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April 23, 1981

Ms. Rose Infanti
Office of Morton Blackwell
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Dear Ms. Infanti:

Enclosed find an up-to-date list of heads of offices of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council. These are the official representative government liaison offices of the denominations, judicatories, and national religious groups.

This list is sent to you specifically for the proposed meeting with administration staff people on May 7. You will also find it useful for future briefings involving religious organizations. Please note that this is inclusive of Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish offices.

For meetings with national bishops and church leaders with President Reagan or other administration leaders, I can furnish you with a list. They meet in Washington at regular intervals.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles V. Bergstrom".

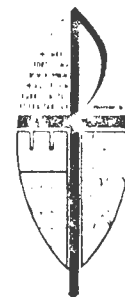
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WASHINGTON

November 6, 1981

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your letter of November 3 and the enclosed New York Times clipping.

The information about me was incorrect, which just goes to show you that you cannot always believe what you read in the newspaper.

Sincerely yours,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President

Reverend Charles V. Bergstrom
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November 3, 1981

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Dear Morton:

Enclosed is the copy of the New York Times article
on the "Council For a National Policy" conservative coalition.

Sincerely yours,

Charles V. Bergstrom
Executive Director
Office for Governmental Affairs

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Enclosure

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Conservatives Gather In Umbrella Council For a National Policy

By ADAM CLYMER

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, May 19 — More than 50 well-known conservatives today convened the Council for National Policy, a new group they hope will gain influence much as they believe liberals have in such organizations as the Council on Foreign Relations.

Louis (Woody) Jenkins, the group's executive director and twice a losing Senate candidate in Louisiana, said the meeting had concentrated on individual statements of personal and national goals and on such subjects as how conservatives could best influence such matters as judicial appointments.

Richard Viguerie, the direct mail entrepreneur who works with a variety of conservative causes and candidates, said, "We have never had, up to now, any kind of broad, all-inclusive organization of conservative-thinking people, people who have a lot of leverage." He said that this group would fill that gap.

Last night, at Mr. Viguerie's home in Vienna, Va., the group honored David A. Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, for his efforts to cut the budget.

Howard Phillips, head of the Conservative Caucus, presented Mr. Stockman with the group's Thomas Jefferson Award, saying, "The leadership of President Reagan has given us an unprecedented opportunity to turn around much of the harm that has been done" in recent years. Without Mr. Stockman, he said, "the prospects for defeating the Left simply wouldn't be here."

Stockman Is Honored

The plaque quoted the 53d chapter of the Book of Isaiah, in reference to the criticisms others have made of Mr. Stockman, saying, "The chastisement he bore is health for us, and by his scourging we are healthy."

The president of the council is Tim L. Haye, who is also president of Family Life Seminars of El Cajon, Calif. Mr. Viguerie and Mr. Phillips are members of the council's executive committee, along with Paul Weyrich, head of the Committee for the Survival of a Free Congress.

Among the members of the council are Morton C. Blackwell, special assistant to President Reagan for public liaison; Robert Billings, a former leader of Moral Majority who is now an aide at the Department of Education; Joseph Coors, head of the brewery and a donor to many conservative causes, and Senator John P. East, Republican of North Carolina.

Other members include Ed Faeiner, head of the Heritage Foundation; Nellie Gray, head of the March for Life, an anti-abortion group; Herbert and Nelson Bunker Hunt of the Hunt Energy Company; Reed Larson of the National Right to Work Committee; Ed McAteer, president of the Religious Roundtable; Bill Saracino of Gun Owners of America and Phyllis Schlafly of Stop ERA.

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Tuesday, November 17, 1981

Ethiopia Seizes Headquarters Of Major Protestant Church

By Jay Ross

Washington Post Foreign Service

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Nov. 16 — Ethiopian officials backed by armed soldiers today took over the headquarters of the country's major Protestant denomination in a move that could have far-reaching impact on the Marxist government's tentative efforts to improve relations with the West.

The seizure is likely to revive charges abroad that the pro-Soviet government is persecuting Christians despite Ethiopia's history of being a bastion of Christianity in Africa for 16 centuries.

The Ethiopian Evangelical Church, whose building was seized, unites the various Scandinavian and German Lutheran denominations and groups most of the half-million Protestants in the country. About 40 percent of Ethiopia's 31 million people are members of the Ethiopian Orthodox church and about 45 percent are Moslems.

During the weekend the Swedish government sent a message to the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry demanding reconsideration of the decision, citing the impact it could have on Sweden's \$20 million annual aid to Ethiopia, the largest amount of bilateral assistance this country receives.

It is far from clear, however, that the takeover of the eight-story office building of the church is simply an antireligious move. Some Western diplomats and church leaders think that the government's need for office space and the country's tribal problems could be more significant reasons for the action.

The government of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam has given no reason, and officials have declined repeated requests for comment.

"You cannot ask questions" about the seizure of the church property, an official said.

