washington Office
(signed in his absence)

PK/nh

cc: Dr. Avery Post

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