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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
June 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Attached New York Times Clipping

As you know, last week I was interviewed by the
New York Times regarding relationships with conservatives.

Here is the result.

MCB:jet

1 Attachment a/s

Reagan 'Shift' Upsets Conservatives

By ROBERT PEAR

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 25 — Ideological conservatives, who provided the core of Ronald Reagan's support in 1980, have been deeply disappointed with his performance as President, especially what they regard as his growing moderation in advance of the 1984 campaign.

The conservatives said they agreed with most of Mr. Reagan's goals but felt he had been too timid in fighting for them. As an example, they noted that he was no longer pressing Congress to abolish the Department of Education.

Howard Phillips, chairman of the Conservative Caucus, said Mr. Reagan, in adopting a "nonconfrontational political strategy to mollify the Washington establishment," seemed to have forgotten the people who "sustained him in the political wilderness for all those years."

"President Reagan has not proposed, much less achieved, a balanced budget; has not fundamentally changed the nation's arms control policies, and has not stopped the buildup of Soviet power in the Western Hemisphere," Mr. Phillips said. "The failures are a result of his overarching strategy: articulating policy aspirations that inspire conservative hopes, but then pressing to implement those objectives only to the degree they can be accomplished by consensus. And consensus is impossible to achieve if fundamental change is the goal."

Betrayal of Principles Seen

Joel M. Skousen, executive editor of Conservative Digest, a monthly magazine published by Richard A. Viguerie, the conservative fund-raiser, said that "Mr. Reagan is now seen as untrustworthy by many conservatives who believe he has betrayed his own principles in an effort to appease his critics" on such domestic issues as education, welfare, the budget and taxes.

Ideological conservatives have been expressing similar views for at least a year, but their concerns take on special urgency as the 1984 election approaches. Many conservatives said the President seemed to take their support for granted, on the assumption that they had no place to go and would have to back him if he ran for re-election. The conservatives conceded they were unlikely to support another candidate, but said the more significant question was how hard they would work for Mr. Reagan if he ran.

"If the present trend continues, as we expect, ideological conservatives would withhold their support from the President," Mr. Skousen said. "We would not actively campaign for him."

John D. Lofton Jr., a conservative columnist for The Washington Times who calls himself an "unreconstructed Reaganite," said: "The President lacks the courage of his convictions, which are sound. Conservative activists are the core constituency of the Republican Party. If they sit on their hands in a close contest, Republican candidates

for the Presidency, for Congress and for local office would all be in trouble."

Morton C. Blackwell, a special assistant to the President who serves as his liaison agent with conservative organizations and religious groups, said he often heard such complaints. Insisting that Mr. Reagan did not take them for granted, Mr. Blackwell said, "Without the support of these conservative groups, we would never have won the nomination or the general election in 1980."

M. Stanton Evans, a syndicated columnist who is former chairman of the American Conservative Union, said the President had been "ill-served by some members of his staff who do not seem to share his commitment to the conservative program on which he ran."

Criticism by Anti-Abortionists

Mr. Evans contended that Mr. Reagan was surrounded by pragmatic advisers who were too willing to compromise. Foremost among these advisers, he said, are James A. Baker 3d, the White House chief of staff, and his deputy, Richard G. Darman, and Kenneth M. Duberstein, assistant to the President for legislative affairs.

"It is very difficult to administer a conservative revolution with people like that as your agents," Mr. Evans said, "because they are not conservative revolutionaries but pragmatists."

Gary L. Curran, a spokesman for the American Life Lobby, an anti-abortion

group, said he was disappointed with Reagan appointees at the Department of Health and Human Services.

Specifically, he said the officials had done little to curtail the use of Federal funds for lobbying by family planning clinics. In addition, he said the officials had been slow to investigate reports that hospitals withheld medical care or food and water from handicapped infants, allowing them to die.

Mr. Reagan's critics and supporters both observed that there were relatively few ideological conservatives with enough government experience to qualify for high-level, policy-making positions. "Conservatives by and large disliked and distrusted big government, especially the Federal Government, for so long that they did not know how it worked," the leader of a conservative organization said. Mr. Blackwell said the Reagan Administration was giving experience and credentials to "a whole generation of conservatives."

One conservative group still supporting Mr. Reagan is the National Conservative Political Action Committee, which plans to raise \$5 million for rallies and advertising to publicize the President's achievements. The committee, which is independent of the Republican Party, helped defeat four prominent liberal Senators in 1980 and mounted negative advertising campaigns against several Democratic members of Congress last year.

Majority Expect Second-Term Try

Seventy-nine percent of the prospective voters surveyed now expect President Reagan to seek re-election, according to the Gallup Poll's report of the responses of people questioned May 20-23.

The findings represent a substantial increase over the 59 percent of voters who expected the President to seek a second term when asked a similar question this time last year. But unchanged, according to the Gallup Poll, was the 36 percent of voters who said they would like to see the President run again.

Over the past 14 months of surveys the percentage who favor a Reagan re-election effort has varied by only one or two percentage points in polling samples that have a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

Mr. Reagan also gained some ground, compared with recent polls, in voter ratings of his performance. Forty-six percent of those responding said they approved of his handling of the job as President, up slightly from 41 percent in December, and 43 percent said they disapproved, down slightly from the 50 percent disapproval rating as recently as March.