Although some churches in the countryside were closed earlier this year, the current move is limited

to the headquarters of the church, known as Mehane Yesus in Ethiopia's Amharic language.

Church officials were given 24 hours to vacate the property last Wednesday, but they stalled until today seeking a letter of explanation. A church source said the keys were finally turned over to an official who came with five armed soldiers on his third attempt to take possession.

The present Marxist government of Ethiopia separates church and state and proclaims religious freedom as long as churches do not oppose the government.

In addition to Sweden's \$20 million in annual aid, Swedish churches donate about \$1 million to Mehane Yesus as part of about \$4 million in overseas private aid the church receives for development projects, such as schools, clinics and road building.

Diplomatic sources said Sweden's message was carefully phrased so as not to contest Ethiopia's right to take property, but asked that the process be slowed down to allow for further consideration. The foreign minister, Col. Feleke Gedle-Giorgis, who was educated at a Lutheran mission school, said he would study the matter but there is no indication that the decision will be reversed.

Strapped for foreign currency and unhappy with the amount of Soviet aid, Mengistu made tentative approaches to Western Europe this year, although the United States, Ethiopia's key supporter during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie, was left out of the process.

A revival of antireligious charges, which first cropped up in 1979, could derail the fledgling steps.

Warning of repercussions, another Western diplomat said, "They don't know what stupidity they've done yet, but they'll find out soon."

The incident is an example of how the government's often arbitrary

actions, carried out by murky levels of the ruling military Dergue, can work at cross purposes with broader government policy.

The seizure was ordered as a group of 12 American Lutheran officials and lay persons was visiting the country to examine church aid projects. In a similar incident earlier this year an official in the northern city of Asmara ordered the seizure of the Italian consulate while delicate negotiations were under way in Addis Ababa, the capital, with Italian officials.

Property seizures have been common under the Marxist government, and it is possible that the state security official who ordered the takeover last Wednesday did not attach any great significance to the move.

Even under the emperor when the Ethiopian Orthodox Church was the state religion, antireligious feeling was widespread in Ethiopia.

Traditionally, Protestant missions have been restricted to the south and west, areas inhabited by the Oromos, Ethiopia's largest tribe. The ruling Amharas have long suspected the Protestants of stirring up tribal feeling among the Oromos despite denials by the missionaries.

An organization known as the Oromo Liberation Front has carried out sporadic guerrilla warfare in the area in the last couple of years. The executive secretary of Mehane Yesus, Gudina Tunssa, is the brother of a front leader. The church official disappeared two years ago and according to some reports is in prison.

"Since Ethiopian Protestants are all Oromos and the government's difficulties with the Oromos are growing," one source said, "difficulties for the Protestants are also increasing."

Despite the other potential motives, however, Ethiopia has taken a number of antichurch actions recently. In western Welega region,



By Dave Cook — The Washington Post

160 pastors and church leaders, all Ethiopians, were arrested in the last six months. Most reportedly have been released but the pastors' movements are limited, preventing them from serving several congregations as they have traditionally done.

Some churches have been closed and mass media equipment has also been seized. Movements of the 200 foreign missionaries, mostly Scandinavian, are also limited although none has been detained.

The headquarters of a small Baptist denomination with fewer than 1,000 members was also seized last week.

Some of the Dergue leaders are thought to be atheists, but antireligious sentiments are probably the result of Marxist ideology which does not allow room for any competing organization.

One Western diplomat summed up the takeover in this manner: "They found they needed premises for the anticorruption authority. They found the Mehane Yesus headquarters suitable."

"They also found it suitable to reduce the influence of the Mehane Yesus church because the government feels it is a platform for the Oromo Liberation Front. Looking for a scapegoat for their problems, they can thus blame foreigners."

Despite harassment of the church, Christian leaders say church participation has risen significantly since the revolution.

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The Lutheran Church in Missouri Synod

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Dr. Jean Garton is a resident of Pennsauken, New Jersey, the mother of four children and the wife of a Lutheran clergyman.

As a member of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Dr. Garton serves on that church body's national Board for Public Relations and its national Social Concerns Committee. Her interests and involvement in the area of women's issues led to her election as chairperson of the denomination's Task Force on Women during its four year existence. She currently serves on a committee of LCUSA which studies women and church vocation.

Dr. Garton has represented her church body before sub-committees of both the United States Senate and House of Representatives during hearings on a Human Life Amendment. She was featured by NBC in a TV special entitled "Alternatives to Abortion" in June of 1977.

As a lecturer on numerous topics, Dr. Garton has spoken extensively throughout the United States and has authored articles which have appeared in periodicals and journals. Her latest publication, a book entitled "Who Broke The Baby?", examines the roll of language in forming public opinion on the abortion issue.

Dr. Garton has taught school at various age levels and has been a braille transcriber and teacher of the blind. She was appointed by the New Jersey State Senate to serve on its Committee to Investigate Abortion Clinic Abuses and has also served on the Juvenile Conference Committee, a branch of the New Jersey court system. She is a member of the Board of Directors of American Citizens Concerned for Life and a member of the task force of the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation which researches programs to strengthen the family.

