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WASHINGTON

June 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH:

Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM:

Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT:

National Youth Prayer Breakfast

I have reviewed this invitation. This is a spectacular opportunity for the President to emphasize his support for restoring voluntary school prayer.

The endorsers include the head of the largest Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptists, Billy Graham, and most of the major national religious broadcasters.

This event is ideal. It is organized by the President's strongest friends in the religious community. It will be the object of massive national coverage. Let's do it.

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"COME TOGETHER '83" YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

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June 15, 1983

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The President The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

الْمَالُ Dear Mr. President,

God bless you for the stand you have taken on 'prayer' in behalf of the 'youth of America', and also for your endeavor to reinstate prayer in the public schools. In prayer, human weakness casts itself upon Devine strength, and the earth claims kinship with the sky. In prayer, earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal... prayer is a powerful privilege.

Mr. President, knowing of the prayerful concern that you and Mrs. Reagan have for the youth of our nation and the future of our country, we believe that you will be interested in knowing of an event which might well mark the beginning of a new historical era for Christian youth coming together in prayer. A "Massive Youth Prayer Breakfast" involving over 5,000 youth of several different races, creeds, ages and backgrounds, but whose common ground is their faith in God, is going to be held in Fort Worth, Texas. This will be an historical gathering of youth who believe that prayer is one of the most powerful vehicles for reaching the youth in this age of moral decadence, and youth who are not ashamed to pray for the youth of America, our President, and our nation.

America, the greatest nation on the face of the earth, is a country that was built on prayer. Every president has taken the oath of office with his hand on the Bible; we sing "God Bless America" with the words, "...stand beside her and guide her"; "In God We Trust" is on our currency and our Pledge of Allegiance includes "one nation under God".

Sir, we believe if 'you' [the leader of the most powerful nation in the world], and Mrs. Reagan, would take a few minutes away from the world affairs to come to this Prayer Breakfast to share and pray with this historical gathering of youth, your presence would serve as a catalyst to launch a prayer movement among the youth and even the adults that has never been recorded in the annals of history.

"COME TOGETHER '83" [Continued] - 2 -

Mr. President, we invite you and Mrs. Reagan to come, and you to bring the keynote address on "The Importance of Prayer in the Home and School" at this historical "Massive Youth Prayer Breakfast". The date for "Come Together '83" is Saturday morning, September 17, 1983, 10:00 A.M., at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth, Texas. However, if this date is not feasible for you, we will be more than happy to rearrange this date to accommodate your busy schedule and we ask that you would suggest a date when you would be able to come. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your coming at your earliest convenience.

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless you to become the greatest President in the history of America.

Sincerely for the Glory of God,

Vernard

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The Christian Broadcasting Network Inc.



Pat Robertson PRESIDENT

June 10, 1983

Dr. Vernard Johnson Vernard Johnson Concert Ministry, Inc. P. O. Box 79777 Fort Worth, TX 76179

Dear Vernard:

I was delighted to receive your letter and to learn of the plans for a "MASSIVE YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST" on September 17, 1983.

I commend you on your vision to bring young people together to pray for America's youth. The pressures upon our young people today are greater than at any time in our history. However, I know we serve a mighty God who still answers prayer.

My prayers are with you that God will abundantly bless this great prayer gathering.

With all good wishes, I am

Robertson

President

Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1300 - 1308 East 50th Street - P.O. Box 11219 Los Angeles, California 90011

Rev. Edward V. Hill, B.S., LLD., Pastor

235-2103

May 12, 1983

Bro. Vernard Johnson Vernard Johnson Concert Ministries P.O. Box 79777 Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Dear Vernard;

I am excited to hear about your plans for a "MASSIVE YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST" on September 17, 1983.

I too believe there are youth who have been waiting for the oppurtunity to stand up and be counted for Christ.

I am in total support of this idea, for I believe it is of God. Please know that the family of Mount Zion, The World Christian Training Center, and the STEP Foundation are praying for the sucess of this event.

Yours sure of salvation through Christ;

and V. Hill

Edward V. Hill, Pastor

EVH/re

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT JAMES T. DRAPER, JR.

