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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 23, 1981

TO: Fred Fielding

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

Attached is correspondence from Joe Hargrove who is on the National Executive Council of the Episcopal church. Hargrove is one of the most prominent Reagan supporters in his denomination.

As he presents the story, the Justice Department is engaging in a vendetta of sorts against two Episcopal priests who were involved in a humanitarian effort to boat lift anti-Castro Cubans during the recent mass exodus.

Hargrove is urgently asking the the President intervene in this matter, perhaps by issuing a pardon to the priests.

If this situation is as it appears to be, I think it appropriate for the Administration to take action in behalf of these priests.

JOSEPH L. HARGROVE

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U. S. A.

August 12, 1981

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Mr. Martin C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Room 136, The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Martin:

You may recall that several weeks ago I discussed with you on the telephone the issue of the two Episcopal priests from New Orleans who removed a large number of former political prisoners and their families from Cuba and, as a result, incurred massive difficulties with the federal government. It is the purpose of this letter to furnish you with information relative to their actions, and to seek through you redress to their unwarranted problems from President Reagan.

Briefly, the story is this. When then President Carter announced an open door policy to the many people wishing to leave Cuba, Fathers Doss and Frade contacted a large number of ex-Cuban nationals now residing in the New Orleans area who had relatives remaining in Cuba who wished to leave in order to reunite with their families. The two priests received \$800 per family to defray expenses and bought a boat in Boston which they renamed "God's Mercy". After they set sail from Boston, President Carter reversed himself and decreed any entry after a certain date would be illegal. Fathers Doss and Frade learned of this before reaching Cuba and did stop in Florida to refuel after the presidential edict, but felt compelled to proceed with the operation to honor very serious moral commitments made by them before the President reversed his stand.

They proceeded to Cuba and theirs was the last boat to leave. When they left, they had on board only Cubans who were certified, known to them, and who had relatives in the United States ready, willing and able to receive and support them. During the course of their trip from Havana to Miami, they rescued a number of other Cubans

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August 31, 1981

Mr. Martin C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Room 136, The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Martin:

Enclosed are copies of all of the indictments against Frs. Doss and Frade and their compatriots, as well as a copy of the fine that was levied against Fr. Frade. All of it is self-explanatory.

The last indictment, "For trading with the enemy (Cuba)", is ludicrous. Needless to say, it is not funny at all to those who have been indicted, not just because of the potential jail sentences, but also because of the expenses they must bear even if they are proven innocent. The trips back and forth to Miami to answer subpoenas are enough to destroy the budget of a parish priest.

They and I are quite willing to meet with you and any other government officials to plead their case for a Presidential pardon. Please let us know what we can do to help, and thanks from the bottom of our hearts for your interest and for all you have done.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JLH/bb

cc: Fr. Joe Morris Doss

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 9, 1981

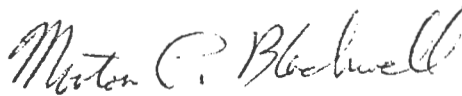
Dear Bishop Mathews:

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole has asked me to respond to your letter of November 5.

I regret that it will not be possible for the President to meet with the Reverend Dr. Philip Potter during his visit to Washington, D.C. on November 11 and 12. As you indicated in your letter the notice was short, and the President's schedule is generally determined far in advance.

If there is anything else which I can do on behalf of Dr. Potter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to
the President

Bishop James K. Mathews
4120 - 48th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

cc: Reverend Charles Bergstrom

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 11/07

To: Morton

From: Diana Lozano

_____ Please respond on behalf of
the President

_____ Please prepare draft for
Elizabeth Dole's signature

✓
_____ Please prepare draft for
your ~~my~~ signature + *advice*.

_____ FYI

_____ Let's discuss



Bishop James K. Mathews

NOV 06 1981

(telephone: 686-0089)

4120 - 48th Street, N.W.,
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November 5, 1981

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dole,
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison,
Office of Public Liaison,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Dole;

This letter is in furtherance of a request from the Rev. Dr. Charles Bergstrom of the Lutheran office in Washington to Mr. Gordon Blackwell, and my telephone call to your office earlier today. It concerns the visit of the Rev. Dr. Philip Potter to Washington next week. I was asked to put this in a letter.

Dr. Potter is the General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The W.C.C. is the principal organ of Christian unity and cooperation in the world. It represents some three hundred member churches of the Protestant and Orthodox traditions in virtually every country. It would correspond roughly to the Vatican for Roman Catholics. Dr. Potter is a Methodist, Black and a native of the Caribbean -- Dominica.

Dr. Potter will be in Washington on November 11 and 12. This letter is to inquire whether or not he could be received briefly by President Ronald Reagan on one of those days. I am aware that the advance notice is short and that the pressures on the President are very great indeed. Nevertheless, when one considers the high office Dr. Potter holds, his reputation throughout the Christian world, his deep roots in the Third World, much would argue that this request should be given careful consideration.

I write as a member for twenty years of the governing body of the W.C.C. -- its Central Committee, as a bishop since 1960 of The United Methodist Church, and in behalf of the large number of member churches of the World Council in the United States.