Dr. Garton is co-founder and national president of Lutherans for Life. She was listed among the "Ten Most Influential Lutherans" in the United States during the year 1978.

Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod

This resolution was passed in ~~July, 1981~~

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod has consistently taken a strong position in opposition to wilful abortion and in support of human life in Res. 2-39, 1971, Milwaukee; Res.3-08C, 1977, Dallas; Res.3-02A, 1979, St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Abortion on demand, continues unabated in the United States and Canada--and more than one million unborn children are killed each year; and

WHEREAS, Continuing and increasing protest against abortion on demand, and witnessing to the sanctity of all human life are the responsibility of every Christian; and

WHEREAS, The Synod has given testimony to the United States government on behalf of its Pro-Life stance and such testimony continues to be needed; and

WHEREAS, Such testimony also should be presented to the Canadian government as well; and

WHEREAS, Efforts are needed to assist the church in the implementation of St. Louis, 1979 Res.3-02A; therefore be it

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, through its appropriate agencies, continue to give testimony to its Pro-Life stance to all levels of government in the U.S.; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod through the Lutheran Church--Canada, an agency of three Canadian Districts, give testimony to its Pro-Life stance to the Canadian Government; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod in convention assembled instruct its program boards, particularly the Board for Youth Ministry, the Board of Parish Education, and the Board of Social Ministry and World Relief to prepare materials for all age levels in the church which present the Synod's opposition on the basis of the Scriptures to willful abortion; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod encourage its auxiliary organizations--the Lutheran Laymen's League, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and Lutheran Youth Fellowship to lend support and witness to the efforts of the church in this area of concern; and be it further

Resolved, That the Lutheran Hour be encouraged to devote one of its programs annually to the support of the Pro-Life cause and also that "This Is the Life" be encouraged to make this issue one of its programs; and be it further

Resolved, That the Synod encourage its President to ask the pastors of the LCMS for a clear witness and wholehearted support of our church's position on this question; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod commend Lutherans For Life for its clear witness in behalf of sanctity of life, also the unborn, while at the same time urging Lutherans For Life to greater efforts toward this end; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod urge its congregations to form new chapters of Lutherans For Life as part of a common Lutheran witness to the sanctity of life; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod set aside the third Sunday of January each year as Pro-Life Sunday in order to give special consideration to the sanctity of life; and be it further

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod encourage all of Lutheranism to develop a common voice in opposition to abortion on demand; and be it finally

Resolved, That The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod support passage of a Human Life Amendment.

Any people who live together within a common space and time and share a system of law will face many difficult moral and legal questions. Only a few such questions, however, have the potential to radically divide the people and to rend a social fabric which has been delicately constructed and sustained over many years. Because we believe abortion to be such an issue, the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod has deemed it important to address itself to that subject.

As early as 1971, the Commission on Theology and Church Relations issued a study document entitled ABORTION: THEOLOGICAL, LEGAL AND MEDICAL ASPECTS. Noting that ethical decisions must be based on principles of enduring validity and authority and stating that "non-therapeutic abortion is wrong," the Commission cited the following as general principles which relate to the abortion question:

Life is a Gift from God

Human Beings Are Created for Eternal Life

Human Life is Created for Fulfillment

Life and Death Belong to the Province of God.

The Synod in 1971 resolved that "willful abortion is contrary to the will of God." Delegates also adopted at that time Social Ministry Affirmations which state that "human life must be treasured, supported and protected" and that "we encourage all people to avoid perverting God's will through such acts as abortion or euthanasia."

After the U. S. Supreme Court ruling on abortion (Roe v. Wade) on January 22, 1973, the Social Concerns Committee was authorized to develop "Life Concerns" programs for various segments of the church constituency.

