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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 7, 1983

Ray Allen, President CHRISTIAN VOICE FOUNDATION ACT Ministries 506 Briarwood Granbury, Texas 76048

Dear Ray:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 16. It was my pleasure to talk to you about our mutual concerns and beliefs.

It is exciting to witness the new activism among concerned Christians of our Nation. Christians have often, in the past, sat idly by as more of our nation's highest values have been challenged. It is great to see the Christian community awakening, as you mentioned.

As one who knows personally the power of prayer in everyday life, I am very appreciative of your prayers for me.

I pray for the continued success of your organization and for God's continued blessings upon you.

Sincerely,

MORTON C. BLACKWELL Special Assistant to the President

for Public Liaison

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

Dear Morton,

Thank you for letting me barge in on you Tuesday, May 10. I appreciated so much your response to my message, i.e. that Christian Voice is undergoing major spiritual reorganization. Colonel Doner, Gary Jarmin, Bob Grant and I all are anxiously looking forward to the opportunity to be of service to you personally, to the President and to the nation.

The revival currently building in the Christian community will, I believe, prove to be a significant factor in restoring our nation to economic, social, moral and spiritual sanity. Even more important than that, I believe the new awakening can have positive long-lasting and deeply satisfying personal consequences for you as an individual.

Obviously, there's no way for me to know your deepest spiritual needs, nevertheless, any good man occupying your position must find himself under a massive amount of pressure.

The same God who guided the destiny of our nation and often ministered to the deepest needs of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and others is both anxious and capable of undergirding you in the pursuit of your responsibilities in the White House.

As a minister, I'm constantly besieged by the desire to pass along help-ful and comforting thoughts that will stand the test of eternity -- one of them I pass along to you: "Cast all your care upon Him for He careth for you."

Morton, hundreds of Christians whom I know are praying for you by name. I pray you'll find a hidden source of great strength from that knowledge.

Actively praying for you in His name,

Ray Allen, President

Christian Voice Foundation

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

July 20, 1982

Dear Karen:

Thank you for sending me the information on the National Education Association PAC. I am sorry to see that the National Education Association does not understand that this Administration has a committment to education.

Many Americans have begun to realize that education can be more efficiently fostered through state tax dollars as opposed to Federal tax dollars. I can only hope that the National Education Association will some day see this truth.

Perhaps passage of tuition tax credits will improve the situation.

Thank you so much for all the support you have given to the conservative cause through the years. Keep up the good work.

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

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June 30, 1982

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

Dear Morton:

Traft nier & thoubs everegent. Enclosed is a copy of a letter mailed to members of the National Education Association from NEA President Willard McGuire.

You will note that they have formed a Political Action Committee with our tax dollars to "defeat education's enemies where it counts, at the polls." Of course, you will also see that Willard McGuire is telling NEA members that "education's enemies" include the New Right and especially, the Reagan Administration. In light of the fact that they are obviously out to destroy any progress in our great country, why does the Reagan Administration continue to fund their own destruction through the Department of Education?

I realize that you are just as concerned about this kind of activity as we are. Consequently, I felt you might be interested in a copy of this letter.

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Cullen (Karen) Davis

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Enclosure





Kenneth F. Melley, Staff Contact
National Education Association • Political Action Committee

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May 7, 1982

Dear Life Member:

How would you feel if America's public school system suddenly ceased to exist?

Would you be angry?

Would you be devastated?

Would you wish that you had done more to recognize the threat and prevent it?

As President of the National Education Association, I must alert you to the possibility (some are already saying probability) that our public schools are marked for extinction.

With each passing day I become more and more alarmed about the efforts of this Administration and its powerful right-wing allies to eradicate America's tradition of universal public education.

It is by no means a secret that the Administration holds great disdain for our system of public education and is moving, step by planned step, to fund private school enterprises in its place.

Melodrama? Histrionics? Hardly!

In its very first year, the Administration attempted to cut federal funding for public schools by more than one-third, up to 50% in some vital areas.

In its second year, the Administration is attempting to cut another 30% over and above the original proposed cuts.

The Administration claims that the federal government should be only "minimally" involved in public education funding. Its current budget proposals would complete the first phase of the anti-public education plan by lowering education funds from more than \$15 billion in fiscal 1981 to less than \$10 billion next federal year (FY 1983, beginning this October 1).

