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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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appointment

TO: Martan Blackwell

FROM: Martha Fraas

SUBJECT:

The attached is for your:

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Comments: Please call if you
have any questions.

I responded to
this already.
EHD need not spend the
time. I can meet
with Armstrong this
time.
MF

file-National
Religious
Broadcasters

TO: Deoria 11/9
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION/
COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST
RETURN TO CHARLOTTE BY 11/10

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Date of Request 11/2

Taken by Martha

Person requesting appointment: Reverend Kenneth Beachboard

Company or affiliation: Dr Ben Armstrong Exec. Director
National Religious Broadcasters Association

Telephone number: 262-1749 or 262-5475

Subject: Dr. Armstrong knows Mrs. Dole, he would
like to drop-by to discuss issues that EHO has
been interested in - NRB national convention -
they have been invited the President - Feb 7-10.
also discuss family in regard to NRB

Date of appointment: November 18 afternoon

Location: EHO office

Suggested staff people in attendance: _____

Approval _____ Decline _____ Other action _____



file NRB
Trinity Christian Academy

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3165 PRIMROSE DRIVE
ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701
452-4064

MICHAEL A. RUPE, ADMINISTRATOR
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535 MUNSON AVENUE
ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701
614-452-8478

REV. J. STEPHEN HARROP
ASST. SUPERINTENDENT
519 MARKET STREET
PHILO, OHIO 43771
674-6638

DEBRA J. ANGLES
SEC.-TREAS.
1248 WHEELING AVENUE
ZANESVILLE, OHIO 43701
452-8478

FEBRUARY 19, 1982

MR. MORTON C. BLACKWELL
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DEAR MR. BLACKWELL:

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A COPY OF A PLEA FOR SIGNATURES TO PROTEST
MADALYN O'HAIR'S PETITION TO STOP THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL
OVER THE AIRWAYS.

THIS PLEA WAS RECENTLY FORWARDED TO US AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIND
OUT IF THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN IT AND IF THIS IS A CURRENT ISSUE.
SO MANY TIMES, THINGS SEEMINGLY ARE ALREADY OUT OF THE HANDS OF
AMERICAN CITIZENS WHEN THE "WORD", IF IT IS TRUE, GETS OUT ABOUT
THEM!

CAN YOU HELP US FIND OUT IF THIS IS, IN FACT, TRUE AND IF AND
WHEN HER HEARING COMES UP BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COM-
MISSION? ALSO, WILL SIGNATURES AGAINST IT HELP AT THIS POINT?

WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN TELL US. WE TRUST
AND VALUE YOUR OPINION AND ANSWERS IN RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

WE, FURTHER MORE, THANK GOD FOR YOUR BEING THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL
ASSISTANT. FROM A PREVIOUS LETTER FROM YOU TO THE CHILDREN IN OUR
SCHOOL, WE ARE ASSUMING THAT YOU ARE A CHRISTIAN AND WE KNOW THE
PRESIDENT IS BEING KEPT INFORMED AND UPDATED CONSTANTLY ON ALL
NEGATIVE MOVEMENTS AGAINST RELIGIONS OR MORE BLUNTLY AGAINST THE
CREATOR OF THIS UNIVERSE; GOD!!

THANKS AGAIN FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN FORWARD TO US!

RESPECTFULLY,

Debbie Angles

MRS. DEBBIE ANGLES, SECRETARY
TRINITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
TRINITY FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

ENCLOSURE

*2/23
called
NRB +
petition was
turned down
by the FCC
in 1976*

*for some
reason
this controversy
come up even
though
NRB has
printed
instructions*

*called
Mrs. Angles
explained*

*also E.J. Thomas
of Ohio's
governors
office
called
614-466-8705
and I
told him
it was
all
rumor*

*Steve Sharp
632-7020
R.M. #2493 does not even
exist at FCC*

FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Madalyn Murray O'Hair, an atheist, whose efforts successfully eliminated the use of Bible reading and prayer from all public schools 15 years ago, has been granted a Federal Hearing in Washington, D.C., on the subject of religion and the airways by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The petition (R.M. #2493) would ultimately pave the way to stop the reading of the Gospel on the airways of America. She took her petition with 27,000 signatures to back her stand.

If her attempt is successful, all Sunday worship services being broadcast either by radio or television will stop. Many elderly people and shut-ins, as well as those recuperating from hospitalization or illness, depend on radio and television to fulfill their worship needs every week.

