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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

July 18, 1983

TO: FRED RYAN, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

REQUEST: A meeting with key religious broadcasters.

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

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

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

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

LOCATION: Cabinet Room or Roosevelt Room.

DATE AND TIME: Open

DURATION: One half hour.

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

PARTICIPANTS: (see attached list)

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: None.

RECOMMENDED BY: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

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

May 23, 1983

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

Handwritten note:
Sched. postponed

Dear Morton,

About a month ago I sent you a letter regarding the possibility of President Reagan discussing matters of mutual interest and concerns with the leading Christian broadcasters.

I realize that the President's schedule is extremely busy, but I am wondering if there has been any progress on this request.

I have received several telephone calls from some of our leading broadcasters regarding this possibility. I believe we are in a great position to be of assistance to the President. His address to the NRB Convention and subsequently to the NAE Convention provided great hope for the evangelical community. Unfortunately, major questions still persist, and we are anxious to hear directly from the President his answers to our questions. We are in a position to communicate to middle America in a way that no one else in the American scene can provide. Our efforts, Morton, need to be focused and sharpened and our questions need to be answered at the earliest possible time.

The President greatly encouraged us by his addressing of the key issues in which we are concerned, but we need to hear more in order to implement on a realistic basis his leadership on the American scene.

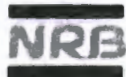
Anything you could do, Morton, to expedite this matter will be deeply appreciated by all of us.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

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The White House
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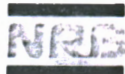
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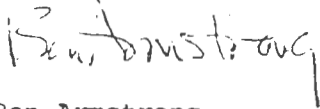
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for PRESIDENT REAGAN of _____:

(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED)

(AGENCY)

JOHNSON, Donald H.

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Pres.
Assemblies of our
Lord J.C.

MEETING LOCATION

Building WHITE HOUSE

Requested by JOYCE THOMANN

Room No. Cabinet Room

Room No. 191 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 4:15 p.m.

Date of request July 12, 1983

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

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WASHINGTON

July 11, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, II

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with Pro-School
Prayer Leaders

Because this is a meeting with the President and not meant to be a briefing on the issue of School Prayer, I think it would be inappropriate for anyone to discuss very much of substance before the President enters the Roosevelt Room at 4:15.

I therefore suggest that we bring all the guests into the Roosevelt Room about 4:10 p.m. and spend the time in discussion of unrelated matters until the President arrives.

For many of the participants the President's announcement of the revision in the text of his proposed Amendment will be quite a surprising piece of good news, but I don't think we should tip the President's hand.

At most, I would say the following:

- We have invited you all here as strong supporters of restoring voluntary school prayer.
- As you may know, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a mark-up on the School Prayer Amendment on Thursday.
- The President appreciates your support in the past and we all look forward to working with you in the future.

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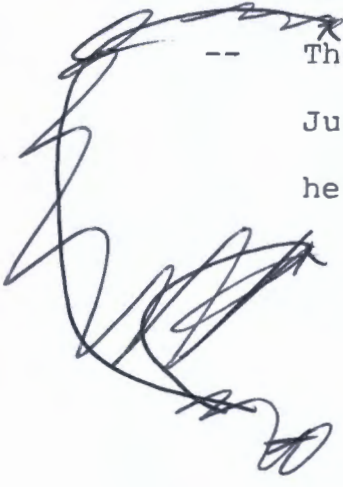
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July 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FJR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: with School Prayer Leaders

DATE: July 12, 1983

TIME: 4:15 pm

DURATION: 15 minutes

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points to be covered in briefing papers

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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R. Deprospero	W. Sittmann	
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★ DR. BILL BRIGHT
President and Founder
Campus Crusade for Christ
Arrowhead Springs
San Bernadino, CA 92414
(Nearly 14,500 staff members serving in 150 countries)
714-886-5224

out of country until mid-July

REV. ADOLFO CARRION
Superintendent
East Coast Spanish Assemblies of God
Box 377
Bronx, NY 10472