Further, the Administration boasts of wanting to virtually <u>eliminate</u> federal support for <u>public education</u> by fiscal 1985!

At the very same time, the Administration wants to take the money they are denying our public schools and give it to the private and parochial schools through tuition tax credit proposals that will cost the federal government up to \$7 billion a year!

The Administration has blatantly reversed the traditional IRS ruling that denied tax exempt status to private schools which segregate students on the basis of race.

The Administration is determined to expunge the Department of Education -- the federal agency which was created to advocate for America's public schools.

Through "block grants," the Administration has stripped needed programs for handicapped children, the disadvantaged, minorities, migrant children, college students and countless others.

The Administration has callously cut needed school lunch programs for hungry children.

And there is more. Much more.

The Administration has joined hands with powerful right-wing forces in wholehearted support of those who would:

- Mandate the teaching of "scientific creationism" in our public schools;
 - Censor classroom texts and library books;
- Require religious prayers in our public schools;
 - Racially segregate children through the expansion and enhancement of "private" schools, 80 percent of which are church-connected;
 - Restrict the federal courts from utilizing busing as an available tool in desegregation efforts;
- Eliminate so-called "secular humanist" public school teachers who teach values to students (except, of course, the right-wing's values) and encourage independent or critical thinking. (Virtually all public school teachers have been labeled "secular humanists.")

There is no longer time for debate regarding the motives of the Administration and its right-wing allies when it comes to the public schools.

The record is clear.

The right-wing agenda is being moved to the forefront and "chits" owed by the Administration from the 1980 election are being called in.

At this very moment, the professional fund-raising wizards of the right-wing are preparing new petitions and scurrilous letters to millions of Americans denouncing the Department of Education and advocating tuition tax credits.

All of this spells potential disaster for America's public schools unless supporters of traditional American public education rally together now and do something about it.

If you are like me and believe that our country's greatness and strength lie in our universal public education of all Americans as both citizens and contributors to American life and society, you are probably as alarmed by this Administration's abandonment of public education as I am, and you know something has to be done to stem this tide.

This is a Congressional election year. If more anti-education zealots are elected, our problems will compound geometrically.

If supporters of public education are elected, however, there may still be hope for our school system. All candidates for office must realize that NEA and NEA-PAC will not stand idly by if they take adverse positions on educational issues.

We must help friends of education and defeat education's enemies X where it counts: at the polls.

NEA-PAC is our means to combine our individual concern to create effective political power. NEA-PAC is our way to concentrate the strength of all American teachers behind the pro-education Congressional candidates from your state and around the nation.

To accomplish this task, NEA-PAC needs your help. Please contribute to NEA-PAC's special political action fund. I cannot urge you strongly enough to join me in contributing as much as you possibly can to this noble effort.

Send \$25, \$50, or more, if at all possible. Do it now. Today.

When you and I entered the teaching profession, we knew we would never become wealthy from teaching. We chose a profession that offered other, to us more meaningful, rewards. We chose the trials and rewards of helping our country's young people learn and grow, helping them to fulfill both their own potential and destinies and that of our nation. With our opportunity to teach comes also, I believe, an obligation to defend, to defend both our students' right and their opportunity to learn.

You and I must never look back at an America divested of its public school heritage and wish that we had done more.

I do not intend to. Please join me. Send in your contribution to NEA-PAC today. It can make a difference!

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Willard H. McGuire, President National Education Association

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You can get one half your NEA-PAC contribution back from the U.S., Treasury!

IRS regulations allow a tax credit for certain political contributions including your contribution to NEA-PAC! You can claim a tax credit for one half the amount of your political contributions up to \$50 for an individual or \$100 for a joint return. If you contribute \$100 to NEA-PAC, for example, your federal income tax bill will be reduced by \$50. Take advantage of this opportunity: send in your NEA-PAC contribution TODAY!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Morton Blackwell/Steve Gailebach

FROM: Gary Jarmin

RE: School Prayer Strategy

Per our meeting, I've listed below some previously discussed concerns/suggestions as regards our unfolding strategy.

