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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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January 30, 1984

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE
NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS CONVENTION

Grand Ballroom
Sheraton Washington Hotel
Washington, D.C.

2:20 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, Brandt Gustavson, Dr. Ben Armstrong, and ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests. Thank you all very much.

I'm going to depart from what I was going to say, or begin with here, for just a moment to tell a little story. And I hope Pat Boone won't mind. I'm going to tell it on him. (Laughter.)

Some years ago when there was a subversive element that had moved into the motion picture industry and Hollywood, there were great meetings that were held. There was one that was held in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. 16,000 people were there, and thousands of them up in the balcony were young people.

And Pat Boone stood up, and in speaking to this crowd, he said, talking of communism, that he had daughters -- they were little girls then -- and he said, "I love them more than anything on earth." But he said, "I would rather", -- and I thought, "I know what he's going to say and oh, you must not say that." And yet I had underestimated him. He said, "I would rather that they die now believing in God than live to grow up under communism and die one day no longer believing in God." (Applause.)

There was a hushed moment, and then 16,000 people, all those thousands of young people came to their feet with a roar that you just -- it thrills you through and through.

Well, I thank you very much. This is a moment I've been looking forward to. I remember with such pleasure the time we spent together last year. Today, I feel like I'm doing more than returning for a speech. I feel like I'm coming home. (Applause.)

Homecoming -- I think it is the proper word. Under this roof, some four thousand of us are

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kindred spirits united by one burning belief: God is our Father; we are his children; together, brothers and sisters, we are one family. (Applause.)

Being family makes us willing to share the pain of problems we carry in our hearts. But families also come together in times of joy and we can celebrate such a moment today. Hope is being reborn across this land by a mighty spiritual revival that's made you the miracle of the entire broadcasting industry.

I might say, your success and my celebrating another birthday about this time of year are both a source of annoyance to a number of people. (Laughter.)

Let me set the record straight on your account: The spectacular growth of C.B.N. and P.T.L. and Trinity, of organizations that produce religious programs for radio and television, not to mention the booming industry in Christian books, underlines a far-reaching change in our country.

Americans yearn to explore life's deepest truths. And to say their entertainment -- their idea of entertainment is sex and violence and crime is an insult to their goodness and intelligence. We are people who believe love can triumph over hate, creativity over destruction and hope over despair. And that's why so many millions hunger for your product: God's good news.

In his book, "The Secret Kingdom," Pat Robertson told us, "There can be peace; there can be plenty; there can be freedom. They will come the minute human beings accept the principles of the invisible world and begin to live by them in the visible world." More and more of us are trying to do this. George Gallup has detected a rising tide of interest and involvement in religion among all levels of society.

I was pleased last year to proclaim 1983 The Year of the Bible. But, you know, a group called the ACLU severely criticized me for doing that. Well, I wear their indictment like a badge of honor. (Applause.)

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-I believe I stand in pretty good company. (Laughter.) Abraham Lincoln called the Bible, "The best gift God has given to man. But for it," he said, "we could not know right from wrong."

Like that image of George Washington kneeling in prayer in snow at Valley Forge, Lincoln described a people who knew it was not enough to depend on their own courage and goodness. They must also look to God their Father and Preserver. And their faith to walk with Him, and trust in His word, brought them the blessings of comfort, power, and peace that they sought.

The torch of their faith has been passed from generation to generation. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever." More and more Americans believe that loving God in their hearts is the ultimate value.

Last year, not only were Year-of-the-Bible activities held in every state of the union -- but more than 25 states and 500 cities issues their own Year-of-the-Bible Proclamations. One school-teacher, Mary Gibson in New York, raised \$4,000 to buy Bibles for working people in downtown Manhattan.

Nineteen eighty-three was the year more of us read the Good Book. Can we make a resolution here today -- that 1984 will be the year we put its great truths into action. (Applause.)

My experience in this office I hold has only deepened a belief I've held for many years: Within the covers of that single Book are all the answers to all the problems that face us today -- if we'd only read and believe. (Applause.)

Let's begin at the beginning. God is the center of our lives; the human family stands at the center of society; and our greatest hope for the future is in the faces of our children. Seven thousand Poles recently came to the christening of Maria Victoria Walesa, daughter of Danuta and Lech Walesa, to express their belief that Solidarity of the family remains the foundation of freedom.

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God's most blessed gift to His family is the gift of life. He sent us the Prince of Peace as a babe in a manger. I've said that we must be cautious in claiming God is on our side. I think the real question we must answer is, are we on His side? (Applause.)

I know what I'm about to say now is controversial, but I have to say it. This nation cannot continue turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to the taking of some 4,000 unborn children's lives every day. That's one every 21 seconds. (Applause.) One every 21 seconds. We cannot pretend that America is preserving her first and highest ideal, the belief that each life is sacred, when we've permitted the deaths of fifteen million helpless innocents since the Roe versus Wade decision.

Fifteen million children who will never laugh, never sing, never know the joy of human love, will never strive to heal the sick, feed the poor, or make peace among nations. Abortion has denied them the first and most basic of human rights. We are all infinitely poorer for their loss.

There's another grim truth we should face up to. Medical science doctors confirm that when the lives of the unborn are snuffed out, they often feel pain, pain that is long and agonizing.

This nation fought a terrible war so that black Americans would be guaranteed their God-given rights. Abraham Lincoln recognized that we could not survive as a free land when some could decide whether others should be free or slaves. Well, today, another question begs to be asked. How can we survive as a free nation when some decide that others are not fit to live and should be done away with?

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-I believe no challenge is more important to the character of America than restoring the right to life to all human beings. (Applause.)

Without that right, no other rights have meaning. "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of God." I will continue to support every effort to restore that protection including the Hyde-Jepsen Respect-Life Bill. I've asked for your all-out commitment, for the mighty power of your prayers, so that together, we can convince our fellow countrymen that America should, can and will preserve God's greatest gift.

Let us encourage those among us who are trying to provide positive alternatives to abortion -- groups like Mom's House, House of His Creation in Pennsylvania, Jim McKee's Sav-A-Life in Texas -- which I mentioned to you last year. Begun as a response to the call of a conscience, Sav-A-Life has become a crisis counseling center and saved 22 children since it was founded in 1981.

I think we're making progress in upholding the sanctity of life of infants born with physical or mental handicaps. The Department of Health and Human Services has now published final regulations to address cases such as Baby Doe in Bloomington. That child was denied lifesaving surgery and starved to death because he had Down's Syndrome and some people didn't think his life would be worth living.

