

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1996

The Reverend Anthony Campolo
Eastern College
10 Fairview Drive
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087

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Barack Clinton

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First Baptist Church
3701 L. B. McLeod Road
Orlando, Florida 32805-6691

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Baptist Press
Suite 750
901 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3699

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Immanuel Baptist Church
1000 Bishop Street
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Willow Creek Community Church
67 East Algonquin Road
South Barrington, Illinois 60010

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The Reverend Fred C. Kammer, S.J.
President
Catholic Charities USA
Suite 200
1731 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Three Militia Drive
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Associated Baptist Press
Post Office Box 23769
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President
National Association
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450 Gunderson Drive
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

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Ben Cline

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1996

His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey
Archbishop of Washington
Post Office Box 29260
Washington, D.C. 20017

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His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law
Archbishop of Boston
Cardinal's Residence
2101 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

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Kate Britton
8708 Brook Road
McLean, Virginia 22102

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April 10, 1996

The Reverend Anthony Campolo
Eastern College
10 Fairview Drive
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087

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First Baptist Church
3701 L. B. McLeod Road
Orlando, Florida 32805-6691

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Herb Hollinger
Baptist Press
Suite 750
901 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3699

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Immanuel Baptist Church
1000 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

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Willow Creek Community Church
67 East Algonquin Road
South Barrington, Illinois 60010

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The Reverend Fred C. Kammer, S.J.
President
Catholic Charities USA
Suite 200
1731 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Grace Chapel
Three Militia Drive
Lexington, Massachusetts 02173

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Associated Baptist Press
Post Office Box 23769
Jacksonville, Florida 32241

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Mr. Don Argue
President
National Association
of Evangelicals
450 Gunderson Drive
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

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The Reverend Anthony Mangun
3411 Bayou Rapides Road
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

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Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
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His Eminence James Cardinal Hickey
Archbishop of Washington
Post Office Box 29260
Washington, D.C. 20017

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Archbishop of Boston
Cardinal's Residence
2101 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

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Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
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Eastern College
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St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087

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The Vatican
APO AE 09624

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First Baptist Church
3701 L. B. McLeod Road
Orlando, Florida 32805-6691

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Bob Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1996

Mr. Herb Hollinger
Baptist Press
Suite 750
901 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3699

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Tim Clinton

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The Reverend Rex M. Horne, Jr.
Immanuel Baptist Church
1000 Bishop Street
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The Reverend Bill Hybels
Willow Creek Community Church
67 East Algonquin Road
South Barrington, Illinois 60010

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1996

The Reverend Fred C. Kammer, S.J.
President
Catholic Charities USA
Suite 200
1731 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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Grace Chapel
Three Militia Drive
Lexington, Massachusetts 02173

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Associated Baptist Press
Post Office Box 23769
Jacksonville, Florida 32241

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National Association
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450 Gunderson Drive
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The Reverend Anthony Mangun
3411 Bayou Rapides Road
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

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His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
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Archbishop of Washington
Post Office Box 29260
Washington, D.C. 20017

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Archbishop of Boston
Cardinal's Residence
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Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1996

His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony
Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
Los Angeles, California 90015-1194

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Ben Cline

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Kate Britton
8708 Brook Road
McLean, Virginia 22102

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The Reverend Anthony Campolo
Eastern College
10 Fairview Drive
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087

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APO AE 09624

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April 10, 1996

The Reverend Jim Henry
First Baptist Church
3701 L. B. McLeod Road
Orlando, Florida 32805-6691

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Herb Hollinger
Baptist Press
Suite 750
901 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3699

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The Reverend Rex M. Horne, Jr.
Immanuel Baptist Church
1000 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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The Reverend Bill Hybels
Willow Creek Community Church
67 East Algonquin Road
South Barrington, Illinois 60010

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WASHINGTON

April 10, 1996

The Reverend Fred C. Kammer, S.J.
President
Catholic Charities USA
Suite 200
1731 King Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

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The Reverend Gordon MacDonald
Grace Chapel
Three Militia Drive
Lexington, Massachusetts 02173

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Associated Baptist Press
Post Office Box 23769
Jacksonville, Florida 32241

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Ron Clinton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Don Argue
President
National Association
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450 Gunderson Drive
Carol Stream, Illinois 60188

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3411 Bayou Rapides Road
Alexandria, Louisiana 71303

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His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
Archbishop of Chicago
Post Office Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

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Ben Cline

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Archbishop of Washington
Post Office Box 29260
Washington, D.C. 20017

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Archbishop of Boston
Cardinal's Residence
2101 Commonwealth Avenue
Brighton, Massachusetts 02135

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Archbishop of Los Angeles
1531 West Ninth Street
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McLean, Virginia 22102

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Eastern College
10 Fairview Drive
St. Davids, Pennsylvania 19087

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The Vatican
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First Baptist Church
3701 L. B. McLeod Road
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THE WHITE HOUSE

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Mr. Herb Hollinger
Baptist Press
Suite 750
901 Commerce Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-3699

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