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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON July 14, 1982

Dear Mr. Jennings:

Thank you so much for your letter of July 9 and your request for the President to attend the "prayer-rally" at Three Rivers Stadium on July 19.

The President's schedule for that day is already filled with a number of events at the White House, and it is very doubtful that he would be able to change them at this late date. However, I have sent your request to our scheduling office, and should they be able to arrange for him to attend, they will be in contact with you.

In the meantime we wish you much success in such a worthy endeavor, and appreciate your interest.

Best regards,

Larry Speakes

Deputy Press Secretary to the President

Mr. Alan Jennings
Chairman
Committee for the Miracle
 of Pittsburgh
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# Western Pennsylvania Christian Broadcasting

WPCB-TV Greensburg/Pittsburgh Box 17220 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

July 9, 1982

Mr. Larry Speakes, Press Secretary
President Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

file

Dear Mr. Speakes:

Earlier this week we telephoned to speak with you concerning an upcoming event. Mr. Robin Grey suggested that we write for your consideration in this matter.

We would like to respectfully request President Reagan's attendance to a very special 'prayer-rally." It is scheduled to take place July 19, 1982 at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 6 p.m.

We have invited the Pastors and Congregations of 11-hundred Churches in the Tri-State area as well as all those who are unemployed. Our main speaker is Mr. Ben Kinchlow, the popular cohost of the 700-Club from the Christian Broadcasting Network.

The prayer-rally is to pray and ask God to help us with our problems..particularly the Steel Industry, but unemployment in general and also for World conditions.

I have enclosed a copy of the letter we have sent to the Churches for your perusal. We are looking forward to hearing from you..thank you for your consideration.

Sincemely in Christ,

Alan Jennings

Chairman

Committee for the Miracle of Pittsburgh

## THE MIRACLE OF PITTSBURGH

Dear Pastor,

It is with tremdous zeal that we write to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are asking support in prayer and participation in an upcoming event that could be the "Gateway" to revival in Pittsburgh.

On July 19, 1982, The Miracle of Pittsburgh is open to everyone. It will take place at Three Rivers Stadium beginning at 6:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

The Lord has moved on the hearts of many of us concerning unemployment. America's economy is faltering; the Steel Industry has been hurt the worst; but more importantly, people are suffering because of it. There are rumors of a steel industry collaspe. The ripple effects of a steel shut-down could quickly spread to each and every sector of American business.

As Christians we have a responsibility to help others see the need to turn this difficulty over to God. . . for His cure, His healing, His blessing. If we don't we'll be held accountable.

We are also very sensitive to the need for further denominational unity and the salvation of souls. We leave this as The Word tells us: "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself." This event could provide the furtherance of both.

If the Lord is speaking to your heart please pray for this event, and ask your congregation to do the same. Please invite them to join you and the brothers and sisters of the nation on July 19, 1982, to join us as we humble ourselves before God for a glorious re-union of prayer and worship.

Sincerely,

The Committee Miracle of Pittsburgh

## CRAWFORD BROADCASTING COMPANY



**KBRT-AM RADIO 740** 

1888 Century Park East • Suite 208 • Los Angeles, California 90067 • (213) 277-9785

May 19, 1982

Morton Blackwell c/o The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for taking time recently to talk with us over the phone about the President's proposed constitutional ammendment on voluntary prayer in schools.

I would like to invite you to visit with us in studio if you have that chance next time you are in Southern California. We are regarded as the most listened-to Christian station in the nation, and our afternoon talk show, "Talk From The Heart" is a very popular Southern California program.

We'll appreciate your keeping us in mind.

Blessings

Rich Buhler

Host, "Talk From The Heart"

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WASHINGTON January 31, 1983

#### MEETING WITH NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

DATE:

January 31, 1983

LOCATION:

Sheraton Washington Hotel, Grand Ballroom

TIME:

2:00 P.M.

FROM:

ELIZABETH H. DOLE



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WASHINGTON

January 28, 1983

#### MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL (by Carolyn)

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Remarks for NRB

Morton is out of town but I have been working with him on this and he has worked directly with Ben Elliott on the speech. I have consulted Dee Jepsen and we have come up with the following suggestions for minor changes. We feel it is an excellent speech and will be well received by this group who have access to millions through their broadcasts.