Not too long ago I was privileged to meet a charming little girl -- tiny little girl -- filled with the joy of living. She was on crutches, but she swims, she rides horseback, and her smile steals your heart. She was born with the same defects as those "baby Does" who have been denied the right to life. To see her -- to see the love on the faces of her parents, and their joy in her -- was the answer to this particular question.

Secretary Heckler and Surgeon General Koop deserve credit for designing regulations providing basic protections to the least among us. And the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of Children's Hospitals have now affirmed a person's mental or physical handicap must not be the basis for deciding to withhold medical treatment. (Applause.)

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Let me assure you of something else: We want parents to know their children will not be victims of child pornography. I look forward to signing a new bill now awaiting final action in a conference committee that will tighten our laws against child pornography. And we're concerned about enforcement of all the federal anti-obscenity laws. Over the past year, the United States Customs Service has increased by 200 percent its confiscation of obscene materials coming in across our borders. We're also intensifying our drive against crimes of family violence and sexual abuse. I happen to believe that protecting victims is just as important as safeguarding the rights of defendants. (Applause.)

Restoring the right to life and protecting people from violence and exploitation are important responsibilities. But as members of God's family, we share another and that is helping to build a foundation of faith and knowledge to prepare our children for the challenges of life. "Train up a child in the way he should go," Solomon wrote, "and when he is old he will not depart from it."

If we're to meet the challenge of educating for the space age, of opening eyes and minds to treasures of literature, music and poetry and of teaching values of faith, courage, responsibility, kindness and love, then we must meet these challenges as one people and parents must take the lead. And I believe they are.

I know one thing I'm sure most of us agree on: God, source of all knowledge, should never have been expelled from our children's classrooms. (Applause.) The great majority of our people support voluntary prayer in schools.

We hear of cases where courts say it is dangerous to allow students to meet in Bible study or prayer clubs. And then there was the case of that kindergarten class that was reciting a verse. They said, "We thank you for the flowers so sweet. We thank you for the food we eat. We thank you for the birds that sing. We thank you, God, for everything." A court of appeals ordered them to stop. They were supposedly violating the Constitution of the United States.

Well, Teddy Roosevelt told us, "The American people are slow to wrath, but when their wrath is once kindled, it burns like a consuming flame. (Applause.)

I think Americans are getting angry. I think they have a message and Congress better listen. We are a government of, by and for the people.

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And people want a constitutional amendment making it unequivocally clear our children can hold voluntary prayer in every school across this land. (Applause.) And if we could get God and discipline back in our schools, maybe we could get drugs and violence out. (Applause.)

I know that some believe that voluntary prayer in schools should be restricted to a moment of silence. We already have the right to remain silent. (Laughter.) We can take our Fifth Amendment. (Laughter.) Seriously, we need a new amendment to restore the rights that were taken from us.

Senator Baker has assured us that we will get a vote on our amendment, and with your help, we can win, and that will be a great victory for our children. (Applause.)

During the last decade, we've seen people's commitment to religious liberty expressed by the establishment of thousands of new religious schools. These schools were built by the sacrifices of parents determined to provide a quality education for their children in an environment that permits traditional values to flourish.

Now, I believe that some of you met with my advisors to discuss the situation of religious schools in Nebraska. We have all seen news accounts of the jailing of a minister, the padlocking of a church, and the continuing imprisonment of fathers of students. This issue of religious liberty has arisen in other states. The question is how to find the balance between assuring quality of education and preserving freedom for churches and parents who want their schools to reflect their faith.

These cases have mostly proceeded in State courts. A number of State supreme courts have reached decisions that moderated the effect of State regulations on religious schools. Last week, a panel appointed by the governor of Nebraska concluded that the State's regulations violate the religious liberties of Christian schools.

I'm a firm believer in the separation of powers, that this nation is a federation of sovereign states. But isn't it time for the Nebraska courts or legislature to solve this problem by a speedy reconsideration? (Applause.) I hope some way can be found to resolve the legal issues without having people in jail for doing what they think is right. (Applause.)

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Within our families, neighborhoods, schools, and places of work, let us continue reaching out, renewing our spirit of friendship, community service and caring for each other -- a spirit that flows like a deep and powerful river through the history of our nation.

I made a point last year which some of our critics jumped on, but I believe it has merit. Government bureaucracies spend billions for problems related to drugs, alcoholism and disease. How much of that money could we save, how much better off might Americans be if all of us tried a little harder to live by the Ten Commandments and the Gold Rule? (Applause.) I've been told that since the beginning of civilization millions and millions of laws have been written. I've even heard someone suggest it was as many as several billion. And, yet, taken all together, all those millions and millions of laws have not improved on the Ten Commandments one bit. (Applause.)

Look at Projects like CBN's "Operation Blessing," Moody Bible Institute's "Open Line" radio program, Inner City -- or the radio program, "Inner City", I should say, in Chicago and the work of Dr. E.V. Hill of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Los Angeles. They show us that America is more than just government on the one hand and helpless individuals on the other. They show us that lives are saved, people are reborn and, yes, dreams come true when we heed the voice of the spirit, minister to the needy and glorify God. That is the stuff of which miracles are made. (Applause.)

Our mission stretches far beyond our borders: God's family knows no borders. In your life, you face daily trials, but millions of believers in other lands face far worse. They are mocked and persecuted for the crime of loving God. To every religious dissident trapped in that cold, cruel existence, we send our love and support. Our message? You are not alone; you are not forgotten; do not lose your faith and hope because someday you, too, will be free. (Applause.)

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If the Lord is our light, our strength and our salvation, whom shall we fear? Of whom shall we be afraid? No matter where we live, we have a promise that can make all the difference, a promise from Jesus to soothe our sorrows, heal our hearts and drive away our fears. He promised there will never be a dark night that does not end. Our weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. He promised if our hearts are true, his love will be as sure as sunlight. And, by dying for us, Jesus showed how far our love should be ready to go: All the way.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (Applause.)

I'm a little self conscious because I know very well you all could recite that verse to me. (Laughter.)

Helping each other, believing in him, we need never be afraid. We will be part of something far more powerful, enduring and good than all the forces here on earth. We will be a part of paradise.

May God keep you always and may you always keep God.
(Applause.)

