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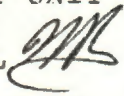
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN HILBOLDT, DIRECTOR
WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Gift accepted for the White House

On July 3, 1983, I was the National Guest of Honor at the 1983 National Independance Day Festival and Parade "International Night" at the Washington Sheraton Hotel. This banquet, featuring cultural and artistic acts from 17 countries, is an annual event put together by Jhoon Rhee, a Korean American who is a Karate champion and teacher, and who was the 1983 National Chairman of the festivities.

I accepted, on behalf of the President, an attractive arrangement of flowers given by the Flower Arrangement Association of Korea. The head of the association made a special trip here from Korea with twenty large, elaborate floral arrangements for this event. The gift flower arrangement was set in a damp sponge base without a vase. By the next working day, July 5, the flowers had wilted. I therefore disposed of the arrangement and did not bring them to the White House.

I believe that it is very important that we send a letter of appreciation to the lady who made the arrangement. I have attached an appropriate letter for the President's signature.

PROPOSED DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. In Duk Lee
President
Flower Arrangement Association of Korea
Room 201
Sin Hwa Bldg.
256, Kwanchul-Dong, Jongro-Ku
Seoul, Korea

Dear Mrs. Lee:

I am writing to express to you my appreciation for the beautiful arrangement of flowers that my Special Assistant, Morton Blackwell, received for me from you at the 1983 National Independence Day Festival and Parade "International Night" on July 3, 1983.

The arrangement brings to mind the friendship that our two countries enjoy. The bonds between our peoples are firm and unbreakable, and the many Korean Americans in the United States make a great contribution to the goodwill between our nations.

Let us pray that our two nations will continue to be blessed. Again, I express to you my thanks for your lovely gift.

Sincerely,

National Independence Day FESTIVAL & PARADE



514 10th St., N.W., Suite 500
Washington, DC 20004
(202) 737-4971

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General Mills
Sugar Ray Leonard,
World Boxing Champion, Retired

June 15, 1983

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President - Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

On behalf of the 1983 National Independence Day Festival and Parade, I would like you to be the **National Guest of Honor** at our "International Night", Sunday, July 3, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Convention Center.

The International Guest of Honor will be Former Foreign Minister of Korea and Former Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Yong Shik Kim. Ambassador Yong Shik Kim is presently serving as President of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee for 1988. He will also serve as the International Grand Marshall in the July 4, 1983 National Independence Day Parade.

We are inviting ambassadors of the 17 participating countries in "International Night" to also participate as honorary guests.

Thank you for your generous acceptance as the National Guest of Honor representing the United States at "International Night".

Respectfully yours,

Jhoon Rhee
1983 National Chairman

Jhoon Rhee, 1983 National Chairman
President, Jhoon Rhee Institute
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MLB*
SUBJECT: International Monetary Fund

You asked me early this morning about a reported 2 million piece mailing in opposition to a Supplemental Appropriation to the International Monetary Fund.

I did not have to raise this question at a meeting with conservatives this morning. Neal Blair, of "Free the Eagle" a national lobby headed by Howard Ruff spoke at length on this topic.

It was not the Moral Majority, but "Free the Eagle" which has already mailed 2 million letters to generate grass roots opposition to additional International Monetary Fund funding. Howard Ruff sent an additional 200,000 mailgrams out today on this subject.

A diverse coalition including conservative Republican Congressmen Tom Corcoran and Newt Gingrich, liberal Democratic Congressman Henry Gonzales and Ralph Nader are in the coalition against this bill.

Apparently former Treasury Secretary Bill Simon last week described the arguments in favor of the IMF Bill as "absolutely nonsense."

Paul Weyrich told the group that this IMF bail-out is being pushed by the "same crowd that put the President out in front on the withholding tax battle." It appears that there is a pretty solid conservative movement consensus against the proposal.

MCB:jet

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON
July 20, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Speaking Request

I have been asked by the New Century Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization to be their luncheon keynote speaker on Monday, July 25th in San Diego, California. They have put together a program which emphasizes the seriousness of the situation in Central America and have asked that my remarks be directed to the subject of Central America.

I have been informed that the luncheon will be attended by 150 influential thought leaders in the San Diego area.

Attached is a completed travel request form for your approval which details my itinerary. I request your permission for me to make this speech.

I will spend the weekend in Iowa conducting a youth leadership seminar and will, with your O.K., fly to San Diego on Monday morning from Des Moines.