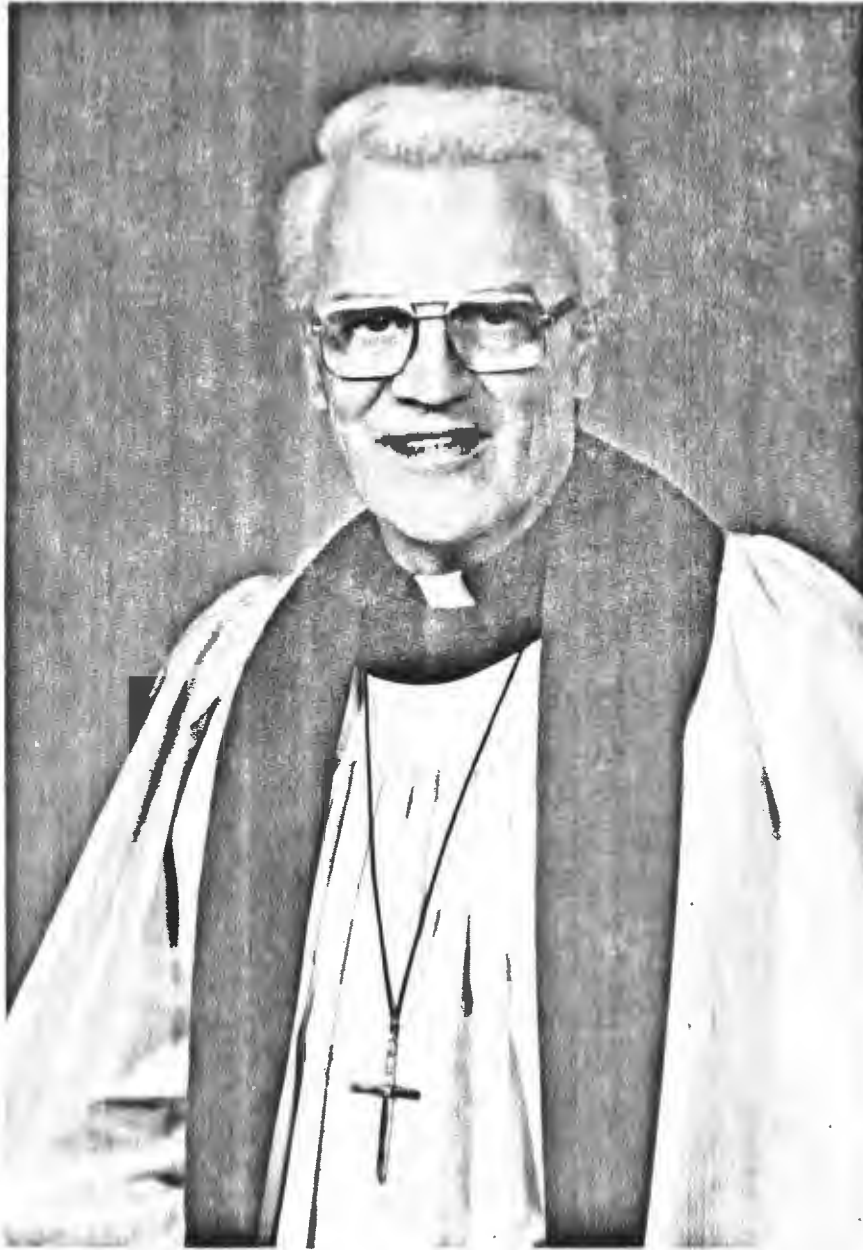
In 1974 the Synod, represented by Dr. Ralph Bohlmann and Dr. Jean Garton, testified before the U. S. Senate Sub-Committee on Constitutional Amendments to request protection for preborn children. The Synod again testified in 1976, represented by Dr. Eugene Linse and Dr. Jean Garton, before the U. S. House Sub-Committee on Civil and Constitutional Rights expressing its concern for the sanctity of all human life.

A resolution passed in 1977 encouraged "all members to support both corporately and individually programs designed to speak for the living but unborn child and to protest publicly the sin of abortion on demand ... and to become involved in the development of alternatives to abortion programs"

In 1979, the Synod reaffirmed its opposition to abortion and stated that "since abortion takes a human life, abortion is not a moral option, except as a tragically unavoidable by-product of medical procedures necessary to prevent the death of another human being, viz., the mother." The resolution encouraged its members to support efforts to secure a human life amendment to the United States Constitution.

By unanimous vote, delegates to the 1981 national convention restated the position of the church and called for continued witness to all levels of government, for education of its members, and for the participation of its members as citizens in the democratic process. (Resolution attached.)

On January 17, 1982, the First annual Pro-Life Sunday will be celebrated by the congregations of the Synod.



Ralph Arthur Bohlmann, S.T.M., Ph. D.

Ralph A. Bohlmann was born February 20, 1932, in Palisade, Nebraska, the son of Rev. Arthur E. and Anne F. Weeke Bohlmann. He was graduated from St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas, in 1951, and from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1956. In 1966 he received the S. T. M. degree from his alma mater. He was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, 1956—57, and earned his Ph. D. from Yale University in 1968.

Dr. Bohlmann was ordained to the holy ministry on June 28, 1958. From 1957 to 1958 he was instructor at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., and the following two years (1958—60) he was pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Des Moines, Iowa. He came to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in 1960. In addition to serving on the Seminary faculty, he also was assistant pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Pagedale, from 1961 to 1971. His primary teaching fields were Dogmatics, Theology of the Lutheran Confessions, and Contemporary Theology.

From 1962 to 1965, Dr. Bohlmann served as chairman of the Synod's Commission on Fraternal Organizations. He was appointed to the Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations in 1965, and served as Secretary of that group from 1967 to 1971. From 1977 to the present he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Center for Reformation Research.

In 1970 Dr. Bohlmann was given a leave of absence from Concordia Seminary to become Acting Executive Secretary and later Executive Secretary of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He was named Acting President of Concordia Seminary on May 20, 1974; on May 3, 1975, he was elected the Seminary's seventh President in its 137-year history.