April 25, 1983

Dr. Vernard Johnson P. O. Box 79777 Ft. Worth, TX 76179

. Dear Vernard:

Just want to write and commend you on the Prayer Breakfast you have planned for September 17th. I am grateful to God for your vision and for your concern for the youth of America.

I know it will be a success and have a long-lasting effect for the Kingdom. I will be praying for you and with you on September 17th. May God bless you in a special way.

In His love,

James T. Draper, Jr.

JTD/mn

W. A. CRISWELL, PASTOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

May 2, 1983

Dr. Vernard Johnson Vernard Johnson Concert Ministry, Inc. P.O. Box 79777 Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Dear wonderful friend, Dr. Vernard Johnson:

People have briefed me on your organizing the Youth Prayer Breakfast to convene at the Tarrant County Convention Center in Fort Worth on Saturday, September 17. They have told me that the theme under which the convention will move is, "Come Together '83." When I heard of the work you had done, I rejoice greatly and thank God from the deep of my heart. We need intercessory prayer more than words could ever say. And, to involve our young people in such an intercession is a blessing that will move heaven itself.

May God bless your testimony wherever you go as beautifully and preciously as He blessed your witness in word and in music during our great revival here in the First Baptist Church of Dallas. It is a fortunate congregation anywhere in the earth who has you to encourage them in the work of the Lord.

Faithfully and devotedly yours,

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The City of Fort Worth Texas

BOB BOLEN

May 27, 1983

Dr. Varnard Johnson Vernard Johnson Concert Ministries P.O. Box 79777 Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Dear Vernard:

Thank you for the invitation to welcome those in attendance at the upcoming "Massive Youth Prayer Breakfast" on September 17. I appreciate this opportunity and would be happy to greet the conference.

I sincerely hope that the Prayer Breakfast will be a great success. Thank you for your interest in, and concern for, the young people of Fort Worth.

Sincerely,

Bob Bolen Mayor

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The Rex Humbard Foundation Suite 210 1950 South Federal Hwy. Boynton Beach, Florida 33435 305/732-0220

May 24, 1983

Dr. Vernard Johnson Vernard Johnson Concert Ministries P. O. Box 79777 Ft. Worth, Texas 76179

Dear Dr. Johnson,

It was a real privilege talking with you at Prestonwood Baptist Church in Dallas and learning of your plans for a "MASSIVE YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST" which will convene in your center September 17, 1983.

I shall pray that this will be a great success and the hope of the future church in regard to our young people. It is men, like you, who will put forth a special effort to bring our young people to Jesus Christ and His Gospel that gives us hope for the future generation.

May God bless you and the great musical talent for your spiritual dedication and bring you spiritual rewards for your faithfulness in your service for Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

YOU ARE LOVED,

Rex E. Humbard

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COUNCIL FOR NATIONAL POLICY

Office of the Executive Director

May 20, 1983

Dr. Vernard Johnson, President Vernard Johnson Concert Ministries 8701 Lake Country Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76179

Dear Vernard:

It was exciting to hear about the "massive prayer breakfast" to be held September 17. The Council for National Policy is in support of any effort to bring together the youth of America for prayer, for we believe that God does hear and answers prayers.

Please know that the Council and I are in support of the "Youth Prayer Breakfast", and you have our prayers that this event will be successful.

Sincerely,

Louis "Woody" Jenkins Executive Director

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Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Russell H. Dilday, Jr. President

May 23, 1983

Dr. Vernard Johnson Concert Ministry, Inc. P. O. Box 79777 Fort Worth, TX 76179

Dear Vernard:

It is a pleasure for me to join others of your friends in commending you on the massive youth prayer breakfast which will be held on Saturday, September 17, 1983.

There is no greater need in our country today than for this kind of emphasis to hold up our country and especially the youth of our country before the Lord in intercession.

We are proud of you as a graduate of Southwestern and continue to be deeply grateful for your contribution to our Lord's work.

Cordially,

Russell Dilday

RHD:sr

WASHINGTON

May 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell ///

SUBJECT: Letter from Reverend Thomas L. Munson

I have spoken a couple of times with the Reverend Munson. He is a devoted person, but probably not the person the President would choose for Chaplain of the White House if there were such a position.