- 1. Should the vote come up this fall in the Senate our time factor is relatively short. Therefore, I recommend we hold strategy meetings with the key players on a regular basis starting as soon as possible. Without mentioning specific names, representatives from active organizations, the White House (including Congressional liaison), Capitol Hill, Justice Department, etc., should be included.
- 2. Key Christian/pro-school prayer leaders should meet with the President. We'll obviously need massive grassroots support for the Amendment. Inviting key leaders to meet with the President on this issue should help to fire them up and rally the troops. This should be done sooner rather than later-- time will pass extremely fast.
- 3. Time is also against us as regards Senate Judiciary Committee action. Two or three weeks may not be sufficient time to prevent an unacceptable "compromise" Amendment being reported, especially one which could embarass the President. Consequently, pressure should be applied on Thurmond to hold off on Committee mark-up to buy us the time we need.
- 4. While CV is supportive of the "equal access" proposal, it is definitely a two-edged sword for two reasons: (1) too much activity on it from our side could divert support for the Constitutional Amendment while diluting our own firepower; and (2) the prospects for a two-thirds vote on the Constitutional Amendment may be hurt if a vote occurs first on this statutory remedy.

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- 5. Enclosed is the alternative Amendment proposed by DeConcini. It is a "sleeper" for the moment. However, should the pandora's box of alternative amendments open, DeConcini may resurrect his proposal. Perhaps, we should have Grover Rees analyze it as a precaution.
- 6. Since weakening amendments will <u>definitely</u> be offered from the floor, the Administration should begin researching those which it considers acceptable versus those which are not. If we take a "no amendment" strategy, we will very likely lose-- having a Constitutional Amendment shich is "acceptable" is far better than having none at all. Regardless ofwhich way Reagan will go on compromise, it is imperative that arguments and strategic pressures regarding same be thought out in advance.
 - 7. God love and bless you both!



P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

April 11, 1983

Dear Friend:

We are pleased to send you the latest "Friends of THE FREEDOM COUNCIL" report.

Its topic is America's Christian history. Written by Marshall Foster, president of the Foundation for Christian Self-Government and director of the Mayflower Institute, it establishes why it is critical that the American church remembers the Christian foundation upon which this nation was built.

Marshall Foster's organization is dedicated to teaching Americans about their Christian history and government. THE FREEDOM COUNCIL has worked hand-in-hand with his group since our founding in July 1981. We have worked together on the presentation of seminars, the production of a 52 minute film entitled "The American Covenant:The Untold Story" and a nationwide distribution of Christian history workbooks through THE FREEDOM COUNCIL'S grassroots network. We respect and appreciate Marshall and his team.

I asked Marshall to write the enclosed paper because I am convinced that every Christian American needs to know the Godly heritage of our nation. We have found that believers become excited about turning America back to God, as they become more and more aware of Gods plans and purposes for our country. For that reason alone this is a vital message for the church today.

We at THE FREEDOM COUNCIL hope that you will use your resources to spread the truth of our Christian heritage across the land.

God bless you.

Your brother in Christ

Ted Pantaleo, Executive Director

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AMERICA'S CHRISTIAN HISTORY - WHY LEARN IT?

Most Americans, through the process of education, have been influenced to believe that the study of history is irrevlevant to the problems of our day. As Christians, we need to awaken to the importance of our Christian heritage and apply it to our lives today. Here are some reasons why:

l. We have been separated from the knowledge of America's Christian heritage for over 100 years. Ever since the Bible was taken out of the public schools, God's hand on our nation has been completely overlooked, and human effort and secondary causes exalted. The planned attempt to eliminate the Providential view of history has resulted in apathy and even despair concerning the future of our nation.

In 1876, Rev. S. W. Foljambe, in an election sermon in Boston, said: "The more thoroughly a nation deals with its history, the more decidedly will it recognize and own an overruling providence therein, and the more religious a nation will it become; while the more superficially it deals with its history, seeing only secondary causes and agencies, the more irreligious it will be."

The teaching and importance of history is derived from the Lord Himself. He constantly referred to fulfilled history as proof of His Messiahship. In the Sermon on the Mount, He said, "For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished." The Law He referred to in this passage is the Pentateuch, which is the history of God's dealing with mankind. We, as Americans, need to know our heritage, just as the Children of Israel needed to know theirs. The book of Deuteronomy gives us a pattern for both individual and national renewal. It begins with remembering God's deeds throughout history. In fact, remember is the key word in Deuteronomy. It is used as a command without which the repentant process of rebuilding cannot begin. Deuteronomy was the second statement of the law to a generation that was preparing to enter the Promised Land. Their fathers had died in the wilderness because they had forgotten God's Law and their covenant with Him. So it was that a new generation needed to be reminded of why and how they had fallen away. Deuteronomy 5:15 says: "And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm."

