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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 27, 1982

Dr. William W. Pennell
Forrest Hills Baptist Church
Southwide Baptist Fellowship
Citizens United for Research and Education
Christian Law Association
923 Valley Brook Road
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Dear Dr. Pennell:

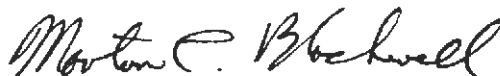
Mrs. Dole asked me to respond to your recent letter to her.

We were pleased you were able to join us at the President's meeting with national religious leaders on April 13.

You mentioned you would be available to serve on the President's Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives. We appreciate your willingness, but the composition of the task force was set last year and the task force expires at the end of this year. I would suggest that you correspond directly with Mr. William Verity, Chairman of the Task Force, about specific projects.

By the way, I think you will be interested to know that I have been serving on the White House task force to draft language for a tuition tax credit bill and have been liaison between the White House and prominent religious school attorney William Bentley Ball. It appears that we are very close to a final draft bill which will have broad support in the Christian school movement.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
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April 23, 1982

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
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Dear Mrs. Dole:

I certainly appreciated the opportunity to meet you at the President's Private Sector Task Force meeting of Religious Leaders on April 13, 1982. Your hospitality was great and I enjoyed the "North Carolina Humor."

I would be glad to serve on the President's Task Force and lend whatever support possible to this initiative. It is certainly a good idea.

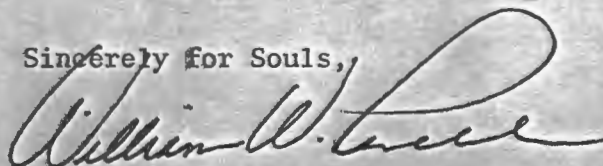
Since the President will possibly be in Atlanta on May 11, 1982, is there any way I can be of help? If there is, please do not hesitate to call.

There are several things that I have done since returning from the meeting. Everywhere I have spoken there has been a positive response to these social initiatives on the part of the Southwide Baptist Churches, and in several Christian Law Association meetings in Atlanta, Montgomery, Chicago, and Cleveland. The President and his ideas have been well received. "The grassroot Christian American" is for the President. There is a natural concern for jobs and the economy, but they usually say, "You can't undo in two years what took 40 years to do." They are being patient and if there is improvement by mid-summer we will be alright.

I would like to talk with you about the Bob Jones University tax problem. Though not connected with Bob Jones it will still greatly affect all who are in Christian Education. Also, I would like to discuss the Tuition Tax Credit Bill.

Thank you again, and may God bless you and your efforts to help our President and our country.

Sincerely for Souls,



William W. Pennell
Forrest Hills Baptist Church
Southwide Baptist Fellowship
Citizens United for Research and Education
Christian Law Association

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Ask Morton to
get in touch -
Let me know
if I should
meet
E.H.

"Is not my word like as a fire?" saith the Lord;

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 19, 1982

Dear Mr. Biscoe:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Private Sector Initiatives meeting at the White House for religious leaders.

As you have requested, I've enclosed a copy of the President's remarks at the luncheon. I hope you will find them useful.

Many thanks for your continued interest. With every warm wish,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Dole". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Dr. B. Robert Biscoe
Executive Secretary
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bcc: Morton Blackwell

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"Contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3)

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May 11, 1982

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

Dear Mrs. Dole:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Private Sector Initiatives Program at the White House for religious leaders. It was stimulating to hear what many of the participants were doing to solve community problems and a privilege to share lunch with President Reagan.

Prior to the meeting, because of being out of the office, I did not have opportunity to prepare or list areas in which the American Council of Christian Churches' constituent bodies participate in the Private Sector. Just briefly, I'll outline for you some of the areas in which we have been successful in ministering.

The Children's Home and Family Ministries, located in Valparaiso, Indiana, under Rev. Donald E. Worch, Executive Director; the Michigan Children's Home Association, a Baptist home for senior citizens in Grand Rapids, Mr. Bryant G. Wilds, administrator; and the Regular Baptist Child Placement Agency, Seattle, Washington, with a Regular Baptist Children's Agency in St. Louis, Missouri - both extremely active.