Very sincerely yours,

James K. Mathews
James K. Mathews



Office of the Pastor □ Clifford R. Traub □ Goshen

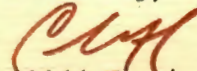
October 21, 1981

Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
1900 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

Thank you for making yourself available to talk with Pastor Bennie Harris and myself. Know that the President and His Staff are in the prayers of the believers here at Goshen Assembly. As Ruth was brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this... So I believe that GOD has ordained that Ronald Reagan has come to the Presidency. I believe the future of our great nation depends on the decisions made TODAY. May God grant wisdom beyond our capabilities to you that have this awesome responsibility.

Sincerely,


Cliff Traub

CT/cmc

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1981

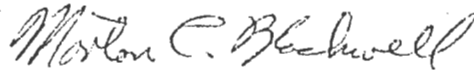
Dear Mrs. Thiel:

On behalf of Mrs. Dole, I am responding to your letter of November 3. We will give your suggestion for the creation of a "God-Mothers and God Fathers Day" our full consideration.

However, because legislation under our nation's system of government originates in the Congress, I suggest you write to your congressman and senators and ask them to support your proposal.

Thank you for bringing this proposal to our attention.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mrs. Edna L. Thiel
6456 Wade Ave.
ST. Louis, MO 63139

Master-
reply!



Centenary United Methodist Church
St. James Mission

NOV 03 1981

He would like to be
Honor too. Thought
you could pass a bill
for God-Mother & Father
Day.

Thanking you in advance
for any reply,

Sincerely
Mrs Edna L Thiel
6456 Wade Ave
St Louis 63139
MO

Dear Mrs Elizabeth Dale
I read about you
in St Louis Newspaper.
You seem to be for every-
body interest. I am ~~married~~
married no children
have God Children, of
which I am proud I am
call God-Mother. There
are days for Mother, Father
Grandparents and now
Mother-in-law days - then seem
repeating - But no God-
Mother day. There are
many single people too
who are God Parents

October 15, 1981

Dear Mr. Kosolkitiwong:

I wish to express my thanks to you and the members of your organization for the impressive handcrafted ship which your delegation presented to Morton Blackwell for me on the occasion of their visit to the United States. I am deeply grateful for the friendship and goodwill represented by this gift, and your special remembrance is a welcome addition to my collection of historical mementos.

With my warm best wishes to you and your colleagues,

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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of Religions
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cc: Morton Blackwell

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November 18, 1981

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of November 5.

I appreciate your letting me know of your strong views regarding the distinction between "National Family Day" and "National Family Week." I have forwarded your letter to Elizabeth Dole, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, who is reviewing this proposal. I am sure that she will give serious consideration to your recommendations and concerns.

Thank you once again for bringing your views to my attention.

Sincerely,

James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President

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November 5, 1981

n/a Routine to Doc?

Hon. James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

SPECIAL DELIVERY

yes

Dear Jim:

National Family Day is infinitely stronger than National Family Week. (Mike Horowitz today sent me a letter reminding me of Jimmy Carter's "National Family Week." The implication, I guess, is that we should forget about "National Family Day.")

While a "week" has been nobly suggested and proclaimed in the past, it has failed to garner the public's attention on the importance of traditional family values. No pun intended, but a week is "weak"--it diffuses the attention of people and generally accomplishes little.

A "Day" rivets people's attention to a particular day. It brings home the meaning of the event much more forcefully. The Left has learned this lesson well: Earth Day, May Day, etc. Shrewd. All significant holidays or days of observation are "Days", not "weeks": New Year's Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Thanksgiving Day and, of course, Christmas Day.

After years of study and spending millions of my own dollars on advertising and public relations for various charitable and commercial enterprises, I assure you a "Day" has immensely more impact than a "week". A Reagan administration is going to be effective and it must start in the home by emphasizing the precious value of good families. Families and parents need a pat on the back today. But, first we have to get people's attention.

Suggestion: Have both of them. National Family Day as a new proposal for President Reagan; National Family Week as a proposal of old administrations.

They will not conflict. Let the public decide which one becomes more significant to them. The matter will take care of itself. All of us simply want the most effective way to highlight the importance of the family in a civilized society.

National Family Day is a natural. All pluses, no negatives, no costs, no risks and very simply implemented. Always on a day certain (day after Thanksgiving). 4 day Thanksgiving weekend now becoming a national custom. Logical and convenient because families are traditionally together at this time. It will not be commercialized because it immediately follows Thanksgiving.

Jim, National Family Day will become a reality as sure as night follows day. It's one of those rare events which will be almost universally well received. As our moral leader, President Reagan should be the person to initiate it.

* { It would be absolutely tragic if we permit the Left to pervert this noble concept by including "gay" families in their "Family Day, 1982" which they are already planning on. It would be simply tragic. Please don't let it happen.

Since time is of the essence, I'm sending a similar letter to Ed Meese and Mike Deaver. It is obvious that all three of you have common sense.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

John Norton
John Henry Norton

JHN:mps

Jim: If the President misses the opportunity this year, the LEFT will probably foreclose it for him later. It's their definite plan to have "Family Day, 1982" and have it include "gay and kindred families". What a travesty that would be! By coming out now, they will be stopped in their tracks and the people will have nothing but warm feelings toward the President every day. —



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

November 2, 1981

Honorable Judge J. H. Norton
54 Miller Street
Fairfield, Connecticut 06430

Dear Judge Norton:

This responds to your mailgram to the President requesting that he proclaim the day after Thanksgiving as National Family Day.

