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*Plumb  
Morton*

February 3, 1981

Ms. Elizabeth Dole  
Assistant to The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Dole:

Please accept my congratulations and personal best wishes on your appointment as Assistant to The President.

On behalf of the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, and the staff of The Episcopal Church, I extend to you and your staff the sincere desire to establish a firm working and consultative relationship which will serve the best and highest interests of our country.

I do hope that the early days of the new administration will allow us the opportunity to meet and share some time. I am in Washington frequently and would welcome an appointment at your convenience.

With the assurance of my prayers, I am,

Faithfully yours,

*Charles A. Cesaretti*

(The Rev.) Charles A. Cesaretti  
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The Right Reverend Bob G. Jones  
Bishop of Wyoming  
The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming  
104 South Fourth Street  
Laramie, WY 82070

Dear Bishop Jones:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Reagan concerning deployment of the Peacekeeper missile system in Wyoming.

By now, you should have received Colonel Sherrill Laney's response to your letter. For your convenience, I have attached a copy of that reply. We can offer no additional details at this time. I encourage you to express your concerns with the environmental process by forwarding written comments on the Legislative Environmental Impact Statement previously provided to you in accordance with the procedure explained by Colonel Laney.

In addition, I encourage you to participate in the facility specific environmental impact assessment process which will begin shortly. This process will be dedicated to identifying and mitigating environmental impacts resulting from construction and operation of Peacekeeper facilities at alternative locations in the Cheyenne area. The time and place of the public scoping meeting that will initiate this process will be widely advertised as soon as it is scheduled.

We appreciate your concern on this important issue and trust this and Colonel Laney's response will be helpful to you. Please be assured we are sensitive to your concerns and those of the people of your Diocese.

Sincerely,

  
F. W. HAUSMANN  
Colonel, USAF

Attachment

OSDWH 02781  
AF/RDXL



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON 20330

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

November 23, 1982

The Right Reverend Bob Gordon Jones  
Bishop of Wyoming  
104 South Fourth Street  
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

Dear Bishop Jones:

This is in reply to your October 21, 1982, letter regarding the M-X program's effect on Wyoming's environment.

When I wrote to you in April 1982, the Air Force was engaged in planning for interim deployment in existing Minuteman missile silos. F. E. Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wyoming, was one of six candidate locations under consideration. That effort, however, was redirected toward development of a long term basing mode when the Senate Armed Services Committee asked that the Congress be notified of the chosen permanent basing mode by December 1, 1982.

On November 22, 1982, President Reagan announced his decision to deploy 100 M-X missiles in the Closely Spaced Basing (CSB) mode. CSB involves placing the M-X in hardened capsules that are spaced relatively close together. This combination of hardness and spacing creates a situation for a nuclear phenomenon called fratricide, in which the first attacking warheads render ineffective those that arrive later. The result is that the size and pace of any attack is limited, so that a substantial number of M-X missiles are undamaged and adequate time is available for retaliation. CSB significantly strengthens our Triad of strategic defense systems while being resilient to any possible Soviet response. The compact size of the missile array is also appealing in that it limits the total potential impact, both environmental and economic.

President Reagan also decided that M-X would be deployed near F. E. Warren AFB. As part of the process which resulted in that decision, the Air Force prepared a legislative environmental impact statement (LEIS), a copy of which is attached. The LEIS has been provided to the Secretary of Defense, the President, their staffs, and to Congress. Please note that the LEIS did not recommend a preferred location; that decision was made by the President.

The Air Force invites public comment on the LEIS. We will forward copies of the public comments to Congress and provide the Congress with our responses on a timely basis. Comments should be sent to the Air Force Regional Civil Engineer's Office, Norton AFB, California, 92409.

The decisions on exactly where in the F. E. Warren AFB vicinity to place the necessary facilities will be made later next year, after preparation of a facility siting EIS which explores in more detail the local siting options and specific means for minimizing impact. In addition to public comment on the legislative EIS, the facility siting EIS will allow close consultation with the state and local governments, and with the public

in the Cheyenne area. Our tentative schedule for the facility siting EIS calls for public scoping to be conducted in early 1983. The meeting will be held in the Cheyenne area.

We appreciate your interest in this vital defense program and trust that this information has been helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherrill G. Laney".

SHERRILL G. LANEY  
Colonel, USAF, BSC

Acting Deputy for Environment & Safety

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Subject: Wishes that an environmental impact statement be issued re the placement of the MX Missile system

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# The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

104 South Fourth Street  
Laramie, Wyoming 82070  
307/742-6606

October 21, 1982

The Rt. Rev.  
Bob Gordon Jones  
Bishop

The Rev.  
John Prime Ryan  
Deputy to the Bishop

110634

*In Blackwell*

President Ronald Regan  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

The decision of your administration to place the MX Missile System is due December 1st. It is apparent to me from my correspondence with the Air Force in Washington, D.C. (a copy of my letter enclosed) that the Defense Department and the Department of the Air Force does not plan to conduct or publish an environmental impact statement in regards to the placement of this system. I think this is tragic. This system will have a tremendous and I believe detrimental effect on our environment, particularly our land and water resources. To place this system without an impact statement and without public hearings in Wyoming and surrounding states is an act so callous that is un-worthy of you, your advisors and administration and our philosophy of the government. I hope my assumptions are incorrect. I very much hope that you will see that an impact statement is forth-coming and I believe the people of Wyoming have a right to a voice what is being done in and to this state.