I suggest the letter of response thank him for his excellent suggestions and tell him that we will look into the matter of designating a Chapel in the vicinity.

I further suggest that Mrs. Whittlesey send a copy of Reverend Munson's letter to Fred Fielding regarding the propriety of designating a room in the OEOB as a Chapel. I think it is a good idea and would be meaningful for a great number of people working in the White House complex.

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RESPONSE:

MEMORANDUM

MAY 23, 1983

TO:

FAITH WHITTLESEY

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 Rev. Thomas Munson to discuss the possibilities of having a Chapel and

Chaplain in The White House.

DATE:

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LOCATION:

The White House

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

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IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

Sarah Long



NATIONAL HONOR AND PRAYER FELLOWSHIP, INC.

P.O. BOX 5805 CLEARWATER, FLORIDA 33518 (813) 442-2522

May 16, 1983

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES RONALD W. REAGAN
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan,

It is a great privilege to be able to get a letter to you, which is an opportunity that I have hoped for for a long time. I am also happy to have the opportunity to tell you how much we appreciate you and praise God for giving us a leader who truly loves Him and isn't afraid to let it be known. How difficult your job must be and how we ache for you as we see you barraged from all sides with complaints and threats. You have our constant and fervent prayers for your protection, health and wisdom in the job the Lord has called you to.

I would like to now share with you a burden that the Lord has placed upon my heart. While in college studying to be an attorney, I had occasion to work behind the scenes with those in the political arenas and I saw the heartaches and problems they so often had to face in their personal lives. I then realized there was a real need for a ministry to those in all levels of government and felt that the local church should be more involved in a positive and constructive way. For over eight years now, the Lord has given me a burden for those in all levels of government and this burden has led me to found the National Honor and Prayer Fellowship. This is a ministry which attempts to meet the personal, and spiritual needs of all those in our local, state and national governments. I have become very much aware and concerned about the awesome responsibilities they face and the accompanying problems that result in their personal lives. We have had the privilege of seeing several come to Christ. I have spent the past several years traveling across America with the purpose of presenting the needs of those in government hoping to create a better working relationship between our churches and communities and those that represent us in all levels of government. The accompanying brochure will explain our ministry in more detail.

Page Two May 16, 1983 The President of the United States

For some time now, we have taken the opportunity of ministering to some of the personal needs of those in the Secret Service and others of the White House staff. On my last visit, I spoke with Me concerning the need for a ministry to those in the White House as the number of staff has grown considerably in the last several years. Although we find chapels in almost every public and government institution, such as the U.S. Senate, the House, the state Capitols, the military and many hospitals across the land, yet, from my understanding, there is no chapel or chaplain in the White House to meet the spiritual needs of those who work there. I have been trying to unofficially organize a "White House Prayer Fellowship" where personnel can get together once a week for prayer, counsel and fellowship, depending on their personal desires and needs.

I would count it a real privilege to help meet this need with your official approval. I have found that there is alot of interest in this area and I have received many comments concerning the need for prayer, counseling and a place to be designated for such activities. In talking with both the House and Senate Chaplains, they expressed their opinions that, if—a—chaplain were available—in the White House in an official capacity, more_staff_personnel would seek the help they need for their personal and spiritual needs.

With your proclamation making 1983 the "Year of the Bible" and May 5th the "National Day of Prayer", it would seem to be the time for another historical milestone of providing for a chapel in the White House as well as a chaplain.

With your apployed would be the White House as well as a chaplain.

With your apployed would like to continue my ministry to government officials and their staff at the White House and would like very much to do it with your approval and blessing. I appreciate Mr. Blackwell so much for his concern for the White House staff and their needs and his suggestion that I personally write to you and in so doing, has assured me that you would receive my letter.

I would-like to have the opportunity of sharing my life's testimony with you and Mrs. Reagan that you might have a better knowledge of who I am and how the Lord has brought me to this point in my life, of being an instrument in meeting the personal and spiritual needs of those in government. My testimony itself is often instrumental in touching the hearts of those who hear it as I share how I was an orphan, raised in a number of foster homes, adopted at the age of ten, but because of the feeling of rejection, almost committed suicide but instead, found a peace with God. Just recently, the Lord enabled me to find my natural mother after 30 years apart and I had the privilege to lead her to Christ and to bring peace to her life. It was an answer to prayer.