The Congress has enacted a joint resolution (S.J. Res. 4) requesting the President to proclaim the week which includes Thanksgiving Day as National Family Week. We expect that the President will issue a proclamation within a few days.

This occasion has been observed for a number of years. Enclosed for your information is a copy of last year's proclamation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael J. Horowitz".

Michael J. Horowitz
Counsel to the Director

Enclosure

Presidential Documents

Proclamation 4806 of November 26, 1980

National Family Week, 1980

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

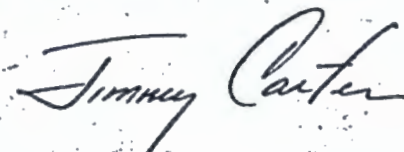
The American family has been the most resilient, dynamic force in the growth and development of our Nation. Yet its influence is so subtle that we tend to take for granted the vital functions it performs as the source of love, support, and guidance, the wellspring of courage, determination and inspiration.

National Family Week gives us a chance to highlight the special contributions and needs of the family, to acknowledge the new challenges that American families now face, and to act on the many significant recommendations generated by the White House Conference on Families.

It is a time to seek ways to strengthen and support the family—a time to renew the realization that the fundamental integrity and vitality of the Nation relies on the underlying health of the American family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, in accordance with Senate Joint Resolution 156, do hereby request that the week of November 23, 1980, be designated National Family Week and call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate activities in their communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.



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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1981

TO: Diana Lozano
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
RE: Proposed Presidential Event at Oral Roberts "City
of Faith", Tulsa Oklahoma

I recommend this as an appropriate event for the President.

In his youth Oral Roberts was affiliated with a smaller evangelical denomination. He has for years been affiliated with the United Methodist Church. He is less "political" than many other religious broadcasters.

His hospital has been built debt free with funds he has raised for this purpose.

Both Bob Dugan of the National Association of Evangelicals and Republican mayor Jim Imhofe of Tulsa strongly recommend such an event. My friend Mayor Imhofe says that there was some initial objection from existing hospitals to the Roberts building of this facility. Roberts went to the state legislature and obtained a certificate "of need" for the hospital. Mayor Imhofe spoke at the hospital dedication.

Roberts has a very large following.

If we are going to be limited to just one major presidential speech before a religious group in 1982, this would not be the most valuable. Events with either the National Association of Evangelicals or the National Religious Broadcasters would provide more coverage.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 3, 1981

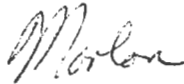
Dear John:

Thank you very much for the nice write-up of my visit to the Foundation for a Christian Civilization's New York headquarters in the latest TFP newspaper.

My wife likes the photo in the article, and I would appreciate it if you could send me the negative.

If I can be of assistance to you in the future, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

John Horvat
Editor
TFP Newsletter
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Pleasantville, N.Y. 10570

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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newsletter.

My wife likes the
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A Visitor from the White House



Mr. Morton C. Blackwell: Speaking on Leadership

Mr. Morton Blackwell, White House Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison, was the guest of the Foundation for a Christian Civilization, Inc. at the Foundation's New York headquarters in October.

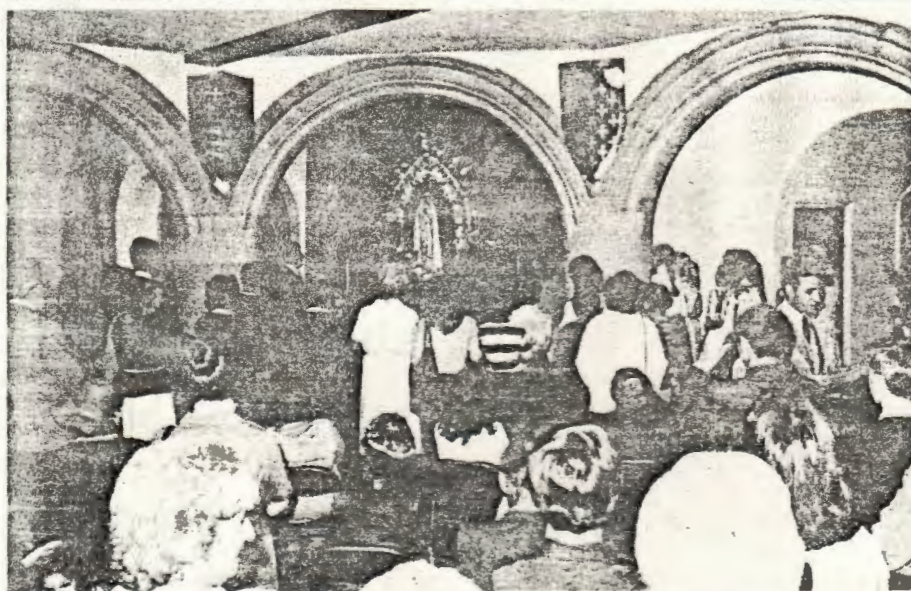
Mr. Blackwell is widely respected in conservative circles around the country for his long-time efforts in developing successful youth campaigns and effective youth leadership seminars.