One of the outstanding areas that particularly encourages me is Shepherd's, Inc., a home for the mentally retarded in Union Grove, Wisconsin - Dr. Andrew H. Good, Executive Director. This work is especially outstanding and all of the above are supported by local American Council of Christian Churches' churches. Low-cost housing for retirees is provided by the Bible Protestant Movement in Port Jervis, New York, at its retirement center.

Of course, the Missions operations and educational institutes of our constituent bodies are coast-to-coast and many in number.

Corporately, we have established such agencies as the Commission Against Communist Oppression, where we endeavor to assist the families of those who are persecuted in the Soviet Union and their satellite countries.


Elizabeth H. Dole - page two.

One of our major concerns this year, during our annual convention in October, will be a re-evaluation of our participation in the Private Sector.

I appreciated the copies of the community service reports with the remarks of those that were presented during the program, but a copy of the President's remarks at the luncheon were not included. I would appreciate a copy if they are still available.

Thank you, Mrs. Dole, for allowing me to participate; and I trust we will have future opportunities to be an encouragement to you and the President as well as have opportunity to share the opinions and desires of the people we represent.

Sincerely yours,



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B. Robert Biscoe, LL.D.
Executive Secretary

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hero in Amsterdam in 1779 when he landed with two captured British ships; and the Dutch Government entered into secret negotiations with the Continental Congress, starting in 1778, on the draft of a Treaty of Amity and Commerce.

But, most important, on April 19, 1782, John Adams was admitted by the States General of the Dutch Republic as Minister of the United States of America, thus obtaining the second diplomatic recognition of the United States as an independent nation. Adams also succeeded, on October 8, 1782, in signing the first Treaty of Amity and Commerce between the two countries. This recognition of the United States as an independent nation can be regarded as a key step in our country's efforts to take its rightful place in the world community of nations as a sovereign state.

During the dark days of World War II, America was able to return this early support for our nationhood. Thousands of our young men are buried on Dutch soil, having given their lives in the liberation of the Netherlands.

Today, the United States and the Netherlands share a joint commitment to our common security and the defense of freedom and our shared democratic values through our mutual membership in the North Atlantic Alliance. Our close economic ties reinforce our common philosophic and political goals, and the Netherlands is now the top foreign investor in the United States.

While the particular expression of our policies and actions has not always been identical, this recognition of common interests and shared ideals has been a hallmark of the continuously peaceful and productive relationship between the United States and the Netherlands for two hundred years.

In recognition of this long and fruitful relationship between our two countries and peoples, I do hereby designate April 19, 1982 as Dutch-American Friendship Day and call on all Americans to observe such day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United

States of America the two hundred and sixth.

Ronald Reagan

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 10:59 a.m., April 13, 1982]

Note: The text of the proclamation was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on April 13.

Private Sector Initiatives

Remarks at a White House Luncheon for National Religious Leaders. April 13, 1982

Well, welcome to the White House. I almost didn't get up here. I'm so used to being an after-lunch speaker that —[laughter]—before lunch as a speaker threw me. I have just some brief remarks here, and then after we get through eating, why, we'll have something of a dialog instead of a monolog.

We just celebrated the happiest and holiest holidays of the Christian faith, and we're in the sixth day of the eighth day of Passover, a reminder of our nation's Judeo-Christian tradition. Today America's in the midst of a period of reevaluation about the role of our fundamental institutions, what functions are within the proper sphere of government, which of those should be left at State and local levels, how much can government tax before it infringes on our citizens' freedom and damages the economy's ability to grow and prosper.

For some time now I've been convinced that there is a great hunger on the part of our people for a spiritual revival in this land. There is a role for churches and temples that—just as there has been throughout our history. They were once the center of community activity, the primary source of help for the less fortunate, with the churches that ran orphanages, homes for the elderly, other vital services. As late as 1935, at the depth of the Great Depression, a substantial portion of all charity was sponsored by religious institutions. And today, as we all know, the field seems to have been coopted by government.