Madalyn is also campaigning to remove all Christmas Programs and Christmas Songs and Carols from public schools.

You can help this time. We need 1,000,000 (one million) signed letters. This should defeat Mrs. O'Hair and show that there are still many Christians alive and well and concerned in our country. This petition is No. 2493.

Sign, cut out and mail the form below. Please do not sign Mr. & Mrs.. Let each adult sign one separately and mail it in. Be sure to put petition number on outside of envelope when mailing your letter.

DATE _____

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
1919 "M" STREET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20054

RE: PETITION # 2493 TO STOP READING OF THE GOSPEL ON THE AIRWAYS!!

GENTLEMEN:

I am an American and proud of my heritage. I am, also, very much aware of the place religious faith has played in the freedom we, as Americans, now enjoy.

Therefore, I protest any human effort to remove from radio or television any programs designed to show faith in God or a Supreme Being.

SINCERELY,

SIGNATURE

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 7, 1981

TO: Charlotte

FROM: Maiselle

Subject: Dr. Ben Armstrong

Head of the National Religious Broadcasters which is comprised of 1,000 radio stations and 35 t.v. stations. He is about 50 years old and his wife's name is Ruth. According to Dr. Bob Billings he is an easy man to talk with and he has a lot of integrity.

Along with Dr. Jerry Falwell he is a member of the Sino-American Friendship Foundation. He is also a member of the National Association of Evangelicals, 30,000 churches and 3 million members.

Morton feels he should be included in the religious broadcasters meeting which is in the process of being organized with the President.

TALKING POINTS:

We are all impressed with the large number of religious Americans who have been awakened to the political process in a constructive way through religious broadcasting

As you know from meeting with Morton we are working toward a number of meetings to brief religious broadcasters on the President's economic package.

The President has enjoyed his previous meetings with your groups and we will be working to schedule another meeting with religious broadcasters and pro-family groups.

P.S. Dr. Armstrong is a member of the Council of 56 of the Religious Roundtable ("Providing Education and Direction for Leaders Concerned with National Moral Issues")

EVANGELICAL LEADERS - MEDIA
(Television and Radio)

- | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-----------------|
| 1. | Billy Graham | 13. | James Dobson |
| 2. | Jerry Falwell | 14. | Ben Armstrong |
| 3. | Oral Roberts | 15. | Pat Boone |
| 4. | Rex Humbard | 16. | Chuck Swindoll |
| 5. | Jimmy Swaggart | 17. | John McArthur |
| 6. | Pat Robertson | 18. | Demos Shakarian |
| 7. | Jim Bakker | 19. | Bill Gothard |
| 8. | Robert Schuler | 20. | Bruce Dunn |
| 9. | Richard DeHaan | 21. | Josh McDowell |
| 10. | James Robison | 22. | Leighton Ford |
| 11. | James Kennedy | 23. | Ben Haden |
| 12. | Charles Stanley | 24. | Jack Hyles |
| | | 25. | Stephen Olford |

AUDIENCE COUNT DATA

Television (Source - "The Electric Church")

- | | | |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------|
| A. | Specials (50 million +) | |
| 1. | Billy Graham (one night) | 50 million |
| | (series 3 nights) | 90 million |
| 2. | Oral Roberts | 50 million |
| 3. | Rex Humbard | 20 million |
| B. | Regular (10 million + <u>weekly</u>) | |
| 1. | Jerry Falwell | 18 million |
| 2. | Jimmy Swaggart | 12 million |
| C. | Regular (1-4 million <u>weekly</u>) | |
| 1. | Pat Robertson | 4 million |
| 2. | Robert Schuler | 4 million |
| 3. | Jim Bakker | 4 million |
| 4. | Richard DeHaan | 4 million |
| 5. | James Robison | 4 million |
| 6. | Oral Roberts | 4 million |
| 7. | Rex Humbard | 4 million |
| 8. | James Kennedy | 2 million |
| 9. | Charles Stanley | 1 million |
| 10. | James Dobson | 4 million |

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: April 21, 1981
FROM: ELIZABETH DOLE
VIA: GREGORY NEWELL

MEETING: With Religious Broadcasters Association Board
of Directors

DATE: Week of May 11, 1981

PURPOSE: To solidify support for the President's economic
package, following a briefing by Administration
officials on the elements of the package.