- 1. Page two, line 1. Prayer Breakfast is on Thursday; this speech is on Monday. Tomorrow should be changed to "Thursday".
- Page 4, bottom of page, discussion of Hyde Bill. We believe it would be more accurate (and stronger) to change the fourth line from the bottom of the page to read: abortions financed by tax dollars, it also . . .
- 3. In the same paragraph, second and third lines from the bottom, we feel it would be clearer to add the word "born" at the end of the third line from the bottom. On the second line from the bottom, before "appropriate medical treatment" add the words "food and". Adding "after birth" following "medical treatment" makes it even stronger. The last two lines on Page 4 would then read:

  born handicapped, to food and appropriate medical treatment after birth -- and it will have the full . . .

Dee also suggested on Page 7 in the description of Jesus, she would feel it best not to call Him frail. Also perhaps "strong yet tender" would be better than "strong and tender".

Again I want to state that both Dee and I feel it is an especially strong speech which will have a real impact.

(Elliott)
January 28, 1983
9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1983

Thank you Brandt Gustavson, ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, thank you all very much. My word, what a wonderful sight you are. You know, I just realized why it's so easy to tell you're the National Religious Broadcasters. You're the miracle-workers. In a few days, I'll be celebrating another birthday which should put me within reach of Moses. But that doesn't bother me. Because every year when I come here, when I look out at your warm, caring faces, I get a very special feeling -- I feel like I've just been born again.

There's something else I've been noticing. In a time when recession has gripped our land, your industry has enjoyed phenomenal growth. Now there may be some who feel frightened or threatened by your success. I'm not one of them. As far as I'm concerned, the growth of religious broadcasting is one of the most heartening signs in America today.

When we realize that every penny of that growth is being funded, voluntarily, by citizens of every stripe, we see an important truth -- the American people are hungry for your message because they are hungry for a spiritual revival. When Americans reach out for values of faith, family and caring for the needy, they are saying we want the Word of God; we want to face the future with the Bible.

Facing the future with the Bible -- it's a perfect theme for your convention. You might be happy to hear that I have some

"good news" of my own. Tomorrow morning, at the National Prayer Breakfast, I will sign a proclamation making 1983 the National Year of the Bible.

We are blessed to have its words of strength, comfort and truth. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of our God shall stand forever. I hope Americans will read and study the Bible in 1983; it is my firm belief that the enduring values presented in its pages have great meaning for each of us and our Nation. The Bible can touch our hearts, order our minds and refresh our souls.

Now I realize it is fashionable, in some circles, to believe that no one in Government should encourage others to read the Bible. That, we're told, will violate the constitutional separation of church and State established by the Founding Fathers in the First Amendment.

Well, it might interest those critics to know that, none other than the Father of our Country, George Washington, kissed the Bible at his innauguration.

John Adams called it "the best book in the world." Ben Franklin said: ". . . the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth -- that God governs in the affairs of men . . . Without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little, partial, local interests, our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word down to future ages. . ."

So, pardon me, but when I hear the First Amendment used today as a reason to keep traditional moral values away from

policymaking, I am shocked. The First Amendment was not written to protect the people and their laws from religious values; it was written to protect those values from Government tyranny. I've always believed that this blessed land was set apart in a special way — that some divine plan placed this great continent here between the oceans to be found by people from every corner of the Earth who had a special love for freedom and the courage to uproot themselves, leave homeland and friends to come to a strange land and when coming here they created something new in all the history of mankind: a country where man is not beholden to government, government is beholden to man.

Now as you know, one way to promote those traditional values we share is by permitting our children to begin their days the same way the Members of the United States Congress do -- with prayer. The public expression of our faith in God through prayer is a fundamental part of our American heritage and a privilege which should not be excluded from our schools.

No one must be forced or pressured to take part in any religious exercise. But neither should the freest country on Earth ever have permitted God to be expelled from its classrooms. When the Supreme Court ruled school prayer unconstitutional 21 years ago -- it ruled wrong. And when a lower court recently stopped Lubbock, Texas, high school students from even holding voluntary prayer meetings on campus after school -- it ruled wrong too.

Our only hope for tomorrow is in the faces of our children.

