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October 4, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

We have heard the reports of the change in plans for your travel to the Orient in November.

I hope the demands of the legislative calendar that required the change will, nevertheless, allow you to be present for the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon on Friday, November 18, at the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

For you to be the honored guest on this important occasion would be most appropriate. National Bible Week is observed, this year, as the culmination of the Year of the Bible which began with your proclamation last February.

We hope very much, Mr. President, that your schedule will permit you to be with us on November 18th.

Enclosed are copies of my earlier correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Victor W. Eimicke
President

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CC: Morton Blackwell
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September 8, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to say again how much we hope it will be possible for you to accept the invitation first extended to you last March to be the honored guest at the annual Bible Week luncheon on November 18th. It will be held in the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

The Board of Directors of the Laymen's National Bible Committee extends this invitation to you with a sense of appreciation for your having proclaimed 1983 as a National Year of the Bible. The luncheon will inaugurate the 43rd annual observance of National Bible Week, which is being viewed as the culmination of the year-long Bible emphasis.

We are most grateful to you and Mrs. Reagan for providing the prestige of your good offices to serve for the third consecutive year as Honorary Chairpersons of National Bible Week.

Your presence at the Bible Week luncheon will serve National Bible Week and the Year of the Bible as a fitting reminder of the place the Bible has in our nation's history and to help insure that we continue our reliance on its timeless message for all people.

Sincerely yours,

Victor W. Eimicke
President

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March 18, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

The 43rd annual observance of National Bible Week in 1983 has special importance because of your proclamation of this year as national Year of the Bible. Observed during Thanksgiving week (November 20 - 27 this year), National Bible Week is to be the climax of the year-long Bible emphasis.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to be our honored guest at the annual Bible Week inaugural luncheon on Friday, November 18, 1983, in the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

May I say how greatly we appreciate your support of the Bible cause. We are especially grateful to you and Mrs. Reagan for providing the prestige of your good offices to serve once again, this year, as Honorary Chairpersons for National Bible Week.

National Bible Week has taken on increased significance each year since it was first sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee in 1941. We feel confident that in cooperation with the National Committee for the Year of the Bible, National Bible Week will exceed our fondest hopes for the purpose of motivating Bible reading and study.

Your presence at the Bible Week luncheon will serve the Year of the Bible and National Bible Week; equally, as a fitting reminder of the place the Bible has in our nation's past, and to insure its roll in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Victor W. Eimicke
President

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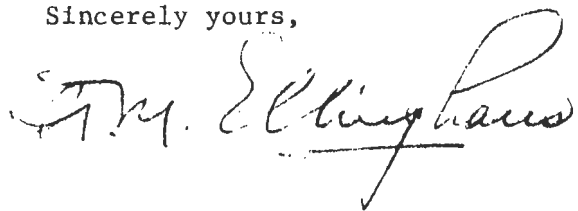
February 23, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to serve as the 1983 National Chairman for National Bible Week. As such, I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed 1983 as "Year of the Bible". To me, this adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee for you and Mrs. Reagan to join us as the honored guests at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in recent years and hope you will continue to provide such gracious support in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Ellinghaus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "W. M. Ellinghaus".

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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March 1, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

As a Director of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, Inc., I am delighted that you and Mrs. Reagan are Honorary Chairpersons for National Bible Week. The focal point of the "Week" is a major luncheon to be held on November 18, 1983. I am confident it would mean a great deal to the Protestants, Catholics and Jews who support our Committee if you could attend the luncheon as our honored guest. Since you have proclaimed 1983 to be the "Year of the Bible", nothing could so distinguish the celebration as your presence on the 18th.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

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

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ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG

March 1, 1983

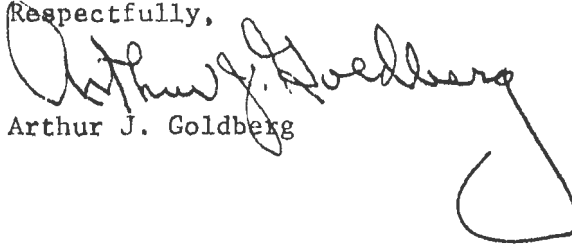
The President
The White House

My dear Mr. President:

As a former National Chairman for National Bible Week, I write in support of the invitation to you to be the honored guest at the inaugural luncheon on November 18.

