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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS  
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

GORDON B. HINCKLEY

October 4, 1982

Honorable Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Reagan:

Thank you for your gracious letter of September 27th concerning your recent visit to Utah, including your visit to one of our welfare program canneries in Ogden.

Please be assured that it was our honor and pleasure to visit with you on that occasion. We hope that you may have the opportunity of coming again soon.

As the Chief Executive of this great nation we hold you in high esteem and remember you constantly in our prayers as you carry the tremendous burdens of your office.

Sincerely,



Gordon B. Hinckley

September 29, 1981

It is a special honor for Nancy and me to extend our greetings and affection to members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as you meet in your 151st Semi-Annual General Conference.

May we also extend our affection to President Spencer W. Kimball, your beloved leader. He has our prayers, and we hope he soon will be back in the church office building, pacing the Mormon world in the important work that you do.

I remember very well the morning President Kimball came to visit me in the Oval Office not long after Nancy and I had arrived in Washington. He brought me a very lovely gift which I have often referred to as the gift of my past. It was a book tracing my genealogy.

Now I realize that genealogy is something of great consequence to all of you. But I was never able to find out much about my lineage on my father's side because he was orphaned at an early age.

So, again, I thank President Kimball for his thoughtfulness, and I thank all of you, too, for I know that many of you here in Salt Lake City participated in this project. You have made me very happy, and now I am able to respond a bit more authentically to the letters I receive from long lost Reagans all over the country. I never knew there were so many ways to spell Reagan.

Your Mormon Tabernacle Choir was with us for the Inauguration, and I must say I envy you your proximity to this magnificent voice of the American spirit. It is no wonder that you go about your work with such cheerfulness and conviction.

One of my favorite scriptures is from the 106th Psalm, verses two through five, and I would like to share it with you:

"2. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all his praise?

3. Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4. Remember me, O Lord, with the favour that thou bearest unto my people: O visit me with thy salvation;

5. That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance."

As you know, we in the United States today are faced with the very immediate challenge of returning our nation to economic health.

In the months and years ahead, the values which you Mormons hold so dear -- the importance of your families and religion, prayer, love and support for this nation, hard work, personal discipline, and the tradition of neighbor helping neighbor -- must be fostered and strengthened throughout the Republic.

I seek your help in this, for I believe, as you do, that our Heavenly Father set us here in this blessed and bountiful land to make the experiment of freedom work.

May God bless all of you.

Sincerely,

Sent via Express Mail to:

The President's Office  
The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints  
47 East South Temple Street  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150

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cc: H. von Damm/ D. Livingston/M. Blackwell (FYI)/CF

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1981

MEETING WITH SPENCER W. KIMBALL

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1981

THE OVAL OFFICE

10:00 A.M. (15 MINUTES)

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE 

I. PURPOSE

Spencer W. Kimball, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), will present you with genealogical records on your family.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. The genealogical records will include information on your paternal line in the U.S. back to the 1850's and information on your maternal line. (DeBretts Peerage in England is covering your paternal line before the 1850's.)
- B. The Church places great emphasis on families and genealogical research and encourages people not only to seek information about their ancestors but also to write their own personal and family journals and histories.
- C. President Kimball, who will be 86 on March 28, traveled 15,000 miles in the South Pacific February 9 to 23 and has been traveling since February 28. March 14 he will attend the funeral of his sister Alice Kimball Nelson, mother of 12, in Arizona. He is the only surviving child of his parents.
- D. Further background on the Church is attached.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Spencer W. Kimball  
D. Arthur Haycock, Secretary to President Kimball  
Gordon B. Hinckley, Council of the Twelve  
W. Don Ladd, Regional Representative of the Twelve  
Richard S. Beal, Deputy Assistant to the President

IV. PRESS PLAN: Photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- A. Photo of you and Spencer W. Kimball and genealogical records.
- B. Group photo.
- C. Discussion.