Jesus said: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the Kingdom of God." Last year, we

tried to pass an amendment that would allow communities to determine for themselves whether voluntary prayer should be permitted in their public schools. Well, we failed, but I want you to know something: I am determined to bring back that amendment again, and again, and again, until we succeed in restoring religious freedom in the United States.

We were frustrated on two other fronts last year. There are 5 million American children attending private schools today because of the emphasis on religious values and educational standards. Their families, most of whom earn less than \$25,000 a year, pay private tuition; they also pay their full share of taxes to fund the public schools. We think they're entitled to relief. This year, we will work again to secure passage of tuition tax credits for deserving families.

There is another struggle we must wage, a struggle to redress a great, national wrong. We must go forward with unity of purpose and will. Let us come together, Christians and Jews, let us pray together, march, lobby and mobilize every force we have, so we can end the tragic taking of unborn children's lives. Who can imagine the excruciating pain the unborn must feel as their lives are snuffed away?

I am glad that a Respect Human Life Bill has already been introduced in this Congress by Representative Henry Hyde. Not only does this bill strengthen and expand restrictions on abortion, it also addresses the problem of infanticide. It makes clear the right of <u>all</u> children, including those who are handicapped, to appropriate medical treatment -- and it will have the full support of my Administration.

I read in the <u>Washington Post</u> about a young woman named Victoria. She was with child, and she said: "In this society we save whales, we save timber wolves, and bald eagles and Coke bottles. Yet everyone wanted me to throw away my baby." But Victoria's story has a happy ending. Her baby was born and lives.

Victoria has received assistance from a Christian couple, and Sav-A-Life, a new Dallas group run by James McKee, a seminary student who helps find alternatives to abortion. There <u>is</u> hope for America; she remains a powerful force for good; and it's thanks to the conviction and commitment of people like those helping Victoria. As Christians, they are living the meaning of two great commandments: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might;" and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Each year, Government bureaucracies spend billions for problems related to drug addiction, divorce, alcoholism and disease. Has anyone stopped to consider that the best way to balance the Federal budget is not by taxing people into the poorhouse; and it's not by cutting spending to the bone; but rather it's by all of us simply trying to live up to the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule.

That's what's happening with the 700 Club's "Operation Blessing." They have given \$2 million to 8,500 churches on the condition that each gift is matched dollar for dollar or two for one. The result has been fantastic: More than 100,000 needy families helped, either through direct contributions or in-kind

gifts, ranging from food, clothing to education, dental care and housework.

The PTL television network is carrying out "A Master Plan For People That Love," opening centers all across the country to provide food, clothing, furniture and job bank centers at no cost. Don't listen to those Washington cynics who run our country down. America's heart is strong; and her heart is good.

I know each of you is making a personal contribution, and I thank you for it. As broadcasters, you have unique opportunities. And all of us, as Protestants, Catholics and Jews, have a special responsibility to remember those who are being persecuted in other lands, simply because they believe in our God, the Father of Abraham.

You might be interested to know about a few of the changes we're making at the Voice of America. Our transmissions of Christian and Jewish broadcasts are being expanded and improved. This year, for the first time in history, the Voice of America broadcast a religious service worldwide: Christmas Eve at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C.

Now these broadcasts are not popular in totalitarian countries. But make no mistake, we have a duty to broadcast. Alexander Herzen, the Russian philosopher wrote: "To shrink from saying a word in defense of the oppressed is as bad as any crime." I pledge to you that America will stand up, speak out and defend the values we share. To those who would crush religious freedom, our message is plain: you may jail your believers, you may close their churches, confiscate their Bibles, and harrass their rabbis and priests; but you will never destroy

the love of God and freedom that burns in their hearts -- they will triumph over you.

Malcolm Muggeridge, the brilliant English commentator, has written: "The most important happening in the world today is the resurgence of Christianity in the Soviet Union, demonstrating that the whole effort sustained over 60 years to brainwash the Russian people into accepting materialism has been a fiasco."

Think of it: the most awesome, military machine in history, but it is no match for that one, frail man -- hero, strong and tender, Prince of Peace. His name alone -- Jesus -- can lift our hearts, soothe our sorrows, heal our wounds, and drive away our fears. He gave us love and forgiveness, He taught us truth, He left us hope. The Book of John tells us: "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."