Page Three May 16, 1983 The President of the United States

Three years ago we discovered that I had a rare and terminal cancer and was given two months to live. God has graciously intervened and allowed me to continue His work. The Lord has used all these events in my life to break my heart for others and to seek to meet their needs as He has met mine. The Lord has blessed our efforts by opening the hearts of others and giving us the opportunities necessary in accomplishing His work. Our only desire is to be used of God wherever he might lead including the highest office of the land, the White House.

Even before your arrival at the White House, I have watched you and Mrs. Reagan with admiration and thankfulness for your conservative stand and your fundamental convictions. I praise God for Dr. Jerry Falwell for giving you the praise and support you deserve. He is also a supporter of our ministry and we appreciate him so much. As a born again believer, a proud American, and a conservative Republican, I will continue to stand behind you in your policies and decisions and you will certainly continue to get my public support and prayer.

Finally swith Mr. Morton Blackwell's encouragement and support oresents
this request and ask-you to consider it prayerfully. I would deeply appreejate the honor of meeting with you and Mrs. Reagan concerning this matters.

In His Service and Yours,

Thomas L. Munson

Mr. Thomas L. Munson and Family Founder & Executive Director NATIONAL HONOR AND PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

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cc: Mr. Morton C. Blackwell (by recommendation)

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

June 28, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH:

Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM:

Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT:

Greater Sacramento Billy Graham Crusade

I recommend that we accept this event.

Graham has a very large following both in this country and around the world. A Presidential involvement is quite appropriate and would be helpful.

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WASHINGTON

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TO Sarah Long Jwl

Office Address: 5301 Medison Avenue, Suite 401 Sacramento, California 95841 Mailing Address:

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> JUN 28 1983 SCHEDULING

Frederick J. Ryan, Jr. Director, Presidential Appointments and Scheduling The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Pursuant to your request in your letter to me dated April 4, 1983, I herewith enclose another letter to President Reagan requesting him to come to Sacramento the week of September 11 - 18, 1983, for the Greater Sacramento Billy Graham Crusade.

From all indications, it appears that this Crusade will be one of the largest and most successful of any held in America in recent years. The importance of this event and the President's appearance cannot be minimized.

In view of the fact that the President has declared 1983 THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE, we believe that tremendous support and good will will result from his visit.

I visited with Ed Reinecke, former Lieutenant Governor of California, who served with Governor Reagan. He told me that he had briefly talked with Ed Rollins with regard to President Reagan's coming to Sacramento, not only for the Billy Graham Crusade, but also to meet with the Republican supporters in a special gathering while here.

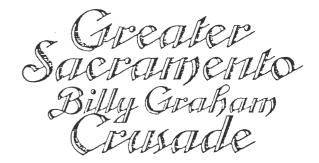
Again, Mr. Ryan, I cannot over-emphasize the importance of your role in facilitating the contact with President Reagan and the presentation of this letter of invitation. Will you please accept my thanks on behalf of the Greater Sacramento Billy Graham Crusade Team, as well as all Sacramentans and Northern Californians for your efforts.

Sincere

Walter T. Hanson

Crusade Chairman

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5301 Madison Avenue, Suite 401
Sacramento, California 95841
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 420097
Sacramento, California 95842
Phone: (916) 344-8004



CAL EXPO • SEPTEMBER 11-18, 1983

June 21, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

From September 11 through 18 of this year, Sacramento will host the week-long Greater Sacramento Billy Graham Crusade, and I can assure you that no community has ever been more ready and receptive to such an event. Record crowds will be in attendance at Cal Expo, while millions of others will later view the historic meetings on television.

On behalf of your many friends in the greater Sacramento area, I extend to you and Nancy a warm invitation to participate in this great spiritual gathering with Dr. Graham. He, too, shares our hope and enthusiasm that you may be able to attend.

Mr. President, we believe that the Capitol City is, and always will be your home, not only because it is where your life in public office began, but more significantly, because it is where your great vision for the renewal of the spirit of our people and our nation was born. Your appearance on any one of the days of the Crusade would present a unique opportunity for the American people to share with their President a rededication of that inspired vision.

