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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 3, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 
SUBJECT: Anti-Pornography Coalition Schedule Proposal

Attached are a number of letters generated by Father Morton Hill and his allies in the anti-pornography coalition.

As the weeks pass, Father Hill is becoming impatient in having no word respecting the followup meeting for our July coalition briefing which we hosted in the Indian Treaty Room.

As you can see from the names of the people involved in his coalition and those who have written letters urging the President to see them, Father Hill has a lot of clout. He is a tough, no-nonsense man.

Father Hill and I spoke last week. His views respecting this administration have been shifting. We started off well last year, but we are in danger of receiving some buckshot from him if the delay in a meeting with the President is prolonged much into the new year.

At our briefing in July, Dr. E. V. Hill urged the group to do all the groundwork first so a meeting with the President would be worth his while. This has been done with numerous meetings between the coalition and officials in Justice as well as numerous contacts with Customs and the U. S. Postal Service.

I think it to be in the President's best interests to have a meeting with this coalition approved very promptly.

Enclosures

United States Senate

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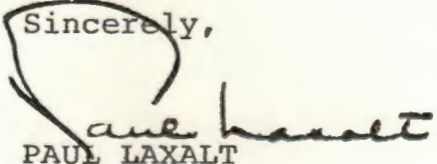
December 8, 1982

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I am writing to commend your efforts to coordinate the work of various individuals and groups who are interested in more vigorous enforcement of the federal obscenity laws. I especially appreciate you organizing the July 27th meeting on this topic down at the Indian Treaty Room.

I understand that the participants in that meeting resolved to have a meeting with the President on this subject, and that you have been attempting to set up such a meeting. I strongly support your efforts in this regard, and urge you to vigorously take whatever steps are necessary to get this meeting on the President's schedule.

Sincerely,


PAUL LAXALT
U.S. Senator

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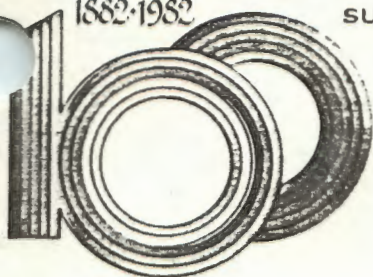
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December 21, 1982

VIRGIL C. DECHANT
SUPREME KNIGHT

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

A grave social problem of great concern to millions of American families is the growing traffic in hard-core pornography. Indeed, alarm over the spread of this traffic is deeply felt not only by our 1.3 million members plus their families, it is shared by millions of other Americans at every level of society.

This unlawful traffic with an annual "take" of 6 billion dollars is growing and out of control. Organized crime is deeply involved, controlling 90% of the hard-core pornography circulating in this country. That criminal element is poised and ready to make its move into cable television, where the sex entrepreneurs have already opened the doors.

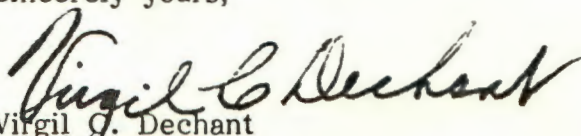
I was very much encouraged by the calling of the July 27 White House conference on enforcement of existing Federal obscenity laws - and my brother Knights at our Centennial Supreme Convention were delighted by your awareness of our concern for the enforcement of obscenity statutes and especially by your assurance that, when you returned to the Capital, you would take up this matter with Attorney General Smith.

This assurance is entirely in keeping with the unanimous resolution of those present at the White House conference endorsing a written directive from you to the Attorney General for the active prosecution of existing Federal laws governing the mailing, importing, broadcasting and interstate transportation of pornographic materials.

It is my understanding that adequate Federal laws are already on the books. I am informed that their vigorous enforcement (which enforcement has been wholly inadequate since 1975) will effectively stop the criminal traffic in pornography in 18 months. A public directive from you will do more than anything else to bring about this much needed enforcement.

I respectfully ask that you issue such a directive. I am confident this action on your part will mark the death knell of a social evil that is causing untold harm, especially to our young.