The pollsters said that in the four polls since March 1982 the percentage of those surveyed who favor Mr. Reagan's seeking a second term has consistently lagged behind those who approve of his performance as President.

67 percent favoring a second Reagan candidacy shows little significant change over the last 14 months. One Republican in three would either disapprove of or is uncommitted on the question of a re-election drive.

The findings were based on personal interviews with 1,534 adults, of whom 377 were Republicans, 630 were Democrats and 472 were independents.

Governor of Kentucky Enters A Hospital With Chest Pains

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 25 (UPI) — Gov. John Y. Brown was listed in satisfactory condition today after being hospitalized when he complained Friday night of chest and back pains.

Governor Brown, 49 years old, was admitted at the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center at the University of Kentucky at 12:30 A.M. for "evaluation and testing," said Frank Fox, a spokesman for the Governor.

Mr. Fox said Governor Brown had not suffered a heart attack.

Governor Brown was hospitalized for five days in March 1982 for problems related to high blood pressure. He said then that his difficulties came from "pushing myself too much, and at my age you can't push yourself 18 hours a

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR LYNN WOOD

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Rod Hastie

I understand you have an interview with Rod Hastie on Friday, July 1.

Rod is an outstanding young man who worked in the Reagan youth effort in 1980, which I oversaw. He did outstanding work for us in central Florida. He is strongly committed to the President's philosophy. He is interested in a non-career (Schedule C) job, and he has worked very hard to get this interview.

I would greatly appreciate any courtesy that you can extend to him. He is first class.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: DENNIS R. PATRICK

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Claire Lizana

I have checked out Mrs. Lizana. It happens that I am well acquainted with L.S.U. Law Professor, John Baker, who recommended her. We discussed her at some length; I am quite satisfied that she is a solid supporter of the President's political philosophy and would be an excellent choice for appointment. Her resume makes her hard for the liberals to attack, but I do not think we would have anything to worry about in her performance on the Legal Services Corporation Board.

MCB:jet

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: June 24, 1983

TO: Morton Blackwell

FROM: DENNIS R. PATRICK *DRP*
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL PERSONNEL
ROOM 153 EXT. 7146

SUBJECT: Claire Lizana

COMMENTS: Another candidate for Legal
Services Corporation from Louisiana.

She had all the right answers in our
interview. We'd appreciate any help you
could provide in "referencing" her in
Louisiana.

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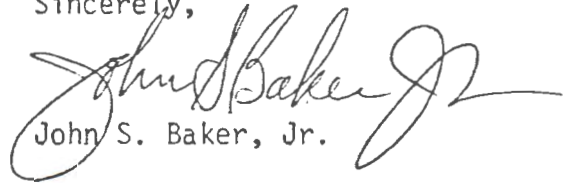
May 26, 1983

Mr. Dennis Daugherty
Vice President
Legal Services Corporation
733--15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dennis:

Enclosed is the resume of Ms. Clarine Lizana, about whom we spoke, as well as my expanded background statement.

Sincerely,



John S. Baker, Jr.

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Enclosures

Clarine L. Lizana
PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

September, 1977 First female apprentice member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Mississippi.

September, 1979 Volunteer leader of Red Cross Shelter at West Elementary in Gulfport, Mississippi during Hurricane Frederick. Oversaw efforts to secure and control over 250 men, women and children from surrounding area, including 8 pregnant women, 7 paraplegics and 4 heart patients.

May, 1980 Appointed Press Secretary for Local 903 in Gulfport, Mississippi.

August, 1980 One of several guest speakers at 5th District Regional meeting of Labor Department Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. Asked to address specific problems and successes of women in trades.

May, 1981 First female Journeyman Wireman member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in the state of Mississippi.

August, 1982 Assisted in the co-ordination and staff and equipment for Problem Pregnancy Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

September, 1982 Formed boys under eight soccer team, the Flames. Coached them to the State Tournament in May, 1983.

RESUME

Clarine L. Lizana
600 E. Roosevelt #351
Baton Rouge, LA. 70802
(504) 344-3322

Born: June 22, 1952
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 135
Hair & Eyes: Brown

Married
Robert V. Lizana

1 child
Damien Lizana
Feb. 17, 1975

EDUCATION:

September 1958 - June 1966 Holy Rosary Elementary, Republic, PA.

September 1966 - June 1970 Father Kolb Memorial High School, Mason-town, PA.

September 1970 - June 1974 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL.
B.A. Sociology. Major course work in Political Sociology.

June 1974 - August 1974 Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
Summer course work in French.

September 1974 - June 1975 University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. Part-time coursework in Economics and Advanced French.

June 1975 - August 1975 Monterey Institute of Foreign Studies, Monterey, CA. Summer course work in Advanced Russian.

September 1977 - May 1981 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Apprenticeship School. Weekly classes in electrical theory and application at Local Union 903 in Gulfport, MS.

HOBBIES:

Designing and sewing clothes. Culinary arts. Coaching boys under eight soccer team. Volunteer work at local church and Pregnancy Problem Center.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

September 1970 - June 1972 STUDENT SUPERVISOR in Business Office of Daily Egyptian. Responsible for accounts receivable, classified section and personnel in office. Also responsible for training new personnel and compiling a job description and function book.