FORMAT: Location: Roosevelt Room
Participants: 35

Duration: 15 minutes

CABINET

PARTICIPATION: Secretary Schweiker, David Stockman

SPEECH

MATERIAL: Talking points

PRESS

COVERAGE: Photo opportunity

STAFF:

Elizabeth Dole, Morton Blackwell

RECOMMEND:

Elizabeth Dole

OPPOSED:

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:

BACKGROUND:

The Religious Broadcasting Association represents 1000 radio stations and 35 television stations. The Board of Directors is comprised of the top figures in religious broadcasting, including Jerry Falwell and Billy Graham. The board members are very supportive of the President and his policies and are willing to cooperate to be sure that their listeners understand the elements of the economic package before Congress and its benefit to individual Americans.

APPROVE: _____

DISAPPROVE: _____



Handwritten initials

August 2, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Rm 191
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

On July 27 I called Joyce Thomann, Office of Public Liaison to tell her that Mr. Luis Palau would not be able to accept the gracious invitation of Faith Ryan Whittlesey, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, regarding a special briefing on U.S. National Security and our Central American policy to be held at the White House on July 28, 1983 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Palau desperately wanted to be there. He was not only honored to be invited, but really wants to be informed. He has a tremendous interest in the area and all that is going on, but was in Europe at the time.

Joyce Thomann mentioned that you would be the person to contact for a tape of the briefing. Would it be possible to receive a V.H.S. tape of it? Please let me know what the cost would be also.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely in Christ,

Lucy Boge-Brown

Lucy Boge-Brown
Secretary to Luis Palau

Stan Jeter - Media Services

TO: *Morton Blackwell*

FROM: Joan P. Moreci
Room 128, Ext. 7140

29 1983

APPROPRIATE ACTION

INFORMATION/FILE

DIRECT REPLY

PREPARE REPLY/FRW

HIGHLIGHT/FRW

CIRCULATE

COMMENTS:



The radio and television voice of the Church of God, America's
first Pentecostal church.

Carl Richardson, Director

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July 26, 1983

Ms. Faith Ryan Whittlesey
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

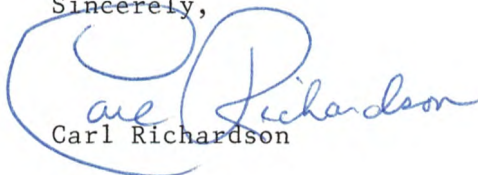
Dear Ms. Whittlesey:

Because of the short notice and previously scheduled obligations, I will be unable to attend the special briefing on U.S. national security and our Central American policy on July 28, 1983.

I sincerely appreciate your kind invitation to attend and ask that you keep me on your mailing list for any such future events.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Carl Richardson

CHR:vg

LESLIE B. FLYNN, *Pastor*
HANK BEUKEMA, *Associate Pastor*
DAVID E. HANSON, *Minister of Music*
DARREL H. GOAD, *Minister of Youth*

Church 914-623-3897
Parsonage 914-623-3319
Minister of Music 914-623-5732
Minister of Youth 914-623-4463

||| 29 1983

July 25, 1983

Ms. Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
Government Room 87 OEOB
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Whittlesey:

Thank you so much for your invitation to attend the special briefing on U.S. National Security and the Central American Policy on July 28th.

However, other commitments will keep me from accepting your kind invitation. Perhaps some other time.

Sincerely,

Leslie B. Flynn

LBF:rp

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BOB JONES University GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA • 29614

EXECUTIVE OFFICES

TELEPHONE (803) 242-5100

July 27, 1983

Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Government Room 87 OEOB
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mrs. Whittlesey:

Your invitation to the briefing on Central America is appreciated, and I would certainly desire to attend but cannot because of other obligations.

Our reaction to the administration's position on Central America is one of sympathy and agreement. The United States must meet the challenge with force and bring a halt to the advances of Marxism there. The presence of Marxist states in our hemisphere is alarming, and I applaud the administration's courage to face this challenge with strength. I am praying for the President.

Our gratitude to you also, Mrs. Whittlesey, for what you are doing to disseminate this information.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Jones III
President

BJIII:dvs



428-5400

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

July 5, 1983

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

Dear Morton,

It was gratifying to receive a telephone call from you relative to the possibility of the key religious broadcasters visiting the President at the White House in the near future. I know there is a lot of interest in this on the part of our broadcasters, and I have alerted them concerning this possibility.

Last Friday, I had a meeting with Robert Schuller who is extremely interested in being a part of our group, together with Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Jimmy Swaggart, etc.

Again, I want to thank you for the splendid participation you had in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, upon the occasion of the dedication of the new studio of Jimmy Swaggart.

