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Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart and the staff of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries request the honor of your presence at the official dedicatory services of the buildings in phase I of the World Ministry Center — new world headquarters for Jimmy Swaggart Ministries.

DATE: May 8, 1983
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: World Ministry Center
Bluebonnet Road at World Ministry Avenue
Baton Rouge
Louisiana 70821

Thousands are expected to attend, and services will be videotaped for world-wide showing at a future date.

Please join Jimmy Swaggart and other dignitaries for a reception at 9:30 a.m. in the main office building, prior to the start of the service. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP by April 15, 1983

Please bring this invitation with you, and we will instruct our parking attendants and ushers to assist you in every way.

WORLD MINISTRY CENTER RSVP REPLY CARD

FROM:

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Comments

- YES, Brother Swaggart, I would be honored to attend your internationally televised dedicatory services for the World Ministry Center. There will be _____ person(s) in my party.
- NO, Brother Swaggart, I regret that I will be unable to attend your internationally televised dedicatory services for the World Ministry Center.

From:

Jimmy Swaggart
P.O. Box 2550
Baton Rouge
LA 70821-2550

World Ministry Center Dedication
RSVP Reply Form

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**Jimmy Swaggart
Ministries**

P.O. BOX 2550
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821-2550

Mr. Morton Blackwell

from the office of

Jimmy Swaggart



April 19, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We are pleased to enclose your round trip ticket from Washington to Baton Rouge and return.

The dedication of phase I of the World Ministry Center on Sunday, May 8, is an event we are all looking forward to, and we will be so honored to have your presence.

I do hope this will also give you an opportunity to spend some time with your loved ones here in Baton Rouge. Please feel free to bring them to our dedication services as you come.

Morton, I will list below my work phone and my home phone. I would appreciate your calling me to let me know that you arrived safely.

If there is any way I can be of assistance to you during your stay, please feel free to call on me. We will need to know what time you plan to arrive at the World Ministry Center on Sunday so our staff members can assist you in getting together with Brother Swaggart prior to the start of the festivities.

Pray for a great day!

Sincerely,

Howard "Bud" Fisher
Director of Direct Mail
Jimmy Swaggart Ministries

work (504) 769-8300
ext. 191

home (504) 293-8188

HF/jm

from the office of

Jimmy Swaggart



March 17, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I am writing today to ask your help in arranging the possible visit of President Reagan, Vice President Bush, and yourself to the official dedication of the World Ministry Center in Baton Rouge on Mother's Day, May 8, 1983.

I have enclosed three official invitations, along with further information about what this historic event is all about. Your prompt action on this request would be most appreciated by Brother Swaggart and all of us at the ministry.

Phase I of the World Ministry Center has been completed, and this is what we will be dedicating on that special day. This service will be videotaped for showing on the hour-long Jimmy Swaggart Telecast -- which is the most widely viewed religious program in the world.

If President Reagan's schedule will not permit him to attend, we hope that you would bring a personal greeting from him to Jimmy Swaggart that could be read on camera.

We support the views of President Reagan wholeheartedly. We are for a return to the Judeo-Christian ethic; we are for the return of voluntary prayer and Bible study to our schools; we are for the repeal of abortion on demand; and we are for the protection and promotion of the traditional family unit as the bedrock of our society.

Please contact me -- by mail and/or by phone -- to inform us as to who will be coming. When we know this, we will alert the public for promotional purposes.

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Sincerely,

Howard "Bud" Fisher
Director, Direct Mail

P.S. My phone number is (504) 769-8300, extension 191.

HF/jm

P.O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-2550

General Information about the Dedicatory Services for the
Jimmy Swaggart World Ministry Center to be held May 8, 1983
in Baton Rouge, LA.

Since early 1981, Jimmy Swaggart Ministries has been in a massive building program -- constructing a new world headquarters just off Interstate 10 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

This impressive complex, called the World Ministry Center, covers an area of approximately 100 acres. It consists of three main buildings: the administrative building, the production building and the Vance Teleproduction Center (still under construction), as well as other auxiliary structures.

These buildings, representing phase I in the World Ministry Center building program, will be formally dedicated on Sunday, May 8, 1983 in an internationally televised program originating from the front of the new buildings.

Thousands are expected to converge on Baton Rouge for this momentous occasion. Respected dignitaries and veteran Christian missionaries and leaders from around the world are expected to attend.

Brother Swaggart would be honored above measure if President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush could be in attendance in this "year of the Bible."

Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart is viewed by more television viewers worldwide each week than any other Christian ministry. According to the latest Arbitron TV ratings, the Jimmy Swaggart Telecast has also become the most widely viewed Christian TV program in the United States.