The story of the Good Samaritan has always illustrated to me what God's challenge really is—the injured pilgrim lying by

the roadside, those who passed by, and then the one man, the Samaritan, who crossed over to help him. He didn't go running into town and look for a caseworker to tell him that there was a fellow out there that needed help. He took it upon himself. Today, we've become so used to turning to government rather than taking the personal time and effort required to help those in need. Some even confuse charity as being the money that is given for lobbying to get more social programs passed.

I realize there is apprehension in the religious community about budget cuts, fear that we're trying to dump responsibility on others, including the churches, and I understand that concern. While we've quite justly, and out of economic necessity, cut some budgets, we have not, contrary to what seems to be the perception, abandoned America's commitment to the poor.

Critics notwithstanding, overall social spending on the part of government is up. For example, the budget for Health and Human Services will total \$274.2 billion in 1983, an increase of 8 percent or \$20 billion over 1982. And that's \$53 billion more than the defense budget. Our budget for Health and Human Services alone is larger than the national debts of all the countries in the world—or any other country in the world, except the United States and the Soviet Union. It provides increases for Head Start, social security, Medicare, and other safety net programs.

By and large, when people speak about budget cuts, what they're actually referring to is the trimming of projected increases in spending. Well, there've been some cuts in some programs, programs that were inefficient, top-heavy with bureaucracy, or not coming close to accomplishing what they set out to do. Government spending, in general, and social spending, in particular, got out of hand during the last decade. The Federal budget tripled, even though defense spending, in real dollars, was decreasing. I mention defense, because most of the critics of the budget seem to want to draw that comparison as to what we're doing in that regard. But with this growth in government came double-digit inflation, economic stagnation, and high levels of unemployment. Something had to be done.

If you just take inflation; if it had kept running at the rate it was in 1980, rather than what we brought it down to, a family of four on a fixed income of \$15,000 would now be about \$1,000 poorer in purchasing power. Inflation, which was 12.4 percent in 1980, has been averaging 4½ percent for the last 6 months. To lay the groundwork for economic recovery, we had to make some changes. But we're maintaining our fundamental commitment to the poor.

We must recapture the spirit of brotherhood, however, of family and community that once was the hallmark of this country. We're trying to get people, once again, trying to help others directly. Accomplishing this is not simply a matter of raising money; it's not just reaching into our pockets but reaching into our hearts. I've established a Task Force on Private Sector Initiatives, chaired by Bill Verity, who is with us here today. It's coordinating a broad-range program that's beginning to have a tangible impact.

I appreciate that your presence here represents something of a commitment to provide the leadership necessary to build stronger working partnerships to tackle community problems throughout the country. But I'm not suggesting, nor have I ever suggested, that churches and other voluntary groups should pick up the dollar-for-dollar cost of reduced Federal programs. I just believe it would be a good thing for the soul of this country to encourage people to get involved and accept more direct responsibility for one another's health, happiness, and well-being, rather than leaving it to the bureaucracy.

When someone starts talking about accepting more responsibility, I know that many in organizations whose budgets are already pinched get a queasy feeling. Well, we all know the study of the 5,000 who were fed from what today would probably have been called a brown paper bag lunch—a few loaves and fishes. But somehow, God can take our limited resources and solve larger problems if we're willing to share and to have faith. Today I'm convinced that with God's help the American people are capable of great things and that we'll be blessed beyond all expectation if we only try.

George Bush's wife, Barbara, told me of a church that she visited in Atlanta, St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In the early seventies this church was in decline. It was losing membership and attendance. And then a few members realized that you only gain your life by giving it away. So, some of them started a food program. At first, it was just sandwiches at lunch for the needy of the neighborhood. Now it runs 7 days a week and serves up to 600 people a day. The church has also opened a building to an educational program for high school drop-outs, which is jointly run by a nonprofit organization, the local school system, and members of the community. The church, incidentally, has grown tremendously in membership.