Millions pray daily that the honesty, integrity and wisdom you have brought to the Presidency will continue to influence America's national life and international affairs. We in Sacramento want to add works to those prayers by urging you to come home during the Crusade so that together — the President and the people — can sow the seeds of renewal right here in the nation's most influential state.

Your many friends, both personal and political, look forward to welcoming you and Nancy back to where it all began, and to share with you what we know will be a truly inspirational experience for all of Northern California.

ery respectfully yours

Walter T. Hanson Crusade Chairman

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Moral Majority leader The Rev. Jerry Falwell of Lynchburg, Va. (left), and The Rev. Thomas Welsh, bishop of Allentown, Pa., flank President Reagan at a meeting of school prayer leaders in the White House yesterday.

School prayer impasse solved

By Bill Kling - WASHINGTON TIMES STAFF

President Reagan, meeting with evangelical church and lay leaders in the White House, yesterday broke an impasse over amending the Constitution to permit voluntary prayer in public schools, boosting chances of approval when the Senate Judiciary Committee takes up the proposal tomorrow.

Reagan won the group's support of a proposed amendment by agreeing to language assuring that the government or any state cannot prescribe any "authorized" prayer for public school pupils or students to recite.

"The president presented to us the final draft of the proposed and revised voluntary prayer amendment which the Senate Judiciary Committee will work on this week," the Rev. Jerry Falwell, president of The Moral Majority, told reporters after the meeting.

"Added to it were the words, 'Nor shall the United States or any state compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools.'

"This brought across Sens. Hatch, Thurmond, et cetera, who had been borderline for fear that some school board or board of education might compose a prayer and force students to pray that prayer."

Language already in the proposed amendment reads: "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any state to participate in prayer."

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, had proposed that voluntary prayer be silent. Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Judiciary Committee chairman, reportedly had been working on another compromise to gain broad acceptance.

Of the proposed silent prayer amendment, Reagan told the group, "Frankly, I don't believe we've been fighting this prayer battle for the right to remain silent."

Falwell said Reagan endorsed the language, adding, "This is his amendment."

The Lynchburg, Va., pastor said White House aides checked with Capitol Hill staff and were assured of support for the new proposal. Dr. Pat Robertson, a Virginia Beach evangelical, noted public opinion polls showing that three-quarters of the American people support voluntary school prayer.

"There has been a definite restriction on the freedom of speech in the schools," Robertson said. "Students themselves are prohibited from witnessing to their faith, from giving out religious literature, of assembling. The basic rights of American are being denied Christian students today in our public schools. . ."

Mrs. Connaught Marshner of the National Pro-Family Coalition, said the president's proposed amendment is "the vehicle that can bring us all together" to press for congressional approval of a constitutional amendment for voluntary school prayer.

"The issue is such that there is a strong popular sentiment out there, but until now the vehicle has not been perfect," Mrs. Marshner said. "Now that it's here, there is something that the lobbying effort can be unleashed on."

She said Reagan assured that he would work hard to seek Capitol Hill approval of the proposal.

Jimmy Swaggart, a television preacher, said there is "a tremendous groundswell among the American public for prayer in public schools," but that there has been "a great fear" over language to be used.

"For the first time, the president, with capable advisers, has worked out the suitable language that will satisfy just about everyone without offending anyone," Swaggart said. "The American people want this. If it's not brought to bear, there's a possibility that some congressmen and senators might be looking for a job. It's just that simple."

Committee sources predicted a close vote on Reagan's modified version. With three Democrats and one Republican on the 18-member committee opposed to any prayer amendment, the administration-backed measure could get a minimum of eight votes and a maximum of 14 votes, sources stated

Several committee members still object to a constitutional amendment providing for vocal school prayers, on grounds the measure might be used to proselytize schoolchildren—particularly in communities or schools dominated by a particular religious denomination, the sources reported.

