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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS/1430 K Street NW/Ste. 900/Washington, D.C. 20005/(202) 628-7911

December 9, 1983

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

Dear Morton:

Among the major issues with which you grapple, the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican may seem like an insignificant matter. We don't think that is the case.

Opposition to President Truman's plan of appointing such an Ambassador drew NAE into the public affairs arena for the first time. Today, you will find the National Association of Evangelicals and the National Council of Churches on the same side on this issue — an unusual occurrence — along with the Baptist Joint Committee, Seventh Day Adventists, and Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

We urge you to advise the President not to appoint an Ambassador to the Vatican. Yesterday's Washington Post said that the "Reagan Administration wants to establish full diplomatic relations...." This morning's New York Times quotes Larry Speakes as indicating that "any change 'would not go as far' as the designation of a full Ambassador." We hope that the later word represents your current thinking.

Why would the Administration want to risk unnecessarily alienating evangelicals and other protestants? I assure you that we do not reflect a knee-jerk, anti-Catholic sentiment, but a thoughtful commitment to church-state separation and the hallowed tradition of governmental neutrality toward religion.

Of course we understand and applaud the role of Pope John Paul II in the ideological conflict of our times. However, United States support of the Pope does not require the appointment of an Ambassador. Moreover, the current Pope could pass from the scene, to be succeeded by a liberal Cardinal, espousing liberation theology.

In short, there are strong philosophical and pragmatic reasons to urge the President not to establish full diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

Faithfully yours,

Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1982

MEMORANDUM

TO: LARRY SPEAKES

FROM: DODIE LIVINGSTON ^{DL}
480-OEOB/Ext. 2941


RE: Brotherhood Week - Feb. 14-20, 1982

Attached are copies of the President's message for National Brotherhood Week. You may want to release the text to the press so that it will get some coverage. This annual observance is sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Tina Silverman of my staff wrote this year's statement.

✓ Elizabeth Dole

cc: Karna Small
Anne Higgins
Mary Rawlins
Kathy Mellody



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON


February 3, 1982

National Brotherhood Week
February 14 - 20, 1982

During Brotherhood Week we are especially reminded of the need for a national commitment to brotherhood and to the elimination of all forms of prejudice and discrimination in American society.

Surely one of this nation's greatest resources is the diversity of a people whose ancestry can be traced to an extraordinary variety of national origins and cultures. Though we differ in many respects, we share a love of this country and the freedom for which it stands. Even more fundamentally, as the Bible teaches, "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?"

Throughout the year, let us join together as brothers in the family of man and reach across the religious and racial boundaries which unnecessarily divide neighbor against neighbor. Through friendship and understanding, we all stand to gain. Let us work and grow together as one great nation.



Ronald Reagan

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South Africa

MBB cannot attend
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THE PROGRAM OF BLACK CHURCH STUDIES • GAYRAUD S. WILMORE, DIRECTOR

June 5, 1981

Mr. Morris Blackwell
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

You may have read about the refusal of visas to a group of academics and church leaders from Rochester on May 16 for the second straight year. I am sending enclosed some news clippings about this incident and a copy of a cable from Bishop Desmond Tutu, of the South Africa Council of Churches, who was our host along with Rev. Sam Buti of the (black) Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa.

I will not go into details here about developments before and after the refusal on May 16, but only want to invite your interest and participation in a most vigorous follow-up being planned for Washington.

On Thursday, June 25 several members of the group will be in Washington to visit offices on the hill for the purpose of discussing the issue of the freedom of Americans to travel to South Africa and to urge the passage of effective legislation to enforce visa reciprocity.

On the preceding evening, Wednesday, June 24, we will meet with specialists on South African affairs to (1) brief them on important developments regarding this second refusal of visas, and (2) seek counsel on how we should proceed from here. It is obvious to us that Congressional and State Department action is needed. We also want to continue our efforts to increase contacts with progressive South African leaders who are trying to wage a peaceful struggle against apartheid. The fact that the government is attempting to prevent this intensifies our resolve.

The Wednesday meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at 110 Maryland Ave. N.E. We invite your attendance and input.

On Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. we will meet again at 110 Maryland Ave., N.E. to wrap-up the day's visit with members of the House and Senate and to report the results to interested persons and the press.

Mr. Morris Blackwell

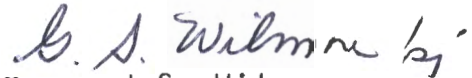
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June 5, 1981

I hope your schedule will permit you to attend one or both of these consultations or to have representatives of our group meet with you in your office on Thursday, June 25.

We would appreciate a letter or telephone call if you have further questions or a problem talking with us during these two days. This letter is simply a follow-up on any contact you may already have had regarding our visit to Washington from Rev. James Pritchard. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Gayraud S. Wilmore
MLK Professor of
Black Church Studies

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Date of Request: 4/16

Taken by: _____

Person requesting appointment: Adam Debaugh
Director

Company or affiliation: Universal Fellowship
of Metro Community Churches

Telephone number: 543-2260

Subject: Talk about gap in religious
community

Date of appointment: May 5, Tues.

Outside participants: _____

Suggested staff people in attendance _____

APPROVAL:

YES

NO

5/5-Tues. will be in town then too.