At this time of Passover we can be reminded of the wisdom of the Talmud, which says, "These are the things for which there are no prescribed limitations: the corner of the field for gleaners, the giving of the first fruits and the deeds of loving kindness. The fruit of these deeds is for them in this world, while the principle remains in the world to come." God's treasures surround us and are waiting for those willing to do His work.

Our task force on private initiatives, chaired by Bill Verity, has challenged the corporate community to double its philanthropic contributions. Today, while private citizens and corporations contribute \$47 billion annually, 94 percent of U.S. corporations do not contribute more than \$500 annually.

Now, contributions need not be in money. Companies can sponsor volunteer programs for their management and employees or even volunteer the use of their equipment. Prudential Insurance Company, for example, has the largest corporate van-pool system in the United States to bring their employees to and from work. Between office runs, their fleet of vans in Union County, New Jersey, is used to transport the elderly and the underprivileged. The potential for community projects like Prudential's van fleet is limited only by our imagination.

I suspect that those who manage corporations would be pleased to speak with the delegation of the local clergy with an idea of bettering the community. We must remember that many of those who run

Americans' business do sit each week in church or synagogue here and there in the country.

If not the churches, whose job is it to touch the hearts of those who are not already involved? Pardon me if this sounds familiar, but: If not us, who? If not now, when?

Two years ago a Catholic nun, Sister Ruth Haney, and a Southern Baptist lady, Mrs. Janice Webb, discovered something in their town of Jefferson City, Missouri, that cried out for action. There are four prisons located in that city, and when families of the prisoners came to visit, many had to sleep in the park or under bridges. These two women of different faiths mobilized churches across the State, headed up a committee, and raised \$46,000 from churches and individual members to buy an old rooming house three blocks from one of the prisons.

Individual churches took responsibility for renovating and furnishing the dozen rooms in the house and for the continued support of its operation. Mrs. Webb says, "Our sole purpose is to provide"—and I hope I'm pronouncing this right; I realized when I read the word I had never said it aloud—"agape, God's unconditional love to prisoners and their families." And so they named it the Agape House. They provide a bed and bath, but something deeper—the certainty that someone cares. This is the kind of spirit we need to draw upon.

In Chicago, Father Clements started the one-church-one-child program aimed at finding adoptive parents for minority children with special needs, handicapped children, children with learning disabilities, older children. The program, as its name suggests, asked each church to take responsibility to help one lost and lonely child find a home. In a year's time, 159 churches have responded to Father Clements' challenge, and he's taking the idea out of Chicago and going nationwide.

A few weeks ago, I met here in the White House with a group of 75 black ministers. It was a warm and inspiring meeting. Yes, they were concerned about our budget cuts. And we talked about that.

The black clergymen represent a noble tradition in this country. Their struggle to

aid the poor, help the sick, and counsel the troubled has always been a real part of their ministry. I sincerely believe they have much to teach all of us about what can be accomplished. But today many black churches need a helping hand. If nothing else, I would hope that we see more religious organizations—black and white, Christian and Jewish—working together.

There is, for example, expertise in America's churches that could be put to use teaching the unemployed skills that would change their lives. Your churches and synagogues can be the catalyst to convene a strong community partnership that can and will make the difference.

It's time for me to sit down, but I'd like to end with this thought. We have problems in our country, and many people are praying and waiting for God to do something. I just wonder if maybe God isn't waiting for us to do something. And while no one else is capable of doing everything, everyone is capable of doing something.

This is the spirit that built and preserved our freedom, made us a humane and God-fearing people. It lives among us still, here in this house and across the land, and as long as it lives, so too will the America that we cherish.

And now it's my pleasure to invite His Eminence Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York City to ask a blessing on this lunch and this gathering.

Note: The President spoke at 12:09 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House.