With his message, with your conviction and commitment, we can still move mountains. We can work to reach our dreams and make America a shining city on the hill. Before I say goodbye, I wanted to leave you with these words from an old Netherlands folk song, because they made me think of our meeting here today:

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

We all do extol thee, Thou leader triumphant

And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be. .

Let Thy congregation escape tribulation.

Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

To which I would only add: America, America, God shed His grace on thee.

Thank you again for what you do everyday, and God bless you all.

WASHINGTON
January 31, 1983

2:00 P.M.

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LOCATION:

Sheraton Washington Hotel, Grand Ballroom

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WASHINGTON

**MEMORANDUM** 

1/14/83

TO:

WILLIAM HENKEL

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FROM:

WILLIAM KWSADLEIR

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 3:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

NOTE:

AS PROJECT OFFICER FOR THIS ACTIVITY, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE, CONFIRMED LIST OF STAFF AND ATTENDEES, IDENTIFIED BY TITLE, TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS AFTER THE EVENT.

MEETING:

Address National Association of Religious Broadcasters

DATE:

February 2, 1983

TIME:

2:00 pm

DURATION:

30 minutes

LOCATION:

Sheraton Washington Hotel

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Coordinate with Press Office

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PARTICIPATION: NO

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CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

December 15, 1982

Mr. Ronald Reagan President of the United States The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

I want to cordially invite you to address the 40th Annual Convention of National Religious Broadcasters which is meeting at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 30-February 2, 1983.

Specifically, we would like you to present an address on Monday evening, January 31, 1983, at 7:00 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Sheraton Washington Hotel. (Alternates: Jan. 30 or Feb. 1.)

This is a special convention, as it represents our 40th anniversary, and we are extremely anxious to have you deliver a major address.

The theme of the convention was selected following the passage of Congressional legislation, "1983--The Year of the Bible." Accordingly, our convention theme is "Christian Media Facing the Future with the Bible."

As you remember, Mr. Reagan, our organization was instrumental in campaigning during the 1980 election, including a press conference in Lynchburg, Virginia, transmitted by satellite and on our religious networks throughout the country. Presently we represent 400 Christian radio stations and 29 Christian television stations and are growing at the rate of one new Christian radio station per week and one new Christian television station per month.

We are supportive of your candidacy for the next election because we feel you will not have enough time to complete your program in a four-year period. It is imperative then that you bring another great message as you did at our 39th Annual Convention at the Sheraton Washington Hotel on February 9, 1982.

You will recall the great response our delegates made to your address last February at the Sheraton Ballroom. As a result of your talk, your words were quoted extensively throughout the press and our radio and television networks throughout the year. There are no more loyal supporters of you and your program than the National Religious Broadcasters.

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President Reagan December 15, 1982 Page Two

It would be entirely appropriate to speak on the subject of "What the Church Can Do in the Present Contemporary Scene," concerning what role the religious forces could play in the future of our country.

Recently we have been thrilled with the prospect of 1983 as emphasizing the "Year of the Bible." I was instrumental in a personal way, in cooperation with Dr. William Bright, Chairman of the Bible Committee, in securing the services of Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, Vice President for Protestants; John Cardinal Krol, Vice President for Roman Catholics; and Dr. Gerson Cohen, Chancellor of Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, to participate in this effort for 1983.

Perhaps you could refer to this theme in your address. Your support would greatly encourage our country in recognizing the great role of the Bible in our nation's history.

We expect about 4,000 persons in the field of religious broadcasting to attend, representing approximately three-quarters of the total religious broadcasting in our country.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Ben Armstrong

Executive Director

BA:ad

cc: Morton Blackwell

P. S. Other speakers at the convention will be Dr. Billy Graham, Jimmy Draper, Oral Roberts, Luis Palau, Dr. Bill Bright, Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Rex Humbard, Rev. Clay Evans (Jesse Jackson's pastor), James Robison, etc.



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CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000 Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

December 17, 1982

Mrs. Nancy Reagan The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Reagan:

As a result of the unanimous vote of our Executive Committee, we want to present to you an award during our 40th Annual Convention to be held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington, D. C., January 30-February 2, 1983.