Dr. Bohlmann was elected President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod on July 5, 1981, at its 54th regular convention. His predecessors in this office and their terms of service are: C. F. W. Walther 1847—50, 1864—78; F. C. D. Wyneken 1850—64; H. C. Schwan 1878—79; F. A. O. Pieper 1879—1911; John W. Behnken 1935—62; Oliver R. Harms 1962—69; J. A. O. Preus 1969—81.

Dr. Bohlmann has served in a number of ecumenical positions. He served as a representative of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to the Lutheran Council in the USA, 1972—74, and as a member of the Council's Division of Theological Studies since 1970. He was a member of the Lutheran Task Force on Bilateral Conversations, and has represented his church body in inter-Lutheran consultations on the Confession-Making Process and the Function of Doctrine and Theology in Light of the Unity of the Church. Since 1969 he has been a member of the Commission on Fellowship of The American Lutheran Church and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. He has represented his Synod in the following national ecumenical dialogs: Lutheran-Roman Catholic since 1974; Lutheran-Reformed, 1972—74; and Lutheran-Reformed-Orthodox since 1973. He has also been a member of the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches since 1972.

Dr. Bohlmann is the author of *Principles of Biblical Interpretation* (Concordia Publishing House, 1968). A frequent essayist at conventions and conferences, in 1980 he presented a lecture at the International Lutheran Theologians' Conference in Oberursel, Germany, and delivered Confessional Anniversary Lectures in New Zealand, Australia, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

Dr. Bohlmann and his wife, the former Patricia McCleary, are the parents of two children: Paul, a senior at Washington University, and Lynn, a freshman at Texas Christian University. The family holds membership at Ascension Lutheran Church, St. Louis.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

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January 20, 1982

Mr. Martin C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20000

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your kindness and courtesy in taking so much time from your busy schedule to visit with us last week at the White House. Our church body is deeply concerned about a number of issues that we discussed. Moreover, the nearly three million members who make up our church body are surely willing to help and support the President's efforts to benefit and serve our great nation.

I look forward to seeing you again and assure you of my continued willingness to help in anyway I can.

Cordially,

Ralph A. Bohlmann
President

RAB:jb

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

Please admit the following appointments on Monday, March 22, 19 82

for Morton Blackwell of Office of Public Liaison
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Students: National Lutheran Campus Ministry

BENNETT, LORI
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BOE, LAURA
BRISBIN, RANDY
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CARLSON, GERALD
CLARK, CAROLYN
DRESSEN, NIC
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EHLER, SHIRLEY
EMERICK, GREG
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ERNSTES, DIANE
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GERNANDT, ROBIN
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MARTY, PHIL
METTING, MARTHA
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MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB

Requested by Morton C. Blackwell

Room No. 474 - Indian Treaty
Room

Room No. 191 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 2:30 PM

Date of request March 19, 1982

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

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To: Officer-in-charge
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Please admit the following appointments on Monday, March 22, 1982
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CLARK, NORMAN LEE

SOVIK, MARTIN

LILLIE, JOHN

BLACKBURN, RUTH

HUCHINSKY, MICHAEL

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MEETING LOCATION

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MARCH 22
2:30PM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 2, 1982

TO: Red

FROM: Kathy

As discussed previously, we have scheduled a briefing for this group on Monday, March 22 at 2:30 PM in the Indian Treaty Room.

We have received tentative confirmation from Don Moran, and Morton will also conduct the briefing.

I have notified James Carr and he is very pleased. He has informed me that there will be approximately 50 students from ages 20 - 22 years old and 5 adult advisors present.

Marilee Melvin in Ed Meese's office said that she would try to schedule an Ed Meese drop by when the date was firmed up. Thus, if you would like to let her know the details.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

REQUEST AUTHORIZED BY:
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— INDIAN TREATY ROOM —Date: March 3, 1982

OFFICE: OFFICE of PUBLIC LIAISON
CONTACT: MORTON BLACKWELL Ext: 2657
DATE OF MEETING: MARCH 22, 1982
HOURS: 2:30 to 3:30
NAME OF STAFF PERSON IN ATTENDANCE: MORTON BLACKWELL
PURPOSE OF MEETING: Briefing

OFFICIAL ☒ PRIVATE ☐NO. OF ATTENDEES: approximately 50GSA STAFF REQUIRED: Yes ☐ No ☒

- ☐ Elevator service
☐ Special room arrangement
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- ☒ Podium
☐ Coat Rack
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 1, 1982

TO: Rose - Don Moran's office
FROM: Kathy - Morton Blackwell's office
x. 2657 Room 191
RE: Briefings on the 1983 budget

Per our telephone conversation, I am sending you copies of these requests.

The National Lutheran Campus Ministry originally requested Ed Meese, but he referred it to our office. Mr. Blackwell will moderate this and would like Mr. Moran to do his presentation on the budget. As noted, they will be in town on March 22, 23, and 24.