- { Troy Perry - founder
- { Rev Sherman - Pres of Dignity (RC)

Outreach to gay community
met & Wexler's group want to meet
with representative of Reagan Admin.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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II. RELIGIOUS GROUPS

1. Dr. Robert Billings, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Education,
Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
O - 245-7855 R - 839-6986 wife:

Bob was executive director of the Moral Majority and Reagan campaign liaison to the fundamentalist and evangelical communities.

2. Jerry Falwell, President of the Moral Majority,
National Capitol Office, 500 Alleghany Ave., Lynchburg, Va. 24501
O - 804-528-0070 R - 804-237-3348 wife:

Jerry is a strong supporter of the President who has awakened millions of Christians to the political process.

3. Edward McAteer, Executive Director of the Religious Round Table,
1500 Wilson Blvd. Suite 502, Arlington, Va. 22209
O - 524-3795 R - 245-7855 wife:

Ed is an organizer of coalitions of religious leaders interested in the public policy process; he is held in high regard by a wide spectrum of religious leaders, many of whom are historically at personal odds with each other.

III. VETERANS/ MILITARY GROUPS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 4, 1981

Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Harte
815 East Orangewood
Phoenix, Arizona 85020

Dear Bishop Harte:

Thank you very much for your letter.

I, too, was with Barry Goldwater at San Francisco in 1964, as his youngest delegate. One of my strongest memories is of the official service there at Grace Cathedral, with Bishop Pike in charge. The service was assisted by Senator Kuchel and Representative Maillard. On the other hand, the folks in the pews were largely conservative.

Please do not hesitate to advise me regarding our policies and procedures which affect religious groups. If there are any specific meetings or briefings which you believe we should organize, please suggest them.

I will keep you in mind as a resource to lean on. If you happen to be in the D.C. area, I would like you to drop in for a chat or perhaps for lunch at the White House Mess.

Again, thank you for writing.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President



Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Harte

815 EAST ORANGEWOOD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85020
602-944-7459

May 25, 1981

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I am a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, writing you a perhaps, too lengthy letter about certain concerns. I served the Church as Rector in Austin, Texas, Dean of the Eric Cathedral, Bishop in Dallas for nearly 10 years, and Bishop in Arizona since 1961. I was with Barry Goldwater when he was nominated at the Republican Convention at the San Francisco Cow Palace in 1964. I was with my warm friends, John Rhodes, Eldon Rudd and Barry Goldwater at the Republican Convention;

Detroit when our President was
nominated in July. I have been
active in the Republican Party for
45 years in Ohio, Pennsylvania,
Texas and Arizona. I have been
President of the National organization
of Episcopalians for Life since 1966.
I have been President of Episcopalians
for Morality in Media since 1979.

I am a close friend to Nancy Reagan's
mother and step father in Phoenix.
I keep in close touch with Senator
Goldwater & Representative John Rhodes
and do a good deal of speaking
around the Nation on moral and
conservative political matters.

I know that you are a member
of the Episcopal Church. Naturally,
I am pleased that you are an
assistant to our President.



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Rt. Rev. Joseph M. Harte

815 EAST ORANGEWOOD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85020
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You may judge from the above
my conservative moral position.
These matters will be most
important issues coming before
the General Convention of the
Episcopal Church in New Orleans,
in September, 1982. It would
be indeed helpful if from time
to time you could send to me
material, either denominational
and/or ecumenical relating to
moral issues: personal, social,
national and international.

Thank you for reading
this long letter.

I am a strong supporter, and active one, of President Reagan and his program.

If the dear Lord allows me I will be working hard for the conservative cause before, during and after the New Orleans' Episcopal Convention.

Faithfully and Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hart

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cc: Milton Blackwell

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THE SUFFERING OF INNOCENT CHILDREN FROM MALNUTRITION AND DISEASE ALWAYS TOUCHES THE CONCERN AND SYMPATHY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. TRADITIONALLY THE UNITED STATES PROVIDES AID TO CHILDREN WHOSE LIVES AND WELL-BEING ARE ENDANGERED WITHOUT REGARD TO POLITICAL DIFFERENCES WITH THEIR GOVERNMENT.

MANY YOUNG CAMBODIANS ARE ALIVE TODAY THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES. HUNGRY CHILDREN ON THE HORN OF AFRICA AND IN CHINA ARE RECEIVING EMERGENCY HELP. BUT SO FAR CHILDREN IN VIETNAM FACING SEVERE MALNUTRITION HAVE BEEN IGNORED.

REPRESENTATIVES OF AMERICAN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS RECENTLY SAW GAUNT FACES AND MATCHSTICK LIMBS OF TODDLERS BEING TREATED FOR EXTREME MALNUTRITION AT PEDIATRICS HOSPITAL NUMBER TWO IN HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON). DOCTORS' EFFORTS TO RESTORE HEALTH ARE HANDICAPPED BY SHORTAGES OF MEDICINE AND MILK. VIETNAMESE HOSPITALS AND DAYCARE CENTERS RECEIVED SURPLUS MILK FROM THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY UNTIL 1979 WHEN SHIPMENTS WERE ENDED TO PROTEST VIETNAM'S INVASION OF CAMBODIA.