But then, the generation led by Joshua into the Promised Land once again forgot the wonderful works of God in their history and after the death of Joshua and the elders, the Bible tells us, "And there arose another generation after them which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel." As a result of their falling away from the Lord, they worshipped the Baals, becoming godless idolators. Does this sound familiar?

In the New Testament, too, we see the admonition to remember God's deeds throughout history and not to abandon His ways. In Revelation 2:5 Jesus says to the church at Ephesus, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love, Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." Notice the sequence: first remembrance, then repentance. There can be no reformation in America until there is corporate repentance, and there can be no corporate repentance until there is corporate remembering.

Have we in America today forgotten what God did for us? Many of us would say, no, we have not forgotten; we remember and acknowledge Christ as our Lord and Saviour. But how many of us accept Him as the Saviour of nations as well as individuals - as the great regenerative force in our national life as witnessed in our history? And how many of us see the necessity of carrying the implications of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into every area of life, beginning with ourselves, our homes, schools and churches and then widening out into our responsibilities for our local communities, our county, state and national governments?

Christians have been commanded to take dominion over the earth, not to retreat from the world into little enclaves, little subcultures, in a vast secular society. On the contrary, throughout history Christianity has had a profound impact on the life of nations as well as individuals, particularly after the Reformation which gave the Bible to the people and its interpretation to the individual conscience under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

3. This brings us to our third point: that the reformation of America back to Biblical principles is not an impossible task. It has been done before. As an example, the Puritans and the Pilgrims who came to America, changed the course of history. This is not to say that our forefathers never made mistakes or that they always lived up to the Christian principles they professed. Of course not. As fallen men, this would be impossible, but even in the limited degree that they allowed the Law and the Gospel to determine the law of their nation - to determine the structure of its civil government - great progress has taken place.

Under the repression of the monarchical system in the Old World, which viewed government by kings as vested in Divine Right, both civil and religious liberty were severely limited. It was only as the Providence of God allowed colonization to begin in a land long hidden from view that mankind took a giant leap forward in understanding that His laws are to be enacted in every area of life from the self-government of individuals living in accord with His laws to civil government based on His laws as revealed in the Bible and written in our hearts.

From the Mayflower Compact, in 1620, America's first document establishing Christian self-government in the civil realm, on to our Declaration of Independence in 1776 our Founders were busy working out the implications of self-government and union under the Higher Law of God. The Mayflower Compact states that the Pilgrims made their perilous voyage to the New World in order to plant a colony "for ye glorie of God, and advancemente of ye Christian faith." Therefore they did "solemnly and mutualy in ye presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves togeather into a civill body politick for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of ye ends aforesaid."

And how does the Declaration of Independence conclude? With these ringing words: "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

The men of those days recognized the hand of God working throughout all history. Why? Because their ministers taught it to them over and over in sermon after sermon using the history of God's people in Israel and in the early Christian church as illustration. The colonial clergy were watchmen on the tower warning of dangers and presenting Biblical solutions to the urgent problems facing the colonies from the Stamp Act through the Revolution. Many of them assisted in the framing of the new state constitutions. One great minister, Dr. John Witherspoon, served in the Continental Congress for seven years on more than 100 committees, and was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. In a Fast Day sermon called for by the Continental Congress in 1776, he said "God grant that in America true religion and civil liberty may be inseparable, and the unjust attempts to destroy the one, may in the issue tend to the support and establishment of both."

Contrary to general opinion today, most of the patriot leaders were sincere, orthodox Christians not Deists or skeptics. To delve into the voluminous writings of George Washington and read his repeated testimony of how strongly he relied on divine Providence and how keenly aware he was of the Hand of God in his own life and that of the nation is to be deeply moved and inspired to one's own closer walk with God. To read of Patrick Henry's devout Christian faith and to hear the Biblical echoes resounding through his great speeches is to realize why his oratory so inspired the people of his time. It roused within them all that the Bible taught them about individual responsibility and self-government under God's laws. And to read the Biblical reasoning of that great Samuel Adams, who did so much to bring the colonies together, is to realize how far we have strayed from the Biblical standard for statesmanship.