TALKING POINTS

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MEETING WITH PRO-SCHOOL PRAYER LEADERS July 12, 1983

- -- Welcome to the White House and first let me say thank
 you for all the help you have given our fight to restore
 voluntary school prayer.
- -- I think we are very close to victory now if we all pull together.
- -- The status of our Voluntary Prayer Amendment is this, on Thursday, the full Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a mark-up session. The vote will surely be very close.
- amendment, has also put forth, as a possible alternative, a silent prayer amendment. Frankly, I don't believe we have been fighting this prayer battle for the right to remain silent. My friend, Senator Hatch, does have a valid point, though, about the need to change the original wording of our amendment.
- The Senate hearings and the communications I have received from many leaders have convinced me that we can unite all supporters of school prayer only if we can end the fears that government officials will be drafting prayers for school children. Therefore,

 I have asked the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

 Senator Thurmond, Senator Hatch and other supporters of

voluntary school prayer to revise the amendment they have submitted at my request for the past two years.

- -- The change I am requesting is this: at the end of the second sentence, add these words -- "nor shall the United States or any state compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."
- -- This wording solves the sticky problem of state-drafted prayers without endangering currently acceptable and praiseworthy practices such as inviting clergy to offer invocations at high school graduations.
- -- As revised, our amendment will assure the constitutionality of voluntary student religious groups, children voluntarily saying grace before meals, voluntary devotional periods and silent prayer periods.
- This is still a local option Amendment. Each state and local jurisdiction would still have the right to permit spoken prayer, silent prayer, or no periods for prayer at all. The Federal courts would have to stay out of regulating local decisions except to make sure that no one could be required to participate in prayer and that the government could not draft prayer for use in public schools.
- I need your help to pass this badly needed amendment.

 If things go as I hope, we can convince a majority of the Senate Judiciary Committee to pass our revised

Amendment this week. Then we could aim for full Senate passage in the Fall and getting a vote in the House of Representatives early next year.

The first step, though, is winning in the Senate

Judiciary Committee this week. I know you can

help there.

LISTING OF ATTENDEES

July 12, 1983

Dr. Ben ARMSTRONG,
Director
National Religious Broadcasters

Mr. John BECKETT,
President
Intercessors of America

Reverend Theodore CHELPON
Greek Orthodox Church

Dr. Jerry FALWELL,
President
The Moral Majority

Reverend Robert GRANT, Chairman Christian Voice

Rabbi Menachem LUBINSKY
Agudath Israel of America

Mrs. Connaught MARSHNER, Chairman National Pro-Family Coalition

Mr. Edward McATEER,
President
Religious Roundtable

Dr. Billy MELVIN
Executive Director
National Association of Evangelicals

Mr. Theodore PANTALEO,
Executive Director
Freedom Council

Bishop J. D. PATTERSON
Presiding Bishop
Church of God in Christ

Dr. Pat ROBERTSON,
President
Christian Broadcasting Network

Mr. Grover REES,
Professor
University of Texas School of Law

Dr. Seymour SEIGEL,
 Professor
 Jewish Theological Seminary

Mr. Demos SHAKARIAN
Founder and President
Full Gospel Businessmen

Jimmy SWAGGERT

Jimmy Swaggert Ministries

Archbishop Joseph TAWIL Roman Catholic, Melikite

Dr. Herbert TITUS,
Dean, School of Public Policy
CBN University

Mr. Bob WEINER,
Founder and Director
Maranatha Ministries

Bishop Thomas WELSH,
Presiding Bishop
Diocese of Allentown

Mr. Paul M. WEYRICH,
President
Free Congress Research and Education Foundation

Dr. Thomas ZIMMERMAN
General Superintendent
Assembly of God

Rev. Morris VAAGNES,
President
International Lutheran Center of Church Renewal

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July 11, 1983

BRIEFING PAPER

MEETING WITH PRO-SCHOOL PRAYER LEADERS

DATE:

Tuesday, July 12, 1983

LOCATION:

Roosevelt Room
The White House

TIME:

4:15 p.m.

FROM:

Faith Ryan Whittlesey

I. PURPOSE: To thank major supporters of voluntary

school prayer and explain a change in your proposed Voluntary Prayer Amendment.

II. BACKGROUND:

Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to mark-up School Prayer on Thursday, July 14th.