Sincerely yours,


Virgil C. Dechant
Supreme Knight

P. S. I appreciate very much the continuing opportunity to work with your staff in support of Tuition Tax Credits and Right-to-Life legislation.

BERNARD FRYSHMAN, Ph.D.

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December 21, 1982

The President of the United States
The White House
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a long time supporter of yours, I would like to express my appreciation to you for having convened the Conference on the Enforcement of Federal Obscenities Laws.

That action, by itself sent a signal to the nation that your administration is committed to enforcing the law, and to restoring a sense of decency and morality in American society. The conference had another outcome: it provided encouragement and support to the many groups across the nation who have been working to stem the tide of obscenity which at times threatens to engulf us.

Might I respectfully suggest that additional progress of a tangible kind will take place when the Office of the President explicitly calls upon the various enforcement arms of the government to place a high priority on enforcing the obscenity laws.

I would also submit that a meeting of some of the participants of the conference with you might be of significant value in attaining our mutually desired goal.

Respectfully,

Bernard Fryshman

Dr. Bernard Fryshman



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December 17, 1982

Hon. Ronald Reagan
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

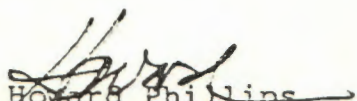
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in support of the recommendation by Father Morton Hill that you consent to meet in the near future with leaders of the anti-pornography movement.

I am sure that such a meeting would be productive and beneficial.

With personal best wishes to you and your family for Christmas and the new year, I am

Sincerely,


Howard Phillips
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December 20, 1982

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

My dear Mr. President:

As you are well aware some 50,000,000 Americans are exposed to the deadly influence of pornography.

It presents an extremely serious threat to the well-being of our youth and we believe that every effort must be taken to combat this danger.

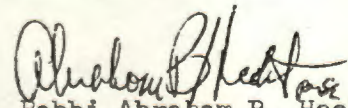
Therefore, we respectfully request an appointment with you. We will be proud to join a delegation representing the religious and lay leadership of our country.

Rev. Morton A. Hill, President of Morality in Media, is organizing such a representative national committee and we ask you to please provide time for such a personal meeting.

We anticipate your favorable response and we assure you of our thanks and appreciation.

With best wishes for a Happy Holiday to you and your dear family,

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht
President

ABH:sh
cc: M. Blackwell

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December 17, 1982

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President:

Back last summer a group concerned about pornography met with Mr. Morton C. Blackwell and others from the White House staff. It was our understanding, as the meeting concluded, that we would be able to meet with you and share our concern about the rising problem of obscenity.

Since that time cogs apparently have gotten in the wheel. I don't know what the problem is, but I certainly hope it will soon be resolved and we can proceed. If it is numbers that are needed, I will be happy to secure about 1000 bishops, heads of denominations and other church leaders to attend the meeting.

I appreciate the good job you are doing and look forward to having the privilege of personally sharing with you concerning this situation and seeking your support in resolving the same.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Wildmon
Executive Director
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December 20, 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

It has recently come to my attention from the Office of Morality in Media Inc. that the pornography traffic is at an all time high, while the enforcement of federal laws by the United States Department of Justice is at an all time low and, even non-existent in most United States Attorneys' offices. It is for this reason, Mr. President, that I am requesting for an appointment with myself or my representative in order to discuss this very crucial matter.

May I take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the July 27th conference in Washington on the subject, "Enforcement of Federal Obscenity Laws", at which time a resolution was drafted requesting your assistance in directing the Attorney General to issue instructions to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and also the United States Attorneys to make this a matter of prime concern.

Since the time has apparently come to take action, I hope that you will grant this request for an audience. Wishing you my very best personal best wishes that God grant you strength and guidance for the new year, I am

Paternally yours,

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Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox
Church of North and South America

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1982

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Meeting with leaders of anti-pornography coalition.

PURPOSE: To announce crackdown on pornography traffic by more vigorous enforcement of current Federal law.