No, history is emphatically not a musty, irrelevant subject, but alive with meaning for us today, one full of important lessons that need to be remembered and relearned if we are to set a wise course for our nation's future. An understanding of God's hand in our history and how our remarkable system of government was brought into being is the springboard for our future. If we do not remember his hand in our history, we will lose all that our founders struggled to bequeathe to us, and the light of liberty and self-government will go out all over the world.

Back in 1799, Dr. Jedidiah Morse gave an Election Sermon using as his text, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). His words of warning have great meaning for us today: "Our dangers are of two kinds, those which affect our religion, and those which affect our government. They are, however, so closely allied that they cannot, with propriety, be separated. The foundations which support the interests of Christianity are also necessary to support a free and equal government like our own...to the kindly influence of Christianity we owe that degree of civil freedom, and political and social happiness which mankind now enjoys. In proportion as the genuine effects of Christianity are diminished in any nation, either through unbelief, or the corruption of its doctrines, or the neglect of its institutions; in the same proportion will the people of that nation recede from the blessings of genuine freedom, and approximate the miseries of complete despotism...whenever the pillars of Christianity shall be overthrown, our present republican forms of government, and all the blessings which flow from them, must fall with them."

How important then for American Christians to understand America's Christian history. So important that without a knowledge of our history and an appreciation of its principles, the restoration of our nation is impossible. As Daniel Webster

once said: "Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion...They sought to incorporate its principles with the elements of their society and to diffuse its influence through all their institutions, civil, political, or literary." It is time that we American Christians were once again doing just that: diffusing the principles of Christianity throughout all our institutions today - including that of civil government. The rise of American Christian history study groups in homes, churches and schools throughout the nation is one of the most heartening developments of our day. As American Christians once again remember the Hand of God in their history and learn of His mighty constructive work in the founding of this nation, they will be ready to take the lessons learned through this study and put it to practical use in confronting intelligently the crucial issues of our time. By God's grace we can rebuild the Christian foundations of our nation - that great foundation of its past and future progress. Turning a deaf ear to the cynics of the 6 o'clock news, we must listen instead to the uplifting words of scripture and the Word of God, united as a body in the bonds of love by the indwelling spirit, and bolstered by a great legacy of self-government, liberty, enterprise, and discipline, we, the American Christians can see the gates of hell broken down in our own land.

(This article was written exclusively for THE FREEDOM COUNCIL by Marshall Foster. He is the President of Foundation for Christian Self-Government and the Director of the Mayflower Institute.)



Project Helping Hand

March 22, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Because of the leadership and expertise you have displayed in the area of public/private partnerships and private sector initiatives, an invitation will be extended to you in the next few days to attend a very special conference to be held in April.

Co-sponsored by the Atlantic Richfield Company and the United States Conference of Mayors, this Partnership III conference will concentrate on the theme of public/private partnerships and the new opportunities for mobilizing the private sector. In an attempt to provide a more "hands-on" approach, practitioners like yourself have been invited to interact with panels of leading activists in this area.

Project Helping Hand has been selected to be the chairing organization for the mediating structures/human service forum. Composed of six different forums, this conference will endeavor to produce an action-oriented strategy based on the findings of each forum. Our particular panel will consist of key leaders in the mediating structure/human service arena, including:

Dan Whitehurst, Mayor Fresno, California

Robert Woodson, Director National Center for Neighborhood Revitalization

Dorothy Height, President National Council of Negro Women Robert Gudger, Director Xerox Foundation

Jule Sugerman, President Human Service Forum

Robert Mossbacher, Vice President Mossbacher Productions

Your name was submitted by Project Helping Hand because of this unique opportunity for many activists like yourself from the public and private sector to come together.

I hope that you will sense the urgency and importance of this occasion and respond accordingly. Your actual invitation will include all the pertinent details. We look forward to your valuable input.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Strong

President

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

TO:

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MICHAEL K. DEAVER Assistant to the President Deputy Chief of Staff

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May 2, 1983

Mr. Mike Deaver Deputy Chief of Staff The White House Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

While the enclosed memorandum was sent to your office by Lyn Nofziger over ten days ago, I bring it to your immediate attention as time is of the essence.