September 1972 - June 1974 DIRECTOR'S AIDE in Financial Aid Office at S.I.U.. Responsible for applications and correspondence concerning financial aid programs. Gerry White, supervisor.

REFERENCES ON REQUEST

September 1974 - February 1975 CO-ORDINATOR of Women's Studies Center at University of Cincinnati. Job entailed accumulation and filing of information pertinent to women's studies, also involved co-ordinating efforts between various offices of university toward a similar goal.

September 1977 - March 1981 APPRENTICE JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN. Entered International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers apprenticeship program at Local 903 in Gulfport, MS.

September 1977 - August 1978

Kennedy Electric of Pascagoula, MS. Three months at NATCO and PACECO jobsites in Gulfport. Nine months at Dupont Plant in Delisle, MS. Jobs were both industrial in nature. Bill Hepler, superintendent.

August 1978 - December 1978

Sharp Electric, Gulfport, MS. Air conditioning of public schools, commercial work. Troy Herring, superintendent; Tom Morgan, owner.

April 1979

Gulf Electric, Biloxi, MS. Wiring of water pump tower and concret mixing machinery. Billy Jordan, superintendent.

May 1979 - November 1980

Kennedy Electric, Pascagoula, MS. Keesler Air Force Base Hospital in Biloxi, MS. Ray Kennedy, superintendent.

January 1981 - March 1981

SEPCO, Pascagoula, MS. Shutdown of Moss Point Paper Mill. Leo Foster, General Foreman.

March 1981 - August 1981 JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN. Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant, Port Gibson, MS. Start up for Bechtel Corporation. Jim Lewis, General Foreman.

September 1981 - May 1982 JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN. Newtron, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA. Installation, maintenance and repair contract at Kaiser Aluminium Plant. Dan Stewart, General Foreman.

July 1982 - October 1982 JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN. Commonwealth Electric of Lincoln, NB. Strategic Oil Preserve at Bayou Choctaw in Louisiana. Robert Sterling, superintendent.

November 1982 - December 1982 JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN. Saia Electric, Baton Rouge, LA. Installation, maintenance and repair contract at Exxon Corporation in Baton Rouge, LA. Glenn Redd, superintendent.

January 1983 - April 1983 JOURNEYMAN WIREMAN. Fountain Electric of Jackson, MS. Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant at NASA Test facilities. Randy Brown, General Foreman.

Reasons for leaving all but one of these jobs was a reduction in force. I have never been fired from any job.

JOB PROSPECTUS:

I am seeking a position which will employ both my mental and mechanical skills. I am a very responsible person and function well under stress. I am very capable in communicating both orally and on paper. I am also good with figures and drawings.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JOHN ROUSSELOT

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: June 30th MX Implementation Group Meeting

Pursuant to your request, I sat in for you at this meeting.

The meeting convened at about 2:15 p.m. and adjourned at 2:45 p.m. Ken Duberstein chaired.

Duberstein said he was uneasy about the MX vote. He expects it to be tough in the Senate. If we win in the Senate, it will be easier in the House. Russ Rourke, of Legislative Affairs in the Pentagon said he had his network prepared on instant notice to make 200 calls to shore up wavering Members of Congress. Duberstein replied, "to start making the calls now" rather than wait until after the July 4th Recess.

I delieved your strong message that the Vice President should be the one to call Lane Kirkland. Duberstein said that the Bush call is in the works and will be made.

Duberstein repeatedly emphasized the critical nature of labor union and defense industry activity prior to the votes in both Houses. He specifically requested that you need to start meetings of business leaders with members of the MX Implementation Group "early in the week of July 11th."

As I was meeting with this group for the first time, I did not know all the players and thus cannot give you much useful information about points made other than those discussed above. I think, however, that I covered the major points for you.

Duberstein announced that the next meeting of the Group would be at 2:00 p.m., Monday, July 11.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR FRED FIELDING

VIA: JONATHAN VIPOND III

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

I addressed the National Conservative Political Action Committee(NCPAC) Congressional Salute Dinner June 28, 1983. This dinner was to honor the members of Congress for their support of the President and the Republican Party platform of 1980. Attached is a copy of my remarks which were directed to congressional races. Also enclosed is a copy of the letter I read from the President and the invitation stating the purpose of this event and the disposition of the funds raised from this dinner.

I would appreciate your office providing those of us who deal with organizations that are or will be supporting the President for re-election with a set of guidelines.

cc: Ed Rollins

Remarks to NCPAC Dinner, June 28, 1983, Watergate Hotel
by Morton C. Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President

Thank you for that generous introduction.

It is my pleasure to represent the President here tonight. I understand that your purpose here is to honor Members of Congress who by their votes gave the greatest support to the President and the platform on which he ran in 1980.

Unfortunately, too few Members of Congress merited these awards. I understand that NCPAC is taking steps to ensure that many of those who didn't win awards this evening will be replaced in 1984 by others who are more conservative.

For years I published analyses of the activities of political action committees. The consistent pattern of Terry Dolan's NCPAC has always been to seek out those close, hard-fought congressional races where its efforts might make the difference between defeat and victory for conservative candidates. Unlike some other PACs, NCPAC did its best not to make big contributions to conservative sure winners or to conservatives, no matter how principled, who were sure losers. Terry always

tries to put his resources where they will do the most good.