BACKGROUND: A very heavyweight coalition (see attached list) led by Father Morton Hill of Morality in Media met July 27, 1982, in the OEOB Indian Treaty Room with representatives of White House offices, Justice, Postal Service, and Customs to discuss enforcement of anti-pornography laws. The coalition showed how policies set at Justice under previous administrations have weakened enforcement of most Federal anti-pornography laws. Subsequent meetings of Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Rose with coalition representatives have resulted in an unpublicized "get tougher" letter October 4 from Attorney General Smith to all U.S. Attorneys. The time is ripe for a Presidential meeting with the coalition to discuss specific steps being taken. A wide range of religious, civic, conservative, and women's groups will be very enthusiastic. Word will quickly spread from coalition leaders to millions who are most strongly opposed to the spread of pornography.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE: As early in the new year as possible.

LOCATION: Roosevelt Room.

PARTICIPANTS: Attorney General, Director of Customs, Postmaster General, interested Senior Staff, and attached list of coalition leaders.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President arrives after Attorney General has led one-half hour discussion. President makes brief remarks and has 10 minutes Q & A. President departs.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

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- * Unable to be present at July 27 Conference on Enforcement of
Federal Obscenity Laws.
- ** Unable to be present, but signators to adopted resolution.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

OCTOBER 12, 1982

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: WILLIAM K. ^{Sadleir}SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Meeting with leaders of anti-pornography coalition.

PURPOSE: To announce crackdown on pornography traffic by
more vigorous enforcement of current Federal law.

BACKGROUND: At the suggestion of Joseph Coors, a heavyweight
coalition led by Father Morton Hill of Morality in
Media met July 27, 1982, in the OEOB Indian Treaty
Room with representatives of White House offices, Justice,
Postal Service, and Customs Service to discuss enforce-
ment of anti-pornography laws. The coalition showed
how policies set at Justice under Carter have weakened
enforcement of most Federal anti-pornography laws. Sub-
sequent meetings of Assistant Attorney General Jonathan
Rose with coalition representatives have resulted in a
"get tougher" letter October 4 from Attorney General
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Presidential meeting with the coalition to announce
specific steps being taken. A wide range of religious,
civic, conservative, and women's groups will be very
enthusiastic. Word will quickly spread through the
religious broadcasters to millions not yet as politically
active as they were in 1980.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: None

DATE: Before Elections, the sooner the better.

LOCATION: State Dining Room

PARTICIPANTS: Attorney General, Director of Customs, Postmaster General,
Interested Senior Staff, and attached list of coalition.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President arrives. President announces steps being
taken, including letter sent at his request to U. S.
Attorneys by Attorney General.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full media coverage.

COMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 4, 1983

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: President to meet in the White House Cabinet Room with leadership of major prolife organizations and to discuss his support of their position.

PURPOSE: To demonstrate the President's continued support for prolife cause.

BACKGROUND: The March for Life takes place annually and draws about one hundred thousand grassroots supporters of the President to Washington. Since this is the tenth anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe vs. Wade, an even larger number is expected for the march the following day, January 22. The groups, who support different legislative remedies to achieve their goal, are unified in support of this demonstration. Failure to schedule any presidential event with prolife leaders during this period would undo much good will the President has built with these organizations.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: In 1981, the day after inauguration, the President met with selected leaders of the prolife movement in the Oval Office. In 1982, the President met with the leaders in the Cabinet Room of the White House on the day of the March for Life.

DATE: Friday, January 21, 1983, before the President's departure for Camp David.

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

PARTICIPANTS: See Attached List.

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President will enter Cabinet Room where leaders are gathered. President will make brief remarks. President will shake hands with the leaders for photographs. President will depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographers plus press corps photo opportunity.

COMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS FOR PROLIFE LEADERSHIP MEETING
CABINET ROOM - January 21, 1983

John D. Beckett	President, Intercessors for America
Judie Brown	American Life Lobby, Inc
Paul A. Brown	Life Amendment PAC
Dr. Jerry Falwell	The Moral Majority
Mrs. Sandra Faucher	Director, National Right to Life PAC
Rev. Charles Fiore, O.P.	President, Catholics for a Moral America
Jean Garton	Lutherans for Life
Miss Nellie Gray	President, March for Life Committee
Denis Horan	Chairman, Americans United for Life
Dr. Mildred Jefferson	President, Right to Life Crusade
John Mackey	Special Counsel, Ad Hoc Committee in Defense of Life
Ed McAteer	President, The Religious Roundtable
Ernest Ohlhoff	Executive Director, National Committee for a Human Life Amendment
Prof. Victor Rosenblum	Americans United for Life
Dr. Jack Wilke	President, National Right to Life Committee
Mrs. Geline Williams	Chairman, National Right to Life
Rev. Curtis Young	Executive Director, Christian Action Committee
Mr. David O'Steen	Citizens Concerned for Life
Mrs. Randi Engel	U. S. Coalition for Life
Dr. Pat Robertson	Christian Broadcast Network
Gordon Jones	United Families of America
Mrs. Denise Cocciolone	Birthright
Dr. William Pierce	President, National Association on Adoption

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 4, 1983

TO: WILLIAM K. SADLEIR, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Remarks at "Rose Dinner" for the March for Life
Education and Defense Fund

PURPOSE: To reaffirm the President's commitment to the prolife
cause during the observation of the tenth anniversary
of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision.

BACKGROUND: Since this is the 10th anniversary of the Supreme
Court Decision, special observances are planned.
The President has often expressed his support for the
prolife movement and has greeted different groups at
their annual conventions either by video tape or letter.
This dinner and the annual March for Life which precedes
it will involve the leaders of virtually every significant
prolife group in the country. Failure to schedule any
presidential event with prolife leaders during this
period would undo much good will the President has built
with these organizations.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President in 1981 and 1982 met with the leaders
of the March for Life which is held annually on this day.

DATE: Saturday, January 22, 1983.

LOCATION: Hyatt Regency, Washington, D. C.

PARTICIPANTS: All the prolife groups as well as many prolife Senators
and Representatives and other distinguished guests,
about 1000 altogether.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: President arrives after meal is completed.
President makes 15 minute address.
President departs.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major address

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full media coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*
SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation - National
Jaycee Week

The draft proclamation is inadequate. The major contribution of the Jaycees is clearly in the area of leadership training.

Therefore, I suggest inserting after the first paragraph a new paragraph as follows:

As a training ground for new leaders, the Jaycees have made their most valuable and lasting contribution to our society. This organization has for generations launched young Americans on careers of leadership in every field of endeavor.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

For more than sixty years, the Jaycees have brought together outstanding young members of communities throughout the Nation to help meet the vital needs of our ever-changing and increasingly complex society. Motivated by their creed "Service to humanity is the best work of life," hundreds of thousands of Jaycees have voluntarily contributed their energy to a wide variety of humanitarian projects, and have thereby enriched their own lives.

In recognition of the accomplishments of this organization, the Congress of the United States has, by Senate Joint Resolution 240, authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning on January 16, 1983, as "National Jaycee["] Week."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning January 16, 1983, as National Jaycee Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe that period with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*
SUBJECT: H. J. Res. 495 - American Indian Day Proclamation

The President should sign the referenced bill.

There is some dispute among Indian leaders about this bill. The largest, most active, and most cooperative organization, the National Congress of American Indians, requests that the President sign the bill. The smaller, rival organization, the National Tribal Chairmen's Association, has written a letter urging the President not to sign the bill or issue a proclamation.

The NCAI prefers the May 13 date in the bill to the late September date requested by NTCA. The NCAI's reason is that May 13 gives the schools a chance to plan appropriate activities well in advance. A September date would not allow for much advance planning for schools, which are the center of community life on most reservations.