MCB:jet

Attachments a/s

ITINERARY FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL

Monday, July 25, 1983:

DEP: 7:20 a.m.	Des Moines, Iowa	Ozark Airlines #754
ARR: 8:09 a.m.	St. Louis, MO	
DEP: 9:00 a.m.	St. Louis, MO	Ozark Airlines #889
ARR: 10:50 a.m.	San Diego, CA	

Luncheon Speech: 12:50 p.m.

DEP: 3:30 p.m.	San Diego, CA	PSA #876
ARR: 4:12 p.m.	Los Angeles, CA	
DEP: 8:20 p.m.	Los Angeles, CA	Western Airlines #568
ARR: 10:50 p.m.	Salt Lake City, UT	
DEP: 11:50 p.m.	Salt Lake City, UT	Western Airlines #674
7/26/83 - ARR: 5:30 a.m.	Washington, D.C. (DULLES)	

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OFFICIAL TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

No. 2705

(TRAVELER TO COMPLETE SECTIONS 1-8.)

Date of Request July 19, 1983

1. TRAVELER

Name: MORTON C. BLACKWELL

☒ White House Staff

Extension: 2657

Room: 191

☐ Other

2. PURPOSE(S) and DATE(S): To be keynote luncheon speaker for program sponsored by the New Century Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization which will provide the tickets. No accommodations will be necessary.

3. ITINERARY Copy Attached

(List all cities where stopover occurs.)

4. DEPARTURE:

RETURN:

Date: July 25, 1983

Date: July 26, 1983

Time: 7:20 a.m.

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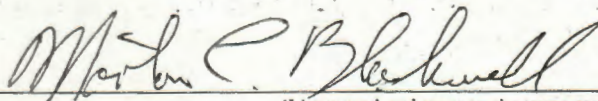
5. NATURE:

☒ 100% Official

☐ 100% Political

6. SIGNATURES:

Traveler:



(I have read and agree to the terms set forth on the reverse side)

Department Head

Approving Officer
(Special Assistant to the President for Administration)

7. ESTIMATED COSTS:

No. of Days Per Diem

Hotel Name

Hotel Daily Rate \$

Other

SPECIAL EXPENSES:

☐ Registration Fee of \$

☐ Commercial Car Rental

☐ Excess Baggage

☐ Other

8. TRAVEL ADVANCE REQUESTED:

☐ YES

☐ No

Amount: \$

Signature of Recipient:

Date:

REPAID:

Amount

Date

Schedule

Balance this trip

9. FOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE USE ONLY:

GTR No.

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Bob Billings will meet you at the airport to take you to the luncheon.

The luncheon is being held at the: RANCHO BERNARDO INN,
San Diego, California

Luncheon:	12:00 noon	
	12:30 p.m.	- Remarks by Congressman Duncan Hunter
	12:50 p.m.	- Keynote Speaker - Morton C. Blackwell - "Central America"

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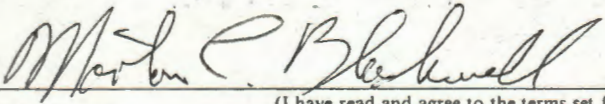
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Signature of Recipient: _____ Date: _____

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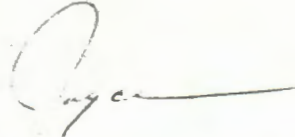
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: SUSAN GRAF
FROM: Joyce Thomann 
SUBJECT: Morton Blackwell's Appointments -
Week of July 25, 1983

MONDAY, JULY 25, 1983:

New Century Foundation - Program on Central America,
Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, California

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 1983:

Meetings with two individuals - no groups.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1983:

CSFC Luncheon - Washington, D.C.
Central American Outreach Working Group - Room #450,
Ambassador Langhorne Motley Speaker

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 1983:

Meeting with Dr. John C. Wilke and Ms. Jean Doyle (Ms. Doyle
will be replacing Dr. Wilke as head of the National Right
to Life Committee.

Briefing for National Religious Broadcasters, Re: Central
America, Room #450, Speakers: Secretary of the Navy, John
Lehman and Ambassador Vernon W. Walters.

Reception for Congressman Mark Siljander.

Boys Nation - American University

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1983:

8:30 a.m. Boys Nation

10:00 a.m. - Kingston Meeting - Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 15, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Successor Volunteer to Ken Stribling

Attached is the appropriate form, a resume, a recent article and a letter from Mark Klugmann, whom I propose to be the successor to Ken Stribling as the volunteer in my office.

Mark is an outstanding young man. As you can see, he writes well. He has just graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. He is prepared to work as a volunteer from September 1, through January 6th.

I would appreciate you starting the clearance procedures now with John Rogers so that we do not have red tape delays in early September.