Jimmy Swaggart Ministries is dedicated to the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ into all the world, to the preservation and strengthening of the traditional family unit -- America's greatest treasure, and to the resistance of communism through sound Christian missionary activities around the world.

Presently, the Jimmy Swaggart Children's Fund is caring for more than 60,000 needy children in several Third World countries each year. Through freewill gifts and offerings from concerned Americans and Canadians, these children receive a warm meal each day, clean clothing and shoes, a sound basic education, medical assistance, and loving Christian discipleship from born-again missionaries who really care.

Jimmy Swaggart Ministries has been proclaiming God's Good News for nearly twenty-seven years. Brother Swaggart, one of the best-loved Gospel musicians of all time, has sold more Christian recordings than any other artist in history.

He conducts scores of area-wide crusades each year in giant arenas and auditoriums all across the U.S., Canada, and other nations of the world.

His Telecast is a phenomenal success in many nations of the world, and is considered by many to be one of the greatest forces for good in a troubled world beset by so many destructive forces.

J.J.
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Speaking Invitation -
Jimmy Swaggart Ministries

I have been invited to bring White House greetings to the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries at the dedication of their new worldwide TV building.

The event is May 8, a Sunday, and would require my traveling to Baton Rouge on Saturday and returning on Monday.

They have offered to pay my expenses and are a 501 (c) 3 organization.

Swaggart is the third or fourth most widely listened to TV preacher. I would like to accept this invitation. Do I have your permission?

PERMISSION GRANTED DENIED

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

APRIL 5, 1983

TO: DODIE LIVINGSTON

FROM: MAISELLE SHORTLEY

Morton is going to Baton Rouge for the dedication of the World Ministry Center of the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries. He needs to take along greetings from the P. Can you (as usual) arrange to get these to Morton no later than May 5.

Attached is all the info on the event.

As usual, thank you for your stellar work.

P.S. When you send us back the message can you return the booklets? I have made copies of the letter and general info. sheet. Thanks

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Mr. Blackwell*

Your signed travel authorization form is attached.

The original is to be attached to your travel voucher when it is submitted for payment. In addition, there is a copy for you and your office respectively.

For your files *thanks*
Lisa Wacker

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
OFFICIAL TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

No. 0815

(TRAVELER TO COMPLETE SECTIONS 1-8.)

Date of Request APRIL 5, 1983

1. TRAVELER

Name: MORTON C. BLACKWELL White House Staff
Extension: 2657 Room: 191 Other

2. PURPOSE(S) and DATE(S): To attend the official dedication ceremonies of the World Ministries Center of the Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, on May 8, 1983. This is a 501 (c) 3 organization and will take care of all expenses.

3. ITINERARY WASHINGTON, D.C., ATLANTA, BATON ROUGE, AND RETURN
(List all cities where stopover occurs.)

4. DEPARTURE: May 6, 1983 6:50 pm Delta Flt. # 211
RETURN: May 9, 1983 8:55 am Delta Flt. # 304

5. NATURE: 100% Official 100% Political \$398.00

6. SIGNATURES:
Traveler: Morton C. Blackwell
(I have read and agree to the terms set forth on the reverse side)
Department Head: [Signature]
Approving Officer: [Signature]
(Special Assistant to the President for Administration)

7. ESTIMATED COSTS: No. of Days Per Diem _____
Hotel Name _____
Hotel Daily Rate \$ _____
Other _____
SPECIAL EXPENSES: Registration Fee of \$ _____
 Commercial Car Rental
 Excess Baggage
 Other _____

8. TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUESTED: YES No Amount: \$ _____
Signature of Recipient: _____ Date: _____
REPAID: Amount _____ Date _____ Schedule _____ Balance this trip _____

9. FOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE USE ONLY:
GTR No. _____ Amount \$ _____

code 113 0 M05

Date of Request: _____

(TRAVELER TO COMPLETE SECTIONS 1-8)

**THIS APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO ALL
APPLICABLE GOVERNMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS,
AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES
RELATING TO TRAVEL ADVANCES
AND GOVERNMENT-ISSUED TICKETS**

1. TRAVELER

Name: _____

Extension: _____

2. PURPOSE(S) and DATE(S): _____

1. ADVANCES FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL ONLY

Cash travel advances will not be provided for political trips.

Advances will not be provided to anyone with an outstanding unaccounted-for advance.

Advances over \$250 require 48-hours notice to White House Administrative Office, extension 2500, except in emergencies.