Your words were very meaningful and significant, and I want to thank you again for taking time from your busy schedule to participate in this religious broadcasting event. It was a great success!

Also, I would like to confirm the meeting at the White House for three hundred invitees on July 28, at 3:30 p.m. I have asked my secretary, Anne Dunlap, to send you a list of names and addresses of three hundred potential invitees, including each member of our Board of Directors, totaling seventy persons. I am sending you those who would have a special interest in Central America as well as others who have significant influence as far as public opinion is concerned.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben".

Ben Armstrong
Executive Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RETURNED
no action

July 21, 1983

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FRED RYAN, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

REQUEST: A meeting with key religious broadcasters.

PURPOSE: To follow up on subjects raised in the President's National Religious Broadcasters speech.

BACKGROUND: The National Religious Broadcasters, to which almost all key religious broadcasters belong, is highly supportive of the President. Most of these broadcasters support and promote the President's positions. They would like to meet with the President to better understand his viewpoint on some issues. Religious broadcasters reach millions of people daily. The President's address to the National Religious Broadcasters has been replayed many times on many religious television and radio shows. It is still being played. They are in a position to be of great assistance to the President.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President spoke to the National Religious Broadcasters convention on January 31, 1983.

LOCATION: Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room.

DATE AND TIME: Open.

DURATION: One half hour.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President enters, speaks briefly, and hears discussion concerning his policies.

PARTICIPANTS: (see attached list)

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None.

RECOMMENDED BY: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

Dr. Pat Robertson, President
Christian Broadcasting Network
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Mr. James Bakker, President
PTL Club
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Jerry Falwell
Speaker, Old Time Gospel Hour
Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church
President, Moral Majority
Lynchburg, Virginia

Mr. Jimmy Swaggart
Syndicator of programs on over 200 stations
Owner and operator of 9 radio stations
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent
Assemblies of God
Springfield, Missouri
Director, Revivaltime Radio Program heard on 500 radio stations
Vice President, Year of the Bible National Committee

Dr. Charles Stanley, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia
Heard on 70 television stations and 100 radio stations

Dr. William Bright, General Chairman
Year of the Bible
President and Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ
Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California

Dr. Robert Cook, President
King's College
Briarcliff Manor, New York
Speaker, The King's Hour, heard on 170 radio stations throughout the
United States and throughout the world

Mr. Jerry Rose, President
Channel 38
Chicago, Illinois
Second Vice President, National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. Paul Ramseyer, Director
Northwestern Radio Network, which owns and operates 9 religious radio
stations throughout the U.S.A.
Northwestern College
Roseville, Minnesota

Mr. Mike Maddex, President
WEEC
Springfield, Ohio
Secretary, National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. James Robison
James Robison Evangelistic Crusade
Ft. Worth, Texas
Syndicates television programs every week

Rev. Jimmy Draper, President
Southern Baptist Convention
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Euless, Texas

Dr. Theodore Epp
Founder and President, Back To the Bible Broadcast
Lincoln, Nebraska
Founder of National Religious Broadcasters
Syndicator of Daily Path Hour Bible-oriented program heard on 500 radio
stations

Rev. Charles Swindoll
Pastor, Evangelical Free Church
Fullerton, California
Heard on over 100 radio programs on a syndicated basis as well as television
programs throughout the U.S.A.

Dr. John MacArthur
Pastor, Grace Community Church
Panorama City, California
Speaker, Grace To You, heard on over 100 radio stations

Dr. Paul Freed, President
Founder, Trans World Radio
Owns and operates 23 super-powered radio stations throughout the world,
comprising total transmitter strength of six million watts
Chatham, New Jersey

Dr. E. V. Hill, Pastor
Zion Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California
Speaker on radio and television programs

Mr. E. Brandt Gustavson, President
National Religious Broadcasters
Vice President, Moody Bible Institute
In charge of 11 owned and operated Moody Bible Institute radio stations
throughout the U.S.A.
Director, Moody Monthly, a 300,000 subscriber publication

Dr. Paul Crouch, President
Trinity Broadcasting Company
Santa Ana, California
Owns and operates 6 television stations throughout the United States,
including Miami, Los Angeles, New York, and other major markets

Mr. Rex Humbard, Sr.
Speaker, Cathedral of Tomorrow
Akron, Ohio
Has completed 50 years of broadcast ministries, heard on over 300 television
stations in 8 languages throughout the United States and the world

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 9, 1982

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

The National Press Club

5:35 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. Thank you, Dr. Hoffer, Dr. Armstrong, the distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen, I'm not going to beat around the bush because I want you to know that you've made my day. (Laughter.) Do you realize how great it is after being in the heartland to return and to find the population of Washington, D.C. increased by 3500 more believers? (Applause.)