Specifically, we would like to present this award at the White House in recognition of your outstanding work in the area of drug abuse and on behalf of elderly people on Monday afternoon, January 31, 1983, at 2:30 p.m.

Naturally, we want to make this presentation at a time convenient for you during our 40th Annual Convention.

My wife, Ruth, will make the presentation, accompanied by Mrs. Billy Graham, Mrs. Rex Humbard, Mrs. Bill Bright, Mrs. Pat Robertson, Mrs. Jim Bakker, Mrs. Oral Roberts, Mrs. Jerry Falwell, Mrs. Jimmy Allen, Mrs. Jack Van Impe, Mrs. Thomas Zimmerman, Mrs. Brandt Gustavson, Mrs. James Robison, Mrs. David Hofer.

These ladies will be accompanied by approximately 200 wives of delegates to our 1983 convention.

This award has been considered for at least a two-year period and represents a desire on our part to recognize your excellent leadership in the drug abuse area for young people, as well as your superb contributions for the elderly.

An alternate time for this award could be Tuesday afternoon, February 1, at 2:30 p.m., or even possibly the last day of the convention, Wednesday afternoon, February 2, 1983.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Ben Armstrong

Executive Director

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Morton Blackwell



#### national religious broadcasters

CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000 Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

November 22, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton,

At our meeting last week of our Executive Committee, we voted to extend to Mrs. Nancy Reagan our NRB Youth Development Award which will highlight her tremendous contribution in the drug abuse program for young people.

We want to extend this award to Mrs. Reagan during the 1983 convention, January 30-February 2, 1983.

Specifically, we would like to make the presentation at the White House on Monday afternoon, January 31, 1983.

Before sending an official letter, I wanted to explore this matter with you to see if this would be an appropriate time and place for the event.

As you know, we represent three-quarters of the total religious broadcasting in the United States and comprise 1,000 member organizations in the field of religious broadcasting. Those in attendance would include members of our Executive Committee and their wives. Among those who would be expected to attend would be the following: Mrs. Jerry Falwell, Mrs. Vonette Bright, Mrs. Ruth Armstrong, Mrs. Oral Roberts, Mrs. Jim Bakker, Mrs. David Hofer, Mrs. Brandt Gustavson, Mrs. Jack VanImpe, Mrs. Billy Graham, Mrs. Rex Humbard, and many other of our distinguished religious broadcasters and their get intous with and wives.

With warm personal regards, I am

cordially yours,

Ben Armstrong Executive Director

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I am anxious to hear, of course, regarding the possibility of securing the President to address the NRB for our 40th Annual Convention. It will be our largest ever and would involve the key figures in religious broadcasting on Sunday evening, January 30, or Monday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m.



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Box 5566 Orange, California 92667 (714) 639-2850 Eugene R. Bertermann, Ph.D., Secretary

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

August 17, 1982

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President for Public Laison The White House Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Blackwell:

I thank you most sincerely for your kind letter of August 12, 1982, and particularly for your kindness in sending the issue updates for the President's proposed Voluntary School Prayer Ammendment, and the proposed Tuition Tax Credit Bill.

These materials are extremely interesting and valuable and helpful, and I thank you with all of my heart for your kindness in making them available.

I will deeply appreciate your kindness in assuring President Ronald Reagan of our fervent prayers for himself and Mrs. Reagan, asking our Lord to grant him health, strength, and Divine guidance in his many important responsibilities crowding in upon him.

We have been stalwart and staunch supporters of President Reagan for many years. and will continue to undergird him in every way.

We are particularly pleased by his stand on the Voluntary School Prayer Ammendment, and the Tuition Tax Credit Bill. Both of these are matters of great importance to evangelical Christians, and we trust that they may both be enacted into law.

I'm hoping that when my way brings me to Washington, I'll have the privilege of shaking your hand and thanking you in person.

We are looking forward to the privilege of having President Reagan with us for our 40th anniversary convention of National Religious Broadcasters, taking place January 30-February 2, 1983 at the Washington Sheraton Hotel. He very kindly favored us last year with a very fine Christian message, and we are deeply grateful.