2. ADVANCES TO BE REPAID FROM SALARY AFTER 15-DAYS

Any travel advance which is not either repaid or accounted for in full by an expense voucher, within 15 days after return, will be repaid by a deduction from the Staff member's salary.

3. GOVERNMENT TICKETS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL ONLY

Government-issued tickets shall not be requested or used for anything other than 100% official trip (i.e., no political or personal travel). The entire cost of any government-issued tickets that end being used for unofficial travel will be considered a personal-travel advance and treated accordingly.

Registration Fee of \$ _____

Commercial Car Rental _____

Excess Baggage _____

Other _____

8. TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUESTED: YES NO

9. REPAID: Amount: _____ Date: _____

10. Balance this trip: _____

11. FOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE USE ONLY

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Hotel Daily Rate \$ _____ Excess Baggage
Other _____ Other _____

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Signature of Recipient: _____ Date: _____

REPAID: Amount _____ Date _____ Schedule _____ Balance this trip _____

9. FOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE USE ONLY:

GTR No. _____ Amount \$ _____

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Excess Baggage

Other

No

YES

TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUESTED

Date

Signature of Recipient

Balance this trip

Schedule

Date

Amount

FOR TRANSPORTATION-GRACE USE ONLY

Amount \$

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 5, 1983

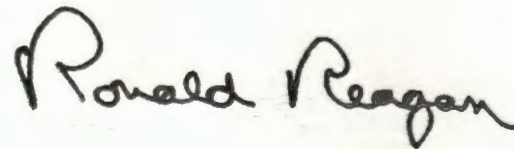
Dear Jimmy:

I am delighted to send my greetings and congratulations to all who gather for the dedication of the new World Ministry Center in Baton Rouge.

This is a special day for you and your ministry. I know many people have worked diligently to see this project completed. This new facility will greatly assist in the work you do all over the world.

As you begin this new phase, you have my best wishes for continued success and, again, congratulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Reverend Jimmy Swaggart
World Ministry Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

from the office of

Jimmy Swaggart



April 19, 1983

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

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HF/jm



from the office of

**Jimmy
Swaggart**

file

May 23, 1983
Dictated May 12, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We were so honored to have you in our Dedication service, May 8, 1983, representing the President of the United States. I personally believe the President could not have chosen a better man to fill this important office. Our country is well served respecting your representation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you stood before the people, your remarks were received with welcomed hearts. They were so very appropriate for the occasion. Our people need to be reminded of the things you said over and over again. I think we take them for granted.

Also, I deeply appreciate being included in the conference call regarding the prayer in public schools issue. I feel it is tremendously important and I am grateful to the President for his efforts in this respect, plus the diligence given by you and others.

If there is anything we can ever do for your Mother and Dad, please feel free to call upon us.

May the Lord bless you richly.

In the Master's service, yours,

Jimmy Swaggart

JLS/brw

P. O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821



National Association of Home Builders

15th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005

Telex 89-2600

(202) 822-0200

May 27, 1983

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

Dear Morton,

I want to express a sincere "thank you" from myself and from the members of BUILD-PAC's Capitol Club for your participation in our program in Washington, D.C. on May 13.

We enjoyed having the opportunity to hear your thoughts on the issues of the day, and we found your comments to be insightful and informative.

Again, thank you -- and I hope that you will be able to meet with us again sometime in the future.

Sincerely,

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

Pat Collins
Staff Vice President

*A big congrats -- our members
felt you were superb.*

File
Jimmy Swaggert

Morton C. Blackwell
Outline of Remarks to Jimmy Swaggert's
Dedication Ceremony, Baton Rouge, La.
May 8, 1983

Significance of this event:

1. No one in parking lot taking down license #s
2. No tear gas will be thrown by govt. agents into this gathering to break up our meeting.
3. No police will club us with sticks or hose us with water cannon as we come and go.
4. No hostile mob, organized by the government, ~~to~~ will disrupt this religious event, as the government of Nicaragua disrupted the recent visit there of the Pope.
5. None of us will be told tomorrow that we have lost our jobs because we worshiped here today.
6. We don't have to fear punishment, as in the Soviet Union, if the government learns we are teaching children here the Christian faith.
7. We know that the government is not the answer to all our problems, and free Americans, not the govt., have voluntarily contributed every penny to build this new facility.

What a great country we have.

The only police here are private security people, whose job is only to help direct the traffic in and out.

Government officials are here, but to participate, not to persecute.

I am here to bring you greetings from President Reagan, a man who is not ashamed to confess, repeatedly and publicly, his faith in Jesus Christ.