Sincerely Yours,

*Bob G. Jones*  
Bob G. Jones  
Bishop of Wyoming

BGJ:cmh



*Symbols of the Diocese of Wyoming*

*The crosslet indicates "possession of the field" by the church of Wyoming. The other two devices, a miner's lamp and the rowel of a cowboy's spur, represent mining and cattle ranching; the foundations of Wyoming's early economy.*



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October 21, 1982

Colonel Sherril G. Laney  
USAF, BSC  
Acting Director for Enviroment & Safety  
Department of the Air Force  
Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Colonel Laney,

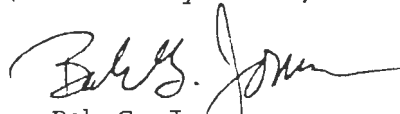
On April 1st I wrote you in regards to an impact statement by the Air Force in preparing to place the MX Missile System in Wyoming and surrounding states. I appreciate your reply of April 22nd; you indicated that the Air Force was in process of studying whether or not an impact statement was necessary. So far I have heard nothing of your study. Since a decision on placing the MX System is due December 1st, I assume the Air Force does not intend to make an impact statement on the effect of the MX System on our enviroment, both geographical and human. I hope this is not the case. You say in your April 22nd letter that an impact statement is done only when the Air Force feels it's decisions signifigantly effect the quality of the human enviroment. Again I am assuming from the silence of the Air Force, that you do not find that the MX plans signifigantly effect Wyoming's enviroment.

I would like very much in deed to see the results of your study that leads you to this conclusion. I very much hope I am wrong in my assumption but I fear that there is in fact no impact statement contemplated or in process.

Frankly Colonel Laney, I think the Air Force and Department of Defense is acting in a very callous manner in regards to Wyoming and the MX plans. I would appreciate hearing from you soon in regards to my assumptions outlined in this letter. I admit I am writing out of a lack of knowledge of what the Air Force plans but nothing has been announced by the Air Force in Wyoming in regards to the tremendous impact of this system on our enviroment. Your help in clarifying this matter will be greatly appreciated and thankfully received.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely Yours,

  
Bob G. Jones  
Bishop of Wyoming

BGJ:cmh

cc: President Ronald Regan  
Senator Malcom Wallop  
Senator Alan Simpson



Representative Richard Chaney

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DAVID M. ABSHIRE  
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1800 K STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006  
202-775-3204

December 17, 1982

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

file

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Conversations over the past year with Bishop John Maury Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, led several of us in the Washington metropolitan area to think that we might be able to participate in something special and provide a real service by establishing a "Presiding Bishop's National Episcopal Round Table." We have found that others share our enthusiasm for this concept.

By our invitation, on September 30th Bishop Allin hosted a meeting at the International Club in Washington for a group of interested people named on the attached sheet. There was a clear consensus that, unlike the prayer groups and related activities on Capitol Hill, there is little in the center of this city to bring together in a sense of religious brotherhood the enormous reservoir of special talent that resides both in the Episcopalian lay community here and around the nation. Leading figures in government, the corporate world and the academic community devote their individual expertise and energies daily to America's extraordinary agenda, and have so much to contribute to a better understanding and mutual sharing of our Nation's moral purpose.

All of us agreed that no one needs just "one more organization" and the whole notion of "membership" in a Presiding Bishop's National Episcopal Round Table probably should be finessed. Those invited to join in periodic, late afternoon meetings should come only if they feel they ought to be there to fill a personal need to contribute or receive something of value. We definitely do not have in mind a series of speeches. Rather, it would seem most productive to have someone with special insights introduce a subject in about fifteen minutes, followed by the opportunity for all present to offer their own perspectives.



We discussed possible Agendas, concluding that we should establish the topics for only the first two meetings so that those attending could participate in shaping a longer-term agenda. Two of the people who attended the September meeting agreed to speak briefly at the first two meetings, to which you are invited. Both meetings will be held in the International Club Building, 1800 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*Accepted*  
*+ Calendar*  
January 17, 1983  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Scandinavian Room

George Gallup, Jr.  
on recent poll results which shed light  
on trends and issues related to the  
Episcopal Church membership in America

March 7, 1983  
4:30 - 6:00 p.m.  
Mediterranean Room

James Billington  
on value formation in America  
(who forms values, and how?)

A small steering committee will define the long-term agenda and select those who should lead future round table discussions. Let us have your ideas.