During his weekend visit, Mr. Blackwell spoke about the reasons for the recent resurgence of the conservative movement in the United States and its perspectives for the future.

As a recognized leader in his field, he is well-qualified to analyze trends among young people today and to cover a wide range of youth-oriented action programs.

In addition to the representatives from the Foundation for a Christian Civilization, Inc., sixty volunteers of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) formed an enthusiastic audience for Mr. Blackwell.

800 View Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Fatima



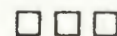
The miraculous statue of Our Lady of Fatima that wept in New Orleans in 1972 was on display recently at the New York headquarters of the Foundation for a Christian Civilization, Inc.

Even though her visit was not publicized—since it was not an official one—over 800 neighbors and friends were able to come to see her.

The image is one of four Pilgrim Virgin statues that were carved in the late 1940's to represent Our Lady exactly as described by the witness of the appearance at Fatima in 1917.

Aside from the well-documented testimony of weeping in New Orleans, this particular image is marked by the expressiveness of its face. Reports from the many foreign countries in which the statue has also been on display are always characterized by the wide range of expressions found in its physiognomy.

Guests at the Foundation's headquarters were quick to note this phenomenon.



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November 25, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Please be assured that I am a strong supporter of President Reagan and of conservative causes. I am a young man who is devoted to "single issues" such as passage of the Family Protection Act and strong measures against such national disgraces as the \$5 billion a year pornography industry--a "growth industry" primarily controlled by organized crime. I do much volunteer work for an organization called Morality In Media, Inc. which fights for stronger actions against pornography on a national level.

Enclosed you will find an article from the Village Voice, a weekly newspaper published in New York. Since the article mentions your name, I wanted you to have a copy. Incidentally, the writer, Larry Bush, is the Washington "Editor" for the Advocate, a national "gay" publication which has a scandalous and pornographic "pink" middle section advertising pornography and male "call" services.

I anticipate that there will be more and growing opposition to the Family Protection Act from the homosexual activist community because of its so-called "anti-gay" provisions. Not long ago I uncovered Federal funding for national radio programs to a gay and lesbian group in California to attack this legislation. These three half-hour radio programs will be heard on 230 radio stations, and they are designed to attack the Family Protection Act. The President has since drastically cut the National Public Radio budget.

Enclosed is a letter which I had sent to over 1,300 individuals in the Federal and state governments stating my candid views on issues affecting families with particular emphasis placed on pornography. I also strongly support the Family Protection Act. This may seem odd since I am an ex-homosexual. However, please know that there are 40+ organizations in the U.S. which help people who want to "come out" of the so-called "gay" lifestyle, and perhaps over 1,175,000 former homosexuals reside in the U.S.--many are now married, most are non-vocal, and many are also single and celibate and non-promiscuous.

Next week Connie Marshner and Paul Weyrich are coming to New York, and I will have a meeting with them to see if I can be of any assistance to them in these causes. If I could get a job in Washington, I would move there. Presently I am not employed. I would also consider working with you or helping you out.

The Honorable Morton Blackwell
Page Two
November 25, 1981

I've read about you in Conservative Digest often, and I want you to know that I appreciate your devotion to important issues which are often neglected.

If anything is to be done about pornography the order must come from President Reagan. Also, William French Smith must make much more efforts to combat this problem. During fiscal years 1978-80, the Carter administration took pride on 44 prosecutions of pornographers, including child pornographers. However, there are 94 Federal U.S. Attorneys in the country. That adds up to less than one-half conviction per office during a three year period. That's not a matter for pride; it's a national disgrace!

Furthermore, the letter I received from the Department of Justice is virtually the same form-letter that the Carter administration sent out. I have since corrected Attorney General Smith and urged him to weed out the carryovers from the Carter administration who could not care less about eliminating pornography.

I have already gotten the U.S. Customs to modify their guidelines in one area--they were using an incorrect Supreme Court definition of pornography--and had distributed these incorrect guidelines to all U.S. Customs Office. And, I have gotten the Senate Judiciary Committee to make certain corrections in the pending S.1630 bill to revise the U.S. Criminal Code which would have allowed "loopholes" to exist for pornographers to continue to expand this "industry".

Now if only the Federal Communications Commission would do something to keep pornography off cable television. Very shortly, both Playboy and Penthouse are planning national cable television networks, complete with centerfolds and adult entertainment. We already know that there are no Federal regulations regulating pornography or indecency on cable television. This MUST be corrected by the Reagan administration.

Mr. Blackwell, I just wanted you to know that I hope you will see that some of these matters are really dealt with. Please see that something is being done about pornography. It is not protected by the First Amendment, and millions of individuals are being adversely affected by this material. One government report states that as many as 500,000 children are sexually abused and perhaps over 100,000 children are used for pornography each year! Truly, we as a people, must not tolerate the abuse of children in this manner. And frankly, I cannot see any "educational" value in pornography. Unfortunately, the problem is only going to get worse in the future. Please let me know if I can write you about these matters in the future. Although I am not in Washington, I do have access to expert legal counsel from Morality In Media, and they fully support my volunteer efforts to alert people about this situation. I have already received ten letters from the White House and a telephone call from Dave Fischer.