I've just travelled halfway across the country since yesterday noon. I've visited three states and given four speeches. But no message given or received was more important than the theme of your conference. To preserve our blessed land, we must look to God. And we must look to the hearthstone because that's where all hope for America lies.

Families are the bedrock of our nation -- teachers of cooperation, tolerance, concern, and responsibility. Rebuilding America begins with restoring family strength and preserving family values.

One great joy in my job has been sending anniversary greetings to couples who have been married 50 years or more. More than 65,000 greetings sent out last year. And believe it or not, I loved knowing that every one of them -- and seeing that every one was sent out.

America's elderly have a wise or are a wise and a very precious resource and we should always honor them and never set them aside. I know that people in that generation -- in our generation -- (laughter) -- are sometimes a bit sensitive about their age. I was kidded myself again last week as I celebrated the 32nd anniversary of my 39th birthday. (Applause.) But then I remembered something that Thomas Jefferson said. He said that we should never judge a President by his age. We should judge him by his work. And ever since he told me that, I've stopped -- (laughter) -- I've stopped worrying. I have increased the workload a little. (Laughter.)

But like you, I've always believed that we were put here for a reason -- that there is a path -- somehow a divine plan for all of us and for each one of us. And I've also always believed that America was set apart in a special way -- that it was put here between the oceans to be found by a certain kind of people based on a quality that these people had that they came from every corner of the world. And a country then was created by men and women who came not for gold but mainly in search of God. They would be free people living under the law with faith in their maker and in their future.

It's been written that the most sublime figure in American history was George Washington on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge. He personified a people who knew that it was not enough to depend on their own courage and goodness -- that they must also seek help from God -- their Father and preserver.

Where did we begin to lose sight of that noble beginning -- of our conviction that standards of right and wrong do exist and must be lived up to? Do we really think that we can have it both ways -- that God will protect us in a time of crisis even as we turn away from him in our day to day life?

It's time to realize, I think, that we need God more than he needs us. (Applause.) But millions of Americans haven't forgotten. They know we've been on a toboggan slide and they're determined to do something about it. And I'm honored to

MORE

stand before you, 3500 of their most effective and courageous leaders. And let me say I do not agree with those who accuse you of trying to impose your views on others. (Applause.) If we have come to the point in America where any attempt to see traditional values reflected in public policy would leave one open to irresponsible charges then I say the entire structure of our free society is threatened.

The First Amendment was not written to protect the people from religious values -- it was written to protect those values from government tyranny. (Applause.)

Let us go forward with our conviction that education does not begin with Washington officials or state officials or local officials. It begins with the family where it is the right and the responsibility of every parent. And that responsibility, I think, includes teaching children respect for skin color that is different than their own; religious beliefs that are different from their own. It included conveying the message to the young as well as the old that racial discrimination and religious bigotry have no place in a free society.

And let me go forward with our conviction that there is in the American heart a deep spirit of love -- of caring and willingness to work together -- waiting to be tapped. And I want to ask you tonight, will you lead our crusade to restore our tradition of neighbor caring for neighbor?

I have appointed a private sector initiative task force to help build a partnership between the private and public sector in every community in America. It includes Terrence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York; E. V. Hill, Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Los Angeles; Dr. D. Jepson, an Advisory Board Member of STEP in Washington, D.C.; Elder Thomas Monson of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City; and other prominent Americans of the Christian and Jewish faith, and they need your help and I hope that you will be working together.

I know how much many of you are already doing and, believe me, I am grateful. It is a little like preaching to the choir, I know, for me to be saying these things to this particular audience. You are already out on the point. But too many people have been told that what they do is not as important or worthwhile as what government does. I don't buy that. Last week at the Annual Prayer Breakfast I spoke of the parable of the Good Samaritan and I have always believed that the meaning and the importance of that parable is not so much the good that was done to the beaten pilgrim, it was to the samaritan who crossed the road, who knelt down and bound up the wounds of the beaten traveler and then carried him into the nearest town. He didn't take a look and hurry on by into that town and then find a caseworker and say, "There is somebody out there on the road that I think needs help." (Applause.)