With warmest personal greetings and deep thanks, I am

Wery sincerely yours, Eugene R. Bertermann Associate Director

## Archdiocese of Philadelphia 222 N. 17th Street Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Office of the Cardinal

February 7, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Please accept my sincere and appreciative thanks for sending a copy of the President's remarks to the National Religious Broadcasters Convention at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington.

With prayerful best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. Cardenal Gol

Archbishop of Philadelphia

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## THE CATHOLIC CENTER 220 WEST LINCOLN STREET, BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS 62221

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

February 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In the absence of His Excellency, Bishop Wurm, who is in Rome this week with His Eminence, Cardinal Bernardin, I am taking the liberty to acknowledge receipt of your communication to the Bishop.

Please be assured that Bishop Wurm will be very pleased to receive the "Remarks of the President" given at the Annual Convention of National Religious Broadcasters on January 31, 1983. Likewise, the Bishop will be happy to read what the President had to say concerning the Bible, prayer and Respect for Life.

Bishop Wurm considers the media --- the printed word, radio and television --- extremely important tools of evangelization in his pastoral ministry as a Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. The President's encouraging remarks will certainly add momentum to all that Bishop Wurm and other religious leaders are trying to accomplish for our people in today's society.

In the name of Bishop Wurm, I ask Almighty God's blessings upon President and Mrs. Reagan, you and the staff of the White House.

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Joseph R. Schwaegel

Vice Chancellor

Secretary to Bishop Wurm

## The Chancery Diocese of Buffalo 35 Lincoln Parkway Buffalo, New York 14222

(716) 883-1372

February 7, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I want to thank you for sending to me a copy of President Reagan's speech, delivered on January 31st, to the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington. I am most appreciative of your kindness.

I commend the President for his forthright stand in defense of human life, support of tuition tax credits, and his advocacy for voluntary prayer in schools. Each of these areas is an important contribution to the quality of life here in the United States of America - a nation richly blessed by God and sustained by His love.

With every kind wish, I am

sincerely,

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Most Rev. Edward D. Head, D.D.

Bishop of Buffalo

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WASHINGTON

November 23, 1982

Dr. Roy Graves Winter Park Church of Religious Science 1415 Gene Street Winter Park, Florida 32789

Dear Dr. Graves:

I am writing in response to your letter to the <u>President</u> of September 14.

You are correct that the National Religious Broadcasters does not represent Catholics nor Jews. Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of the NRB, has made it clear that the NRB has been a Protestant organization since its founding in 1943.

There are other organizations including the New York Board of Rabbis and U.S. Catholic Conference Communications Coalition which do represent these religious groupings.

To the best of my knowledge, the NRB has never purported to represent other faiths, but Dr. Armstrong assures me that ". . . many Catholics and Jews, liberal religionists, and intellecturals attend our (NRB) conventions each year. We encourage the broad participation of other groups."

As you know, the President frequently addresses groups of Catholics, groups of Protestants, and groups of Jews. The National Religious Broadcasters is a large, influential, legitimate organization. We do not feel that the separation of church and state is endangered if a president meets with legitimate religious leaders.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell Special Assistant to the President

for Public Liaison



#### national religious broadcasters

CN 1926 Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000 Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

November 18, 1982

Mrs. Carolyn B. Sundseth Confidential Assistant to Morton Blackwell The White House Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Carolyn:

Thank you for sending me the confidential memo about the letter from Dr. Roy Graves dated September 14.

I am sorry for the delay in answering your good letter.

National Religious Broadcasters indeed does not represent Catholics or Jews, since it has always been a Protestant organization since its founding in 1943.

Jews are represented by the New York Board of Rabbis and Catholics by the U. S. Catholic Conference Communications Commission and by UNDA USA.

We have never purported to represent other faiths, even though many Catholics and Jews, liberal religionists and intellectuals attend our convention each year. We encourage the broad participation of other groups.

Dr. Roy Graves is indeed misinformed about the objectives of NRB. We agree with him, however, in his concern to "live and let live."