The criticism by NTCA Executive Director, Elmer Savilla, may have something to do with the fact that the resolution has as its principal sponsor conservative Republican Congresswoman Bobbi Fiedler of California. If we followed the course of action recommended by Savilla, and vetoed the bill, those hostile to the Administration would be able to spread rumors that we are somehow against recognizing the importance of Indian people.

Ron Andrade, Executive Director of NCAI, worked with congressional leaders with respect to this bill. Originally it was to designate a "Native American Day" but NCAI preferred the designation American Indian Day. This change was made, and NCAI wants the bill signed.

Because the largest Indian organization, and those Indian leaders most cooperative with the Administration recommend that we sign the bill, I think we should sign it and issue an appropriate proclamation recognizing the many contributions of Indian people to our country.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/4/83

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 1/7/83 c.o.b.

SUBJECT: ENROLLED RESOLUTION H.J. RES. 459 - AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

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VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	FULLER	☒	☐
MEESE	☐	☒	GERGEN	☐	☐
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Remarks:

May we have your comments on the attached Bill by close of business, Friday, January 7. Thank you.

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
(x2702)

Response:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR: JAMES A. BAKER, III
FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE
SUBJECT: Weekly Summary Report ending 1/7/83
Portfolio Membership Groups
Manager Morton C. Blackwell

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

Peter MacDonald, Chairman of the Navajo Nation presented an American Flag rug to the President.

RED FLAGS

Rumor is outraging Conservative leaders to the effect that the President may agree to repeal Tax-Indexing as part of the Social Security reform package.

MISCELLANEOUS

Conservative activists hoping that the administration will move vigorously on incompleted initiatives from past session, namely: Voluntary School Prayer, Tuition Tax Credits, Enterprize Zones, Block Grants.

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Culture et Promotion Populaire

DATE: 1/3/83 TIME: 4:30 pm PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Fr. Le Bec
Jim Lucier

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

Discussion of a forthcoming conference of French Students in Paris

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Indian

DATE: 1/4/83 TIME: 10:30 PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)
Terry Brown

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

Brown asked for assistance in getting a grant for Indian Veterans from the VA.

I indicated that it was beyond the scope of our office. He, as a private consultant, should work through other channels.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Vietnam Veterans Leadership Project

DATE: 1/4/83 TIME: 11:00 am PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Ed Timperlake
Marcia Landau

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

We discussed a Schedule proposal for the Leadership of the VVLP to meet with the President.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Michigan Conservative Union

DATE: 1/5/83 TIME: 10:00 am PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

State Senator Ed Fredricks

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

We discussed the Michigan Conservative Union and possible speaking engagements.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: NIE

DATE: 1/6/83 TIME: 10:30 am PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Robert Sweet-Deputy Director NIE

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

Discussion of status of tuition tax credits and voluntary school prayer.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Culture et Promotion Populaire

DATE: 1/6/83 TIME: 11:15 am PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Fr. Le Bec

Jim Lucier

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

Discussion of a forthcoming conference of French students in Paris.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Free Congress Foundation

DATE: 1/7/83 TIME: 4:30. -- PLACE: Free Congress Foundation

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blacwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Various

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

Reception at Free Congress Foundation for the opening of Joseph Coors Building.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Navajo Nation

DATE: 1/6/83 TIME: 4:30 pm -- PLACE: Oval Office

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Peter MacDonald-Chairman, Navajo nation

Mrs. Wanda MacDonald

Peter Sewald-Communication Co-ordinator, the Council for Energy
Resource Tribes

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

The President

MCB Mark Loveday

SUMMARY:

Navajo Chairman MacDonald presented the President with a 6' x 9' rug in the design of the American Flag.

Chairman Mac Donald also presented the President with a silver ring of Navajo Design.

MacDonald expressed his strong political support.

