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October 14, 1983

The Honorable C. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We are deeply indebted to you for your visit to our international conference in Louisville, Kentucky. Your presence and your message to us was very, very significant. The General Board was deeply impressed, and our people in total were grateful for the interest shown by a man of your stature in the influential position that you fill. Your convictions show through your expressions and speech so that many of us have a sense of security in the knowledge that at this level of government this kind of influence for good is contributed to our nation and its people. Please accept our sincere thanks to you for taking the time to share with us your thinking and your expertise.

Our convention grew to a proportion until the huge auditorium was filled and every chair available was placed out on the bottom floor even circling the podium and platform. Someone estimated a crowd of 22,000 on Friday night. The meetings grew in intensity and in spiritual strength.

We certainly feel that some kind of honorarium should be given to you for your effort; however, as you explained, this is not possible under the regulations that are imposed upon your position. Perhaps we can do something in another fashion.

Mrs. Rich has been summonsed to trial on November 10th. This will determine her penalty for continuing her school. This is a sad happening in our nation's lifetime when the very things for which the nation was founded are being violated by a state government who takes such powerful authority into their hands. The question that is recurring and troubling is, "Where does this stop?" Will the borders of Nebraska be the confining area or will it spread to other areas of the nation? The humanistic authoritarianism is troubling and serious. If there is anything that can be done it would be very helpful if it could come from a high authority in government.

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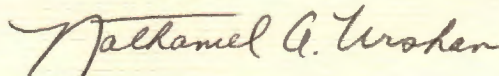
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November 2nd we will hold a Freedom Rally in Grand Island. We will bring the Siberian Seven or representatives of them to the Freedom Rally. The very thing they fought against in Russia, about what state schools taught their children against the wishes of parents, is happening in Nebraska.

One more concern, and I pass it on to you as a friend. There is a developing feeling throughout the religious community of the nation that President Reagan, though he has been staunch on some things concerning the return of prayer to the schools, opposed to abortion and other similar serious immoral infringements, is being backed down by liberals and is sometimes condescending to them. At first I thought this was just a little feeling that I heard from some but it is a growing concern that he is losing some of the backing that he had from conservative religionists in the last election. I pass this on to you for whatever it may mean in relationship to the best sources to place the information. This thinking is a growing trend.

I trust this letter is not too lengthy, but again let me thank you for the personal opportunity to visit with you plus the excellent performance of your visit.

Warm personal regards,



Nathaniel A. Urshan  
General Superintendent  
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P.S. We would still like to bring the Siberian people to visit the President. I think it would be a thrilling experience for the Siberians and could be a big plus for the President's stature.

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# UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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October 19, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

It was indeed my privilege and pleasure to hear you again so soon! Your contribution of presence, information and concern added appreciably to our church conference in Louisville (United Pentecostal Church, International). And your participation in the briefing for Christian Women in Leadership was another notable contribution. Thank you. I was grateful to be involved in what I perceive as a remarkable meeting.

Just to bring you up-to-date on the status of my sister's plight in the Christian school situation in Nebraska, her court appearance is set for November 10 at which time she expects to be probably both fined and sentenced along with at least one other couple in her church. The extreme tragedy of the situation if it continues as it seems is that they will most probably lose personal and church property if the fines are as they expect them to be. She was also hospitalized last week for further tests due to malignancy and heart condition. Your continued concern in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

We are proud of you as a man of character and integrity serving so responsibly with good ole' Louisiana roots!

Sincerely,

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September 15, 1983

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The Honorable Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

This comes at a little late date but it is sent with a deep and sincere desire that you can accept our invitation. On Tuesday, September 27, 1983, in Louisville, Kentucky, at 3:30 in the afternoon, our General Board is holding their annual banquet, which includes the participating District Superintendents of forty-six districts of the North American continent and also District and National Superintendents from our foreign missions constituency of 89 countries outside of North America.

This banquet convenes just prior to the opening evening service of our annual General Conference, which takes place at 7:00 p.m., September 27. The evening service will have approximately 15,000-20,000 people present. It will be held in the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in the city of Louisville. This is a great gathering of people from all over the world and principally North America.

Our very deep desire is that you would accept an invitation to address the General Board Banquet which has been mentioned heretofore in this letter. We would like for you to speak at least forty-five minutes, and give us an insight into your duties as a religious liaison of the President to the community of America. We would also request, if you deem it proper, that you speak on your personal convictions concerning Christian education and the public school educational system. If this is not acceptable, whatever you would choose to speak on would be perfectly agreeable to us. Then, if you could, we would like for you to stay for the great evening service with its flag presentation and its thrilling evangelical outreach. During that service it would be wonderful for you, if you accept the invitation, to speak for ten minutes in greeting and addressing the crowd.

You would be our guest. Your hotel accommodations would be cared for. Your fare would be cared for, in addition to any other stipend that is necessary would also be given the most thoughtful consideration.

DALE F. GAMBLE  
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I had the pleasure of meeting you when I visited in Washington when Woody Jenkins accompanied me. The visit with you was very helpful, and our United Pentecostal Church constituency, which numbers thousands in North America and in the world over one million people, would be pleased to know that a person of your stature would be able to be amongst us at least for a short period of time.

Furthermore, the United Pentecostal Church International is firmly and strongly behind President Reagan in his present service as President of the United States, and we are hoping he will run for re-election.

May we hear from you as soon as possible. If you can accept our invitation, please call collect to either myself or my secretary, Donna Brown, at 314-837-7300, and advise us as to the possibility of your coming.

Trusting you can accept our invitation.

Respectfully yours,

Nathaniel A. Urshan  
General Superintendent  
United Pentecostal Church International



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