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

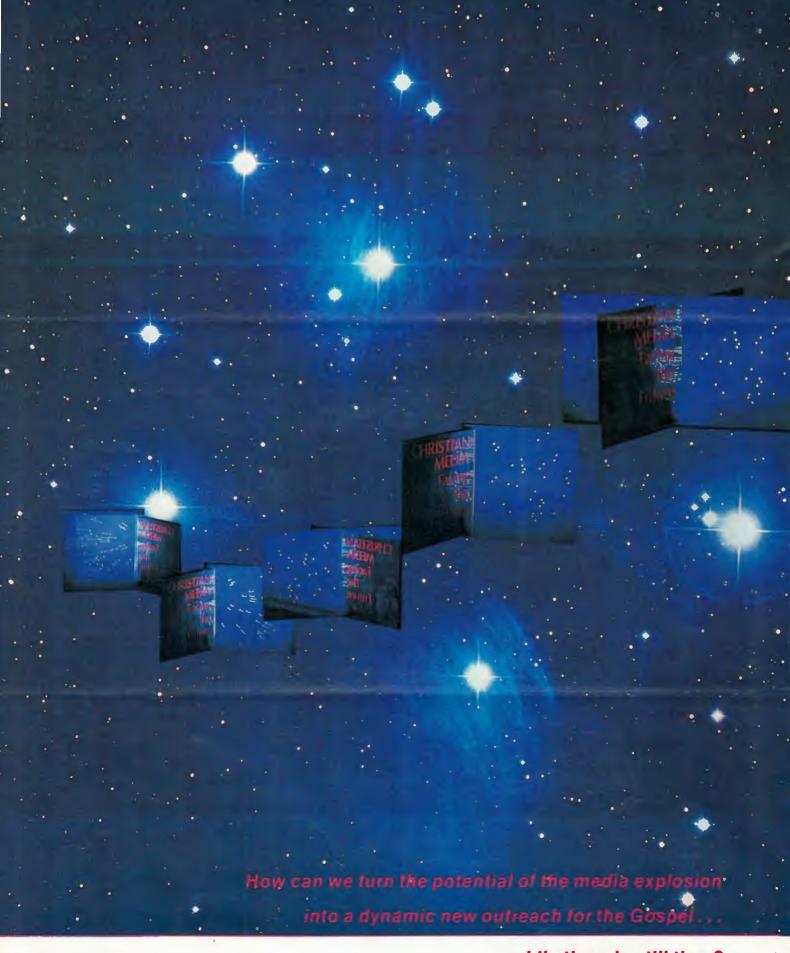
With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Ben Armstrong

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President Ronald Reagan, being invited as a special guest at the 40th NRB convention, addressed the 1982 convention. Before going to the podium President Reagan met with NRB executive Ben Armstrong (right) and David Hofer (center), past president of NRB (1979-1982).

E. Brandt Gustavson, NRB president, will speak at Monday's Keynote Plenary.





Jerry Rose, NRB second vice president, is the 1983 convention program chairman.



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Major sessions, featuring world-renowned broadcasters and acclaimed recording artists, will widen your perspectives. Billy Graham and Luis Palau will bring firsthand reports of conditions around the world. James Robison will offer a plea for righteousness in our nation and European communicators will challenge you to develop a new agenda. NRB president E. Brandt Gustavson will draw on his comprehensive knowledge of broadcasting, publishing and management to evaluate the next stage in Christian media. Today's most sophisticated technology will be on display when a live telecast goes from the NRB convention to a satellite 22,000 miles above the earth then to millions of homes. Concerns for reaching Black and Hispanic audiences will be explored in a major session, as well as workshops. Placing Christian media in theological context will be the closing address by Carl F. H. Henry, the preeminent theologian of the growing evangelical movement, according to Time magazine.



Carl F. H. Henry, author of the six-volume work "God, Revelation and Authority"

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# -Convention Highlights

### SUNDAY - JANUARY 30, 1983

12:00 noon

**Registration begins** 

7:00 pm

Opening of 40th Annual Convention

Music: Larnelle Harris - Vocalist

Speaker: Jimmy Draper - Southern Baptist Convention

Special Invited Guest Ronald Reagan President of the United States

#### **MONDAY - JANUARY 31**

8:30 am

**Keynote Plenary Session** 

NRB Presidential address: E. Brandt Gustavson -

President, NRB

Keynote address: Luis Palau - Broadcaster

9:30 am Media Expo opens 9:30 am Workshop Session I 2:00 pm FCC Plenary Panel

Moderator: Richard E. Wiley - NRB Counsel

3:45 pm Workshop Session II 7:00 pm Plenary Session

SPECIAL EVENT: TV ORIGINATION
Jim Bakker
PTL Television Network

#### **TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 1**

7:30 am Cor

**Congressional Breakfast** 

Speaker: Billy Graham

9:30 am Workshop Session III 11:00 am NRB Business Meeting

12:30 pm FCC Luncheon

Music: Dave Boyer - Vocalist

Speaker: James Robison - Broadcaster

2:30 pm Plenary Session

Speaker: Clay Evans - What A Feilowship Hour Music: Fellowship Missionary Baptist Choir