As the memorandum explains, I believe it would be very appropriate, timely and extremely important for the President to meet with pro-school prayer leaders. We at Christian Voice and the Project Prayer Coalition have been leading the effort on behalf of the President's Constitutional Amendment restoring school prayer. Meeting with our leaders and other notable pro-school prayer advocates would provide very positive press attention for the President (help solidify Christian voter support) while giving his Constitutional Amendment a greatly needed shot-in-the-arm at this critical stage (the Senate Judiciary Committee will go into mark-up on the Amendment in the next few weeks).

The memo originally recommended May 5 as the possible meeting date. However, we realize the President will be out of town on this day. Therefore, I recommend any date between May 4th and May 11th as a possible time frame for such a meeting. Christian Voice's top leaders will be in town during this period.

I hope that the idea of such a meeting meets with your approval. Any assistance you can provide in this regard would be deeply appreciated.

I will contact your office in the near future to discuss this request. Please don't hesitate to have one of your assistants contact me in the meantime if you have any questions or need more information. Thanking you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of the above, I remain

Faithfully,

GARY L. JARMIN Legislative Director

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LYN NOFZIGER

April 22, 1983

Gary L. Jarmin Legislative Director Christian Voice 418 C Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Gary:

I have the memo that you sent to the
White House and asked me to drop to Ed Meese.
You have sent the memo to Ken Cribb and I
know he will talk to Ed.

I have taken the liberty of sending it along to Mike Deaver who will have a great deal to say about it, and this way we're sure that he will proceed directly.

Sincerely,

Lyn Noffziger

LN/dm

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April 15, 1983

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FROM: Gary Jarmin, Project Prayer

RE: School Prayer Leaders Meeting with President Reagan

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June 23. 1983

The Honorable Martin Blackwell Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell.

Because of the urgency and importance of an upcoming "Prayer" event concerning the 'youth of Amercia', our office was requested to send this information to 'your' immediate attention.

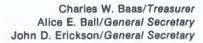
Mr. Blackwell, a 'Massive Youth Prayer Breakfast' entitled "Come Together '83" involving over 5,000 young people of many different races, creeds, ages, and various Christian backgrounds, but whose common ground is their faith in God, is going to be held in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. This will be the largest 'Youth' Prayer Breakfast in the history of America, and will involve a historical gathering of youth who are coming together to pray for the youth of America, our President, and our nation.

These youth are praying dilligently that President and Mrs. Reagan would take a few minutes from the stringent pace of the world affairs to attend this 'Prayer Breakfast', and that the President would bring the "Keynote Address" on 'prayer'.

Our reason for wanting the President to come is not only for the sake of America's 'youth', but we also believe that the President and Mrs. Reagan's coming will accomplish the following things:

- It has been said, "You move the youth, and you move 1. the country", and President and Mrs. Reagan's appearance at this 'Youth Prayer Breakfast' will be an excellent opportunity for interaction with thousands of young people, and also make such an impact on them that it will 'move the youth' away from drugs, crime, alcoholism, and closer to the God fearing principals which this nation was built upon.
- 2. President and Mrs. Reagan's appearance would serve as a catalyst to launch a prayer movement among the youth and even the adults so great that it will go down in history as the beginning of "A Great Spiritual Awakening".

It will be an excellent opportunity for the President 3. to underscore his message on the "Importance of Prayer In The School and Home" ("God favors only those minds which are prepared"), and also a time for him to encourage youth who are "America's tomorrow--and America's today." This 'Youth Prayer Breakfast' will be on Saturday Morning, September 17, 1983, at 10:00 A.M., in the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas. An invitation has been sent in a <u>personal</u> letter to the President. Mr. Blackwell, knowing of your Christian concern for our 'youth', we are prayerfully asking that you would personally bring this invitation to the attention of the President. Any concern you give to this will certainly be appreciated. Sincerely for the Glory of God, Dr. Vernard Johnson Coordinating Chairman P.S. Also, Bunker Hunt, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Jimmy Draper, Ed McAteer, John Erickson, Lewis (Woody) Jenkins, E. V. Hill, and many other great men of God are in prayer for the letter we sent to the President and your consideration in this matter.





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April 28, 1983

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

My dear Mr. President:

How grateful I am for your gracious letter of April 25th.

You made my recent visit to the White House with Senator Claiborne Pell along with Alice Ball and Coleman Burke, Officers of the American Bible Society, at which time we were privileged to present to you a copy of the Good News Bible a most delightful occasion. May I once again tell you how grateful we are to you for having declared 1983 the Year of the Bible.