END

2:44 P.M. EST

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

DATE: JUN 3 1983

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 6/8/83

SUBJECT: Scheduling Recommendation - Pres meet with Natl. Religious Broadcasters

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
WHITTLESEY	☐	☐	TILLER	☐	☐
VIPOND	☐	☐	VILA	☐	☐
ROUSSELOT	☐	☐	GRAF	☐	☐
BLACKWELL	☒	☐	SUNDSETH	☐	☐
BUCKALEW	☐	☐	MORECI	☐	☐
GALE	☐	☐		☐	☐
JACOBI	☐	☐		☐	☐
JEPSEN	☐	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

Recommend scheduling meeting. - June 6 -

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JUNE 2, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ FAITH WHITTLESEY - LARRY SPEAKES - DAVID GERGEN - ED ROLLINS

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. DIRECTOR,
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Meeting with representatives of the National
Religious Broadcasters to better understand
positions on the following:

- 1) voluntary prayer in public schools
- 2) anti-abortion legislation
- 3) tuition tax credits and
- 4) U.S. nuclear policy

DATE:

LOCATION: The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept xxx Regret Surrogate Message Other
Priority
Routine

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:
See memorandum, attached.

RESPONSE DUE 6-9-83

TO Sarah Long

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 6, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Scheduling Recommendation: President to
Meet with National Religious Broadcasters

Although this letter requested a meeting sometime in April, I think it is a good idea for us to set up the meeting they requested with the President sometime this summer.

If anything, the March 30th letter referring to the success of the President's speech to the National Religious Broadcasters' Conference understates the case. The success of that speech was phenomenal.

One benefit of this proposal is that the National Religious Broadcasters themselves have suggested, out of the hundreds of possible invitees a small list, suitable for a meaningful exchange with the President. Thus, we could invite this group without offending other significant broadcasters who were not included on the list provided by the NRB. I think this is a good idea. These people represent an alternate communications channel to millions of largely blue collar, historically Democratic voters who now constitute a vital part of the President's winning coalition.

MCB:jet

May 26, 1983

*Stacy to
Whitless
Reagan/Feather
Nellie*

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your message and for the enclosed copy of the March 1983 issue of Religious Broadcasting.

The President was pleased to address the National Religious Broadcasters' convention, and he is grateful for your kind remarks. He looks forward to working with you and your associates as he seeks to implement his Administration's policies.

I have brought your suggestions to the attention of the President's scheduling advisers. They will be kept on file for future consideration.

With President Reagan's prayers and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Anne Higgins
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of Correspondence

Dr. Ben Armstrong
Executive Director
National Religious Broadcasters
CN 1926
Morrisown, NJ 07960

cc: with copy of incoming/list to Scheduling Office

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CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 5
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive

March 30, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

I want to thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to be with us at the recent NRB Convention in Washington, D. C., at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, on January 31, 1983.

Your speech to our convention was extremely well-received as evidenced by the five standing ovations.

As a result of your incisive and epic-making address, our religious media have aired your speech hundreds of times and repeated it over and over again throughout the country on networks such as (1) 700 Club, (2) PTL Club, (3) NCE, Cocoa, Florida, (4) Trinity Broadcasting Company, and other stations numbering about sixty-five Christian television stations.

In addition, the audio portion has gone to over one hundred religious radio stations in the U. S. A. and repeated over and over again. In fact, your address is still being heard throughout the country. Some said that this was the most important religious speech since the beginning of our Republic by any American president.

It was noteworthy to have had the opportunity to present to your wife, Nancy, the award for her superb work in the drug abuse program in which she has been involved for over fifteen years. What an important role she has played in recent days on television in this important area!

I am enclosing a recent Religious Broadcasting magazine describing these two events.

I appreciated also the opportunity of greeting you at the NAE Convention in Orlando, Florida, and the religious leaders in the Cabinet Room on the pornography issue March 28.

I believe, Mr. President, that we have important work ahead. You have raised extremely important issues of concern to those in all faiths who hold to the traditional positions.

Our key broadcasters would like to meet with you at the earliest possible time so that we can better understand your position on these matters and to be able to implement your positions.

President Ronald Reagan
March 30, 1983
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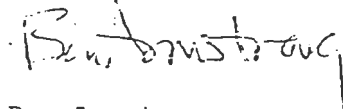
I would like to request the opportunity of visiting with you and experts in the various social agenda fields during the month of April. I would like to suggest the following dates: (1) April 13, (2) April 15, (3) April 18, (4) April 27.

I would like to suggest that we meet with the experts in the various fields of (1) voluntary prayer in the public school, (2) anti-abortion legislation, (3) tuition tax credits, and (4) U. S. nuclear policy.

I am enclosing a suggested list of those whom I would like to invite to meet with you. These are all opinion-makers in religious broadcasting. I feel that it would be mutually-beneficial for us to get together if at all possible.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Ben Armstrong
Executive Director

BA:es
Enclosures

Dr. Pat Robertson, President
Christian Broadcasting Network
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Mr. James Bakker, President
PTL Club
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dr. Jerry Falwell
Speaker, Old Time Gospel Hour
Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church
President, Moral Majority
Lynchburg, Virginia

Mr. Jimmy Swaggart
Syndicator of programs on over 200 stations
Owner and operator of 9 radio stations
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, General Superintendent
Assemblies of God
Springfield, Missouri
Director, Revivaltime Radio Program heard on 500 radio stations
Vice President, Year of the Bible National Committee

Dr. Charles Stanley, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Atlanta, Georgia
Heard on 70 television stations and 100 radio stations

Dr. William Bright, General Chairman
Year of the Bible
President and Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ
Arrowhead Springs, San Bernardino, California

Dr. Robert Cook, President
King's College
Briarcliff Manor, New York
Speaker, The King's Hour, heard on 170 radio stations throughout the
United States and throughout the world

Mr. Jerry Rose, President
Channel 38
Chicago, Illinois
Second Vice President, National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. Paul Ramseyer, Director
Northwestern Radio Network, which owns and operates 9 religious radio
stations throughout the U.S.A.
Northwestern College
Roseville, Minnesota

Mr. Mike Madefex, President
WEEC
Springfield, Ohio
Secretary, National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. James Robison
James Robison Evangelistic Crusade
Ft. Worth, Texas
Syndicates television programs every week

Rev. Jimmy Draper, President
Southern Baptist Convention
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Euless, Texas

Dr. Theodore Epp
Founder and President, Back To the Bible Broadcast
Lincoln, Nebraska
Founder of National Religious Broadcasters
Syndicator of Daily Path Hour Bible-oriented program heard on 500 radio stations

Rev. Charles Swindoll
Pastor, Evangelical Free Church
Fullerton, California
Heard on over 100 radio programs on a syndicated basis as well as television programs throughout the U.S.A.