7:00 pm Plenary: The Challenge of Europe

Music: Johnny Hall - Vocalist Daniel Wayenberg - Pianist Presentation: Multimedia reports

#### **WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 2**

9:30 am Workshop Session IV

11:00 am NRB Business Meeting

Election of officers

2:30 pm Plenary Session: Future of Television

Speaker: Oral Roberts

4:00 pm Workshop Session V

what you can do in the years ahead.

6:30 pm

Fortieth Anniversary Banquet

Music: Sandi Patti - Vocalist George Beverly Shea - Vocalist Address: Carl F. H. Henry - Theologian



Robert A. Cook



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For college students, the NRB Job Fair introduces you to prospective employers—station managers, producers, agencies—who want to hear your tapes, see your reels, read your scripts. The Job Fair is just one feature of the Washington Seminar in Communications—a spectacular opportunity to attend the NRB convention and go behind the scenes into Washington's halls of power. You'll learn firsthand how the

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Johnson of Wheaton College, who was an NBC cameraman while he attended

graduate school; Carl Jacobson of Spring

Arbor College, who utilizes the media for

sports, news, publicity; Myrna Grant of Wheaton College Graduate School, the

author of a best seller and the voice on

many radio spots; Carl Windsor of Liberty

Baptist College, who made students a vital part of religious radio-TV when he founded

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Broadcasters Robert A. Cook, Jerry Rose of WCFC-TV 38/Chicago, Abe Van Der Puy of HCJB/Quito (Ecuador), Mike Maddex of WEEC/Springfield (Ohio), Paul Ramseyer of Northwestern College Radio Network, Bruce Dunn of Grace Worship Hour and Howard Jones of Hour of Freedom will be among the platform participants at major sessions. Founding members Thomas F. Zimmerman of the Assemblies of God and Eugene R. Bertermann of Lutheran Bible Translators, who have provided leadership for four decades, will help inaugurate the next decade of growth. Carl Richardson of Forward in Faith, radio-TV commentator David Breese, Norman Wilson of The Wesleyan Hour, and author Myron Augsburger will be there. Join them at the inspiring plenary sessions, starting Sunday evening, January 30, 1983 and closing with the gala Anniversary Banquet, Wednesday evening, February 2.

Radio executive Tom Wallace, Lee Shultz of Revivaltime, Wayne Pederson of KTIS/Minneapolis, Ed Walker of Radio Lumiere (Haiti), Tom Read of KTRW/Spokane, TV producer Ted Baehr, Hispanic broadcaster H. O. Espinoza and Kay Arthur of Reach Out are organizing the 1983 workshopsthe most stimulating, forward-looking, data-packed workshops in NRB history. Some of the topics to be covered will include satellite delivery systems, low power TV, cassettes for broadcast use,

keeping a lid on production costs, management of a Christian ministry,

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Dr. Roy Graves, Minister

September 14, 1982

President Ronald Reagan Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. 20500

> RE: National Religious Broadcasters Convention, Washington, D.C. 1983

Dear Sir:

We regret your addressing the above convention last year and ask you to reconsider repeating the error next year.

Having been a delegate several years ago, representing Religious Science International, it was clear that "National Religious Broadcasters" does not represent the broad religious perspectives they allege. They specifically disallow membership to Roman Catholics, Jews, liberal religionists and intellectuals in general.

Further, in the interest of the separation of church and state, it is far wiser to avoid the heavy and simplistic evangelical ferver represented by the National Religious Broadcasters. Any even implied endorsement by the President is an error in judgement, we believe.

We sincerely hope you will consider these facts, and with us, live and let live,---the hoped for American dream.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Roy Grayes

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