239th Birthday of Thomas Jefferson

Statement by the President. April 13, 1982

Thomas Jefferson remains one of the towering figures in American history 239 years after his birth. Statesman, scholar, inventor, farmer, and philosopher, he was, first and foremost, a champion of individual liberty. Throughout his life he was a tireless advocate of free expression and the sanctity of property, for he knew that, to be whole, freedom must be economic as well as political.

Thomas Jefferson also knew that too much government threatened human rights. "What has destroyed liberty and the rights of man in every government that has ever existed under the Sun?" he asked. And he answered, "The generalizing and concentrating all cares and powers into one body." Limited government, in a sound Federal system with essential powers properly distributed among local, State, and national bodies was his goal. For all governments his admonition was straightforward: "A wise and frugal government," he declared in his first Inaugural Address, ". . . shall restrain men from injuring one another, . . . shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

Much has changed in the last two centuries, but the principles Thomas Jefferson espoused still lie at the heart of our democratic society. May his 239th birthday be a time of national renewal when we commit ourselves anew to the proud, free heritage Jefferson bequeathed us.

United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

Nomination of Louis G. Fields, Jr., for the Rank of Ambassador While Serving as U.S. Representative to the Committee on Disarmament. April 13, 1982

The President today announced his intention to nominate Louis G. Fields, Jr., for the rank of Ambassador while serving as United States Representative to the Committee on Disarmament. He would succeed Charles Conway Flowerree.

Mr. Fields served in the United States Army as lieutenant in 1952-54. He was in the private practice of law in Richmond, Va., in 1956-62, and an attorney with A. H. Robins in 1962-66. He began his government service as administrative assistant to United States Senator A. Willis Robertson (1966-67). He was a consultant-expert at the Agency for International Development

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 23, 1982

Dear Bishop Allin:

Thank you for your participation in the Private Sector Initiatives Program at the White House for religious leaders. President Reagan was delighted at the opportunity to share lunch and exchange ideas with you. According to many of the participants, this was the first meeting any president has ever had with the heads of all the major church denominations and religious organizations.

We are hopeful that you will continue to do all in your power to encourage private sector organizations to undertake a more active role in solving community problems. I know the President is greatly encouraged by your enthusiasm in calling your congregation to participate.

Enclosed is a copy of the President's luncheon remarks, additional community service example reports, and the remarks of those who made the model program presentations.

We look forward to your continued participation in this very important effort.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President for
Public Liaison

**THOSE THAT DID NOT ATTEND THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS MEETING
April 13, 1982.**

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PRESIDENT REAGAN
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I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR CONVENING THE APRIL 13TH MEETING OF NATIONAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES. YOU MADE IT VERY CLEAR THAT YOU ARE NOT ASKING RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS TO SHOULDER ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC BURDENS, BUT ARE RATHER CALLING ON US TO EXERCISE GREATER INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. I HOPE AND PRAY THAT ALL OF US WILL RESPOND POSITIVELY AND STRONGLY TO YOUR REMINDER THAT THIS BASIC JUDEO-CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS IS VITAL TO THE SOUL OF OUR NATION. THE LEADERSHIP BEING PROVIDED BY YOU AND YOUR TASK FORCE IN THIS CRITICAL AREA IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

RALPH A BOHLMANN, PRESIDENT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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The Honorable Elizabeth Dole
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Dear Elizabeth:

I wish to express my appreciation for the delightful day we had at the White House yesterday. That was the most representative group of religious leaders I have seen in one place in some time.

It was thoughtful of the President to have us in and I am grateful that I could be present. We will do what we can to encourage initiatives in the private sector.

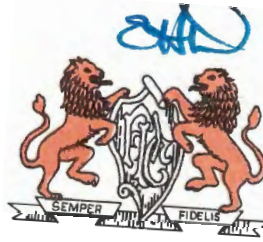
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Dear Elizabeth Dole,

I want to thank you for including me in the April 13 White House events. That was a most memorable day!

