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### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD



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February 10, 1983

Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison The White House Washington D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I received your letter of February 1, 1983, which included a copy of President Reagans remarks on January 31, 1983 to the Annual Convention of Religious Broadcasters.

Thank you for the copy of the President's speeches. They are very imformative and helpful to me.

Assure the President of our support and prayers.

Most sincerely yours,

ROY M. CHAPPELL

General Superintendent

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#### CHURCH OF GOD

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April 14, 1982

Ms. Elizabeth H. Dole Assistant to the President for Public Liaison The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Dole:

It was a delight to be a part of the Private Sector Initiatives at the White House, and you can be assured that the Church of God, which is an international organization, is doing its best to take a more active role in solving community problems.

You can be assured of our continued participation and support.

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Ray H Hughes, Ed.D., Litt.D.

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General Overseer

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

Morton Blackwell T0:

FROM: Linda Perryman Office of Media Relations

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## THE WHITE HOUSE

November 1, 1982

### Dear Reverend Sims:

It was nice to hear from you and to learn of your proposed efforts in support of President Reagan's position on the school prayer issue.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. Mr. Blackwell is responsible for handling issues important to the religious community and I am sure he will be interested to learn of your plans.

Many thanks for taking the time to share your thoughts with us.

Sincerely,

Linda Perryman
Office of Media Relations

and Planning

Reverend Johnny Sims Nauvoo Church of God Route 3 Nauvoo, Alabama 35578



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October 16, 1982

Linda Perryman
Office of Media Relations and Planning
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Ms. Perryman:

It certainly is not my intention to become a bother, but you have been so helpful I would like once again to ask your assistance.

The response in this area to our publication, "God Bless America," has been so overwhelmingly favorable that we feel it can be a great arm in determining the future of a new school prayer law. The same response has been shown by other areas we have discussed the publication with. So much so that we are shifting the emphasis to school prayer in an effort to instill an awareness in conscientious citizens that it will take a combined effort if we are to have the privilege to pray restored in our schools. We are in the process of making contacts to have it distributed in as many cities and towns, and in as many states as possible.

In addition to speeches (which we have already received some) the President has made regarding the issue, we would like to include a form the reader could cut out, sign and mail to the appropriate official to voice support for the issue. We know we are ever so fortunate to have a President who is not sidestepping an issue such as this, but who is fighting hard to restore the freedom which has made this nation so great. Our aim is to generate support for our President.

Linda Perryman
Office of Media Relations and Planning
The White House
October 16, 1982
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What we need is a copy of the current law, a listing of Congressmen for each state (those whom pressure needs to be applied by respective voters), and possibly a suggestion as to the wording of the cut out form. Also, detailed accounts of court rulings prohibiting prayer and any other material you might deem pertinent will greatly be appreciated.

Thank you very much and may God continue to bless.

If possible, please contact us by phone upon this reading to inform as to when we might be able to receive the requested material. Telephone: (205) 924-9080 or (205) 924-9136.

Sincerely yours,

Reverend Johnny Sims

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 6, 1982

Reverend Johnny Sims Nauvoo Church of God Route 3 Nauvoo, AL 35578

Dear Reverend Sims,

I have been asked by Linda Perriman of our White House Office of Media Relations and Planning to answer your recent letter about School Prayer.

As you are aware, the President is most concerned for the plight of those in schools who wish to meet and pray, but who are prevented from doing so by U.S. Supreme Court decisions. I can assure you he deeply appreciates the meny thousands of people such as yourself who are helping with this long struggle.

I am enclosing a packet of materials regarding this issue produced earlier this year. May I suggest that you write to Senator Denton's office for the new list of Congress.

Once again, I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.