VIETNAM BECAME A FOOD DEFICIT COUNTRY DURING FIFTEEN YEARS OF WAR. SINCE 1975 IT HAS FACED CHRONIC SHORTAGES DUE TO WAR DAMAGE, THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. AND CHINESE FOOD AID, GOVERNMENT MISMANAGEMENT, DIVERSION OF RESOURCES TO MILITARY USES, AND DISASTROUS WEATHER.

ACCORDING TO THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION, IN THE LAST YEAR VIETNAM LOST THE EQUIVALENT OF 1.3 MILLION TONS OF RICE FROM ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE DROUGHTS IN THREE DECADES FOLLOWED BY FLOODS IN LARGE AREAS OF THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PROVINCES. VIETNAM HAS REQUESTED 384,000 TONS OF CEREALS FOR TEN MILLION PERSONS. THE FAO'S MISSION TO VIETNAM REPORTED THE REQUEST IS, "FULLY JUSTIFIED AND URGENTLY NEEDED" AND "WILL BE USED EFFECTIVELY AND WILL REACH THE INTENDED BENEFICIARIES."

U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WAS TO DISCOURAGE BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOP-

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MENTAL AID TO VIETNAM. EVEN HELP FROM AMERICAN PRIVATE AND RELIGIOUS AGENCIES HAD TO CONTEND WITH CUMBERSOME AND POLITICIZED LICENSING PROCEDURES.

REGRETTABLY YOUR ADMINISTRATION APPEARS TO BE ADOPTING A SIMILAR OR EVEN HARSHER POLICY BY ITS RECENT DECISION TO FORBID A SHIPMENT TO VIETNAM BY THE MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF 250 TONS OF WHEAT FLOUR DONATED BY KANSAS FARMERS.

THE PREMISE OF BOTH ADMINISTRATIONS SEEMS TO BE THAT HARDSHIP AND ISOLATION WILL FORCE VIETNAM TO WITHDRAW FROM KAMPUCHEA. WE TOO DESIRE THE WITHDRAWAL OF VIETNAMESE TROOPS. HOWEVER, DEPRIVING VIETNAM OF EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID IS UNLIKELY TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. THE MILITARY IS NOT DEPRIVED OF FOOD, NOR IS THE RESOLVE OF THE GOVERNMENT SHAKEN FROM POLICIES IT CONSIDERS ESSENTIAL FOR SURVIVAL AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION.

THOSE HURT MOST BY U.S. POLICY ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN. EVEN IF IT SUCCEEDED IN INFLUENCING VIETNAM'S ACTIONS, THE USE OF FOOD AS A POLITICAL TOOL WHEN THE CONSEQUENCES ARE SO EXTREME--DEATH OR LASTING MENTAL RETARDATION--IS UNCONSCIONABLE.

SEVERAL RELIGIOUS AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS ARE ALREADY TRYING TO HELP AS MUCH AS THEIR RESOURCES AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE PERMIT. WE URGE THAT THE LICENSING PROCEDURES OF THE COMMERCE, TREASURY, AND STATE DEPARTMENTS NO LONGER INTERFERE WITH THIS NON-POLITICAL HUMANITARIAN EFFORT. SPECIFICALLY WE CALL ON YOU TO DIRECT THAT THE MENNONITES' WHEAT FLOUR SHIPMENT BE APPROVED.

BUT EVEN IF ALLOWED, NON-GOVERNMENTAL AID WILL BE FAR FROM SUFFICIENT. WE APPEAL TO YOU TO MAKE USE OF YOUR DISASTER RELIEF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VIETNAMESE CHILDREN WITH SURPLUS MILK OR CSM FOOD SUPPLEMENT. BY CHANNELING FOOD THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL AGENCY LIKE UNICEF OR THROUGH PRIVATE AMERICAN GROUPS, YOU CAN DIRECT IT TO THOSE MOST IN NEED IN HOSPITALS, ORPHANAGES, DAY CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOLS.

PROVIDING FOOD FOR HUNGRY VIETNAMESE CHILDREN IS CONSISTENT WITH THE MORAL VALUES AND GENEROUS TRADITIONS OF AMERICA. IT COULD ALSO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE U.S. ON OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES.

WE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU OR YOUR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS.

SINCERELY,

ASIA A. BENNETT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, 1501 CHERRY STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102

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1011 FIRST AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

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ERNA REDLICH, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE,
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DR. JOSEPH SHORT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OXFAM-AMERICA, 302 COLUMBUS
AVENUE, BOSTON, MA 02116

WILLIAM SNYDER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE,
21 SOUTH 12TH STREET, AKRON, PA 17501

ALBERT VORSPAN, VICE-PRESIDENT, UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREG-
ATIONS, 838 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10021

RICHARD WALDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OPERATION CALIFORNIA, 336
FOOTHILL ROAD, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90210

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Name of Correspondent: James Robinson

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Subject: Religious views and support offers to help communicate the President's wishes and desires to the American people via television.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. James Robison
Evangelistic Association
P.O. Box 18489
Fort Worth, Texas 78118

Dear Mr. Robison:

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

I remember our conversations at the time of your briefing in Dallas, and I appreciate your courtesy and helpfulness at that time.