Sincerely,
Kenneth

Enclosures

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September 9, 1981

Vice President George H. W. Bush
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

SAMPLE LETTER
(photocopy)

Dear Mr. Vice President:

As an American citizen who is dismayed with the overwhelming moral decline in this Nation during the past 20 years, I appeal to you, as the Vice President, to read this letter carefully, and to discuss this situation with the President, Cabinet, and especially with Attorney General William French Smith. I am hoping that some of the anti-family policies of our government will be reversed. I remember you and your family in my prayers, especially since the terrible attempt on President Reagan's life. I think that the Reagan Administration is the best thing that has happened to the United States in a very long time.

The national problem of pornography is very serious. It is a \$5 billion a year "growth industry" which is primarily controlled by organized crime. Moreover, some estimates of the amount of child pornography sold in this Nation are as high as \$1 billion annually. This is a national disgrace.

I feel so strongly about this situation that I am writing personal letters to all senators, representatives, delegates, governors, the resident commissioner, lieutenant governors, secretaries of state and attorneys general, as well as to the Cabinet members and to some of The White House staff, among others.

What is urgently needed is an unprecedented national crackdown on these pornographers, and strenuous enforcement of the Federal, State and local anti-obscenity laws. New York City is a perfect example of the district attorney's non-enforcement of the exemplary New York State law against pornography--with one exception--on May 12, 1981, the New York State Court of Appeals, in a 5-to-2 decision, overturned on "free speech" grounds the tough "kiddie porn" law, saying that the State could not ban portrayals of non-obscene sexual activity simply because the acts involved children.

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Matthew J. Jasen warned that the ruling meant New York State could not stop the sale of films or photos showing children "engaging in actual or simulated sexual intercourse, sodomy, sexual bestiality, masturbation, sado-masochistic abuse or lewd exhibition of the genitals" unless the material itself were judged to be legally obscene.

The Court of Appeals denied that it was endorsing obscene shows. "We merely hold that those who present plays, films and books portraying adolescents cannot be singled out for punishment simply because they deal with adolescent sex in a realistic but non-obscene manner," the unsigned opinion said. The majority of these judges apparently think that a porno shop owner's right to exploit children must prevail.

The Supreme Court will decide this case in the spring. I wrote all the justices about this from Thailand last summer.

Vice President George H. W. Bush
September 9, 1981
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I am urging everyone to support the "Family Protection Act". Passage of this legislation is desperately needed at this time in our Nation's 205-year history. It will help to reverse the anti-family policies of our government and to promote stronger family life. Families are the foundation of all societies; stable and united families make strong nations with internal stability. The Family Protection Act is S. 1378 and H.R. 3955. It must first be reviewed in the Senate by the Finance Committee, and in the House by the Armed Services, Education and Labor, Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees. Please give this legislation your top priority and total support. In so doing, you will be helping our endangered families.

Again, major revisions to the U.S. Criminal Code have been proposed, but this legislation, as it currently stands, has totally inadequate provisions for the prosecution of pornographers, and it will have the disastrous effect of legalizing pornography. This is incredible. Our Supreme Court has already ruled that pornography is not entitled to First Amendment protection.

I am also suggesting the establishment of a "National Family Week" for the third week of June each year, and a "National Day of Prayer, Fasting and Recollection" to encourage the American people to reflect upon their lives and/or to draw closer to God. Abraham Lincoln, one of our greatest Presidents, had made such a proclamation during the Civil War, to help bring our divided people together, and no one ever accused him of being a "right-wing, ultra-Conservative, fundamentalist bigot". Our government should fully recognize the historical and the divine significance of the "traditional family", and stop promoting "alternative lifestyles" and "progressive" sex education devoid of moral values which merely encourages sexual experimentation by youth.

Please discuss these trends with Barbara. It would be helpful to have other opinions about the seriousness of these problems in order to find workable and equitable solutions without compromising truth, justice and principle. If you truly believe in a living God, the "Creator" and "Supreme Judge of the World", to quote John Hancock from our Declaration of Independence, and whose Name is printed on all our currency, then I hope you will pray with me that our Nation will return to some moral sanity. Despite all her defects, America is still the greatest single nation which has ever existed in all of human history, and I am proud and fortunate to be an American.

Mr. Vice President, when you write me to acknowledge the receipt of this letter, please indicate if your telephone number is 456-7045. I do appreciate your taking the time to read this letter. The people of Texas will benefit immeasurably from your decision to seek increased enforcement of the existing Federal, State and local laws against pornography. And, please remember that only with your help will our Nation be on the right track when the Family Protection Act is passed without delay.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Lisenbee

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Our reporter infiltrates Unity '81 and finds anything but unity.

Behind the Antiabortion Lines

← BUSH WAITES FOR THE ADVOCATE, A NATIONAL HOMOSEXUAL PAPER.

By Larry Bush

My first hint that something was seriously amiss in the ranks of the antiabortion movement came when I was registering for their conference, Unity '81, held November 5 through 8 in Arlington, Virginia. Paul Brown and his wife, Judy, both of whom head antiabortion groups, were dishing the hell out of Senator Orrin Hatch, Republican of Utah, because of his proposed constitutional amendment, which gives states the right to ban (or not to ban) abortion.