The Directorate of the Office for Church in Society of the United Church of Christ asked for Dave Stockman, but Morton would prefer to have Mr. Moran. As noted, they will be in town on April 22, 23, and 24.

Thanks in advance for all your help.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1982

TO: Rose - Don Moran's office
FROM: Kathy - Morton Blackwell's office
RE: March 22nd Briefing for the
National Lutheran Campus
Ministry

As we discussed on the phone today^{!!},
we will be expecting Don at 2:30 PM on
Monday in the Indian Treaty Room for
this briefing.

I am attaching a list of the attendees
for Don's information.

Thank you so very much.

LUTHERAN COUNCIL IN THE USA

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W.
Suite 2720
Washington, DC 20024
202 / 484-3950



March 17, 1982

Ms. Kathy Christianson
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Chrisitianson:

Enclosed is the list of persons who will be attending the breifing by Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Moran on Monday afternoon, March 22. I would like to add the following members of the Washington office of the Lutheran Council in the USA: Mr. Martin Sövik, Rev. Charles V. Bergstrom, Rev. John Lillie, Ms. Lita Johnson, and Ms. Nancy Bullard, who all work at the above address.

I'm sorry this hasn't gotten to you sooner, however we just received it from our Chicago office today. Thanks for your help, we appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Sövik
Assistant Director
Office for Governmental Affairs

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JAMES R. CARR — DIRECTOR

February 5, 1982

The Honorable Edwin Meese III
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Meese:

Each year National Lutheran Campus Ministries and the Lutheran Council's Office for Governmental Affairs co-sponsor a three-day seminar in Washington for Lutheran college students from around the country. You may remember hearing about the seminar when you were involved in the Lutheran Student Association in college. This year, the seminar is scheduled for March 21-24. I would like to invite you to join us for part of the seminar, if possible.

For logistical reasons, for the most part the seminars have taken place on and around Capital Hill. However, in some past years, it has been possible to meet with representatives of the executive branch on their "home turf", in the Old Executive Office Building. This has been a highlight for the students, and we have found it a good way to emphasize the separateness of the branches of government. If it would be possible to arrange such a visit, and for you to join us for some brief discussion of administration policies and programs, I would be most grateful.

Generally we have found it useful to have twenty-minute presentations followed by a question and answer session as the basis of the seminar sessions. The sessions have traditionally been off-the-record, and I should tell you that we view this as an educational program, rather than as a sightseeing trip.

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Mr. Edwin Meese III
February 5
page two

I understand the demands on your time, and we would be willing to meet with you almost any time on Monday or Tuesday, the 22nd and 23rd, or in the morning on Wednesday, the 24th. We have specifically blocked out the afternoons of the 22nd and 23rd for this part of the program, in order to begin making arrangements with other speakers for the seminar.

Mr. Martin Sövik, of the Office for Governmental Affairs, is handling the program of the seminar in Washington. When you have had a chance to consider our invitation, or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact him at 484-3950 in Washington. I look forward to meeting you in March, and with every best wish, I am

Sincerely,

James R. Carr
Director

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JUN 27 1982

Mr. Ralph A. Bohlmann, President
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod.
500 North Broadway
Saint Louis, Missouri 63102

Dear Mr. Bohlmann:

Ralph -

Thank you for your letter concerning proposed regulations which would implement the recent "family participation" amendment to the family planning program under Title X of the Public Health Service Act. The proposed regulations would require family planning clinics receiving Title X funds to notify parents or guardians of unemancipated minors, age 17 or younger, within ten days following the provision of prescription drugs or devices.

We have received many comments from the public on this proposal. Comments will be reviewed prior to promulgating a final rule. The purpose of the proposed rule is to break down the barrier that separates parent from adolescent where decisions about prescribing federally funded contraceptives are concerned. Tearing down this communication barrier between parent and child will carry out the clear intent of Congress, which last year amended the family planning law to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to encourage family involvement in family planning decisionmaking. We can hardly encourage family involvement by keeping a child's own parents in the dark.

Prescription contraceptives, such as the pill or IUD, can have serious health side effects. Researchers are continually discovering new information on the health risks of contraceptives. For example, a recent study at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine concluded that the IUD can cause serious health problems particularly for young high school and college women who have never had children. The 1981 amendment demonstrates congressional recognition of the importance of giving parents an opportunity to exercise their concern and care in a matter that affects the medical well-being of their children.

There have been some incorrect reports regarding the purpose and effect of the proposed rule. Contrary to some reports, notification would not be required when teenagers receive birth control information or nonprescription drugs or devices. Nor would it apply in cases where notification would result in physical harm to the child by a parent, or to the provision of prescription drugs for the treatment of venereal disease. In addition, the proposed rule requires neither parental consent nor pre-notification, because we believe Federal requirements of this sort were not authorized by the recent congressional amendment. Notification would be required only after prescription drugs or devices are provided.