You are doing good work awakening many Americans to their duty to participate fully in our nation's political processes.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
of America

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JAMES ROBISON
EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

JAMES ROBISON
January 13, 1981

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
Transition Office
1726 M Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20270

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Dear President-elect Reagan:

I continue to rejoice in the blessing of God upon our nation expressed through your election as President of the United States.

Although I have not heard from you, I continue to support you and believe wholeheartedly in your leadership. I stand behind you and seek only to be an asset as you attempt to provide leadership during such critical days. Please know that I am available to help communicate your wishes and desires to the American people bypassing potential media distortion. Through television, I have a direct line of communication and it would be both a joy and a privilege to help you gain the support necessary to influence congress to support your worthy objectives.

As you know, congress is the key and people are the only means of influencing congress. Per the enclosed copy of a letter to Ed Meese, I think you are wise in not allowing the media to attach you too closely with any group including the so-called, New Right or Moral Majority. I do believe these groups will be your greatest friend and asset as you communicate with them and through them properly. They will stand by you until the end if you keep the lines of communication open. Please do not be misled by media attacks on those with such noble intentions.

I love you and my prayers will be with you, Nancy, your cabinet, and entire administration.

Telling His Story,



James Robison

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JAMES ROBISON
EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Ed Meese
Transition Office
1726 M Street, NW
Washington, D. C. 20270

Dear Ed:

I want to assure you of my continued belief in President-elect Reagan and the new administration. My prayers are with you all as you seek to provide sound leadership.

I have complete confidence in your decisions and appointments. I would like to help instill that confidence in the minds and hearts of the Christian people of America and the vast audience to whom I communicate weekly through television. That is the purpose of this letter.

I have not talked with you, Mike Devers, or Mr. Reagan since Mr. Devers called a couple of nights after the election, but I want you to know I continue to support your endeavors wholeheartedly. As you know, I placed my ministry, my reputation and my future on the line because I believed the future of America was at stake. I did everything possible to see that Mr. Reagan was elected President of the United States.

Ed, I met you during the National Affairs Briefing in Dallas, which I had the joy of organizing. It made a very definite impact on the Christian community, in spite of media attempts to discredit it. The avalanche of response we had, in fact, indicated that their efforts created a backlash of support from the very people we were trying to reach. God saw us through -- and to the benefit of Mr. Reagan.

Some of our friends who were influential supporters in our fight, strong financial supporters of the Reagan Campaign, and even some of the press who have interviewed me, have questioned why Mr. Reagan has not been in contact with me and others from what is referred to by the media as the "New Right." But I understand. You cannot afford

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to be labeled. You must not let Mr. Reagan or his administration be labeled "extremist", "New Right", "Religious Right", "Moral Majority", or any other title which the liberal media can use against you. I think that is great wisdom on your part.

That brings me to my point. There is yet another way I can help you. I would like you to know that I will do everything possible to help Mr. Reagan accomplish his goals. I think I am in a unique position to communicate the ultimate goals and purposes of his administration to this very segment of the public that had such an important role in his election. For we proved we had the channels of communication which would bypass much of the distortion of the liberal media and go directly to the people who identify with his stands.

I, too, have a stake in helping Mr. Reagan maintain his credibility now with the American people, especially with the religious community. We have a vast audience of people who vote, who write letters, who can have great influence on Congress. And we can communicate with them in a subtle but effective manner.

Mr. Reagan needs the support of these people to govern well, just as he needed their support in the election. If I know his desires and intentions, and I think I do, he will have to make some decisions that will require courageous sacrifices on the part of the American people. I stand ready to call for that support now as I did in the heat of the campaign.

I want nothing in return. I simply want to assist the man I believe is destined to become the greatest president of the 20th century.

I know this can only occur with your able-bodied assistance and wise counsel. You have been placed in a strategic position. I am at your disposal to talk about some of these ways I can help as a channel of communication. I will be present throughout the Inaugural exercises. I will be at the Candlelight Donor's Dinner on Sunday night and other functions, as well as the Inaugural Ceremony itself. If you feel it is appropriate, I would like to meet with you -- very discretely of course, for it would defeat the purpose if it were publicized. I will be glad to meet with others you might consider important to this objective, and, if possible, with Mr. Reagan himself, to express to him personally my heart in this matter.

While you are wise not to be identified with the so-called New Right or Moral Majority because of potential media misinterpretation, I believe it is absolutely essential that you have input from those who cared so much during his candidacy and proved themselves to be enthusiastic and effective workers. If lines of communication remain open, these dedicated people can truly help Mr. Reagan.

I am meeting tonight with House Majority Leader, Jim Wright, and Dallas Cowboy owner, Clint Murchison, in an attempt to establish a better working relationship with the House of Representatives. It is imperative Mr. Reagan gain support even from those who may have opposed him. This is the area where we can apply pressure. Jim Wright is from our district.

I am anxiously awaiting your reply. My secretary, Cindy Samford, will have my room numbers while I am in Washington if you would like to contact me. Please call her at 817-267-4581. My unlisted home telephone number is 817-498-1424.

Telling His Story,

James Robison

JR/cks

This was taken care of by phone conversation.
Mr. Shent was told:

(1) In answer to question 1, we don't keep a tally. There ~~are~~ is much more religious correspondence, pro and con, on abortion and budget issues.

(2) In answer to question 2, different people have expressed different reasons for their positions.