"He hasn't even got the votes to get that out of committee, much less to pass anything in the Senate," I overheard one of them say. They agreed that Hatch is foolishly playing into the hands of the enemy.

The impression that all was not well in antiabortion land was reinforced when I stepped into the Sheraton National Hotel room where about 150 antiabortion leaders from across the country were supposed to be waiting to hear one of their heroes, Senator Jeremiah Denton, Republican of Alabama. Only about 50 were there. Judy Brown stepped back into the room to announce that she had "stashed away" Denton for 10 more minutes with the hope that the room would fill up. Meanwhile, would we please move up to fill the empty seats in front?

When Denton did appear, he seemed undaunted by the size of the crowd. In short order he transformed himself from a "golly, I can hardly believe I'm a senator" senator into a Man with a Message. Hands curling into fists, he said, "I want to make you a fanatic about this." The text was antisex.

"How can we get the country to behave itself in the least amount of time; that's the way I'm looking at it," Denton said. "I'll take care of, or the Lord will take care of, the flack from the appropriations committee [which votes first on many social issues because those bills are often riders on funding legislation]. Because believe me, they're going to be resentful. But the big thing is we're on God's side."

Denton said some senators were coming around to his position, including, possibly, Senator Howard Baker, the Republican majority leader. "His heart is changing," Denton said. "You don't have to get the gory pictures out all the time."

Denton also shared with the audience a conversation he had had with Sandra Day O'Connor, whose appointment to the Supreme Court angered the group as much as anything Reagan has done. "She told me she had learned a great deal about abortion since she cast those votes," Denton said. "With tears copiously flowing down her cheeks, she said she learned how important the issue was, and when conditions allowed would indicate which way she meant." But as the conference progressed, it became clear that Sandra Day O'Connor's tears carried no weight with this crowd.

"Chastity," Denton began in another vein, pitching the so-called chastity bill, which reshapes federal family planning programs to counsel teenagers to restrain themselves. "It's not an easy thing to talk about. I've been talking about it since seventh grade. Sex is what makes the world go round—but there are things that substitute for sex. If God is with you, you can do without anything. If we look at sex that way we are better off."

Not, as Denton made clear, that sex doesn't have its proper place. In marriage, Denton told the antiabortion leaders (about 75 per cent women), sex "helps compensate for the hard work and tedium

of homemaking."

Sexuality seems to have galvanized many in the antiabortion movement, even though the words "human rights" could also be heard occasionally. But the link that was constantly reiterated was between abortion and sexual appetites. Planned Parenthood, public enemy number one, was criticized for encouraging girls to have abortions, and it was also criticized for encouraging girls to have babies so that the group could claim it needed more tax dollars to help solve the problem of unwed mothers. A kind of ambisexuality pervades the country, Denton said. "If you don't like it heterosexually, try it homo."

With the uneasy feeling that I was about to be issued a leisure suit with a welded zipper, I passed by the literature tables in the lobby. A sign reading "Jesus Was a Fetus" was propped up against one table, and another table was given over entirely to methods of natural childbirth. The stack of New Right Reports disappeared quickly, and there were handouts on evolution and guides that counseled women on how to be submissive to their husbands. I clutched a copy of "Masturbation: A Sin Against Faithful and Life-giving Love" for late-night reading.

After Denton's speech there was a cocktail party, open to the public, honoring "heroic members of the U.S. Senate." I looked in, expecting to see some of the luminaries the antiabortionists had helped elect. But the only person there who wasn't an antiabortion leader was the bartender.

The next day it was back to hard poli-

ticking, beginning at 9 a.m. with Morton Blackwell, the White House staff member who acts as liaison with religious, single-issue, and some other groups. Blackwell, who cut his political teeth as editor of the New Right Report, is called the antiabortionists' "friend in the White House." But at 9 a.m. Blackwell wasn't on hand.

Judy Brown, the organizer of the Unity '81 conference, halted our milling by taking the podium herself and delivering a speech on How Washington Works. It turned out to be a neat rescue, she being a lively woman with a well-established rapport with the group. In words liberals would do well to imitate, she pointed out again and again that the success of their movement depended on grass-roots leaders taking initiative. Her lobby, the American Life Lobby, was only there to let them know what was happening, she said. No one is going to take notice of us in Washington, but you count out there.

Brown elaborated on just how stacked the Washington deck seems against the antiabortion forces: the staffs of the very senators they helped to elect were against them; Denton's staff wouldn't even let the antiabortionists deliver letters to him, forcing them to grab him in the halls as he passed by. "Orrin Hatch is surrounded by compromisers," Brown said. "You can't trust anybody in that guy's office. The Hatch amendment is viewed by us as a sellout of principle." The Unity theme was coming in for a real knocking.

At about 10:30 Blackwell appeared, apparently the victim of a scheduling misunderstanding. Brown, embarrassed by

the snafu, gave him a rousing introduction. But then Blackwell went into a soporific speech on the New Right coalitions that could remake America.

Blackwell didn't find all that many buyers, even in this crowd. Not that they weren't pleased to hear how influential they might be. But this group was out for blood, and Blackwell's was handy.

The first question to Blackwell came from a woman demanding to know why the White House had given "shameful support" to Nestles' bid to sell infant formula in third world nations. The question caught me completely off guard, particularly when two other women rose to back her up. It was an issue I hardly expected to hear raised at this forum.