I hope that your ever crowded schedule will permit you to accept this invitation.

Respectfully,


Arthur J. Goldberg

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March 1, 1983

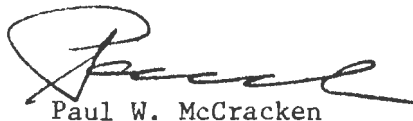
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is in support of an invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee to participate in their inaugural luncheon on November 18.

Some years ago I did serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. For this reason particularly I have been grateful for your having proclaimed this year as the "Year of the Bible." I do believe you would find participating in the November meeting an effort that would produce large and favorable effects throughout the land.

Sincerely,



Paul W. McCracken

PWM:dj

JOHN J. RICCARDO
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March 1, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

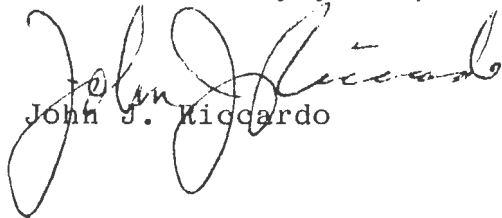
I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed this year as Year of the Bible. This adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee that you should be honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

It is my understanding that this 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 to 27, 1983, will mark the climax of Year of the Bible.

In 1974 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year and the hope is to make this year's the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982. I hope we can enjoy your full cooperation again this year.

Most sincerely yours,



John J. Riccardo

Donald V Seibert
Chairman of the Board

March 1, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

It is most fitting that you have exemplified your concern for the spiritual well-being of all Americans by proclaiming 1983 as the Year of the Bible. As a director of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, I am most appreciative of this move.

I hope you can give favorable consideration to the Committee's invitation to attend the inaugural luncheon of National Bible Week on November 18 in New York City as our honored guest. National Bible Week will mark the climax of the Year of the Bible and your presence at the luncheon gives the event special meaning. I served as national chairman of Bible Week in 1978 and am pleased to see how it has grown in national significance.

On behalf of all who believe the Bible provides the comfort and inspiration necessary to keep our country great, I thank you and Mrs. Reagan for your past leadership of National Bible Week and look forward to your special involvement in this year's activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald V. Seibert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "S".

W. CLEMENT STONE
707 COMBINED CENTRE
NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS 60062

March 2, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have two purposes in writing you at this time. First, I thank you for proclaiming 1983 as The Year of the Bible. Both you and I have been inspired and strengthened by the Bible, which I regard as the best self-help book in the world.

Second, I join with others of the Laymen's National Bible Committee to invite you to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th. This important event has been appropriately scheduled to focus national attention on the 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 - 27, 1983.

For many years I have been active with the National Bible Week programs, serving as National Chairman in 1969. Each year this observance has gained in support and impact, and 1983 promises to be the best yet -- a kind of culminating activity for The Year of the Bible.

I personally appreciate the leadership and support you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in the past, and I sincerely hope you both will be able to participate this year, The Year of the Bible.

Sincerely,


W. Clement Stone



March 3, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I was delighted to learn that you have proclaimed this year as "Year of the Bible." Your proclamation adds special significance to the invitation you have received from the Laymen's National Bible Committee to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18, 1983.

It is my understanding that this 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 to 27, 1983, will mark the climax of the "Year of the Bible."

Ten years ago, in 1973, it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year and hope this year's will be the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis which will result from your proclamation.

The leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982 are deeply appreciated. Again, I hope it will be possible for you to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon next fall.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Wilkinson

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THOMAS L. PHILLIPS
CHAIRMAN

March 4, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed this year as Year of the Bible. This adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee that you should be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

It is my understanding that this 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 to 27, 1983, will mark the climax of Year of the Bible.

In 1981 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year and the hope is to make this year's the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982. I hope we can enjoy your full cooperation again this year.

Most sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Phillips

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J. PETER GRACE
CHAIRMAN AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

March 7, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President,

I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed this year as "Year of the Bible." This adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee that you be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

In 1970 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year, and we hope to make this year's celebration the most significant of all.