Now I know that Terry is controversial. He seems to thrive on making liberals mad. Terry understands something Franklin Roosevelt understood: politics necessarily means controversy. You can't make friends of your enemies by making enemies of your friends. No matter what Terry's enemies say, the man who recruited Jim Abdnor to run against George McGovern can't be all bad.

Terry Dolan played a major role in building the winning coalition which gave us more election victories than anyone expected in 1980. With your help, Terry's award ceremony two years from now will give out many more plaques and trophies.

Here is a letter I have been sent to read:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 28, 1983

I am delighted to send my warm greetings to all those gathered for the National Conservative Political Action Committee's Congressional Salute Dinner.

This event provides a fine opportunity for us to recognize and show appreciation for the principled accomplishments of the outstanding Americans honored on this occasion. The Members of Congress you salute tonight have repeatedly demonstrated their overriding commitment to the fundamental values that ushered America into the company of great nations. Their devotion to sound economic progress, reduced government spending, a strengthened defense posture, and a more determined foreign and national security policy is the foundation of the renewed vigor of our country at home and abroad.

Their courage and records of achievement serve as an inspiring display of what our people can do when they are properly informed and motivated. Indeed, the efforts of such leaders are helping shape the destiny of our nation and the Free World.

Nancy joins me in wishing you a delightful evening and continued success in the future.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: Presidential Greeting to the Captive Nations
Vigil Committee

Attached is a memorandum to Dodie Livingston for your signature along with a draft of a letter of greeting you could read Saturday to the Captive Nations Vigil.

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Attachments a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR DODIE LIVINGSTON

FROM: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

SUBJECT: Presidential Greetings to Captive Nations
Vigil, July 2, 1983

A broad coalition of groups supporting the President's policy in Central America are holding a demonstration near the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial on Saturday. I will address the gathering. I think it is appropriate to bring greetings from the President in appreciation of their support.

Attached is a draft letter of greeting which I could read.

Can you arrange for this letter or other appropriate message from the President and get the greeting to me by close of business on Friday?

Attachments a/s

DRAFT LETTER FOR PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

I am pleased to share with you today my appreciation of the sentiments for which your Captive Nations Vigil has gathered today and yesterday, near the site of two of our Nation's most significant memorials.

Your gathering today is in memory of the millions of the world's citizens who have died as victims of Communist oppression, and in support of those who today fight in their homelands for individual liberty and to protect their very lives and precious freedoms. In a world in which many look aside and ignore the evidence of genocide -- in Afghanistan, in Nicaragua, in Cambodia, and in many other nations -- you are to be commended for your recognition of the United States' unique and sacred role as a guardian of freedom.

Many Americans take for granted our ability to choose our own leaders, to meet where we want and with whom we wish, to write and say what we please. We too often forget that millions of the world's citizens do not enjoy these rights -- and that many pay with their lives for even a hope of freedom.

Your gatherings over these two days have helped serve as a reminder. A reminder to the American people of their sacred responsibility to assist those who require our help to protect their basic freedoms and even their very lives. A reminder to freedom fighters the world over that the United States stands with them in their fight against tyranny. A reminder to totalitarian governments and those who seek to

oppress their countrymen, and people of other lands and countries: the United States will not sit idly by while the freedom of the world's citizens are threatened.

I join with you today in sad commemoration of the memory of the victims of communist oppression. The list of captive nations has grown considerably since the first Communist government took power in 1917. We must join together in solid affirmation that the list of captive nations should not and cannot grow longer, and we must work and pray for the day when no people, no nation, and no individual need be held "captive" any longer.

RONALD REAGAN

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1983

I welcome the opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to all who participate in the Captive Nations Vigil near the site of two of our nation's most significant memorials.

You gather in memory of the millions of people who have died as victims of Communist oppression and in support of those who, even today, fight in their homelands to protect their lives and their precious freedoms.

Many look away and ignore the evidence of genocide in Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Cambodia, and certain other nations around the globe. But you see what's going on, and I commend your recognition of the United States' unique and sacred role as a guardian of freedom.

Many Americans take for granted our ability to choose our own leaders, meet where we want and with whom we wish, and write and say what we please. It's too easy to forget that millions of the world's citizens do not enjoy these rights and that many pay with their lives for even a hope of freedom.

Your gathering over these two days helps serve as a reminder to the American people that it is our sacred responsibility to assist those needing our help to protect their basic freedoms and even their very lives. Your presence here is an important reminder to freedom fighters the world over that this nation stands with them in their fight against tyranny. Your presence is also a reminder to totalitarian governments and those who seek to oppress their countrymen that the United States will not stand idly by while the freedom of the world's citizens is threatened.

I am proud to join with you in tribute to the memory of the victims of Communist oppression. The list of captive nations has grown considerably since the first Communist government took office in 1917. We must affirm our belief that the list of captive nations should not and cannot grow longer, and we must work and pray for the day when no people, no nation, and no individual are held captive any longer.

Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO ANNE HIGGINS

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 
SUBJECT: Proposed Letter for President's Signature

The American Legion wants a response, dated May 4, 1983 to the attached letter to the President from the National Commander.

Enclosed is an appropriate draft. Please make sure the letter is dated May 4. They will reprint it in their national magazine.

Please give my office a call (2657) when the letter is ready and we will pick it up for delivery to the American Legion.

Thank you.