Things went downhill from there. Anti-abortion activists told Blackwell that they needed Democrats who would cross over on this one issue, but after the Sandra Day O'Connor nomination—and a few other things—the Democrats were beginning to think they were being sold out.

Blackwell, almost as an afterthought, pulled out a message to the group from Reagan. "I look forward to one of these [antiabortion bills] reaching my desk for signing," Reagan had said. It was a red flag before the bulls of Pamplona. Reagan should have preferred their bill—Jesse Helms's Human Life Statute—not just any antiabortion bill. The audience began berating the Reagan administration.

Once Blackwell got off the stand, things got even worse. He was pinned against the wall by an angry crowd of grass-roots leaders. "It says 'The Buck Stops Here' on Reagan's desk. When is he going to get some guts?" one man shouted from the fringe, stalking off without waiting for an answer.

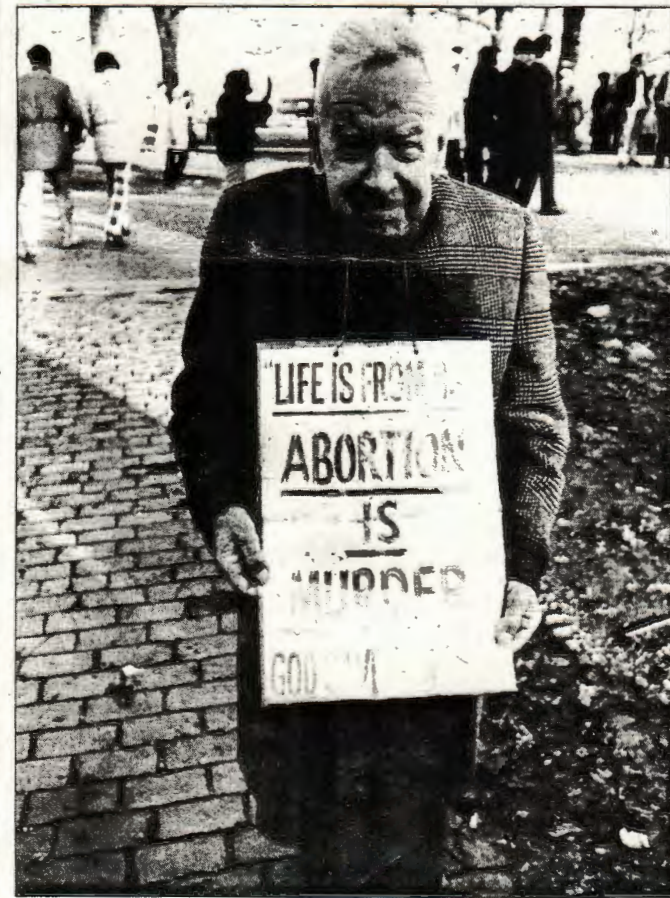
Blackwell chatted with me in the lobby afterward. He seemed almost relieved to be dealing with someone clearly and openly on the other side. By the end of what he called the longest interview he had given the press since going to the White House, he had not substantially answered any of the questions I put to him. It wasn't even a fencing match; my questions simply disappeared into a void of noninformation.

With one exception. Blackwell confirmed something I had earlier suspected: that the Family Protection Bill is under active consideration at the White House and that a presidential endorsement is a distinct possibility. Blackwell said he had set up a meeting for Senator Roger Jepsen, Republican of Iowa, Senate sponsor of the bill, and Representative Albert Lee Smith, Republican of Alabama, the House sponsor, to provide a briefing on the bill on October 7. More than two dozen White House and cabinet officials attended. The meeting was supposed to have taken place sometime last June but was put off by the White House staff.

(For those who like to chart these things, it was about two weeks after that meeting that Jepsen reversed his ardent opposition to Reagan's AWACS sale, helping to deliver the death blow to Senate opposition. Days after that presidential aide Elizabeth Dole met with Reagan to outline the Family Protection Bill. On November 4, Jepsen met privately with Reagan himself.)

Blackwell and others are saying that Reagan will begin pushing social issues next January. No one predicts a lot of victories on Capitol Hill when those issues come up for votes, but there will be a plethora of roll-call votes that can be used in moral report cards by social issue

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An antiabortion demonstrator in Boston

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groups. The advantages of that, Blackwell said, "have crossed my mind."

That afternoon some of the grass-roots leaders took the lecture stand themselves, and I dropped into a session on "The Politics of Humanism." Antiabortionists consider humanism akin to blasphemy. This session was led by Lynn Sadowski, a vivacious New Jersey housewife-activist who was unable to speak in complete sentences. For those of us who needed pictures, she had drawn an illustration of the U.S. ship of state floating on "an ocean of socialism."

This was the session that Planned Parenthood should have filmed for fund-raising purposes. The National Education Association—"they really are a humanistic group"—came under steady attack. So did consumerism—"a humanistic position." The horrors of humanism were stupendous ("That is commonplace today—letting babies die."). "I call it chocolate-covered cancer," Sadowski said.