We need all of you now more than ever. I have always believed that this country, not always, but recent years, I should say, believed that this country is hungering for a spiritual revival. (applause.) I believe we need to build on what they're doing in Atlanta where local churches have spearheaded a community effort -- thousands of citizens to help fight crime by serving as extra eyes and ears for the Atlanta police department, no longer turning their head away and saying, "I don't want to get involved."

We need to duplicate the example of Rock Island, Illinois, where a Christian family care center established by local churches and run by volunteer funds provides aid to victims of child or spouse abuse. And the ecumenical Loaves and Fishes Program which help feed the poor in Milwaukee and Minneapolis, St. Paul, where I just was last night. And the Christian Broadcasting Networks' Operation Blessing which matches volunteers of goods and services with those in need throughout the country.

Let us rebuild our communities and as we do, can we not do something else? Can we not, as Americans, become better friends again? We come from different backgrounds, pursue different interests, and hold different views, but we can draw communion from our shared values.

Recently, I read a story by a reporter, Judy Foreman, in the Boston Globe that explains what I mean. I was a sports announcer years ago. I was a sports announcer at a time when organized baseball was declared to be a game for caucasian gentlemen. And it was kept that way. And then one owner of one baseball club had the courage to take Jackie Robinson, former athletic star from UCLA, into the major leagues in defiance of that rule -- the first black man to play major league baseball. And, as you can imagine, from that day that time ago, in the excitement that comes and the partisanship of a ball game, he was subjected many times to racial harrassment. And one day when his Brooklyn Dodgers were playing a game away from home, the racial slurs from the crowd started up and then grew louder. And then suddenly a teammate of Jackie Robinson's, a white teammate, PeeWee Reese, called for time out and slowly walked over to Jackie Robinson, put his arm around his shoulder, and then stood there facing that hostile crowd. He didn't say anything, just silently but eloquently he told the crowd, this man is my friend.

Let us come together as friends. We'll never find every answer, solve every problem, heal every wound, or live all our dreams. But we can do a lot if we walk together down that one path that we know provides real hope.

The Book of St. John tells us that "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We have God's promise that what we give will be given back many times over. And we also have his promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country -- "That if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." Maybe it's later than we think. Let us go forth from here and rekindle the fire of our faith. Let our wisdom be vindicated by our deeds. And when our work is done, we can say that we have fought the good fight. We have finished the race. We have kept the faith. And we can say some day to our children's children -- we did all that could be done in the moment that was given us here on earth.

Thank you and God bless you.

END

5:59 P.M. EST

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

July 18, 1983

TO: FRED RYAN, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

REQUEST: A meeting with key religious broadcasters.

PURPOSE: To follow up on subjects raised in the President's National Religious Broadcasters speech.

BACKGROUND: The National Religious Broadcasters, to which almost all key religious broadcasters belong, is highly supportive of the President. Most of these broadcasters support and promote the President's positions. They would like to meet with the President to better understand his viewpoint on some issues.

Religious broadcasters reach millions of people daily. The President's address to the National Religious Broadcasters has been replayed many times on many religious television and radio shows. It is still being played. They are in a position to be of great assistance to the President.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President spoke to the National Religious Broadcasters convention on January 31, 1983.

LOCATION: Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room.

DATE AND TIME: Open

DURATION: One half hour.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: The President enters, speaks briefly, and hear discussion concerning his policies.

PARTICIPANTS: (see attached list)

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None.

RECOMMENDED BY: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

Dr. Pat Robertson, President
Christian Broadcasting Network
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Mr. James Bakker, President
PTL Club
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Jerry Falwell
Speaker, Old Time Gospel Hour
Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church
President, Moral Majority
Lynchburg, Virginia

Mr. Jimmy Swaggart
Syndicator of programs on over 200 stations
Owner and operator of 9 radio stations
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent
Assemblies of God
Springfield, Missouri
Director, Revivaltime Radio Program heard on 500 radio stations
Vice President, Year of the Bible National Committee

Dr. Charles Stanley, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia
Heard on 70 television stations and 100 radio stations

Dr. William Bright, General Chairman
Year of the Bible
President and Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ
Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California

Dr. Robert Cook, President
King's College
Briarcliff Manor, New York
Speaker, The King's Hour, heard on 170 radio stations throughout the
United States and throughout the world

Mr. Jerry Rose, President
Channel 38
Chicago, Illinois
Second Vice President, National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. Paul Ramseyer, Director
Northwestern Radio Network, which owns and operates 9 religious radio
stations throughout the U.S.A.
Northwestern College
Roseville, Minnesota

Mr. Mike Maddex, President
WEEC
Springfield, Ohio
Secretary, National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. James Robison
James Robison Evangelistic Crusade
Ft. Worth, Texas
Syndicates television programs every week

Rev. Jimmy Draper, President
Southern Baptist Convention
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Euless, Texas

Dr. Theodore Epp
Founder and President, Back To the Bible Broadcast
Lincoln, Nebraska
Founder of National Religious Broadcasters
Syndicator of Daily Path Hour Bible-oriented program heard on 500 radio
stations

Rev. Charles Swindoll
Pastor, Evangelical Free Church
Fullerton, California
Heard on over 100 radio programs on a syndicated basis as well as television
programs throughout the U.S.A.