MCB:jet

PROPOSED LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

May 4, 1983

National Commander Al Keller, Jr.
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Keller:

Thank you for your letter of April 28, supporting the proposed bipartisan plan of action for Central America which I presented to a joint session of Congress on April 27.

A communist takeover of Central America would endanger the United States' economy, present severe national security problems and ^{result in} ~~subject us to~~ ^{new} millions of refugees crowding into our country.

In discharging my responsibilities to conduct America's foreign policy, it was very gratifying to receive such a strong endorsement from the nation's largest veterans' organization.

I look forward to receiving the active support of millions of Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary from all over the country in the days ahead. A continued, concerted effort by concerned Americans is imperative if we are to protect our vital interests in Central America and fulfill our moral obligations to those seeking a better life under free institutions.

Thanks for stepping forward in a time of national challenge.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

THE AMERICAN LEGION

1608 K STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

Memorandum to:

Joyce

DATE 7-1-83

Enclosed is the proposed Presidential response to our National Commander's letter of April 28 (copy also enclosed). It would be best if the response could be dated in early May as on the draft. Thanks for your cooperation.

Harry Sullivan

861-2730

(WHITE HOUSE LETTER HEAD)

May 4, 1983

National Commander Al Keller, Jr.
The American Legion
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Mr. Keller:

Thank you for your letter of April 28 supporting the proposed *bipartisan* plan of action for Central America which I presented to a joint session of Congress on April 27. *A communist takeover of Central America would endanger the United States' economy, present severe national security problems and subject us to millions of refugees growing into our country.*
In discharging my responsibilities to conduct America's foreign policy, it was very gratifying to receive such a strong endorsement from the nation's largest veterans' organization.

I look forward to receiving the active support of millions of Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary from all over the country in the days ahead. A continued, concerted effort by concerned Americans is imperative if we are to protect our vital interests in Central America and fulfill our moral obligations to those seeking a better life under free institutions.

Thanks for stepping forward in a time of national challenge.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The American Legion

★ WASHINGTON OFFICE ★ 1608 "K" STREET, N. W. ★ WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 ★



OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER

April 28, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The American Legion's 2.6 million members throughout the nation heartily applaud and endorse the comprehensive plan of action for Central America you described to the Congress on April 27, 1983. We are convinced that your approach is practical, suited to the area, and offers the best hope for success. It is a plan all Americans, of whatever persuasion, can, and should, endorse. As has unfortunately happened repeatedly in the Twentieth Century, America must belatedly recognize a serious threat to her interests and unite behind a common endeavor. No more delay or avoiding the issue can be tolerated. Only determined, coordinated and resolute action under U.S. leadership can avoid a creeping Pearl Harbor--and this time not thousands of miles distant in the Pacific--but within several hundred miles of our shores.

Bipartisan action, as you so rightly suggested, is most assuredly vital to promoting democracy in Central America. Now is the time when America must--if it is to survive and prosper in the long run as a beacon of liberty--reestablish the very effective bipartisan approach to foreign policy and national security policy that prevailed in the immediate post-war era. That period of enlightened statesmanship created the institutions and policies establishing a military deterrent shield behind which an unprecedented expansion of Western democracy and economic development occurred. The challenge now is to recapture the spirit that responded to early challenges to create such successful innovations as the OAS, NATO, World Bank and IMF. New international institutions are probably not required at present, but a similar bipartisan spirit, long-range commitment, and willingness to sacrifice are essential.

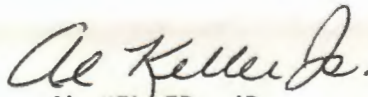
Your four-part program of action addresses the needs of the area in a balanced, internally consistent manner. Democratic reform, economic development aid, security assistance, and support for flexible negotiations consistent with U.S. goals is a combined approach suitable to the needs of fending off external threats while seeking to promote the growth of democratic, equitable societies.

The American Legion has been a leading voice among those seeking to alert America to its vital interests in the Caribbean Basin and Central America. Following through on our concern for the Panama Canal Treaties, we looked intensively at Central America and, in 1980, formed a Western Hemisphere Task Force to study the area and report to the American people. The task force published an extensive study on the Caribbean Basin last year, which led us to adopt a program very similar to yours. However, we go one giant step beyond your Caribbean Basin Initiative, which we nevertheless strongly support. We call for a "Marshall-type Plan" for the Caribbean Basin. As we see it, the Caribbean Basin suffers from an economic-political malady which makes it susceptible to communist aggression just as war-devastated Western Europe was susceptible to communist aggression in the wake of World War II. Such a plan is called for because that approach features coordinated programs, significant funding, regional cooperation, and a long-term commitment. Today, we endorse General Marshall's advice in 1947 to devise "a cure rather than a palliative." For a "Marshall-type Plan" would flow logically from the formation laid in your four-part strategy by providing a long-term program to promote freedom and prosperity in the Caribbean Basin.

As another expression of concern for the vital importance of Central America to U.S. national security, I devoted my "Commander's Message" in the May issue of The American Legion Magazine to debunking the "Vietnam syndrome." I believe the three million copies distributed of that article will help to convince concerned Americans that we cannot allow incorrect lessons drawn from the Vietnam War to restrict American policy. Carried to its logical conclusion, the "Vietnam syndrome" would tie America's hands and lead inexorably to withdrawal into Fortress America with a concomitant diminishment of freedom and prosperity throughout the world.