8.20 - 12:00 S
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★ DR. JAMES DRAPER
President
Southern Baptist Convention
310 N. Industrial
Euless, TX 76039

W on't be there

(According to recent publicity from the Southern Baptist Convention it is a 14 million member evangelical body, composed of 36,302 churches)

817-267-3313

DR. H.O. ESPINOZA
President
Hispanic National Religious Broadcasters
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MRS JANE HANSEN
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Women's Aglow Fellowship
P. O. Box 1
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(An international Christian women's organization with hundreds of American chapters)

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will be there



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(A Black U.S. denomination reportedly having over 3 million members throughout America)

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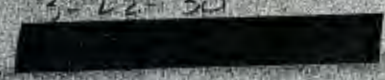
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* DR. M. G. "PAT" ROBERTSON
President
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Virginia Beach, VA 23463

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will be there
3-22-30

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* DEMOS SHAKARIAN
Founder and President
Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International
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Costa Mesa, CA 92626

(An international Christian Businessmen's organization with over 1600 chapters in the United States)

714-754-1400

secc, web by Mon noon

* REV. MORRIS VAAGNES
President
International Lutheran Center of Church Renewal
North Heights Lutheran Church
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St. Paul, MN 55113

not able to come

612-484-2714

* DR. TOM ZIMMERMAN
General Superintendent
General Council of Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65807
(Has a constituency in the U.S. of approximately 1,879,182)

phone 417-862-2781

will attend
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Bday - 3-26-12



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Tuesday, July 12

4:15 PM

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Space is limited, no substitutes allowed, sorry.

Invite those starred plus:

- 504 769 * Dr. Jerry Falwell 804-528-5000 ⁸⁰⁴ 528-4112
- 8300 * Rev. Jimmy Swaggart (get title and address from our file)
- * Tim La Haye - 619-440-0227
- * Rev. Robert Grant (on Christian Voice letterhead, California)
- * Rev. Bob Weiner 904-375-6000 - talk to Dave Copos.
- 216-327- * John Beckett (Intercessors for America)
- 1060 * Connie Marshner 202-546-3004
- * Archbishop Iakovos - if he can't come, I have another Orthodox bishop
- 212- * Bishop Thomas Welsh 215-437-0755
- 570-3500 * ~~Archbishop Phillip Hannan (wait to hear from Pat Collins)~~
- * Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky - 212-791-1844
- * Paul Weyrich ~~202-546-3000~~
- * Ed McAteer - 901-458-3795
- * Archbishop Joseph Tawil

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BRIEFING PAPER

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LOCATION: Roosevelt Room
The White House

TIME: 4:15 p.m.

FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

I. PURPOSE: To thank major supporters of voluntary school prayer and explain a change in your proposed Voluntary Prayer Amendment.

II. BACKGROUND:

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To unite behind one proposal all those who favor voluntary school prayer you are asking that your proposed amendment be altered specifically to prohibit the Federal or state governments from composing the words of any prayer to be said in a public school.

All guests at this meeting are strongly supportive of restoring voluntary school prayer, but several present will now enthusiastically support your Voluntary Prayer Amendment because of the revision.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

(See attached listing.)

IV. PRESS PLAN: White House Press Corps photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

4:15 - You enter Roosevelt Room

4:16 - You make remarks

4:20 - You respond to questions

4:25 - Guests circle table for individual photos

4:30 - You depart room

Attachments:

1. Listing of Attendees
2. Talking Points

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MEMORANDUM TO: STEPHEN H. GALEBACH
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: Transmittal of Amendment Revision

Attached is the handout from yesterday's meeting with pro-prayer leaders.

It occurs to me that it might be appropriate for us to send Senator Thurmond, this morning, a note from the President with the text of the revised Amendment. Couldn't the President thank Senator Thurmond for agreeing to introduce this revision?

By the way, I think we should get some calls from here, today, to Members of the Judiciary Committee. I am going to call Ken Cribb to suggest that Mr. Meese, who best understands this on the Senior Staff, make those calls.

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