Our great hope is that we can offer each other a different and valuable support system, find access to another means of pastoral care, and provide a resource for The Presiding Bishop.

If you can attend, please let us know by phoning me or Mrs. Elise Callaghan on (202) 775-3201.

Sincerely yours,

*Dave*

Host: Bishop John Maury Allin, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Dr. David M. Abshire  
President  
Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Washington, D.C.

Dr. Robert Moss Ayres, Jr.  
President  
University of the South  
Sewanee, Tennessee

Dr. James H. Billington  
Director  
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Elise M. Callaghan  
Assistant to the President  
Center for Strategic and International Studies  
Washington, D.C.

Reverend Charles A. Cesaretti  
Public Issues Officer  
The Episcopal Church Center  
New York, New York

Dr. George H. Gallup II  
President  
American Institute of Public Opinion  
Princeton, New Jersey

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Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Thomas R. Wheelock  
Manager, Engineering  
MCI Communications Enterprises  
Washington, D.C.

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THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S NATIONAL EPISCOPAL ROUND TABLE

Monday, January 17, 1983

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Scandinavian Room  
International Club Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dr. George Gallup II will speak on recent poll results which shed light on trends and issues related to Episcopal Church membership in America, followed by a discussion period.

PRESIDING BISHOP'S NATIONAL EPISCOPAL ROUND TABLE

Monday, January 17, 1983

ACCEPTANCES

Charles D. Ablard, Esq.  
Gage, Tucker & von Baur

David M. Abshire, President  
Center for Strategic & International Studies

The Right Reverend John Maury Allin  
Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

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University of the South

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U.S. Coordinator for Refugee Affairs

Rowland Evans  
Syndicated columnist

George H. Gallup II, President  
Gallup Poll

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Columnist

WOODLEY HOUSE

January 6, 1983

File E

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

Dear Morton:

I wonder if you would allow me to put your name forward to be a Director of The Prayer Book Society? The procedure provided by the Society's By-laws is that the President appoints members to the Board of Directors, with the approval of the Board.

The Society is the largest lay organization in the Episcopal Church. It is not an official organization of PECUSA (the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America), but an unofficial, lay-controlled "grass roots" organization of thousands of Episcopalians.

The Society's purpose is to protect the right of Episcopalians to use the "old," traditional liturgy, as expressed in the 1928 version of the Book of Common Prayer. The words of the prayers express the substance of their belief -- and the revisers are now slowly letting out the secret that, despite their denial at the time they created their revisions, they intended all along to alter the Church's theology, not just her prayers. The Episcopal clergy are -- do you remember Paul Seabury's Harper article? -- Trendier Than Thou. The people in the pews are, George Gallup has convincingly demonstrated, just plain conservative Christians -- who believe, correctly, that the clergy have tried to steal their Prayer Book away from them.

The Society is all that stands in the way of the completion of that theft.

Our supporters are noble, brave, and generous -- and I'd be willing to bet that they voted for RR 4-1, er but, uh, we try not to get involved in secular politics.

Page 2 -- The Hon. Morton C. Blackwell

I know you would bring to the Board a high level of skill and commitment which would aid our cause, and I very much hope you will allow me to put forward your name.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Daniel". The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'D' and a cursive 'aniel'.

Daniel Oliver

P.S. The Board meets about four times a year.

May 19

DAVID M. ABSHIRE  
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202-775-3204

April 22, 1983

accept

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

Dear

Morton

The third meeting of the Presiding Bishop's National Episcopal Round Table will be held on Thursday, May 19th from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of the International Club Building, 1800 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

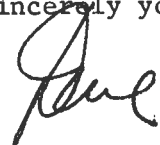
At our last meeting, Jim Billington spoke about value formation in America, and a copy of his remarks, together with a summary of the discussion which emerged, is enclosed. We had planned to continue that discussion at our meeting on May 19th. However, because graduation exercises are scheduled at that time, Bob Ayres, President of the University of the South and one of our leading educators, cannot be with us and we will therefore continue the discussion at an early summer meeting.

As some of you know, the President has asked me to serve as U.S. Ambassador to NATO, and the May 19th meeting will be my last opportunity to be with the group for some time. In view of my new assignment, and because of the strong interest in the third and final draft of the Catholic Bishops Statement, Bishop Allin feels that it would be appropriate to discuss some of the problems of strategy, deterrence and peace as these relate to the Church. We will be joined by two special guests who are authorities on this subject, Dr. Allan Parrent, Professor of Church and Society at the Virginia Theological Seminary, and Dr. Bill O'Brien of Georgetown University who has written extensively on the subject of "Just Wars" and is the author of the recently published The Conduct of Just and Limited War.

We look forward to our meeting on May 19th and to joining with you in this valuable sharing of thoughts and ideas. Please let Elise Callaghan know whether or not you will be able to be with us. Her number is (202) 775-3201.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours,



P.S. A light buffet supper will be available for those who would like to extend the discussion beyond 6:00 p.m.