Let me assure you, our members will continue to support a sound program for protecting vital American interests and security in Central America and encouraging those in the area truly seeking democracy, justice, and freedom.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Al Keller, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

AL KELLER, JR.
National Commander

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR LANGHORN A. MOTLEY

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

Here is a resume and correspondence from Brad Cates who is highly talented, strong Reagan supporter and anxious to work for you.

I urge you to interview him for possible employment under you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JONATHAN VIPOND, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: "Areas of Specialization"

I reviewed the list distributed at our staff meeting yesterday. I suggest the following changes:

1. Add me to the list of those concerned with abortion. Most major pro-life groups are integral parts of the conservative coalition with which I work. And, unfortunately, we are doing so little in this area that communicating our policy is not very time consuming.
2. Add by my name the topics of: Central America, Prayer, and Pornography. We have significant activity in all three areas.
3. Add Dee Jepsen's name to mine by Religion. It is important that I continue to handle School Prayer and Tuition Tax Credits, but many other topics could and should be shared with Dee. If a public announcement were made that she and I now share responsibility for religious groups, that would tend to spread the load and be of great help to me.

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<u>AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION</u>	<u>OPD</u>	<u>OPL</u>
Abortion	Uhlmann/Galebach	Tiller/Jepsen/Buckalew
ACTION	Carleson/Bradley	Tiller/Jepsen/Buckalew
Agriculture (Not Food Stamps)	Boggs/B. Leonard	Rousselot/Jepsen
Agriculture (Food Stamps)		Rousselot
Antitrust & Trade Regulation	Uhlmann	Jacobi
Auto Industry	Gunn/Garfinkel	Tiller/Jacobi/Rousselot
Banking	Porter	Rousselot
Black Colleges	Carleson/Bradley	Tiller/Buckalew
Block Grants	Carleson/Bradley	Rousselot
Civil Aeronautics Board	Uhlmann	Jacobi
Commerce	Gunn/Garfinkel	Jacobi/Rousselot
Communications	Uhlmann/Gunn	Tiller/Jacobi
Community Development (HUD)	Carleson	Gale
Corporation for Public Broadcasting	Uhlmann	Jacobi
Consumer Product Safety Commission	Uhlmann	Jacobi
Civil Rights Commission	Uhlmann/Bradley/Hobson	
Civil Rights Policy	Uhlmann/Bradley/Hobson	Tiller
Crime	Uhlmann	Tiller
Defense/Weapon Systems & Research		Rousselot
Depository Institutions Deregulation Comm.	Porter/McAllister	Rousselot
Disaster/Emergency Preparedness	Uhlmann	Rousselot/Tiller
Drug Abuse Policy	Turner/D. Leonard Uhlmann, Carleson	Buckalew/Tiler
Economics	Porter	Jacobi/Rousselot
Education	Carleson, Barr	Buckalew/Tiller
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Uhlmann/Bradley/Hobson	

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	<u>OPD</u>	<u>OPL</u>
Equal Employment for Women	Uhlmann/Bradley, Hobson	Jepsen, Tiller, Buckalew
Energy	Boggs	Gale/Jacobi
Enterprise Zones	Carleson/Bradley	Tiller/Rousselot
Environment & EPA	Boggs/M. Smith	Jacobi
Environment Protection Agency	Boggs/M. Smith	Jacobi
Export/Import Bank	Gunn/Porter	Jacobi
Federal Budget Process	Porter	Jacobi/Rousselot
FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Administration)	Uhlmann	Rousselot
Federal Communications Commission	Uhlmann/Gunn	Tiller/Jacobi
Federal Credit Policy	Porter/McAllister	Rousselot
Federal Energy Regulatory Comm.	Uhlmann/Gunn/Boggs	Jacobi/Rousselot
Federal Home Loan Bank Board	Porter	Rousselot
Federalism (Including ACIR)	Carleson	Buckalew
Federal Natl. Mortgage Assn.	Porter/McAlister	Rousselot
Federal Reserve & Monetary Policy	Porter	Jacobi/Rousselot
Fed. Savings & Loan Insurance Co.	Porter/McAllister	Tiller/Rousselot
Federal Trade Commission	Uhlmann	Buckalew/Jacobi
Finance (Corporate & Government)	Porter	Rousselot
Food & Drug Administration	Uhlmann	
Food Stamps	Carleson	Rousselot/Jepsen Tiller
Gas Deregulation		Rousselot/Jacobi
General Services Administration	Uhlmann/Bradley	Tiller
Govt. Natl. Mortgage Assn.	Porter	Rousselot
Gun Control	Uhlmann/Barr/Galebach	Blackwell