The President responded cordially.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Don Lambro

DATE: 1/6/83 TIME: 5:00. PLACE: Room 191

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)
Don Lambro, Columnist

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

MCB

SUMMARY:

Interview on the subject my activities in the OPL

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

OPL MEETING REPORT

GROUP: Joseph Coors Reception

DATE: 1/7/83 TIME: 7:00 pm -- PLACE: Capitol Hill Club

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C Blackwell

ATTENDEES: (Attach guest list)

Approx. 250

STAFF PARTICIPANTS:

SUMMARY:

Surprise party for Joseph Coors.

FOLLOW-UP

PRESIDENTIAL:

STAFF:

EHD PARTICIPATION

Y = YES

N = NO

WEEKLY OPL FORECAST

WEEK BEGINNING, MONDAY January 10, 1982

DATE	TIME	EHD	GROUP	# GUESTS	EVENT/ LOCATION	ADMINISTRATION PARTICIPANTS	PROJECT OFFICER
			No meetings at this time to forecast				mcb Black

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Attached Letter

We have received the attached letter regarding would-be emigres from Romania.

Dr. Gordon called to say that these Romanians may be sent to jail unless granted permission to enter the U. S.

Please advise as to how we should respond to Dr. Gordon.

Enclosure

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703-549-0047

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Holy Trinity Cathedral

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former Embassy, Moscow

Mr. John Whitehead
Lawyer



Christian Rescue Effort
for the Emancipation of Dissidents

January 6, 1983

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

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to you with an urgent request for your personal assistance for two families in the United States with members in Romania trying to join them here. One case involves four children under the age of seven.

In both of these cases, the family members in Romania have received papers from their government giving them permission to leave. However, they are prevented from joining their family members here because they also need permission from our own U.S. Embassy in Bucharest. This permission is lacking due to unavailability of "space" in the appropriate reunification program.

The urgency is due to the fact that the Romanian papers for these families are due to expire within a very few days and when that happens, it is anticipated that they will not be renewed by the authorities and in fact, there will be imprisonment because they are now considered unpatriotic. Some family members have previously been imprisoned for these same reasons.

We plead with you to take immediate personal action to assure that these persons receive whatever permission and numbers they need from our own Embassy in Bucharest within the next few days before expiration of their Romanian documents.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest Gordon
Dr. Ernest Gordon
President

✓cc: Morton Blackwell

Seeking to leave Romania:

The Rogoveanu Family:

John and Ellen Rogoveanu

George and Florica Rogoveanu

- and their four children

The Placinta Family:
their four children

Daniela

Adriana

Cornelia

Daniel

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*
SUBJECT: Speaking Engagement in France

I have been invited by a French organization to speak to a conference of student leaders in early March. Attached is a copy of their letter of invitation. They have offered to pay my expenses but not an honorarium.

Would it be appropriate for me to accept this invitation and receive reimbursement for travel and lodging? Since they are preparing the printed program, they would appreciate prompt word as to whether or not I will be able to attend.

Enclosure

January 5, 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

On behalf of the Director of Mouvement des Jeunes Pour la Liberte de l'Enseignement, M. Remy Lescure, I am authorized to invite you to participate in a conference in Paris on the development of youth activities in the public policy field.

The MJLE is a youth movement of 15,000 students whose purpose is the preservation and support of non-public education in France. The MJLE believes that an alternative educational system provides a healthy environment for the growth of quality education, and an important set of options for the young people of France in an atmosphere of academic freedom.

M. Lescure, a university student himself, has asked me to develop contacts with U.S. experts so that the experience of youth groups in America might foster international cooperation, and assist French youth in reaching their goals with greater efficiency. The MJLE is therefore organizing a seminar for a select group of MJLE leaders to study American methods of organization and leadership development. The conference will be held in Paris, and is tentatively scheduled for March 4th, 5th, and 6th.

The MJLE is a student organization which is non-partisan and devoted to educational concerns. MJLE will, of course, pay for your travel, lodging, and other necessary expenses, but will be unable to pay an honorarium.

We hope to hear from you soon. We would like to welcome you as a guest to Paris.

