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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO M.B. OGLESBY

THROUGH: FAITH WHITTLESEY

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: National Forum Foundation

I met some time ago with David Sanders of the National Forum Foundation, a group which is supporting the President's policy in Central America. A list of concerned groups developed by this organization was one of the lists used to assemble the invitation list for briefings by our White House Outreach Working Group on Central America.

Now I have received the attached letter from Senator Denton on this group's letterhead. Were the letter from Sanders, I would recommend that the President respond as they have suggested. But since it is from Denton, I think this falls in your court. Do you want to handle it, or shall I?

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Attachment a/s

12/14/83 - Beth (6620) with Legislative Affairs notified office that they would handle the matter. Anne Higgins has already finished letter for Pres. signature.

J. Thoman



NATIONAL FORUM FOUNDATION

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December 1, 1983

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. ~~Blackwell~~: *Morton*:

Several weeks ago, the Executive Director of the National Forum Foundation, David Sanders, discussed with you the possibility of obtaining a letter from President Reagan recognizing the Foundation for bringing together the key elements that have become the Outreach Working Group on Central America. I intend that future work of the Foundation further buttress my efforts in providing the President support and working room in the national security arena.

As per your request, we have enclosed a proposed text of this letter for your perusal.

Your assistance in expediting this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Denton
Jeremiah Denton
U.S. Senator

Dear Senator Denton:

For over two centuries the people of this great nation have fought successfully to preserve freedom and democracy. Today, as you well know, we must nurture and develop unity, sound perspective and support for sufficient initiative to continue that successful preservation. In the past, you have helped me in relation to global matters, and I recently thanked you for your invaluable support for my response to the Soviets regarding the Korean Airline incident. I would also like to reiterate my appreciation for the approach to welfare reform you suggested at our recent meeting on legislation to raise the debt ceiling.

I now wish to express my gratitude for your support concerning another special, more comprehensive issue. Your leadership of the National Forum Foundation has played a major role in improving public perception on Latin American affairs. Most notably, in April, 1983, the Foundation took part in establishing what has become known as the Outreach Working Group on Central America, which consists of Administration representatives, ^{which} ~~Congressional staff members~~ and independent organizations with wide public support. _{6v1e6}

The National Forum Foundation has played a key role in providing the American public with the information which it needs to understand the issues in Central America in particular, and security matters in general. I extend my warmest thanks to you and your organization for the fine work they have done to see to it that America continues its fight to preserve peace and freedom.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 15, 1983

Gary Bergel
Vice President
National Integrity Forum
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Washington, D.C. 20013


Dear Mr. Bergel,

Thanks for your letter of November 3, but I am sorry to report that one of the restrictions of my position is that I cannot ask people to contact their Congressmen, nor engage in similar forms of "grassroots lobbying."

I hope you understand this applies across the board, no matter what the cause.

Thanks again, though, for taking the time to contact me.

Cordially,


Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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