Dr. John MacArthur
Pastor, Grace Community Church
Panorama City, California
Speaker, Grace To You, heard on over 100 radio stations

Dr. Paul Freed, President
Founder, Trans World Radio
Owns and operates 23 super-powered radio stations throughout the world,
comprising total transmitter strength of six million watts
Chatham, New Jersey

Dr. E. V. Hill, Pastor
Zion Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California
Speaker on radio and television programs

Mr. E. Brandt Gustavson, President
National Religious Broadcasters
Vice President, Moody Bible Institute
In charge of 11 owned and operated Moody Bible Institute radio stations
throughout the U.S.A.
Director, Moody Monthly, a 300,000 subscriber publication

Dr. Paul Crouch, President
Trinity Broadcasting Company
Santa Ana, California
Owns and operates 6 television stations throughout the United States,
including Miami, Los Angeles, New York, and other major markets

Mr. Rex Humbard, Sr.
Speaker, Cathedral of Tomorrow
Akron, Ohio
Has completed 50 years of broadcast ministries, heard on over 300 television
stations in 8 languages throughout the United States and the world



NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

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E. Brandt Gustavson, President

CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

February 10, 1983

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

Dear Morton:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the President in appreciation of his participation in the 40th Annual National Religious Broadcasters Convention.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the work you did to make the President's visit possible. You were key to the whole matter, and all of us who were involved in the arrangements appreciate your efforts very much!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Brandt Gustavson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "G".

E. Brandt Gustavson

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Enclosure



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June 16, 1983

Mr. William von Raab
The Commissioner of Customs
Washington, D. C. 20229

Dear Mr. von Raab,

I want to express deep appreciation for your good letter of June 9 relative to our meeting with President Reagan concerning the enforcement of the anti-pornography laws.

I was delighted to hear of the superb work of the Customs Service to crack down on shipments of illegal pornography.

It is gratifying to know that several persons have been involved in checking the two primary entry points for pornography, the Secaucus, New Jersey and J.F.K. Airport Mail facilities.

Your action on 27 shipments of this type material is indeed encouraging news.

You are to be commended for your leadership in this regard.

I am taking the opportunity of telling President Reagan how much we appreciate this splendid cooperation with respect to enforcement of the anti-pornography regulations.

Cordially yours,

Ben

Ben Armstrong
Executive Director

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cc: Mr. Morton Blackwell
Rev. Morton Hill, S.J.

February 10, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A little over a week ago, you came to speak to the 40th Annual Convention of National Religious Broadcasters. Ben Armstrong and I were so happy when we learned you had accepted our invitation to come.

Knowing what a busy schedule you have, we were waiting until the last minute, holding our breath to see if you would be able to appear. Our organization had also agreed that we wanted to honor the First Lady with an award for her good work in youth drug abuse; so when you were both able to come to the holding room at 1:45 p.m. on Monday, the 31st, it was a great highlight in the history of NRB. It was also a personal thrill for Ben and Ruth Armstrong and my wife, Mary, and me to be there to greet you.

I must say "thank you" for the very substantive address you gave. It was excellent in every way! Frankly, our members, who are so vitally concerned for the moral and spiritual welfare of our nation, have been just waiting for leadership like yours in the issues you discussed.

Your challenge to us did not go unheeded, and I know our members are re-committing themselves to the building up of the family, attempting to encourage the local church in its outreach to the community, and re-committing themselves to working with you and the others in leadership to change the course of our nation in the great moral areas of concern. You are leading the way in this, and we are grateful to God for you.

Thank you again, Mr. President, for coming. We'll give you the same tumultuous welcome next year!