Sincerely,

Eric M. Lebec

Eric M. Lebec
President

Culture et Promotion Populaire
15 Rue de Grenelle
Paris 7

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ERNEST GORDON, PRESIDENT
CREED

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Romanians

We have requested quick action.

The attached is for your information.

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 11, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR STANLEY E. MORRIS
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: RICHARD A. HAUSER
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Letter from Christian Rescue Effort
for the Emancipation of Dissidents
re: Prospective Romanian Emigrees

Attached for your review and such consultation with the Immigration and Naturalization Service or other action as may be appropriate is a copy of the above-referenced letter to the President concerning prospective emigrees from Romania who are attempting to join their families in the United States.

Since the letter indicates that time is of the essence, it would be helpful if you could look into this matter and advise our office of its status as soon as possible.

Thanks very much for your help.

Attachment

cc: Morton C. Blackwell ←
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison



Commonwealth of Kentucky

36TH DISTRICT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TOM RINER
State Representative

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January 7, 1983

CLAUDIA RINER
Administrative Assistant

DISTRICT OFFICE
1143 E. Broadway
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Mr. Morton Blackwell
Room 191, Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Having just returned from a two week fact-finding mission to Romania, I can verify the urgent need for President Reagan to take immediate action on the enclosed resolution -- to bring relief to key Christian families.

✓ Many Democrats like myself are working with Dick Dingman to do everything possible to save the Placinta and Rogoveanu families from a life of constant torment by their government's secret police.

You must act immediately ... if these families are to be saved from such a fate.

Senator Gene Huff and I witnessed the kind of constant intimidation and persecution Christian leaders receive once they apply for their papers to emigrate. While in Romania, we talked with many of the leaders and hundreds of Romanian believers who told us exactly what happened to them when they applied for a passport to leave Romania.

Sincerely,

Tom Riner

P.S. You will be interested to know that your friend Dwight Bratcher lives next door to us ... and his wife teaches in our Christian school. I pastor the church where they attend.

A RESOLUTION calling on President Reagan to take immediate action to secure the authorization for release of the Placinta and Rogoveanu families from Romania.

WHEREAS, for the past several years, the Placinta and Rogoveanu families have worked to secure authorization from the Romanian government in order to emigrate to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Placinta family is comprised of four children, Adriana, Cornelia, Daniel and Daniela, all under the age of seven, who are seeking to be reunited with their parents who escaped to the United States and became citizens--the children were left behind for fear that they may have been shot while attempting to cross the border; and

WHEREAS, John and Ellen Rogoveanu have a son, George, and his wife Florica who have four children, that are trying to leave Romania; and

WHEREAS, these two families received authorization from the Socialist Republic of Romania to emigrate; however, said authorization will expire within the next several days; and

WHEREAS, the Placinta and Rogoveanu families cannot emigrate until they receive additional authorization from the United States Embassy in Bucharest; and

WHEREAS, once emigration proceedings have been initiated, the Romanian government brands the individuals as

unpatriotic and the emigration action is considered to be an act against the state; and

WHEREAS, the Placinta and Rogoveanu families are afraid of harassment and reprisals in light of their "unpatriotic" desire to emigrate to the United States; and

WHEREAS, several family members of both the Placinta and the Rogoveanu families have already been imprisoned, while others have lost their jobs because of the emigration proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the United States authorities in Bucharest have reason to believe that the Placinta's and Rogoveanu's authorization will not be renewed due to their religious beliefs and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1 Section 1. That the House calls on President Reagan
2 to take immediate and personal action to assure that the
3 Placinta and Rogoveanu families receive the necessary
4 authorization from the United States Embassy in Bucharest
5 in order for these individuals to be reunited with their
6 families.

7 Section 2. That the Clerk of the House is directed

1 to transmit a copy of this resolution today, Friday,
2 January 7, 1983, directly to President Reagan and to
3 Morton Blackwell, Religious liaison for the President,
4 and also to the Socialist Republic of Romania Embassy in
5 Washington by airmail express.