Dr. John MacArthur
Pastor, Grace Community Church
Panorama City, California
Speaker, Grace To You, heard on over 100 radio stations

Dr. Paul Freed, President
Founder, Trans World Radio
Owns and operates 23 super-powered radio stations throughout the world,
comprising total transmitter strength of six million watts
Chatham, New Jersey

Dr. E. V. Hill, Pastor
Zion Baptist Church
Los Angeles, California
Speaker on radio and television programs

Mr. E. Brandt Gustavson, President
National Religious Broadcasters
Vice President, Moody Bible Institute
In charge of 11 owned and operated Moody Bible Institute radio stations
throughout the U.S.A.
Director, Moody Monthly, a 300,000 subscriber publication

Dr. Paul Crouch, President
Trinity Broadcasting Company
Santa Ana, California
Owns and operates 6 television stations throughout the United States,
including Miami, Los Angeles, New York, and other major markets

Mr. Rex Humbard, Sr.
Speaker, Cathedral of Tomorrow
Akron, Ohio
Has completed 50 years of broadcast ministries, heard on over 300 television stations in 8 languages throughout the United States and the world

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

2/3/82

*Natl
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TO: STEPHEN STUDDERT
FROM: GREGORY *J.* NEWELL
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Dropby National Religious Broadcasters Convention

DATE: February 9, 1982

TIME: 6:00 pm

DURATION: 20 minutes

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: Optional

REMARKS REQUIRED

cc: A. Bakshian
M. Brandon
R. Darman
R. DeProspero
K. Duberstein
D. Fischer
C. Fuller
C. Gerrard
E. Hickey

E. Rollins
B. Shaddix
L. Speakes
S. Studdert
WHCA Audio/Visual
WHCA Operations
R. Williamson
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1982

MEETING WITH NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

DATE: February 9, 1982

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel, Grand Ballroom

TIME: 6:00-6:20 p.m.

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

I. PURPOSE

To address 3,000 delegates and guests of the National Religious Broadcasters Association's annual convention. Members are leaders in the field of religious broadcasting and represent constituencies numbering in the tens of millions.

II. BACKGROUND

The theme of this 39th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters is "Reaching the Family." Many famous and distinguished people, including Surgeon General Dr. Everett Koop, will speak. Their board consists of sixty outstanding leaders of religious broadcasting, including fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell and "mainline" broadcasters such as Reverend Billy Graham. The National Religious Broadcasters have been in support of your principles for many years. The NRB held press conferences, sent out letters of recommendation, and campaigned vigorously in your 1980 campaign. You spoke to their October 1980 convention in Lynchburg, Virginia.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Dr. David L. Hofer, President of National Religious Broadcasters
Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of NRB

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 5:50 p.m. - You arrive Sheraton Washington Hotel and proceed to holding room, where you will be met by Dr. David Hofer and Dr. Ben Armstrong.
- 5:58 p.m. - You depart holding room en route Grand Ballroom.
- 5:59 p.m. - Invocation by Dr. Hofer concluding in your introduction.
- 6:00 p.m. - You offer remarks.
- 6:20 p.m. - You depart en route the White House.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 5, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The National Religious Broadcasters to address its annual convention.

PURPOSE: To address 3000 delegates, leaders in the field of religious broadcasting, who represent large constituencies numbering into tens of millions. The convention's theme is "Reaching the Family." This would provide an excellent forum for the President's planned speech on "American Pluralism."

BACKGROUND: This is the 39th annual convention of the NRB and many distinguished speakers are expected at their convention, including Dr. Everett Koop. Their board consists of 60 outstanding leaders in the field of religion and religious broadcasting, including fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell and "mainline" conservatives such as Billy Graham. The NRB as a conservative organization has been in basic support of President Reagan's principles going back to 1976 and before. The NRB held press conferences, sent out letters of recommendation, and campaigned vigorously in the 1980 Reagan campaign.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all have addressed this annual convention.

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

DATE: Sunday, February 7 at 7 P.M. for the opening session or Monday, February 8 at 7 P.M.

DURATION: 20 minute speech

PARTICIPANTS: 3000 delegates to the convention and their guests

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will be introduced, he will make the speech, pose for pictures, and depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major speech

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

TO: Ed Rollins OK
FROM: Morton Blackwell
RE: Schedule proposal

The National Religious Broadcasters
are holding their annual convention
in Washington next month.

This would provide an excellent
opportunity for the President
to present his planned speech on
"American Pluralism."

May we add your name to the proposal
next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

TO: Don Moran
FROM: Morton Blackwell
RE: Schedule proposal

The National Religious Broadcasters
are holding their annual convention
in Washington next month.

This would provide an excellent
opportunity for the President to
present his planned speech on
"American Pluralism."

May we add your name and/or
Director Stockman's to the
proposal next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

TO: David Swoap
FROM: Morton Blackwell
RE: Schedule proposal

The National Religious Broadcaster
are holding their annual conventi
in Washington next month.

This would provide an excellent
opportunity for the President to
present his planned speech on
"American Pluralism."

May we add your name and/ or
Secretary Schweiker's to the
proposa next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

As time is short, please call us a
soon as possible - 456-2657 -
with your answers.

OK for Joe's office 1/6/82

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT NATIONAL RELIGIOUS MEETING

Forced to choose a Presidential address before either the National Association of Evangelicals on March 2nd in Chicago or the National Religious Broadcasters on February 7th in Washington, I recommend the National Religious Broadcasters annual convention.

The National Association of Evangelicals Executive Director, Bob Dugan, has been more helpful to this office than any other person in the religious community, and very many have been helpful. However, the National Religious Broadcasters meeting is more important.

The National Religious Broadcasters will have 3000 delegates compared to 1200 at the National Association of Evangelicals convention.

The National Religious Broadcasters convention includes virtually all of the effective communicators in the religious community who actively supported the President.

There is some overlap between these two organizations. Not all the people at either convention are active supporters of the President.

The themes of the two conventions are similar. The National Religious Broadcasters theme is "Reaching the Family" and the National Association of Evangelicals theme is "Save the Family."

Both are important gatherings worthy of a Reagan Presidential visit.