In addition, the Department's proposal is not a notice to parents to suggest misbehavior by their child. Rather, if we adopt this proposal, it would be part of a broad program to involve parents in the activities of family planning clinics, including providing information on health risks of contraceptives, offering guidance on dealing with teenage sexual activity, and training clinic personnel on parental involvement and counseling. Nor, we believe, will parental involvement disrupt birth control services or increase teenage pregnancy. The evidence suggests that notifying parents will not drive teens away from contraceptive protection. An Alan Guttmacher Institute survey found that only four percent of teens using the clinics even say they would continue to be sexually active yet stop using contraception.

To say that adolescent sexuality is none of the government's business is to forget that government is already in the business--by paying tax dollars for family planning clinics to give contraceptives to teenagers. Thus, rather than representing an intrusive regulation aimed at bringing government into new areas, this proposal is designed to bring the parents into an area which, until now, has been treated by government as if it were none of the parent's business. Congress recognized that it is indeed the parents' business. Adolescent sexuality can be a confusing, even frightening thing for children. The important decisions a child has to make about sexual activity involve not only health but the child's entire future. Government shouldn't stand between parent and child when those decisions are made.

We will review all comments on this proposed rule before making any final decision on how best to carry out the congressional intent to encourage parental involvement when their children are making important decisions about sexual activity and birth control.

Sincerely,

Marjory

Marjory Mecklenburg
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Population Affairs

*I hope we can talk some time,
soon. I was so delighted that you
were able to lunch with the President
and truly appreciate your kind words
about me.*

Marjory



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The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

500 North Broadway, Saint Louis, Missouri 63102
Telephone: 314-231-6969

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

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February 18, 1982

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, District of Columbia 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Several days ago I learned that family regulations are being proposed which would require parental notification within ten days after minor children receive prescription devices or drugs.

I fully support such regulations, and commend you for your leadership in proposing them.

The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, consisting of 2.7 million members worshipping in more than six thousand congregations throughout the United States, does not take official Church positions on matters of this kind. However, our Church body and its members take very seriously the Biblical teaching about the sanctity of the family and the responsibility of parents toward their children. I know that I speak for a great many people in our Church body in commending government efforts that may assist parents to carry out their responsibilities toward their children in a more effective manner.

Please know that you are in my prayers as you carry out the weighty responsibilities of your office.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Bohlmann

Ralph A. Bohlmann
President

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MAY 18, 1982

TO: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 18, 1982

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. RALPH A. BOHLMAN
PRESIDENT
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI
SYNOD
500 NORTH BROADWAY
SAINT LOUIS MO 63102

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS AND COMMENDS THE PRESIDENT FOR
PROPOSING HHS REGULATIONS REQUIRING PARENTAL
NOTIFICATION AFTER CHILDREN RECEIVE
PRESCRIPTION DEVICES OR DRUGS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL — IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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Subject: supports & commends the President for proposing HHS regulations requiring parental notification after children receive prescription devices or drugs

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June 9, 1981

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Public Liaison Chief
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

As executive director of Lutheran Resources Commission-Washington, I would like to be placed on the mailing list of The White House Public Liaison Office and on the invitee list for briefings in areas of concern of the Commission. LRC-W is a technical assistance agency for other church-related human service agencies. As such, LRC-W provides grant and other resource information from both government and private sector sources. Its interests in the Federal sector would cover virtually all areas within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development; Food and Nutrition and Rural Housing programs within the Department of Agriculture; Small Business (SBIC) within the Department of Commerce; Energy Conservation programs within the Department of Energy; Youth Employment within the Department of Labor; Community Services Administration, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Cooperative Bank.

Enclosed are two fact sheets providing further information on Lutheran Resources Commission-Washington and a copy of the May issue of LRC-W's publication NEWSBRIEFS.

Please place my name on the appropriate list as follows:

Lloyd Foerster
Executive Director
Lutheran Resources Commission-Washington
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. - Suite 823
Washington, DC 20036

Sincerely,

Lloyd Foerster
Executive Director

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WHAT we are...WHO we are...WHAT we do...

Lutheran Resources Commission-Washington (LRC-W) is a grants consultation agency serving units of the American Lutheran Church, The Lutheran Church in America, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., the United Methodist Church, and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

LRC-W does not make grants. Rather, it consults with agencies on the development of competitive proposals and guides them to government, foundation, or corporate funding sources. Since it was established in August, 1969, LRC-W has provided technical assistance for nearly 1,600 requests and has been instrumental in client agencies obtaining more than \$30 million for their projects. The projects are in the fields of aging, child care, drug abuse, education, rehabilitation, health, housing, nutrition, media, women's concerns, and youth employment among others.

Agencies desiring to use the grant consultation services of LRC-W must first obtain authorization from one of the participating churches unless the project comes under the purchase of service agreement with either of the Lutheran fraternal benefit societies. Agencies requesting such authorization should be duly established non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. Proof of such status is usually required by government or private funding sources.