I take pleasure in joining with other former National Chairmen to respectfully request your attendance at the inaugural luncheon on November 18th.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Peter

HOWARD C. KAUFFMANN
President

March 7, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

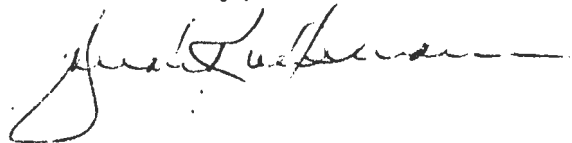
Thank you for your proclamation of 1983 as the Year of the Bible. This act adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee for you to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

It is my understanding that this 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 to 27, 1983, will mark the climax of Year of the Bible.

In 1981 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year. Our hope is to make this year's the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982. I hope we can enjoy your patronage again this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard C. Kauffmann", followed by a horizontal line.

CORNING

March 11, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I know you are an enormously busy man; but if you could see your way clear to be our honored guest at the inaugural luncheon on November 18 for the Laymen's National Bible Committee, we would be greatly honored.

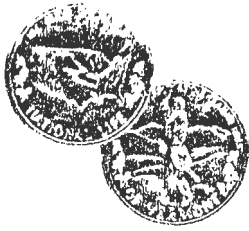
Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Amory Houghton, Jr.", with a horizontal line underneath.

AHJr:mp

Amory Houghton, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

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RICHARD L. FRICKE
President and Chief Executive Officer

March 17, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

I am so very grateful that you have proclaimed 1983 as the Year of the Bible. This plus your own personal commitment to the Holy Word adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th. The observance of the 43rd National Bible Week that follows the luncheon (November 20-27) will mark the climax of the Year of the Bible.

It was my privilege and pleasure to serve as the National Chairman for National Bible Week in 1975. Since that time this annual observance has taken on greater importance each year. 1983 will be the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis, and of course your participation would make it an outstanding event in the annals of inter-denominational activity.

We do greatly appreciate the leadership and direction you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982 and hope that you can find time within your busy schedule to accept the invitation being extended.

Most sincerely yours,

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



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September 9, 1983

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

Dear Morton:

It was good to speak with you yesterday. Enclosed is a file for your information, on LNBC's invitation to the President to attend the Bible Week Luncheon on November 18. As I thought, yesterday's letter was already in the mail to the President. Thus it does not show this copy as being sent to you.

A separate invitation has gone to Mrs. Reagan to read a Scripture passage at the Luncheon.

Your interest in the Luncheon and your indication of backing for this invitation is greatly appreciated. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Reuben H. Gums

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CC: Dr. Victor W. Eimicke

Enclosures: As noted



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September 8, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to say again how much we hope it will be possible for you to accept the invitation first extended to you last March to be the honored guest at the annual Bible Week luncheon on November 18th. It will be held in the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

The Board of Directors of the Laymen's National Bible Committee extends this invitation to you with a sense of appreciation for your having proclaimed 1983 as a National Year of the Bible. The luncheon will inaugurate the 43rd annual observance of National Bible Week, which is being viewed as the culmination of the year-long Bible emphasis.

We are most grateful to you and Mrs. Reagan for providing the prestige of your good offices to serve for the third consecutive year as Honorary Chairpersons of National Bible Week.

Your presence at the Bible Week luncheon will serve National Bible Week and the Year of the Bible as a fitting reminder of the place the Bible has in our nation's history and to help insure that we continue our reliance on its timeless message for all people.

Sincerely yours,

Victor W. Eimicke
President

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November 20-27, 1983

National Bible Week, 1983

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March 18, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

The 43rd annual observance of National Bible Week in 1983 has special importance because of your proclamation of this year as national Year of the Bible. Observed during Thanksgiving week (November 20-27 this year), National Bible Week is to be the climax of the year-long Bible emphasis.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to be our honored guest at the annual Bible Week inaugural luncheon on Friday, November 18, 1983, in the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

May I say how greatly we appreciate your support of the Bible cause. We are especially grateful to you and Mrs. Reagan for providing the prestige of your good offices to serve once again, this year, as Honorary Chairpersons for National Bible Week.

National Bible Week has taken on increased significance each year since it was first sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee in 1941. We feel confident that in cooperation with the National Committee for the Year of the Bible, National Bible Week will exceed our fondest hopes for the purpose of motivating Bible reading and study.