Looking back over the history of the American Bible Society since 1816, I cannot help but be thrilled with the knowledge that Elias Boudinot who was the first President of the American Bible Society, was the first President of the Continental Congress. Then, too, both John Adams and John Q. Adams served as members of the Board of Managers.

May I inject a personal note to tell you of my sincere appreciation for the way in which you are handling the gigantic task of your high office. I believe so strongly in the standards you are vigorously supporting and feel confident that time will fully endorse the program you have set forth.

You are in my prayers daily asking that you be given the wisdom, courage and knowledge to make the right decisions in these critical years.

May God's richest blessings be with you and Nancy always.

Sincerely

Edmund F. Wagner

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May 20, 1983

Faith Ryan Whittlesey Public Liason Office The White House Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ms. Whittlesey:

As you know, education has come to the forefront of the public debate in recent weeks. The proposals set forth by the National Commission on Excellence in Education has awakened many more Americans to our responsibility in preparing the next generation to meet the complex challenges facing our society. I sincerely believe the rise of the Christian school movement has greatly contributed to the back to basics rhetoric being spoken by all responsible educators today. President Reagan has always been a staunch supporter of competition in education and in the idea this competition will raise the standards of all. Of course, tuition tax credits, now before the Congress, remain the fundamental issue surrounding the economic viability of educational competition. With this in mind, I recently wrote a letter to President Reagan inviting him to our school's banquet on June 1. This occasion would be a great honor for us, and it could be advantageous to the President for the following reasons:

- 1. Our parents are predominantly from the lower middle class and send their children to school at great financial sacrifice while still supporting the public schools with their tax dollars.
- 2. Our students score over 1 year ahead of grade level in all subject areas on an average.
- 3. Our student population is 29% minority children which refutes the white flight theory for the existence of the Christian school movement.

For these social, economic, and political reasons, I believe the Lord has opened a door of opportunity. As the President's assistant for public liason whose job it is to make sure that the administration has strong communication

with the people, I appeal to you to use your influence, if you see fit, to bring to the attention of the appropriate people this opportunity I have outlined. Again, I have already written to President Reagan; however, I have not received any word back.

Thank you for any help you can give that would be appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

July 5, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I thank you for your kindness in furnishing me with the documentation relative to the challenge of the President's proclamation of 1983 as the year of the Bible.

I do fear those who raise such question are striking at the very foundation of our nation and at its ability to survive as a democracy of people who are free because of their inherent sense of moral responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

Edward A. McCarthy Archbishop of Miami

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH P.O. BOX 400 EULESS, TEXAS 76039

July 19, 1983

President Ronald Reagan THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, DC. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I wanted to reaffirm to you my solid commitment to the revised prayer amendment which has cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee. It certainly answers the concerns which I have. As far as I can determine, it provides for fully voluntary prayer with no prescribed or composed prayer given for the students. I am very grateful to you for making this addition.

Because of some questionable news releases, I wanted to put in writing my full support for this proposed amendment. May God bless you in a very special way.

Once again, I assure you of my prayers.

In His love,

James T. Draper, Jr.

JTD/mn

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT P.O. BOX 400 JAMES T. DRAPER, JR. EULESS, TEXAS 76039 July 11, 1983 Mr. Morton Blackwell THE WHITE HOUSE Washington, DC 20500 Dear Morton: It was good to talk with you by phone this week while I was in Virginia Beach. I appreciate so much your comments and your helpfulness regarding the prayer legislation. I would appreciate receiving a copy of the tape you mentioned on the radio program in Minneapolis if it becomes available. Thanks in advance for doing that. You also mentioned a case in Livermore, California where a clergyman was not allowed to give the invocation this year. I would appreciate some documentation on this so I can use that same information. Anything else you can give to me regarding the abuse of the Supreme Court ruling on prayer would be very helpful. Thank youfor helping with this. I am sorry I could not be at the meeting on Tuesday but am preaching twice a day in Oklahoma. I did send a letter to the President that I hope will be helpful. Thanks for your help. In His love, JTD/mn

June 18, 1983

Reverend Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Reverend Blackwell,

Choice greetings.

I deeply appreciate your taking the time to send me the book, "A Time for Candor." I will read it with great interest and the information contained therein, I am certain, will be a tremendous help to me respecting the ministry and all I am endeavoring to do.

We would appreciate receiving a copy of anything of this nature that crosses your desk.