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Health	Carleson/Roper	Buckalew
Housing Production & Finance	Porter/McAlister	Rousselot
Immigration	Uhlmann/Bradley	Tiller/Villalpando
Indians	Uhlmann	Tiller
Interior	Boggs/M. Smith	Jacobi/Rousselot
Interstate Commerce Comm.	Uhlmann	Jacobi
International Law	Uhlmann	Jacobi
International Trade Comm.	Gunn	Jacobi
Justice	Uhlmann	
Labor	Porter	Riggs/Tiller
Law of the Sea	Uhlmann	Jacobi
Legal Services	Uhlmann	Blackwell
Maritime Policy	Gunn/Uhlmann	Jacobi
Military Manpower	Uhlmann	Rousselot
Minority Business Dev. Agency	Gunn/Bradley	Tiller/Jacobi/Cathi V.
NASA	Boggs	Rousselot
Natl. Credit Union Adm.	Porter/McAlister	Rousselot
Natl. Endowment for the Arts	Uhlmann	Buckalew/Tiller
Natl. Endowment for Humanities	Uhlmann	Buckalew
Natl. Science Foundation	Boggs	Buckalew/Jacobi
Natl. Security (Impacting Domestic Excluding Selective Service)	Porter	Gale/Tiller
Natural Resources	Boggs/M. Smith	Jacobi
Nuclear Regulatory Comm.	Boggs/M. Smith	
Pension Policy	Porter/Denend	Jepsen/Buckalew
Postal Issues	Uhlmann	Buckalew
Poverty Issues Generally	Carleson/Bradley, Hobson	Buckalew

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Puerto Rico	Carleson/Bradley	Villalpando/Tiller
Refugee & Immigration	Uhlmann/Bradley	Gale
Regulatory Reform	Uhlmann/Boggs	Buckalew/Jacobi
Revenue Sharing	Carleson	Tiller
School Prayer	Uhlmann/Galebach	Gale
Security (OPD)	Uhlmann	
Securities Exchange Comm.	Uhlmann	Jacobi
Selective Service	Uhlmann	
Science & Technology	Boggs	Jacobi/Buckalew
Small Business Administrt.	Gunn/Bradley	Tiller/Rousselot/MJJ
Social Security	Carleson/Ferrara	Buckalew/Tiller
Tax Policy	Porter	Jacobi/Rousselot
Telecommunications Policy	Gunn/Uhlmann	Tiller/Jacobi
Thrift Industry	Porter/McAlister	Rousselot
Trade	Gunn/Porter	Jacobi
Transportation(Except Auto Industry)	Gunn/Porter	Jacobi/Tiller
Treasury(Except Revenue Sharing & Tax)	Porter	Rousselot/Jacobi
Tuition Tax Credits	Carleson/Porter/Barr	Gale/Tiller/Blackwell
Urban Affairs	Carleson	Tiller
Veterans Affairs	Carleson	Blackwell
Voluntary Organizations	Uhlmann/Galebach/ Bradley	
Welfare	Carleson/Bradley	Rousselot/Buckalew
Womens Issues	Uhlmann/Bradley	Jepsen/Jacobi/Tiller Buckalew

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: KEN STRIBLING

SUBJECT: Staff meeting of July 8

I attended the staff meeting today and took the following notes.

Morton, you are on the "tidbits" committee for the staff picnic on Wednesday at Faith's house. Tidbits are chips, hors d'oeuvre (sic), etc. Michael Gates is also on the committee. Please tell Beth in his office what you are going to bring by Monday. Also RSVP to her.

We need to get to Vipond by the end of the day twenty names of people to invite to the State dinner for the President of Portugal. Five names need to be in rank order by priority

We are getting a new word processor. It will be in Michael Gafe's office.

The schedule request for Boy's Nation has been approved.

George Saunders from Security will brief the staff on Wednesday, July 20, 1983.

Maiselle's new duties and her physical move will both take effect "sometime next week" according to JV.

I have attached two handouts that were passed around. Notice the two briefing papers due.

*Bring me
Ken's sheets
on which
we have
my list.*

*Get me
the paper
on this
I must
call Krasia.*

*Ken,
what's status of Optimists' data?*

PUBLIC LIAISON BRIEFING PAPERS/TALKING POINTS REPORT

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
83/07/01	Buckalew	Pres. to have lunch with Marva Collins	83/07/08, Noon	Background/Briefing Paper
83/07/08	Blackwell	Pres. photo with Donald Strub, Optimists	07/14/83, 4:30 PM	Background/Briefing Paper
83/07/10	Blackwell	Pres. meet with Pro-School leaders	7/12/83, 4:15 PM	Talking Points/Briefing Paper
83/07/12	Labor Liaison	Pres. to address Intern. Longshoremen's Assoc.	83/07/18	Briefing Paper
83/07/20	Buckalew	Pres. to greet & photo with Nat. Multiple Sclerosis Society 1983 Mother & Father of the Year	83/07/21, 1:00	Briefing Paper/Remarks
83/07/27	Buckalew	Pres. to attend National Council of Negro Women	83/07/28,	Briefing Paper

PUBLIC LIAISON SCHEDULING PROPOSAL REPORT

<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>EVENT DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
	Ryan/Jacobi	Promotion Marketing Assoc. award presentation to Pres.	Open	White House
ASAP	Ryan/Jacobi	Drop by to awards present. Meese LEAD program	83/07/13	Rose Gd/4500EOB
ASAP	Bradley	Pres to address <u>Friday</u> <u>Network</u>		Boston, MA
ASAP	Villalpando	Pres. to participate in 1983 Hispanic World's Fair	83/07/15	New York
ASAP	Gale	Pres. to address Intern. League for Repatriation of Russian Jews	83/10/29	New York City
ASAP	FRW/Deaver/Bradley	Pres. to meet with Rev. T. J. Jemison, Pres. Nat. Baptist Conv.	83/07/18	Oval Office
ASAP	FRW/Deaver/Bradley	Pres. to meet with Rev. E.V. Hill of LA	ASAP	Oval Office
ASAP	Buckalew	Presidential Taped Message Fifth Annual Media Awards CA Governor's Committee for Employment Handicapped	83/07/23	
ASAP	Blackwell	Pres. to host reception or luncheon for officers and directors of Boys Clubs of America	83/11	White House