(3) In answer to question 3, there have been numerous communications from religious groups on both sides of this issue.

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Sojourners

1309 L Street NW, Washington DC 20005

Talked with
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June 1, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

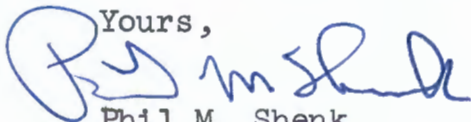
Ms. Mae Zell of your staff suggested I write you with the following queries:

Given that virtually every American church head, governing body, or representative organization has publicly opposed U.S. military aid to the junta in El Salvador --*

1. As White House religious liaison, have you any judgement as to whether this ecumenical unity on a public policy issue is unusual?
2. What do you think are the reasons for this church opposition?
3. Have church groups and leaders been communicating their opposition to the President's military aid to El Salvador through you, and if so, what has been the general volume and tone of that opposition?

Might one of your assistants be able to phone me with your response to these questions in a few days? Thank you.

Yours,



Phil M. Shenk
News Editor
737-2780

* see attached article



Photos by Dick Taylor

denominational heads have even marched in street demonstrations to protest U.S. policy toward El Salvador.

The religious activists are growing increasingly active.

Led by their bishops and ministers, more than 3,000 Christians from virtually every denomination throughout Washington state marched together in a Palm Sunday procession in Seattle to publicly "stand with Archbishop [Oscar] Romero by supporting his plea that the U.S. not intervene in El Salvador." (That plea was made more than one year ago by the El Salvador archbishop, just before he was assassinated on March 24, 1980. It has been the central theme of the many commemoration services for Romero and other Salvadoran martyrs that were held in March of this year.)

"I've been here since 1964 and have been an active church member during that time, and I have never heard of or experienced anything the likes of that procession in terms of the size of the crowd and the ecumenical nature of it," said Pamela Cipolla, a member of the vestry of a local Episcopal church. The Holy Week event was sponsored by a task force of the Church Council of Greater Seattle, which has 250 member congregations.

In Atlanta, preoccupied as the churches are by the murders of black children, an ecumenical coalition of Christians set up several worship services. At the turn of the year, a wide spectrum of local church leaders signed a statement calling for an end to all military aid to El Salvador. Issued by the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta, whose membership includes leaders from 28 different denominations, the statement was an unusual action for the group. The majority of its members are from non-mainline churches. The list included several Southern Baptist leaders, the district vice-president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the presbyter of the Assemblies of God Churches, bishops from the mainline denominations, and the Catholic archbishop.

In Minneapolis, an ecumenical religious task force planned a March 24 prayer service and candlelight procession that drew more than 2,000 people; the crowd swelled to 3,000 at a rally later in the day.

"The prayer service was a high for me," said one of the organizers, Maryknoll Sister Phyliss O'Toole. "I saw a terrifically dynamic, life-giving force in the interchange between the church and the social activists, many of whom I'm sure had not darkened church doors for several years."

In Greensboro, North Carolina, more than 100 Christians attended a Romero

An Ecumenical Outpouring

Unified church opposition to U.S. El Salvador policy.
by Phil M. Shenk

The Reagan administration is on the receiving end of a vocal church witness, the unity, numbers, and intensity of which appear to dwarf that of any similar effort around a foreign policy issue in this century. That common voice coming from the churches across the U.S. is calling for an end to U.S. military aid to El Salvador.

Local councils of churches, who have often had to scramble in the past to find tangible matters around which to foster ecumenical accord, are vigiling, marching, leafletting, worshiping, and praying together.

The U.S. Roman Catholic Church, its lay members as well as its bishops, priests, and religious, has led in opposing U.S. military aid. Indeed, there is a striking degree of coherence between the clergy and the laity within the Catholic Church on this issue.

"It is not often that activists [in the Church] cite their bishop's statements with such enthusiasm," noted Tom Quigley, Latin America adviser to the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCC).

In virtually every Protestant denomination, nationally elected church leaders have signed petitions and statements which have as their common theme opposition to U.S. arms aid. Some



memorial service held in a mostly black, Roman Catholic church. The service drew Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Quaker, and Southern Baptist clergy and lay leaders. The local media has given considerable coverage to that and other events locally organized to oppose U.S. arms aid. These events have focused on the fact that the arms are "being used against the church in El Salvador," reported Rev. Henry Lee Atkins, an Episcopal priest active in the area. "People who for ten years have not been working together have come together around this issue."

The supposedly conservative church community in South Bend, Indiana, turned out more than 800 people in a procession through the downtown area, led by the local Catholic bishop, to remember the death of Romero and oppose arms aid. Ironically, Napoleon Duarte, president of the Salvadoran junta, is well-regarded in the area as a former student of nearby Notre Dame University, a fact that has engendered much local discussion of his current role regarding the Catholic Church in El Salvador.

The ecumenically based protests in San Francisco have a unique twist: The International Longshoremen's Union has worked hand-in-hand with the churches in opposition to U.S. military shipments to El Salvador. The dockworkers have refused since December to load ships bound for El Salvador with military cargo until the human rights violations cease.

On December 22, the union was backed publicly at a vigil with supporting statements from bishops of the area's Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and United Methodist churches, as well as heads of other church groups and denominations, including the predominantly black Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and the Northern California Ecumenical Conference with its 12 denominational members.