If it is decided that the President can attend only the National Religious Broadcasters convention, I strongly recommend that we work with the National Association of Evangelicals to schedule a meeting for their leadership with the President later in the year.

The situation here is analogous to the American Legion vs. the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the veterans community. It is very important that we are evenhanded with these related, friendly organizations.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 12, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The National Association of Evangelicals to address its annual convention.

PURPOSE: To address 1200 major evangelical leaders from all over the country. The convention's theme "Save the Family" would allow the President to share his concerns for the family as the fundamental unit in society.

BACKGROUND: The National Association of Evangelicals is to evangelical Christians what the National Council of Churches is to ecumenical Christians. Gallup research indicates that there are approximately 45 million self-identified evangelicals in the nation. NAE membership includes 38,000 churches from 74 denominations. The leadership present at this convention represents the major theological force in the United States today, and possibly the developing new religio-political force as well. Most evangelicals were strong supporters of the President during his election, and officers of the NAE have been vigorously in support of this Administration. The National Association of Evangelicals is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding in the spring of 1982.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

LOCATION: Arlington Park Hilton Hotel, in the Chicago suburbs

DATE: March 2 or 3, 1982 DURATION: 20 minute speech

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will be introduced, he will make a speech, pose for pictures, and depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major speech

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: 1200 major evangelical leaders from all over the country

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOT

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

Attached is the advance flyer promoting the convention next week of the National Religious Broadcasters.

Their theme is "Reaching the Family". These people are mostly strong supporters of the President whose support has been predicated on the President's strong pro-family position.

Because this Administration has not undertaken many initiatives in the social issues which are primarily of concern to this segment of the President's support, this is a delicate situation.

I suggest that you rely on themes from the President's past statements. In addition to such issues as voluntary prayer in schools, protecting the rights of the unborn, neighborhood schools, emphasizing parental rights and responsibilities, and reversal of government policies (for instance in the welfare areas) which tend to destabilize and break up families, I suggest that this would be an appropriate time for the President to emphasize the roles of church leaders and their congregations in private sector initiatives.

We are apparently committed to remarks relating to pluralism and anti-semitism. The worst thing that we could do would be to have the President appear to be lecturing these (overwhelmingly Protestant) broadcasters on the subject of anti-semitism. I don't know any of them who are anti-semitic. Most of the fundamentalist broadcasters, to the contrary, are militantly pro Israel, many from perceived biblical mandate. Thus your draft remarks on pluralism must be carefully drafted.

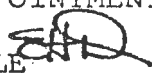
THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 12, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE 

REQUEST: Address to the National Religious Broadcasters
Annual Convention

PURPOSE: To enable the President to give a speech on
American Pluralism, thereby delivering on his
commitment to Jewish leaders that he would soon
speak out on the right of Americans to dissent,
etc. It's important that this commitment be met
as soon after the SOTU as possible, and use of
this forum has excellent support in the Jewish
community.

BACKGROUND: This 39th annual convention will be attended by
3,000 delegates, virtually every leader in the
field of religious broadcasting. This group
represents a constituency in the tens of millions
and is headed by Dr. Ben Armstrong, an ardent
supporter.

This conservative organization has long espoused
the President's philosophy and embraces repre-
sentatives from almost all denominations.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all have
addressed a NRB annual convention.

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

DATE: February 7-10, 1982

DURATION: 30 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: 3,000 delegates

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Introduction on dais for remarks.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Speech text

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood, Ed Rollins

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS
BROADCASTERS CONVENTION

I received the schedule proposal dated January 12th proposing that the President give a speech to the National Religious Broadcasters on American Pluralism and the right to dissent.

This was not at all the schedule proposal which I presented, and in my judgment, represents another in the seemingly endless series of lost opportunities to invigorate the President's winning coalition for the 1982 elections.

I have no doubt that President Giamatti of Yale, a militant critic of the Moral Majority and the Reagan policy agenda, would be pleased to have the President lecturing conservative religious communicators on the "right of Americans to dissent."

This is the wrong forum for the proposed topic. If the President has a commitment to address the topic of dissent, he could make that talk before almost any audience. These religious communicators are the key to literally hundreds of thousands of grass-roots political activists who are potentially active in the 1982 elections.

The theme of the National Religious Broadcasters convention (as well as the National Association of Evangelicals convention) stresses the threat to the American Family. It is no coincidence that both these groups picked similar topics for their themes.

I consider it highly unlikely that we can get the President to speak before another pro-family group of this size and influence this election year. It is politically essential that the Presidential address to this group hammer away at all available pro-family themes. The President must enumerate the many steps this Administration has taken that have reversed the previous, anti-family trend in the federal government.

There are many pro-family activists salted away in the departments and agencies. Working with the President's speechwriters, we could come up with a superb address which would thrill the pro-family movement and constitute a call to arms for the 1982 election battles.

Please, let's not lose this opportunity.



NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

CN 026, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

March 9, 1982

Miss Kathy Christenson
C/o Mr. Morton Blackwell
Public Liaison Office
Executive Office Building
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for sending the two pictures autographed by President Reagan. These were extremely superb, and I want to thank you for your kindness in sending them to me inscribed by Ronald Reagan to both David Hofer and myself.

Would it be possible for you to order 4 copies of each of these pictures? The numbers are 9FE82C633018A; the second picture is 9FE82C633015.

These photos do not have to be autographed as were the color prints you sent to me.

We could use these copies for publication purposes and would be deeply appreciative to you if you could secure copies of them.

They are excellent!

I want to again thank you, Kathy, for your kindness in helping us with the Presidential appearance at our convention. It was a tremendous help to NRB, but I think also to the program of President Reagan in terms of the support of our constituency.

Audio tapes of his address have been sent out to every member of our association, and we have received word that exposure on the local level has been excellent.

President Reagan's address was most moving, relevant, as well as powerful, and all of us were overjoyed.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben", is written over the typed name "Ben Armstrong".

Ben Armstrong
Executive Director

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To Dr. Ben Armstrong,
With appreciation and best wishes,
Ronald Reagan



To Dr. David Hofer
With appreciation and best wishes, Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1982

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thank you so very much for your compliments concerning our help with your NRB convention. It was certainly a pleasure to work with you and a wonderful success that we were able to get the President to address your great gathering!

I am enclosing an additional picture that we just received of the President at the convention. Also, I have ordered the additional copies of the two other pictures as you requested. As soon as they come in, I will mail them up to you.

Thank you again for your kind comments, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Christiansen".