May God bless you richly. Our prayers are with you. The position you hold is very important and I feel that not only was the President very wise in his selection, but God had a direct hand in it.

In the Master's service, yours,

Jimmy Swaggart

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June 20, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I wish to thank you for sharing with me the information about the President's Proclamation of 1983 as the Year of the Bible

I am in full accord with the President's right in this matter. I commend him for his position.

With my cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

James D. Niedergeses Bishop of Nashville

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THE MORAL MAJORITY, INC.

June 15, 1983

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

Dear Morton:

Thank you for your letter of June 7th and for the material you sent, but I'm afraid that it doesn't really relate to the issues we're working on now. I do appreciate your thinking of me, though.

Best wishes--

Sincerely,

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Cal Thomas

Vice President for Communications

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Scott Gwartney 632 Constitution Avenue NE Washington, DC 20002 June 16, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell 191 Old Executive Office Building Washington, DC

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

I just wanted to take a few minutes to let you know how much I personally appreciate you taking the time to speak to the Liberty Baptist College Interns on Thursday afternoon.

I also had the privilege of attending the seminar conducted by the Leadership Institute last weekend. I can honestly say I benefited more from that seminar and the political experiences related by you and the other speakers than any one class I have taken in college yet.

Thanks again for taking the time from your busy schedule to teach and share with us.

Sincerely,

Scott Gwartney

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June 26, 1983.

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I just wanted to drop a short note to thank you for the luncheon on Friday, and express my appreciation for all of your efforts. I am sorry for all the confusion about the meeting time, but where "two or three of us (Dominicans) are gathered together" there shall be hue and outcry, tumult and uproar! From unity of faith it does not follow that there is unity of practice.

If there is anything that I can do to assist you in your projects, please let me know. This week, I shall be engaging in an "Adventure in Moving" as U-Haul puts it, and moving to St. Louis. I will be going back and forth to Washington, however, as Tom has me doing research for the delegate on euthanasia, genetic engineering and determination of death legislation.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts, and I hope that we can be of assistance in your work.

In Christ,

Fr. Bet Berry OR

Fr. Robert Barry, O.P.

P.S. My St. Louis address is:

St. Louis Bertrand Priory. 97 Waterman Place. St. Louis, Missouri. 63112. (314) 361-4445.

From the desk of CECIL TODD



July 11, 1983



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

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I'm including some news releases about this petition, and I'm trying to work out my delivery of the petition to Tip O'Neill and Howard Baker, sometime the last of July or the first of August.

You are in our thoughts and prayers many times. We'll never forget the impact that you made for our God and our country when you came to Joplin.

May God continue to bless you and use you to touch the lives of people all around you.

God's best to you.

Yours, Settin' Fires,

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Office Of The President Jim Bakker



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

Dear President Reagan:

We are very excited about our annual "Victory Day Celebration" week of June 27 through July 4, 1983.

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June 1, 1983

About My July 3

I want to extend my personal invitation to you to be our special guest during this time for the dedication of our new Broadcast Center on the evening of July 3 at 7:30, which will be the highlight of the week of special services and events.

Our Big Weekend will begin Friday evening at 7:30 at which time Richard Roberts will be speaking in the Big Barn Auditorium, and afterwards, the Musical Heritage '83 presentation will begin at 9:00 in the Amphitheater.

On Saturday evening, there will be an All-Night Gospel Sing in both the Big Barn Auditorium and the Amphitheater with performances going on at both places at the same time.

On Sunday, July 3, there will be a full day of services with guest speakers from all over the United States, with the final event being the dedication of our new Broadcast Center. Rex Humbard, Efrem Zimbalist, Jr., and many others will be here for this special service.

On Monday, July 4, there will be our annual Picnic at Buffalo Park, and our Victory Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. That evening, Dr. Robert Schuller will be speaking in the Big Barn Auditorium at 7:30, and a presentation of Musical Heritage '83 will begin at 9:00 in the Amphitheater, marking the end of the week's activities.

We are expecting this to be a great time of fellowship together. There will be well over 50,000 people here on our grounds at Heritage USA that weekend; many people will be participating from other ministries and organizations; and there will be television coverage allowing a worldwide viewing audience to participate with us.

Thank you for giving this consideration and for allowing us to present this schedule of events to you on our Tenth Anniversary Celebration.

Sincerely

Jim Bakker