Since then, an Ecumenical Committee on Latin America has been formed, which has coordinated vigils, press conferences, educational meetings on El Salvador, and a cultural festival in honor of Romero and the other martyrs, to which thousands of Christians came. During Holy Week, the Episcopal bishop called for a 24-hour vigil to remember the suffering people in both El Salvador and Poland.

In late March, a total of 1,400 people attended vigils in each of the 14 congressional districts in the Chicago area, commemorating Romero's death. Thousands of signatures were gathered urging withdrawal of U.S. military aid to El Salvador. The events were organized by the Chicago Religious Task Force on El Salvador, a broadly based coalition.

On Philadelphia's Independence Mall, in front of the cracked Liberty Bell, several hundred Protestants and Catholics prayed silently in late March. Given wide coverage in the local media, they focused their protest against increased arms shipments by asking how many more thousands of Salvadorans will be killed in 1981 with U.S. arms. Students from an area Catholic high school made crosses on which were painted the numbers of priests, nuns, peasants, missionaries, teachers, and others murdered in 1980.

In Tucson, dozens of Christians from several denominations have been holding regular public vigils. More than 1,000 church people marched in a procession and attended a Mass commemorating Romero's death in March. Because it is "so adamantly opposed" to U.S. policy, said Gary MacEoin, 72-year-old Tucson activist and noted religious author, "the church is actually on a collision course with Washington, and I don't believe Reagan is even conscious of it."

Washington may not want to recognize it, but the unprecedented unity and swelling activity at the local levels are matched by an equally unprecedented movement at the national leadership levels of U.S. churches.

At the forefront of the national church opposition has been the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops. Its repeated statements protesting all military aid and intervention from outside powers, particularly U.S. arms shipments, were initially inspired by the late Archbishop Romero. Recently, Romero's replacement, Bishop Rivera y Damas, supported the USCC's position and urged President Reagan "to stop the sending of military aid to El Salvador."

The Catholic hierarchy has been joined by nearly all of its Protestant counterparts. The National Council of Churches, the nation's largest organization of Protestant and Orthodox Christians, has officially opposed the sending of military assistance to El Salvador since the spring of 1980. Leaders of 11 of its largest denominations, with a total of more than 17 million members, have publicly stated their opposition to U.S. military aid and intervention in El Salvador.

Fourteen of the denominational heads traveled to Washington, D.C., during Holy Week and walked its streets on Good Friday, calling on the U.S. to halt its arms aid. Carrying a large wooden cross from the White House to the State Department, with stops at the International Monetary Fund and the Organization of American States, they recalled the sufferings of the poor in El Salvador at the hands of the U.S.-

backed government, in remembrance of the sufferings of Jesus Christ on the way to the cross.

Heads of the following churches have publicly stated their official opposition to arms aid: American Baptist Churches; Church of the Brethren; Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Lutheran Church in America; Presbyterian Church, U.S.; Progressive National Baptist Convention; Reformed Church in America; United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; and the United Church of Christ. Bishops of the United Methodist Church and of three mainly black Methodist denominations have pledged their oneness with the Catholic bishops in opposing U.S. military aid. In late April, elders in the Moravian Church of America urged Reagan to halt the military aid.

Seventy-six Episcopal bishops, representing both conservative and liberal elements within the church, signed a statement in April calling on the president to end all military aid. The bishops said they wanted to express their solidarity with their "brother bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S." and their "deepest concern and anguish" about deteriorating conditions in El Salvador and the escalation of brutal violence that has resulted in well over 10,000 deaths since Romero's assassination, "many in martyrdom for their faith."

Also signing recent statements against U.S. arms aid were the heads of the General Conference Mennonite Church, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the World Evangelical Fellowship, Evangelicals for Social Action, and the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Unitarian Universalist Association, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the American Friends Service Committee have also publicly opposed military aid.

Why this uncommon outpouring of unified church action on a controversial public issue?

In part, the U.S. church may have learned some lessons from its slowness to react critically to U.S. involvement in southeast Asia during the 1960s. Also, the murders of religious leaders in El Salvador have cast "a certain absurdity on the State Department's" characterization of the conflict, said Bill Callahan, S.J., co-director of the Quixote Center, a Roman Catholic-based justice group.

"The church here, as in El Salvador, doesn't buy [the official] analysis," said USCC's Quigley. "More people in the U.S. church know more about Latin America than about any other part of the world," he said, and that "gives them confidence" to speak out. □



THE UNDER SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

July 1, 1981

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

Dear Morton:

I share your surprise regarding the grant to the Metropolitan Community Church. Though I am presently unfamiliar with the alleged grant, I will find the appropriate answers and will share them with you.

Sincerely,

David B. Swoap
Under Secretary

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1981

TO: DR. PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 456-2657
RE: Briefing for religious leaders on Monday, July 13

Enclosed are materials which we anticipate handing out at our briefing.

Please review and let us know if they meet with your approval.

If there is anything you would like deleted or added, please let us know by CLOSE OF BUSINESS TODAY, WEDNESDAY, July 8, as we need to make 250 copies and it will take us much time to run these off.

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday at 10 AM in Room 450 of the Old Executive Office Building.

Thank you.