When the discussion opened to the floor, all the skeletons came tumbling out. "I feel that McCarthy and the John Birch Society were assassinated by the media," one Michigan woman told the group. "Joe McCarthy was very well informed." The group leader nodded vigorously: "I've believed in a conspiracy ever since I was 10 years old," she said, "long before the John Birch Society."

Images and icons mixed with metaphors throughout. One woman spoke of showing some antiabortion materials to a "humanist." "It was like waving a crucifix in front of a vampire," she chortled. "I question whether you can be a Christian and a humanist," another said, to the obvious discomfort of a Catholic priest who tried to explain that some parts of humanism have a deep Catholic tradition. Then a young woman said, "Humanism can be traced back to Genesis when Satan set himself up as God. We're not fighting against flesh and blood." I searched my pockets to see if a Valium had been lost in a seam.

But such moments of high drama were relatively rare throughout the conference. For most of it, these people were given very good advice on how to work the 1982 elections to make social issues the determining factor.

Hyde induced an abortion. "I have looked into it," Hyde told the crowd. His medical opinion is that an egg is not fertile until 36 hours after intercourse. "That's a lot of time," Hyde said, for a rape victim to get to an emergency room. Thus no abortion would take place.

Hyde disputed those who ridicule Congress's hearings on the beginnings of life: "Congress is uniquely constituted to make determinations of when life begins," Hyde said and heads nodded in agreement.

Several days later, I had a long interview with Paul Brown and a brief chat with his wife Judy, who told me that the conference had been a success beyond her wildest dreams. Already she has been planning a Unity '82 conference, to take place shortly after next November's elections. There is no question that they believe in what they are doing, that this is no cynical manipulation of emotions to benefit themselves. Paul Brown said he hopes he can put his PAC out of business by passing a human life bill and then move to the Pacific Northwest and away from politics. I liked them both.

After the conference I had been left puzzled by many things. While the group is staunchly antiabortion, some of the other New Right positions didn't seem to go down too well. Brown confirmed that this group is not ready to sign on for any more social issues. "I don't really care about busing," Brown said. "Prayer in schools, I know for a fact that in most schools in this country they continue to pray. Those things are not of great interest."

Nor is Brown comfortable with being lumped in with the Moral Majority and conservatives. Many conservatives, Brown

Once again the key strategy will be to run special-interest campaigns targeted at those they most oppose. Their supporters on the tickets will get the benefits, and won't have to risk anything by coming out strongly on those issues.

"I'll bet you a pound of olives that the Republican Party leadership, and all the established leadership of campaigns, will be telling candidates, 'Ooooooh, you don't want to get near those social issues,'" said Connie Marshner, leader of the profamily coalition that is backing the Family Protection Bill. Marshner showed herself to be a political realist, however, by saying that a lot of the Family Protection Bill would be discarded in the negotiations. "A man's reach should exceed his grasp," she quoted, ticking off the seven or so provisions (of more than 30) that were essential to her group. They included prohibiting abortion cases from being argued by Legal Services, parental review of textbooks, and tax breaks of several varieties. (There was nothing on the antigay provisions. "Nobody is going to want to touch that with a 10-foot pole," Marshner told one questioner. "And given the choice of making somebody deal with that issue, where the results would not be all that dramatic, and forcing them to deal with the parent's right to review textbooks, I think we would be better off getting the parents into textbooks.")

This kind of information, Marshner said, was for the faithful alone. "You don't publish that in *The Washington Post*, of course," she said, a tape-recorder spinning merrily away in front of her, copies on sale in the lobby an hour later for \$5 for the faithful and apostate alike.

The conference rolled to a close with an awards dinner, honoring every New Right leader whose name ever appeared in the newspaper. For most, their best credential was that the media have been unkind to them. Sitting on the platform, waiting to speak after the 18 awards were handed out, was Representative Henry Hyde, Republican of Illinois, the godfather of the antiabortion movement. From below he looks exactly like George Washington on Mount Rushmore.

Hyde took the hard line this group loves. He attacked those who would permit abortions in the case of rape, and those who claim that an examination for rape

says are not "prolife." "Some figure it's cheaper to kill a kid than let him live."

"Any union with Jerry Falwell going up the East Coast in '82 quite frankly would be suicidal on our part," Brown said. "He has a certain constituency, but it certainly doesn't exist in the urban centers and in the Northeast corridor. Political expediency is the name of the game, and in '82 there will probably be some elections where we stand shoulder to shoulder with Falwell, and some where we don't."

Unexpectedly Brown brings up gays. "We make a comparison of what happened in Germany, when people were declared nonpersons, and I think homosexuals were one of them, and I can see the same thing happening in this country. That's our whole fight, to simply restore personhood."

Brown himself doesn't believe that the antiabortion bill that will pass Congress has yet been written. A team of three lawyers is now working on a bill that he hopes will put the antiabortion movement into the mainstream, breaking with conservatives and reaching out to liberals.

"I think we would end up with something the majority of Americans could buy," he said. "The theory is to write an equal rights amendment that includes the pre-born child. Nobody I know objects to the ERA except for what it does to the pre-born child. The thought out there is easy, but the wording takes a long time."

"If we learned anything this year," Brown concluded, "it was that we truly have to keep a stern eye on our friends, more so than our opponents. These politicians are used to compromising every day. We want the whole bag, and that's the way it's going to be if we have our way."

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