Kathy Christiansen

Dr. Ben Armstrong
Executive Director
National Religious Broadcasters
CN 026
Morristown, NJ 07960

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1982

MEETING WITH NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

DATE: February 9, 1982
LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel, Grand Ballroom
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

I. PURPOSE

To address 3000 delegates, leaders in the field of religious broadcasting, who represent large constituencies numbering into the tens of millions.

II. BACKGROUND

The theme of this 39th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters is "Reaching the Family." Many famous and distinguished people, including Surgeon General Dr. Everett Koop, will speak. Their board consists of sixty outstanding leaders of religious broadcasting, including fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell and "mainline" broadcasters such as Reverend Billy Graham. The National Religious Broadcasters have been in support of Reagan principles for many years. The NRB held press conferences, sent out letters of recommendation, and campaigned vigorously in the 1980 Reagan campaign. You spoke to their October, 1980 convention in Lynchburg, Virginia.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Dr. David L. Hofer, President of National Religious Broadcasters
Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of NRB
3000 delegates

IV: PRESS PLAN

Full national press coverage

V: SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

5:50 P.M. President arrives at Sheraton Washington Hotel and proceeds to holding room. President is met by Dr. David Hofer and Dr. Ben Armstrong.
5:58 P.M. President departs holding room in route to Grand Ballroom.
5:59 P.M. Invocation by Dr. Hofer and introduction of the President.
6:00 P.M. President makes remarks.
6:15 P.M. President departs hotel.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

Natl Religious Broadcasters

For Immediate Release

February 9, 1982

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

The National Press Club

5:35 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. Thank you, Dr. Hoffer, Dr. Armstrong, the distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen, I'm not going to beat around the bush because I want you to know that you've made my day. (Laughter.) Do you realize how great it is after being in the Heartland to return and to find the population of Washington, D.C. increased by 3500 more believers? (Applause.)

I've just travelled halfway across the country since yesterday noon. I've visited three states and given four speeches. But no message given or received was more important than the theme of your conference. To preserve our blessed land, we must look to God. And we must look to the hearthstone because that's where all hope for America lies.

Families are the bedrock of our nation -- teachers of cooperation, tolerance, concern, and responsibility. Rebuilding America begins with restoring family strength and preserving family values.

One great joy in my job has been sending anniversary greetings to couples who have been married 50 years or more. More than 65,000 greetings sent out last year. And believe it or not, I loved knowing that every one of them -- and seeing that every one was sent out.

America's elderly have a wise or are a wise and a very precious resource and we should always honor them and never set them aside. I know that people in that generation -- in our generation -- (laughter) -- are sometimes a bit sensitive about their age. I was kidded myself again last week as I celebrated the 32nd anniversary of my 39th birthday. (Applause.) But then I remembered something that Thomas Jefferson said. He said that we should never judge a President by his age. We should judge him by his work. And ever since he told me that, I've stopped -- (laughter) -- I've stopped worrying. I have increased the workload a little. (Laughter.)

But like you, I've always believed that we were put here for a reason -- that there is a path -- somehow a divine plan for all of us and for each one of us. And I've also always believed that America was set apart in a special way -- that it was put here between the oceans to be found by a certain kind of people based on a quality that these people had that they came from every corner of the world. And a country then was created by men and women who came not for gold but mainly in search of God. They would be free people living under the law with faith in their maker and in their future.

It's been written that the most sublime figure in American history was George Washington on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge. He personified a people who knew that it was not enough to depend on their own courage and goodness -- that they must also seek help from God -- their Father and preserver.

Where did we begin to lose sight of that noble beginning -- of our conviction that standards of right and wrong do exist and must be lived up to? Do we really think that we can have it both ways -- that God will protect us in a time of crisis even as we turn away from him in our day to day life?

It's time to realize, I think, that we need God more than he needs us. (Applause.) But millions of Americans haven't forgotten. They know we've been on a toboggan slide and they're determined to do something about it. And I'm honored to

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stand before you, 3500 of their most effective and courageous leaders. And let me say I do not agree with those who accuse you of trying to impose your views on others. (Applause.) If we have come to the point in America where any attempt to see traditional values reflected in public policy would leave one open to irresponsible charges then I say the entire structure of our free society is threatened.

The First Amendment was not written to protect the people from religious values -- it was written to protect those values from government tyranny. (Applause.)

Let us go forward with our conviction that education does not begin with Washington officials or state officials or local officials. It begins with the family where it is the right and the responsibility of every parent. And that responsibility, I think, includes teaching children respect for skin color that is different than their own; religious beliefs that are different from their own. It included conveying the message to the young as well as the old that racial discrimination and religious bigotry have no place in a free society.

And let me go forward with our conviction that there is in the American heart a deep spirit of love -- of caring and willingness to work together -- waiting to be tapped. And I want to ask you tonight, will you lead our crusade to restore our tradition of neighbor caring for neighbor?

I have appointed a private sector initiative task force to help build a partnership between the private and public sector in every community in America. It includes Terrence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York; E. V. Hill, Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Los Angeles; Dee Jepsen, an Advisory Board Member of STEP in Washington, D.C.; Elder Thomas Monson of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City; and other prominent Americans of the Christian and Jewish faith, and they need your help and I hope that you will be working together.

I know how much many of you are already doing and, believe me, I am grateful. It is a little like preaching to the choir, I know, for me to be saying these things to this particular audience. You are already out on the point. But too many people have been told that what they do is not as important or worthwhile as what government does. I don't buy that. Last week at the Annual Prayer Breakfast I spoke of the parable of the Good Samaritan and I have always believed that the meaning and the importance of that parable is not so much the good that was done to the beaten pilgrim, it was to the Samaritan who crossed the road, who knelt down and bound up the wounds of the beaten traveler and then carried him into the nearest town. He didn't take a look and hurry on by into that town and then find a caseworker and say, "There is somebody out there on the road that I think needs help." (Applause.)

We need all of you now more than ever. I have always believed that this country, not always, but recent years, I should say, believed that this country is hungering for a spiritual revival. (applause.) I believe we need to build on what they're doing in Atlanta where local churches have spearheaded a community effort -- thousands of citizens to help fight crime by serving as extra eyes and ears for the Atlanta police department, no longer turning their head away and saying, "I don't want to get involved."

We need to duplicate the example of Rock Island, Illinois, where a Christian family care center established by local churches and run by volunteer funds provides aid to victims of child or spouse abuse. And the ecumenical Loaves and Fishes Program which help feed the poor in Milwaukee and Minneapolis, St. Paul, where I just was last night. And the Christian Broadcasting Networks' Operation Blessing which matches volunteers of goods and services with those in need throughout the country.