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July 24, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Presidential Assistant
Office of President
White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

File

Dear Mrs. Dole:

As a just past Chairperson of the Office for Church in Society, United Church of Christ, I have received communication from Reverend Paul Kittlaus, who is Director of the Washington Office and Chairperson of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council. Paul advises me of a meeting with you on July 14, when you became acquainted with the structure of the religious committee and its official representation of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious faiths.

I am most pleased with his reporting of response from you concerning the possibility of a meeting between President Reagan and the Denominational Chief Executives. As one of those persons who has advocated President Reagan as a "tough Christian" who needed the opportunity to show his heart... despite some tendency among liberals to question his concern for the unfortunate among us and abroad, I am pleased that this opportunity for dialogue between our church representatives and the President may in fact occur.

You should also know that I have had the pleasure of much contact with your husband, the senator, as I have represented the Associated Milk Producers Incorporated since its initial incorporation in the State of Kansas. Bob is doing a splendid job, as are you in the Presidential Administration. Please give him my best regards.

I express my thanks for your helpful response on

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole

July 24, 1981

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behalf of the Administration and my hope that future dialogue will occur.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kenneth P. Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kenneth P. Stewart

KPS:srh

cc: Dr. Avery Post, President
United Church of Christ

Dr. William Thompson, Stated Clerk
United Presbyterian Church

Reverend Paul Kittlaus, Director
Washington Office, United Church of Christ

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

FROM: GAY W. SHANAHAN

TO: *Miana Hozane*
Morton Blackwell

Incoming mail forwarded for your handling
and disposition.

Advise if action required by EHD or RC.

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M. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 11, 1981

Dear Mrs. Lodge:

Thank you so much for your recent letter and kind words about my appointment as President Reagan's Assistant for Public Liaison. I appreciate, too, your thoughtfulness in sending me the news article written by Vera Glaser.

Also, I was glad to learn of your interest in sponsoring a meeting to support the Administration's policies on various issues which could be tied in with the Maranatha Ministries' International regional or national conferences which will be held this fall. We have not yet planned the schedule for these meetings, but I will certainly keep your suggestions in mind and will be back in touch with you should our schedule include stops in Kentucky or Oklahoma.

Again, many thanks for writing. With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mrs. Barbara Lodge
3135 B Lansdowne Drive
Lexington, KY 40503

Blackwell
re-written: PARKS

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 6/9

TO: Suzie
FROM: Diana

For your info

Per our conversation

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Diana

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which will draw people from Kentucky,
Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and
Tennessee. It will be held either
in Louisville or Lexington, KY.

Jack Diana

If any of these things sound
like they might be of interest
to you, please write me back. I
will quickly channel the information
to those in charge of organizing
the conventions, etc.

Dear Mrs. Dole,

Recently, as I was paging through
our local paper I was taken by an
article that discussed your function on
the White House staff. It sounds
very interesting (and I've enclosed the
article). You are doing a great job!

Thank you very much for your
attention and cooperation. I'm praying
for you, Mrs. Dole, because I realize
you have a difficult task ahead of
you.

Sincerely, b(6)

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Something that was mentioned ^② of 18 and 30 years.
 in the newspaper article? ... in
 a tour this fall you will be
 taking, to sort of "poll" the public,
 on various topics.

As you see from the postmark,
 I am writing you from Kentucky.
 I do not represent, but I am part of,
 an organization called Maranatha
Ministries International, a Charismatic
 Christian organization that is head-
 quartered in Gainesville, FL. We are
 a college-campus-oriented group,
 and are involved in Moral Majority,
 Pro-life, and many other activities.

We represent an ethnic "bunt-salad"
 (a little of everything), and, of course,
 are mostly people between the ages

Now, if we sound like a group you
 would like to "poll" concerning various
 issues, I would like to know how
 we would get on your scheduled
 stops -- even if your whole seminar
 could not be scheduled. If this
 sounds interesting to you, there are
 three possibilities:

1. We have a group here of about
 eighty people. We could possibly
 advertise to get many more groups
 locally to attend.
2. We will be having a national
 conference of our organization
 in Tulsa, OK on Sept. 1st - 5th. If
 this would be convenient, there will
 be people there from all over the U.S.,
 and possibly the world (expecting anywhere
 from 5,000 people to 70,000 people).
3. We will be having a regional →

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 5/13

TO: *Morton*

FROM: *Diana*

For your info

Per our conversation

Other:

~~I~~ I think this letter
should be answered
for Elizabeth's signature,
unless you feel yours
would be more useful.

Elizabeth Dole Smooths the Way for Reagan's Programs

By Vera Glaser
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Listen to Lloyd Hackler, a Democrat and president of the American Retail Federation, talk about the differences between the Reagan administration and the Carter administration in their dealings with Congress.

"It's like comparing chicken salad and chicken manure," he says.

One reason for the new administration's superiority, Hackler says, is that Elizabeth Dole, director of public liaison for the White House, is helping to prepare the chicken salad.

During the Reagan presidency's first 100 days, Mrs. Dole — the only woman on the president's senior staff — and her staff of 30 scheduled 265 meetings between top administration officials and non-governmental groups. Hackler attended two of those meetings, and as a result is pushing Reagan's economic program with individual members of Congress.

