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February 22, 1983

*Give speech  
& well  
respond*

Dr. Carlton Turner  
Office of Drug Policy  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20004

Dear Dr. Turner:

July 28-30, 1983, there will be an Invitational Forum on Alcohol/Drug Policy Issues. Sponsored by The A-Center, it will be held at Wingspread, in cooperation with the Johnson Foundation of Racine, WI.

Invitations to participate have been routed through national organizations including ADPA, NASADAD, NAATP, National Federation of Parents, ALMACA, NCA, DISCUS and the Wine Institute. Most have already responded affirmatively and will be represented.

Bud Mayer, Karst Bestemann and John Deluca lead the list of federal and other leaders who have indicated their participation. There will be a limit of 50 people because of the facilities at Wingspread.

National leaders in our field attend all sorts of meetings, give speeches, serve on boards, etc. While they are in frequent contact, they rarely have opportunity to sit down and discuss policy issues and offer leadership to consensus on direction of our field. That would be the unique aspect of this Forum. The Planning Committee for the Forum consists of Larry Monson, Jerry McCord, Ken Eaton and Bela Maroti, with myself as Chairman.

Our agenda offers four segments of one-half day each to deal with four primary issues within the area of public policy: (1) Leadership and participation in the formation of policy; (2) Prevention/intervention vis-a-vis treatment as a priority; (3) Control issues; (4) Funding of treatment services.

Each half day would allow three brief plenary presentations to highlight the sub-issues. Most of the half day will be spent in small group discussion. It is essential that people have opportunity to participate and contribute, not merely listen to speeches. Each of the discussion groups will report their consensus on the particular issue of that morning or afternoon. Those reports to the plenary group would then culminate, we hope, in some plenary consensus.

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A number of the speakers for the various issues have been secured and are most qualified to provoke our discussion. There is no hidden agenda and no preconceived constraint on free discussion by all participants. We would in fact hope to have the divergent views so that we do provoke considerable discussion. It will be exciting to see what results can be produced given this opportunity.

Anticipating this as an annual event, we covet your participation because the administration should be a part of the leadership in such a Forum and the resulting activity.

Would you please indicate your willingness to participate as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. W. Belter". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

The Rev. E. W. Belter, D.D.

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