A new alternate proposal by Senator Hatch would allow only silent prayer. The vote is very close in the Senate Judiciary Committee on both proposed amendments, although hearings two weeks ago showed the Hatch silent prayer proposal is opposed by virtually all interested groups, including the major supporters and the major opponents of your amendment.

Many major religious leaders who want to restore voluntary school prayer have not fully endorsed your amendment because they so strongly oppose the idea of "state drafted prayers."

To unite behind one proposal all those who favor voluntary school prayer you are asking that your proposed amendment be altered specifically to prohibit the Federal or state governments from composing the words of any prayer to be said in a public school.

All guests at this meeting are strongly supportive of restoring voluntary school prayer, but several present will now enthusiastically support your Voluntary Prayer Amendment because of the revision.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

(See attached listing.)

- IV. PRESS PLAN: White House Press Corps photo opportunity.
- V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:
 - 4:15 You enter Roosevelt Room
 - 4:16 You make remarks
 - 4:20 You respond to questions
 - 4:25 Guests circle table for individual photos
 - 4:30 You depart room

Attachments:

- 1. Listing of Attendees
- 2. Talking Points

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MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM:

ROBERT W. SWEET, JR.

SUBJECT:

Briefing for Leadership of Assemblies of Our Lord

Jesus Christ, July 12, 1983

As a followup to your acceptance of the invitation to meet with the leadership of the above group, I have identified several areas of specific interest for which I hope you can provide guidance.

The topics listed below are of particular interest, and I would like to find speakers qualified to answer their questions.

- o Education -- the impact of Federal legislation on private schools in the next decade;
- o IRS/Taxation -- impact on schools, churches, and mission programs;
- o Abortion -- legislative update;
- School Prayer -- the President's amendment and equal access legislation;
- o National Defense -- in particular El Salvador and Central America; their interest is in the impact of foreign policy and their mission outreach;
- o State Department -- why did the Siberian 7 not receive admission to the United States? where should we expect religious persecution, and what current information do we have on how people may be suffering in other countries around the world;
- o Guatemala -- how has the new president of that country helped or hurt the political situation there?

Could you provide me with the names of Administration spokesmen who could address any of these issues?

I will arrange for a luncheon meeting in the dining room here in the OEOB at noon on July 12. Following the luncheon we can adjourn to a conference room for an informal briefing.

We can work out further details as needed.

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Please let me know how we should proceed. Thanks very much.

Stanley Wachstetter 603 E. Spruce Monsanto, WA.

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Bob:

Rev. Stan Wachtstetter called this afternoon about 4:30 and gave me the following list of ministers to be contacted concerning the possible luncheon briefing you and Morton Blackwell have been discussing for the leadership of Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Rev. Donald Johnson
 National Chairman
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 2873 Lynchburg
 Memphis, Tennessee 38108
- 2. Rev. Munsia Lester Walls General Secretary Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ P. O. Box 188 Medora, Indiana 47260
- 3. Rev. David Johnson
 Director of Christian Education
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 577 North Hollywood
 Memphis, Tennessee 38112
- 4. Rev. Joe Nelson
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 711 Broadway Avenue
 Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101
- 5. Rev. Donald Hammond
 National Home Missions Director
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 P. O. Box 1461
 Portsmouth, Ohio 45662
- 6. Rev. Billy McCool Tri-District Chairman Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ (STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN) Knoxville, Tennessee
- 7. Rev. Joe David Sizemore
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 7630 View Place
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

LEADERSHIP/ASSEMBLIES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CONTACT LIST (CONTD)

- 8. Rev. Frank Goldsberry
 Florida District Chairman
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 721 Westwood Drive
 Brandon, Florida 33511
- 9. Rev. Mark Wachtstetter
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 450 South Franklin Road
 Indianapolis, Indiana
- 10. Rev. Stanley Wachtstetter
 District Chairman, Washington State
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 603 East Spruce
 Montesano, Washington 98563
- 11. Rev. Danny Frakes
 Assemblies of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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- 12. Rev. Jerry Revalee
 Assemblies of Our Lord (He's Rev. Johnson's Assistant)
 Jesus Christ
 240 Kirby Road
 Memphis, Tennessee 38119

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