Your presence at the Bible Week luncheon will serve the Year of the Bible and National Bible Week, equally, as a fitting reminder of the place the Bible has in our nation's past, and to insure its roll in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Victor W. Eimicke
President

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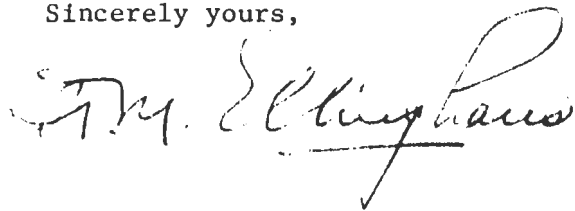
February 23, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

It is my pleasure to serve as the 1983 National Chairman for National Bible Week. As such, I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed 1983 as "Year of the Bible". To me, this adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee for you and Mrs. Reagan to join us as the honored guests at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in recent years and hope you will continue to provide such gracious support in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. M. Ellinghaus". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "W. M. Ellinghaus".

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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March 11, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I know you are an enormously busy man; but if you could see your way clear to be our honored guest at the inaugural luncheon on November 18 for the Laymen's National Bible Committee, we would be greatly honored.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Amory Houghton Jr.", with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

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Amory Houghton, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

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HOWARD C. KAUFFMANN
President

March 7, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

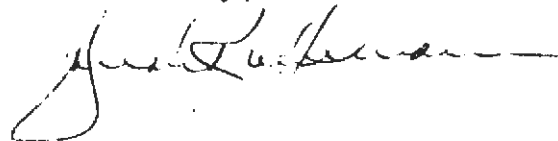
Thank you for your proclamation of 1983 as the Year of the Bible. This act adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee for you to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

It is my understanding that this 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 to 27, 1983, will mark the climax of Year of the Bible.

In 1981 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year. Our hope is to make this year's the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982. I hope we can enjoy your patronage again this year.

Sincerely,



W. CLEMENT STONE
707 COMBINED CENTRE
NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS 60062

March 2, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have two purposes in writing you at this time. First, I thank you for proclaiming 1983 as The Year of the Bible. Both you and I have been inspired and strengthened by the Bible, which I regard as the best self-help book in the world.

Second, I join with others of the Laymen's National Bible Committee to invite you to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th. This important event has been appropriately scheduled to focus national attention on the 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 - 27, 1983.

For many years I have been active with the National Bible Week programs, serving as National Chairman in 1969. Each year this observance has gained in support and impact, and 1983 promises to be the best yet -- a kind of culminating activity for The Year of the Bible.

I personally appreciate the leadership and support you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in the past, and I sincerely hope you both will be able to participate this year, The Year of the Bible.

Sincerely,


W. Clement Stone



March 3, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I was delighted to learn that you have proclaimed this year as "Year of the Bible." Your proclamation adds special significance to the invitation you have received from the Laymen's National Bible Committee to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18, 1983.

It is my understanding that this 43rd National Bible Week observance, November 20 to 27, 1983, will mark the climax of the "Year of the Bible."

Ten years ago, in 1973, it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year and hope this year's will be the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis which will result from your proclamation.

The leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982 are deeply appreciated. Again, I hope it will be possible for you to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon next fall.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Wilkinson

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Donald V. Seibert
Chairman of the Board

March 1, 1983

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

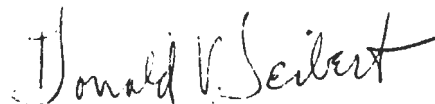
Dear Mr. President:

It is most fitting that you have exemplified your concern for the spiritual well-being of all Americans by proclaiming 1983 as the Year of the Bible. As a director of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, I am most appreciative of this move.

I hope you can give favorable consideration to the Committee's invitation to attend the inaugural luncheon of National Bible Week on November 18 in New York City as our honored guest. National Bible Week will mark the climax of the Year of the Bible and your presence at the luncheon gives the event special meaning. I served as national chairman of Bible Week in 1978 and am pleased to see how it has grown in national significance.

On behalf of all who believe the Bible provides the comfort and inspiration necessary to keep our country great, I thank you and Mrs. Reagan for your past leadership of National Bible Week and look forward to your special involvement in this year's activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald V. Seibert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "D" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

JOHN J. RICCARDO
2243 TOTTENHAM
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March 1, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

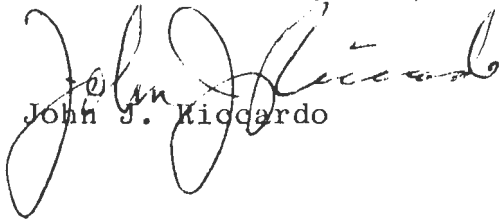
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In 1974 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year and the hope is to make this year's the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982. I hope we can enjoy your full cooperation again this year.