The staff members are professionals, experienced in government, church and community affairs. They have expertise in fundraising, grantsmanship, stewardship, research and management. The staff members are: Dr. Lloyd Foerster, Executive Director; Mr. R. Dix Griesemer, Associate Director; Ms. Jane L. Anderson, Senior Resource Development Officer; Ms. Helen Gettys, Resource Development Officer; Mr. Kinnard Wright, Resource Development Officer. Their work is augmented by an Advisory Committee composed of more than 30 volunteers from government, professional organizations, and business.

LRC-W maintains a library of current information and directories on grant opportunities and up-to-date giving records of thousands of public and private donor organizations. It is an Associate Member of the Foundation Center and has access to the Center's Washington Library research desk for instant assistance. LRC-W is also a member of the Independent Sector and the Council on Foundations.

Two resource development conferences are conducted by LRC-W each year. The participants are staff of community and church-related agencies, regional and national church staff, and officials from government programs, foundations, and corporations.

LRC-W's monthly publication is NEWSBRIEFS, a 30-page bulletin filled with news of resource opportunities. Subscription is \$50 per year.



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The American Lutheran Church: Dr. Melvin Bucka, Director for Serving Existing Ministries, Division for Service and Mission in America, ALC, 422 S. Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55415. Tel: (612) 330-3110.

Lutheran Church in America: The Reverend Arnold Tiemeyer, Assistant Executive Director, Division for Mission in North America, LCA, 231 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016. Tel: (212) 481-9677.

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod: Dr. Leslie Weber, Executive Secretary, Board of Social Ministry & World Relief; or the Reverend Marcus T. Zill, Stewardship Counselor, LC-MS, 500 North Broadway Street, St. Louis, MO 63102. Tel: (314) 231-6969.

The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.: The Reverend Bruce Berry, Staff Associate for Financial Development, Division of Court Partnership Services; Ms. Colleen Shannon-Thornberry, Staff Associate for National Service, Department of World Service and World Hunger; or the Reverend James Vande Berg, Staff Associate for Congregational Church Development, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., 341 Ponce de Leon, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30308. Tel: (404) 873-1531.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.: Sister M. Gerald Hartney, CSC, Staff Consultant, Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., 1721 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Tel: (202) 887-6200.

The United Methodist Church: Ms. Lula M. Garrett, Assistant General Secretary, Board of Global Ministries, The United Methodist Church, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Tel: (212) 678-6051.

The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.: Mr. Rodney Martin, Associate for Social Welfare Ministries-Organizational Relations, The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., Room 1268 Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115. Tel: (212) 870-2437.

Each of the above has a review process designed to evaluate requests for LRC-W service according to the programs and priorities of the individual church. Replies are usually made within 30 days.

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February 24, 1981



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20500

Attention: Ms. Sally Hartwick

Dear Ms. Hartwick:

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mrs. Dole requesting a meeting to talk about the work of the Lutheran churches. There is also a list of national Lutheran church leaders who should receive invitations to the special briefings for church presidents, etc.

I will be happy to talk with you about this meeting.

Sincerely,

Charles V. Bergstrom
Executive Director
Office for Governmental Affairs

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P.S. At your suggestion, I am sending you this second request from the 37 Religious-Government liaison offices.

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LUTHERAN COUNCIL IN THE USA

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February 24, 1981

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Dear Mrs. Dole:

I am writing on behalf of the officers of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council. This is a cooperative organization of 37 church groups that serve in governmental relationships. It includes all the major or mainline denominations and judicatories.

I served as chairman last year and this year's chairman is the Rev. Paul Kittlaus of the United Church of Christ.

We would like to sit down with you to talk with you about our work and about some of the issues that concern us. The meeting could be of the executive committee or more, preferably the directors of all those offices that could attend such a meeting.

Please feel free to call me for additional information or about arrangements.

Sincerely yours,

Charles V. Bergstrom
Executive Director
Office for Governmental Affairs

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January 14, 1981

Ms. Elizabeth H. Dole
Office of the President Elect
1226 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20270

Dear Ms. Dole:

First of all I want to congratulate you on your appointment by President-Elect Ronald Reagan to be his Assistant for Public Liaison. I am sure you will find this a challenging opportunity which will bring you in contact with varied groups and organizations. Please let us know of any way we can assist you.

Enclosed, is a brochure which describes our office. We serve on behalf of the Lutheran church bodies through their cooperative organization, the Lutheran Council. Also included is a list of the Leaders of these National Church bodies which are part of the Council. There may be times when you would want to contact them as well as our office concerning information or invitations to meetings and briefings. There are over 30 other church-government offices which work together here in Washington.

I understand that you are a good friend of Ruth Whittecar. Her husband George and I served together for several years on a national church committee for the Lutheran Church in America.

I would appreciate very much an opportunity to meet briefly with you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles V. Bergstrom
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