"The heavyweights were there —

(Vice President George) Bush, (Commerce Secretary Malcolm) Baldrige, (presidential counselor Edwin) Meese and (Office of Management and Budget Director David) Stockman," Hackler says. "They took questions and generally handled it well. Elizabeth is doing a good job."

Hackler says his organization was tapped early to help develop economic policy and is now urging its 50 state associations to lobby Congress on that policy's behalf. "It's working, and I guarantee you other trade associations are doing the same," he adds.

That kind of result is the aim of Mrs. Dole's work, in which she attempts to stimulate a dialogue between the White House and special-interest groups in the hope that they will come to support the Reagan program.

"What I try to do is build bridges," she said in an interview, "so that when policy is on the drawing boards, we can call in key leaders — hopefully before final decisions are made — and say, 'How do you react? What alternatives would you sug-

gest?' The key to it is getting their input early."

Half the people who attend her briefings may be Democrats, Mrs. Dole said, because she deals with broad-based organizations. And those organizations hear from the very top Reaganites. Of the first 265 briefings, either Reagan, Bush or members of the Cabinet were present at 108.

In fact, Mrs. Dole's packed schedule — which begins at 8 a.m. with a daily senior staff meeting — often put her at Reagan's elbow. "Elizabeth, we've got to stop meeting like this," the president kidded her recently when they met at three sessions during a single morning.

Like many other administration officials, she tries to keep her focus on a single, overriding task — the building of public support for the administration's economic package now before Congress. But other issues keep intruding.

Two examples were the administration decision to sell sophisticated airborne



(Turn to ELIZABETH, D3) Elizabeth Dole

Elizabeth Dole Smooths the Way for Reagan

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warning and control planes (called AWACs) to Saudi Arabia, and the subsequent decision to revoke the embargo on grain shipments to the Soviet Union. Some critics of these actions went to Mrs. Dole, and she relayed their views to the president and his top advisers.

One such critic is Howard Kohr, spokesman for the American Jewish Committee, who opposes the aircraft sale to the Saudis and says that Jewish groups were not brought in to discuss that policy.

"One thing is clear at this point," Kohr says. "There has not been the close identification we had (with the Carter White House)."

Mrs. Dole — former member of the Federal Trade Commission, college beauty queen and wife of Kansas Republican Sen. Robert Dole — must be well-organized.

For instance, she keeps a batch of plastic-wrapped clothing — including such disparate items as an evening dress and her uniform for the Senate wives' weekly bandage-rolling meet-

ings — hanging behind the door of her West Wing office. The clothing provides her with quick changes when there is no time to dress at home.

She also works from a detailed organizational chart that assigns specific functions to her staff — such as dealing with business, labor, the arts, veterans, blacks, youth and other groups. The chart, incidentally, has no breakdown for women as a special-interest group.

Mrs. Dole says her job gives her "considerable input" on policy. And once a policy is decided on, she sees her function as distributing information and clarifying fine points.

In a recent memorandum to White House chief of staff James A. Baker III, for example, Mrs. Dole noted that some of the groups she convened had formed citizens' committees to push Reagan's economic program, launched employee-education programs at their plants, placed supportive material in stockholders' kits, annual reports and dividend mailings, and purchased advertising to tout the program.

Of the groups she has invited for briefings so far, she said, about 190

have endorsed the economic program. An advance look at the list — soon to be made public by the White House — showed it to be dominated by corporations, trade associations and such right-wing groups as Moral Majority, the Gun Owners of America, Conservative Caucus and American Life Lobby. A few labor and minority groups were listed.

One observer described Mrs. Dole's outreach efforts as "good, but easy up to this point, because few critics have surfaced."

The observer added: "The administration has been selective about who is invited. Women's groups haven't gotten in. The Hispanics who got in were business types. There have been no union groups since Kirkland and Georgine lowered the boom on Reagan."

Her reference was to AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland and Building Trades President Robert Georgine, who criticized the Reagan economic program.

Those groups that do make it to the White House, Mrs. Dole said, provide a contact with the public that the president relishes.

"He really enjoys the opportunity to answer questions and have give-and-take," she said. "He is a very good listener."

So Mrs. Dole is planning more of the same for the fall — this time away from the White House. She is taking her show, which includes the president, vice president and Cabinet, on the road.

"We'll take the team into regions where particular issues are of concern," Mrs. Dole said. "The president can kick off the meetings or wrap them up. Cabinet members will speak at working sessions."

The appearances, to be sponsored by local groups, will be similar to the traveling White House seminars held around the country by the Ford administration, she said.

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July 30, 1981

L. R. CANNAM
President

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I wish to thank you for sending the telegram from President Reagan to the Rev. Dr. Paul E. Toms congratulating Park Street Church on the 150th anniversary of the first singing of "America" at the church.

Dr. Toms read the President's telegram for the large crowd gathered for the re-enactment ceremony by the Children's Choir just before they sang "My country 'tis of thee." Governor King was present and brought greetings from the Commonwealth.

Dr. Toms expressed the appreciation of the church in a letter to the President thanking him and Mrs. Reagan for their good wishes.

My personal thanks to Ms. Kathy Christianson for her telephone call.

Sincerely,



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cc: Dr. Paul E. Toms
Mrs. Dody Livingston