Most sincerely yours,



John J. Riccardo

ARTHUR J. GOLDBERG

March 1, 1983

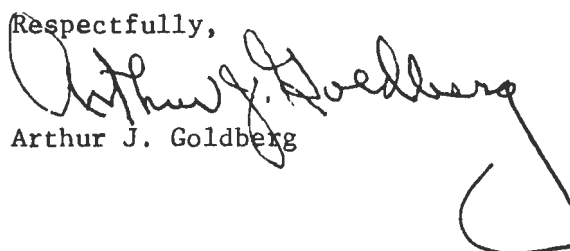
The President
The White House

My dear Mr. President;

As a former National Chairman for National Bible Week, I write in support of the invitation to you to be the honored guest at the inaugural luncheon on November 18.

I hope that your ever crowded schedule will permit you to accept this invitation.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arthur J. Goldberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end that extends downwards and to the right.

Arthur J. Goldberg

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48109

Paul W. McCracken
Edmund Ezra Day University Professor
of Business Administration

March 1, 1983

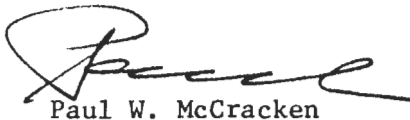
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is in support of an invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee to participate in their inaugural luncheon on November 18.

Some years ago I did serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. For this reason particularly I have been grateful for your having proclaimed this year as the "Year of the Bible." I do believe you would find participating in the November meeting an effort that would produce large and favorable effects throughout the land.

Sincerely,



Paul W. McCracken

PWM:dj

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J. PETER GRACE
CHAIRMAN AND
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

March 7, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President,

I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed this year as "Year of the Bible." This adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee that you be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

In 1970 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year, and we hope to make this year's celebration the most significant of all.

I take pleasure in joining with other former National Chairmen to respectfully request your attendance at the inaugural luncheon on November 18th.

With warm regards.

Sincerely,

Peter



National Life of Vermont

RICHARD L. FRICKE
President and Chief Executive Officer

March 17, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

I am so very grateful that you have proclaimed 1983 as the Year of the Bible. This plus your own personal commitment to the Holy Word adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee to be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th. The observance of the 43rd National Bible Week that follows the luncheon (November 20-27) will mark the climax of the Year of the Bible.

It was my privilege and pleasure to serve as the National Chairman for National Bible Week in 1975. Since that time this annual observance has taken on greater importance each year. 1983 will be the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis, and of course your participation would make it an outstanding event in the annals of inter-denominational activity.

We do greatly appreciate the leadership and direction you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982 and hope that you can find time within your busy schedule to accept the invitation being extended.

Most sincerely yours,

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

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THOMAS L. PHILLIPS
CHAIRMAN

March 4, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

I want you to know how grateful I am that you have proclaimed this year as Year of the Bible. This adds special significance to the invitation from the Laymen's National Bible Committee that you should be the honored guest at the National Bible Week inaugural luncheon in New York City on November 18th.

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In 1981 it was my pleasure to serve as National Chairman for National Bible Week. I know how this annual observance has taken on greater importance every year and the hope is to make this year's the most significant of all because of the year-long emphasis.

We appreciate the leadership you and Mrs. Reagan have given to National Bible Week in 1981 and 1982. I hope we can enjoy your full cooperation again this year.

Most sincerely yours,

Thomas L. Phillips

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March 1, 1983

Dear Mr. President:

As a Director of the Laymen's National Bible Committee, Inc., I am delighted that you and Mrs. Reagan are Honorary Chairpersons for National Bible Week. The focal point of the "Week" is a major luncheon to be held on November 18, 1983. I am confident it would mean a great deal to the Protestants, Catholics and Jews who support our Committee if you could attend the luncheon as our honored guest. Since you have proclaimed 1983 to be the "Year of the Bible", nothing could so distinguish the celebration as your presence on the 18th.

With warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

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

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