Enclosed is a Detroit Free Press article which told the story well, we thought. It is a delicate matter, being positive about a program with people who are suffering from unemployment, which is our situation, and yours, and the President's, and all of us.

Also enclosed is a page with my summary and thoughts — I prepared it for Detroit Presbytery executives.

(Over)

Again, thank you - and if I
can be of further assistance, do
not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Ken Kettlewell



Free Press Photo by PATRICIA BECK

Rev. Kenneth Kettlewell: "Only when we become personally involved do we really care."

Clergyman learns about volunteerism

By RICK RATLIFF
Free Press Staff Writer

Although the Rev. Kenneth Kettlewell admits concern about federal budget cuts for social programs, he says his Detroit church offers a "key example" of how such cut-backs can have positive effects.

When Mr. Kettlewell, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Detroit, learned last fall that his church would get just \$14,000 in federal money this year for a neighborhood child care program that received \$34,000 in 1981, he realized changes were necessary.

Mr. Kettlewell, 57, decided to use volunteers instead of paid staffers for some of the social, athletic and educational programs the church at 2930 Woodward has for four-to-16-year-olds.

ONE RESULT was that eight mothers who helped form a new Parents Club ended up joining the 500-member congregation as well. Mr. Kettlewell said he has long had trouble getting neighborhood parents to join the church.

"These people, once they became involved in the program, have joined the church," he said. "We call that a breakthrough."

So, it seems, does President Reagan, who has invited Mr. Kettlewell to be one of about 100 clergymen attending a White House luncheon today to discuss the virtues of private initiative.

"People start taking care of situations and meeting needs and opportunities instead of depending on the federal government," he

said. "Only when we become personally involved do we really care."

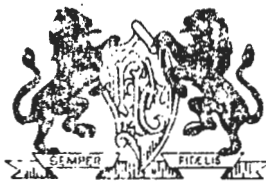
MR. KETTLEWELL said his luncheon invitation came after he sent the president an account of what happened at his church in January. Reagan sent a personal reply.

But Mr. Kettlewell said he does not support wholesale slashing of federal budgets for social programs.

"I'm as concerned as everyone else is," he said. "This is one positive example which we support and think is beautiful. It's just one positive step."

Christine Young, a mother with a seven-year-old son in the program, said she joined the church after joining the Parents Club because she likes Mr. Kettlewell's sermons.

*Prepared for Executives
of Detroit Presbyterians
who are alarmed
(by cut backs)*



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the White House Luncheon theme, April 13, 1982

The Private Sector Initiative Committee is headed by the President of Armco Steel, Middletown, Ohio. Its purpose is to encourage groups, churches, industry, organizations to work together in communities to meet the needs in the community.

The President made these points:

1. Federal government exists to make sure that the rights of all citizens in all the states are preserved and that the needs of all citizens in all the states are met. Federal government does not exist to meet all those needs, but to see that those needs are met. The trend of recent decades has been for the federal government to take more and more responsibility to meet the needs. The present philosophy is to reverse the process and to get us back to where we were with local government and federal government each carrying on the responsibility it has to perform.

2. Industry is being challenged, as a part of the private sector, to double its contributions in the next three years (financial contributions) to the community.

3. We are always wondering why God doesn't do something about certain situations or human problems. "I think God is wondering why we don't do something."

My opinion:

We can find all the fault we want to with President Reagan and shoot all the bullets at the White House we can manufacture. This is futile. Mr. Reagan is not the problem. We are now living in a new decade with a changed emphasis upon the role of federal government. It is not the 1960s and will not be ever again. Bomb the White House off the planet today, and we still would not be returning to the social programs we previously enjoyed. Neither political party will be able to manufacture the money any longer to do what we were doing before. We must find new ways, and the Private Sector Initiative is one attempt to meet the need and the problem. The sooner we buckle down and get to work and cooperate to solve problems, the better off we will be. We need to quit crying and get to work.

I think the Church has been creatively engaged in community life a long while. This is not a new thrust for the church.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 2, 1982

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