Let us rebuild our communities and as we do, can we not do something else? Can we not, as Americans, become better friends again? We come from different backgrounds, pursue different interests, and hold different views, but we can draw communion from our shared values.

Recently, I read a story by a reporter, Judy Foreman, in the Boston Globe that explains what I mean. I was a sports announcer years ago. I was a sports announcer at a time when organized baseball was declared to be a game for caucasian gentlemen. And it was kept that way. And then one owner of one baseball club had the courage to take Jackie Robinson, former athletic star from UCLA, into the major leagues in defiance of that rule -- the first black man to play major league baseball. And, as you can imagine, from that day that time ago, in the excitement that comes and the partisanship of a ball game, he was subjected many times to racial harrassment. And one day when his Brooklyn Dodgers were playing a game away from home, the racial slurs from the crowd started up and then grew louder. And then suddenly a teammate of Jackie Robinson's, a white teammate, PeeWee Reese, called for time out and slowly walked over to Jackie Robinson, put his arm around his shoulder, and then stood there facing that hostile crowd. He didn't say anything, just silently but eloquently he told the crowd, this man is my friend.

Let us come together as friends. We'll never find every answer, solve every problem, heal every wound, or live all our dreams. But we can do a lot if we walk together down that one path that we know provides real hope.

The Book of St. John tells us that "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We have God's promise that what we give will be given back many times over. And we also have his promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country -- "That if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." Maybe it's later than we think. Let us go forth from here and rekindle the fire of our faith. Let our wisdom be vindicated by our deeds. And when our work is done, we can say that we have fought the good fight. We have finished the race. We have kept the faith. And we can say some day to our children's children -- we did all that could be done in the moment that was given us here on earth.

Thank you and God bless you.

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5:59 P.M. EST

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NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

**CN 026, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director**

R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas multiplied thousands of Christians in the Soviet Union are undergoing grave persecution for their religious beliefs; and

Whereas seven of our fellow Russian Christians, known as the Siberian Seven, have been urgently seeking escape from Soviet persecution through requesting political asylum, and have been existing in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow in one tiny room for the past three years; and

Whereas our seven fellow Christians are in urgent need of a significant breakthrough in their plight;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the National Religious Broadcasters, at their 39th Annual Convention, February 7-10, 1982, in Washington, D. C., do hereby express our deep Christian concern and convey the assurance of our continuing prayers for the Siberian Seven.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Religious Broadcasters do hereby call upon the appropriate authorities in the U. S. government to first, improve the living conditions of the Siberian Seven in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow, and second, to expedite their request for U. S. Citizenship for them and their families.

PETITION TO
SAVE THE SIBERIAN SEVEN

To The Honorable Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States

Dear Mr. President:

You are aware of the plight of the seven Russian Pentecostal Christians who live in miserable circumstances in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow and who seek escape from the cruel persecution of Soviet authorities because of their religious commitments. We, the undersigned Christian believers and citizens of this land of freedom, respectfully implore you to intervene personally and immediately to save the lives of our fellow Christians engaged in a hunger strike at the American Embassy, and to pressure the Soviet government to permit these Christians, known as the Siberian Seven, and their families to emigrate. We beseech you to use all the resources of the United States Government to pressure the Soviets to stop persecution of the Pentecostals. We further ask that you immediately direct your Ambassador in Moscow to improve the living conditions of these Christians in the American Embassy. As Pentecostals and as Christian voters we look to you and to Secretary Haig for personal leadership in this urgent matter. We pray that God will use you and move the Soviet authorities to act before it is too late.

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To a materialistic world, Jesus says, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Mark 8:36) The following selection spoke to us and I am sure it will be meaningful to you also:

WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A DOCTOR AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A GEOLOGIST AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE ROCK OF AGES?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A FLORIST AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE ROSE OF SHARON, THE LILY OF THE VALLEY?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE HAS MANY FRIENDS BUT DOES NOT KNOW JESUS, THE FRIEND THAT STICKETH CLOSER THAN A BROTHER?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A EDUCATOR AND DOES NOT KNOW JESUS, THE GREAT TEACHER?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A FARMER AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE SOWER AND LORD OF HARVEST?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE AN ARCHITECT OR A MASON AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE AN ASTRONOMER AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A LAWYER AND KNOW NOT JESUS, OUR ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A PLUMBER AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A BAKER AND KNOW NOT THE BREAD OF LIFE?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A GREEK SCHOLAR AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE ALPHA AND OMEGA?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A WRITER AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE AUTHOR OF SALVATION?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE PRINCE OF PEACE?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE AN ELECTRICIAN AND KNOW NOT THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE BE A UNDERTAKER AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE?
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT YOU IF YOU ARE A MISS AMERICA AND KNOW NOT JESUS, THE FAIREST OF TEN THOUSAND?
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 12, 1982

Dear Mrs. McBride:

Herb Ellingwood has forwarded your letter requesting a tape of the . . . President to me.

Thank you for asking the President to participate in your service. President Reagan is deeply committed to ensuring that the religious liberties of American citizens are protected.

I have forwarded a copy of your request to Presidential Scheduling for their consideration.

Once again, thank you for asking President Reagan to share in what I know is a very significant occasion to you and those participating in the World Communion Service.

sincerely,



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

Mrs. Sharon McBride
Rhema Fellowship Church
5523 S. Alameda
Corpus Christi, TX. 78412

Dear Mr. Ellington,

Per our conversation this day, I'm enclosing this letter to the President. I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

I'm enclosing several scripts for your consideration. Please feel free to make any changes you deem necessary or write your own. Also please make one of them a general spot which can be used nation-wide. The Corpus Christi spot should time out to about :29 seconds and the general spot to about :25 or :26 seconds.

Again, I truly appreciate all your efforts.

Yours in Christ!
Sharon McBride

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

8-3-82

Herb Ellingwood sent this for our action. I have checked and he has no feeling one way or another about the action.

Kenneth Copeland, along with Kenneth Hagin in Tulsa, have a ministry which is quite controversial in the Body of Christ because it is out of balance. They teach you cannot be ill because Christ bore your illnesses when he bore your sins on the Cross. You should drive a Cadillac -- God does not want any of his children driving VW's. Prosperity, health, etc. are all a matter of faith. I spent a week in Honolulu listening to the two of them -- real spell binders -- but I got sicker than I have ever been with a sinus infection in the process. Air conditioning was responsible for it but I was just as sick as if I had been a heathen.