Sincerely,

K. Brandt Gustavson


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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal - Presentation of Living Bible to President

I strongly recommend against arranging for this presentation at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. Dr. Taylor's Living Bible is an excellent paraphrase, and it would be nice for the President to have one from the author. I will be glad to receive it for him. Some weeks ago Scheduling arranged for another organization, the American Bible Society, to present a Good News Bible to the President and then asked us to contact the Society and cancel the event. The Bible Society has presented a Bible to every President for several administrations and have not yet had an opportunity to give President Reagan one. They wanted to tie it in with Year of the Bible Proclamation.

The lady from American Bible Society will be at the NRB Convention and would be very upset if we allowed another Bible to be presented to the President before hers when she has a long standing request to present one from the American Bible Society.

Two Possible ways to resolve this: One would be as I suggest above, to have the Bible presented to me for the President. The other would be to arrange for the American Bible Society to make their presentation to the President before next Monday.

David Waller in the White House Counsel's office assures me the language for the Year of the Bible Proclamation will be back from Justice today. If so, we should be able to get it staffed in time for the President to sign it as scheduled at the Prayer Breakfast.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 24, 1983

TO: RED CAVANEY

FROM: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Presentation of English Living Bible by
Dr. Kenneth Johnson at the National
Religious Broadcasters Convention.

DATE: President is scheduled to address this
group on 2/2/83

LOCATION: Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept ___ Regret ___ Surrogate ___ Message ___ Other ___
Priority ___
Routine ___

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE

ASAP

TO *FR* Frederick J. Ryan, Jr.

Kenneth G. Stevenson
Executive Director

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Staff to
Red Conway
(Return ASAP)

M.E. Mattocks
Associate Director

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January 19, 1983

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President,
Deputy Chief of Staff
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

LIVING BIBLES
INTERNATIONAL,
UNITED STATES

Dear Mr. Deaver:

Please allow me to introduce you to a friend and colleague of mine who clearly represents the President's convictions that the spirit of private voluntary charity is alive and well in America.

During the 1960's, Dr. Kenneth Taylor, of Wheaton, Illinois, a godly father of ten children and a man of meager income, paraphrased the Bible into an easy to read version, currently known as the Living Bible. In just over ten years, it has sold almost 28 million copies. One out of every seven Americans owns a copy of the English Living Bible.

The unprecedented sales of the Living Bible made Dr. Taylor a wealthy man in a matter of months...at least he could have been wealthy. But Dr. Taylor decided that since it was the Word of God, he would not personally profit from the royalties. He immediately established the Tyndale House Foundation, and to date has given away all of the royalty monies from the Living Bible, well over \$22 million. Dr. Taylor continues to live in a small home, at a very modest standard of living. Each of his ten children have worked to pay their way through college.

Since 1968, Dr. Taylor has added an international dimension to his ministry, through Living Bibles International. His goal is to translate and print easy to read Bibles in 185 major foreign languages by 1992. These 185 languages reach 90% of the world's population. LBI currently employs 1100 staff people in 70 countries working on 100 different translations. Forty New Testaments and six complete Bibles have been translated and printed since 1968. Most of these 1100 staff are nationals, working in their own languages, in their own countries. Total circulation of the Living Bible in all languages now reaches close to 40 million copies.

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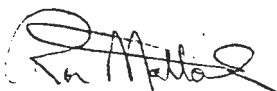
Dr. Taylor is to be honored at the International Media Banquet, Sunday evening January 30, at the National Religious Broadcaster's Convention in Washington, D.C. We have heard through the grapevine that the President may be considering addressing the NRB delegates at this particular banquet.

We would like to arrange for Dr. Taylor to present the 28 millionth copy of the English Living Bible to the President at the NRB Convention. This would be especially appropriate since the NRB theme is "The Year of The Bible", and also since Dr. Taylor so clearly symbolizes the spirit of private charitable giving.

Let me assure you that the Living Bible is very broad in scope and should not create any religious/political liabilities for the President. We supply Bibles for Catholics and Protestants alike. Our Italian translation was recently printed on the Vatican Press; our English versions have widespread use and endorsement in both Protestant and Catholic groups in the U.S. Dr. Richard Halverson, Chaplain of the U.S. Senate is quite aware of our ministry and could give you an outside perspective. In 1974, Queen Elizabeth accepted a personalized copy of the Living Bible from Dr. Taylor.

I am aware that the President's plans for addressing the NRB delegates must necessarily remain tentative due to his schedule and security concerns. If there is any way that Dr. Taylor's presentation of the 28 millionth copy to the President can be arranged, I am ready to help in any way possible to facilitate these details.

Sincerely,



Ron Mattocks
Associate Director
(Accredited in Public Relations,
Public Relation Society of America).