DUE DATE	ACTION	EVENT	EVENT DATE	LOCATION
ASAP	Gale/Ryan	Pres to visit Jewish Community Center of S. Broward, Fl	83/07/18	Hollywood, FL
ASAP	Gale/Ryan	Pres. to meet with medium to express concern of violation of human rights in Soviet Union re oppression of Jewish family	Open	East Room
83/06/06	Vipond	Pres. to attend 29th Biennial World Scouting Conf.	83/07/18	Dearborn, MI
83/06/09	Kojelis	Pres. to attend Italian Catholic Federation 53rd Annual National Conv.	83/09/02	San Jose, CA.
83/06/20	Wrobleski/Buckalew	The First Lady Meet with Nurses attending multi-state Regional Conference.	83/11/16	Washington, D.C.
83/06/22	Ryan/Gale	Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations meeting with President.	Open	The Cabinet Room
83/07/08	Buckalew	Pres. to address opening ceremony of XIII World Congress Intern. Union of Angiology	83/09/12	Rochester, MI
83/07/11	Jacobi/Ryan	Pres. to address annual national conv. Water Pollution Control Fed.	83/10/04	Atlanta, GA
83/07/12	Blackwell/Ryan	Pres. to meet with American Legion Boys' Nation	83/07/29	Rose Barden

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<u>DUE DATE</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>EVENT DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
83/07/15	Ryan/Rousselot	President address Independent Insurance Agents of America	9/26/83 am	San Francisco, CA
83/07/15	Fitzgerald/JB/CV	VP Address Inter-American College of Physicians and Surgeons	83/07/29	Capital Hilton
83/07/21	Ryan/Gale	Mrs. Reagan attend Greater Miami Jewish Federation's Annual Judah Luncheon	84/01/10	Miami
83/07/21	Buckalew/Ryan	Pres. to meet with health care providers for annual health forum	83/10/06	East Room
83/07/21	Gale/Ryan	Pres. to meet with approx. 20 United Jewish Appeal leaders.	83/09/06	Cabinet Room
83/07/21	Gale/Ryan	Pres. to participate Council of Jewish Federation's General Assembly	83/11/16	Atlanta, VA
83/07/21	Kojelis/Ryan	Pres. to host reception for Chinese-Americans	83/08	Residence
83/07/21	Kojelis/Ryan	Pres. to host a reception honoring European & Asian American ethnic news editors	83/07	Residence
83/08/21	Gale/Ryan	Pres. to address Second Annual Hineni Conference United Jewish Appeal	83/09/25	New York City

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July 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

FROM: Joyce E. Thomann

SUBJECT: OPL Staff Meeting, July 1, 1983

At 1:00 p.m. this date, Mrs. Whittlesey had a meeting of the OPL staff at which she made the following announcements:

1. She realizes that we are overworked and understaffed, but that things WILL NOT get better. OPL will continue to operate with a staff no greater than 35 and will "do more with less".
2. She emphasized the importance to the group that anything written must always be written with the thought in mind that it may appear in the Washington Post. She cited as an example the handwritten note by Wayne Valis which appeared on the front pages of the Post on Monday of this week.
3. She announced the appointment of Maiselle Shortley as Office Manager for OPL.
 - a. As a part of the duties of the Office Manager, Mrs. Shortley will keep track of the entire time schedule of ALL Special Assistants. Therefore, each Special Assistant is to send to Mrs. Shortley EACH day the list of appointments/meetings/luncheons/dinners, etc., in order that the Staff member may be reached in an emergency situation.
4. Mrs. Whittlesey introduced Cathie Villalpando to the group. Ms. Villalpando will be heading up the Hispanic section of OPL.
5. Mrs. Whittlesey advised the group that it was the function of OPL to be extremely responsive to all constituent groups, regardless of political affiliation and that OPL's responsibility was to generate events in certain circumstances
6. Mrs. Whittlesey said that the next meeting of the staff would include a briefing by the Social Office so that the OPL staff would be aware of what might be provided by that office.

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July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Impending Criticism of the President on
"60 Minutes"

Attached is a packet of materials presented by Mr. Loebe Julie at the Kingston Meeting at Paul Weyrich's today.

In 1981, "60 Minutes" ran a feature about problems the Julie Research Laboratories were having with the Pentagon. At least on the face of it, it appears that an "old boy network" at the Pentagon is costing the taxpayers a lot of money by purchasing the wrong calibration equipment for some Army purposes.

On December 20, 1981, Harry Reasoner said on "60 Minutes" that President Reagan had seen the earlier program about Julie Labs and had personally called "60 Minutes" and told them that he would look into this matter and set it right.

Apparently things have not yet been set right and "60 Minutes" intends to use this instance as an example of the President's inability to make things happen in his Administration.

Julie said the "60 Minutes" review of the situation would take place sometime next month.

It might be appropriate to alert Secretary Weinberger so he could take any appropriate action now.

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1 Attachment a/s