When I was President of Womens Aglow, a conservative charismatic group which includes all denominations, we were warned about including speakers from these ministries because their lack of balance can cause new Christians, not well founded in the Word, to have real problems.. I am not sure whether a Presidential message would seem to imply endorsement of their views. The above is given for background information. Kenneth Copeland loves the Lord and has been responsible for thousands of souls being converted. I have never heard him preach on any of the social issues or involvement in politics.

Carolyn

ROUTING AND TRANSMITTAL SLIP

Date

7/29/82

TO: (Name, office symbol, room number,
building, Agency/Post)

Initials

Date

1. Morton Blackwell

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REMARKS

Enclosed is a request to have the President do a TV spot, thus participating in a world-wide communion service.

I will leave it to your office to respond to Sharon McBride.

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World Communion Service Live Via Satellite

July 22, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20419

Dear Mr. President:

In a world of crime and exploitation what would be more appropriate than a gathering of believers of all denominations uniting their faith in a world-wide communion service. Through the capabilities of satellite technology, Kenneth Copeland Ministries of Fort Worth, Texas will be hosting a World Communion Service live via Satellite. This service will be held August 28th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time. There will be a minimum of 150 host cities and 9 countries participating. Kenneth Copeland will be broadcasting live out of Fort Worth and Rev. Cho will be broadcasting out of Korea. Both will be viewed simultaneously using a split-screen effect. The purposes of this satellite Service are: 1) to unite the body of Christ around the world in faith; 2) to fulfill the commission of Jesus to partake in communion until He comes again; 3) to summon God to a people united over His body and calling upon His Name that healing, deliverance and the power of God be manifested.

As a member of the publicity committee for the Corpus Christi area, I am requesting your support for this historic event. We have obtained free time on every radio and T.V. station in the Corpus Christi area and would appreciate your recording a 30 second spot inviting the body of Christ to participate in this Communion Service. Enclosed you will find two scripts one of a general nature to be used nation-wide and the other naming the specific location in Corpus Christi. Please feel free to personalize these scripts as the Spirit leads. These spots can be recorded on reel-to-reel or cassette. For optimum exposure your expedient response will be greatly appreciated. Please mail to Rhema Fellowship Church, 5523 S. Alameda, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412.

Thank you in advance for your participation and may God bless you richly.

Yours in Christ!

Sharon McBride
Sharon McBride



Enclosure

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#1 A

I'm _____, _____ and I bring you good news and invite you and every other Christian to attend the first World Wide Satellite Communion Service when more than a half a million believers all over the world will take Communion at the very same moment. 150 American Cities and eleven foreign countries will participate. In Corpus Christi the meeting will be held in the Bayfront Plaza auditorium 7:30 pm Saturday August 28th. Kenneth Copeland will lead the service from Fort Worth. Come and Bring a friend and share the Blessings.

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Tell your friends about the FIRST WORLD WIDE SATELLITE COMMUNION SERVICE. It will be held in 150 American Cities and 11 foreign Countries. Kenneth Copeland arranged this world wide gathering of Christians and there will be more than enough blessings for everybody.. I'm _____, _____ COME to the Bayfront Plaza Auditorium Saturday August 28th at 7:30 pm and bring a friend. You'll both be blessed.

C

At 7:30 pm Saturday August 28th you are invited to be in the Bayfront Plaza Auditorium and share with more than a half a million other Christians ALL OVER THE WORLD in the first Kenneth Copeland World Wide Satellite Communion Service. I'm _____, _____ inviting you come and bring a friend. THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH BLESSINGS for everyone.

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#2 A

When a half a million people gather at the same moment to share the blessings of the sacrament of Communion THAT'S EXCITING.

Hello, I'm _____, _____ and Saturday 7:30 pm August 28th the Kenneth Copeland World Wide Communion Satellite Service will be shared by eleven foreign countries...150 American Cities including Corpus Christi. The time again is 7:30 pm August 28th. The Place Corpus Christi Bayfront Plaza Auditorium. Come and bring a friend.

B

Corpus Christi will share THE FIRST KENNETH COPELAND Satellite Communion Service WITH THE WORLD as more than a half a million Christians take communion AT THE SAME MOMENT. I'm _____, _____ inviting you to come and bring a friend as people in eleven foreign countries and 150 American Cities join in sharing of a common Faith. There are more than enough Blessings...come and bring a friend to the Bayfront Plaza Auditorium 7:30 pm Saturday August 28th.

C.

~~If you miss the first Kenneth Copeland World Wide Satellite Communion Service in the Bayfront Auditorium in Corpus Christi... at 7:30 pm Saturday August 28th....We will ALL MISS YOU. I'm _____, _____ inviting you to come and bring a friend. THERE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH BLESSINGS FOR EVERYONE.~~

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#3 A

Saturday August 28th at 7:30 pm in the Bayfront :. plaza auditorium ^{11:00 am} 2500 Christians in Corpus Christi will join with more than a half a million people in 11 foreign countries and 150 American Cities to take communion at the same moment. This is a first time event arranged by Kenneth Copeland ALL OVER THE WORLD by Satellites. Come and Bring a friend. I'm _____, _____ inviting you to share the Blessings.

B

When two ~~or~~ ~~more~~ gather in agreement in the service of the Lord THERE IS GREAT STRENGTH....and Saturday August 28th at 7:30 pm in the Bayfront Plaza Auditorium in Corpus Christi ^{11:00 am} 2500 Christians will join with more than a half a million in eleven foreign countries and 150 American Cities to take Communion AT THE SAME MOMENT. This FIRST WORLD WIDE SATELLITE COMMUNION SERVICE was arranged by Kenneth Copeland , I'm _____, _____ inviting you to join in the ~~fulfilment~~ of BLESSINGS THE WORLD WILL RECEIVE.

C

Will you be in the Bayfront Plaza Auditorium in Corpus Christi FOR THE FIRST WORLD WIDE SATELLITE COMMUNION SERVICE Saturday August 28th at 7:30 pm? More than a half a million other Christians in eleven foreign countries and 150 other American Cities will Share with you the Blessings of the Sacrament of the Last Summer. I'm _____, _____ inviting you to come and bring a friend. Bayfront Plaza Auditorium 7:30 pm August 28th IN CORPUS CHRISTI.