Attachment: Further Background



## FURTHER BACKGROUND

- Welfare services and preparedness programs:

The personal and family preparedness standards stress: (1) Literacy and education, (2) career development, (3) financial and resource management, (4) home production and storage, (5) physical health, and (6) social-emotional and spiritual strength.

Needy members are encouraged to seek assistance from family and Church, rather than the government, and to work, as they are able, for assistance received.

Members are encouraged to plant gardens and also to store one year's supply of food, other necessities, and if possible fuel, as they are able, depending on local circumstances and laws.

- The Church was organized April 1830 through the Prophet Joseph Smith. President Kimball is the prophet today, the successor to Joseph Smith.

Current membership: 4,700,000 members worldwide (3,265,000 in the U.S.) and 12,591 congregations in 81 countries.

- Scriptures of the Church include: The Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, and the Pearl of Great Price.

- Missionary program:

30,000 missionaries serve in 188 missions worldwide 24 months. Missionaries are supported by themselves or their families.

- Health code:

Members strive to live by good principles of nutrition, exercise, and physical fitness, including abstinence from coffee, tea, alcoholic drinks, tobacco, and harmful drugs.

- Family emphasis:

Members hold family home evening each week. Couples are married in temples for time and eternity. Nineteen temples are in operation, nine announced or under construction. The Washington D.C. Temple is the largest.

- Women's organization:

The women's organization, the Relief Society, was organized 139 years ago by Joseph Smith on March 17, 1842. It has 1,500,000 members (1,054,500 in the U.S.) and may be the largest women's organization in the world.

- Children's and youth programs:

The children's Primary has 650,000 members, and there are extensive programs for teenagers and Scouts.

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March 23, 1981

Morton C. Blackwell  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

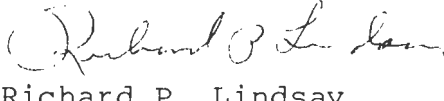
We appreciated very much your assistance to President Spencer W. Kimball and his party during the "Roots" presentation to President Reagan at the White House on March 13th.

It is our understanding that your White House staff role includes liaison with churches. In our role at Church Headquarters in Salt Lake City, we perform a similar function for the Mormon Church as the contact point with various governmental groups.

On any matters which involve a possible church position on an issue of concern to the religious community in general, we would be pleased to discuss such issues of common concern with you.

We wish you well in your new assignment.

Sincerely,

  
Richard P. Lindsay

RPL/cbe

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

DATE 2/24/81

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE \*\*\*\*\*  
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL  
SUBJ: Approved Presidential Activity

Please take the necessary steps to implement the following and confirm with Helene von Damm, ext. 2699. The appropriate briefing paper should be submitted to Dick Darman by 3:00 p.m. of the preceding day.

Meeting: with Spencer W. Kimball, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mrs. Reagan Participation: No.

Date: Friday, March 13      Time: 10:00 am      Duration: 15 mins

Location: Oval Office

Press Coverage: Coordinate with Press Office.

Purpose: To be covered in briefing paper. \*\*\*\*\* Background material attached.

Note: Following the President's meeting, please submit a confirmed list of actual participants, including staff or Administration attendees to me. Include full names and business titles for non-White House participants.

CC: Michael Deaver	Elizabeth Dole
James Brady	Craig Fuller
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Joseph Canzeri	Nina Wormser
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Approved  
3/13 10:00 AM

February 16, 1981

Mr. Michael K. Deaver  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mike:

Per our conversation on Thursday the 12th, I would be most grateful if the President could spend 10-15 minutes with Spencer W. Kimball, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

President Kimball wishes to extend his best wishes and to let President Reagan know that he is remembered frequently in the prayers of the Latter-day Saints.

Thanks so much for your help.

Cordially,

Richard B. Wirthlin  
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Dr. Richard B. Wirthlin  
President  
Decision Making Information

cc: Greg Newell

RBW/cc