MCB:jet

Attachments a/s

July 13, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell
The White House

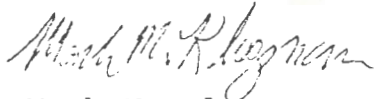
Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I would like to confirm that I will work as an assistant in your office on a volunteer basis from September 1st 1983 to January 6th 1984.

I understand that I will undergo a security check, as is customary.

I look forward to the opportunity to work for the objectives of President Reagan.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mark M. Klugmann".

Mark M. Klugmann

MARK M. KLUGMANN

School address:

3909 Spruce St., #31
Philadelphia, Pa. 19104
(215) 662-1214

*626 E St, SE apt #8
(Washington) DC 20003
(202) 547-9147*

Permanent address:

255 West 98th St.
New York, N.Y. 10025
(212) 222-9153

OBJECTIVE

A challenging position that gives me the opportunity to use my financial training and/or sales ability to help improve the bottom line.

EDUCATION

THE WHARTON SCHOOL, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. (1/81 - 5/83)

Graduation date: May, 1983

Degree: Bachelor of Science

Major: Enterprise Management

Academic average: 3.6

Studies include: . Marketing . Management . Finance
 . Computer Science . Economics . Statistics . Accounting

Editorial Columnist, The Daily Pennsylvanian ('82-'83)

VASSAR COLLEGE, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Liberal arts program (9/77 - 5/79)

*President, Freshman Class

*Student Representative to the Board of Trustees

*Chairman, Student Admissions Committee

BRONX HIGH SCHOOL OF SCIENCE, New York, N.Y.; graduated June, 1977..

*National Honor Society

*Vice President, Student Government

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRINCIPAL, MK FILM DISTRIBUTORS, New York, N.Y.

Mail-order distributor of classic super-8 movies. Designed and placed ads. *3/83*
Achieved 1,000% net return on advertising expenditures. (8/82 - ~~present~~)

PRINCIPAL, SECURITY STRATEGIES, New York, N.Y.

Wholesale distributor of personal defense items. Established company in response to recent change in law. Handled all aspects of business. Personally opened and serviced twenty-five retail accounts in northern New Jersey. *3/83*
(7/82 - ~~present~~)

MARKETING CONSULTANT, Wharton Small Business Development Center.

Selected by the Wharton SBDC (SBA funded) to serve as a consultant to local firms. Analyzed market potential; designed sales strategies and programs. (1/82 - 5/82)

STAFF EDITOR, "Journal of Forecasting," pub. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Edited strategic planning and business forecasting articles. (9/81 - 9/82)

FREE-LANCE EDITOR. Corporate, faculty, and student clients.

(1/81 - 8/81)

ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER, Perfect TeleMarketing, Santa Barbara, California.

Magazine subscription company; top producer in office. Directed eight person sales staff. Revised sales pitches -- significantly increasing sales. (10/79 - 6/80)

CONGRESSIONAL INTERN, Selected by Rep. Ted Weiss (N.Y.) to work on his Washington, D.C. staff. Researched major legislation.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL ACTION

☐ APPROVED	☐ DISAPPROVED
(SIGNATURE and DATE)	

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR
MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

THROUGH: WHITE HOUSE PERSONNEL OFFICE
Room 6, OEOB

FROM: _____
(Department Head - NAME AND SIGNATURE) DATE

ACTION ON: (Ms. Miss., Mrs. ☒ Mr.) <u>Mark M. Klugmann</u>		
REPORTING TO: <u>Morton C. Blackwell</u>	Room <u>191</u>	Ext. <u>2657</u>
EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>Sept. 1 '83</u>	ENDING DATE: <u>Jan 6 '84</u>	JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION: ☐ Vacant Permanent Slot replaces: _____ ☐ Other
all actions for new temporary personnel must have ending dates		

Complete PART A for new personnel or PART B for existing personnel

PART A - NEW PERSONNEL

APPT. in WHO	☐ Permanent Full-time	☒ Temporary Full-time	☐ Intermittent (WAE)
	☐ Part-time (regular schedule per week-days & hours): _____		
☐ DETAILEE ☐ OGS (From Agency)			
☒ VOLUNTEER: ☐ Hours per week (____)		☐ CONSULTANT (SBA) Maximum work days: _____	
POSITION TITLE			
GRADE and SALARY	☐ GS ☐ Unclassified	Salary: \$ _____ ☐ Per annum ☐ Per week ☐ Per day ☐ Per hour	
	Grade _____ Step _____	☐ Entitled to receive overtime of \$ _____ PA	
		☐ Not Entitled to receive overtime Total Salary \$ _____ PA	

PART B - EXISTING PERSONNEL

MONETARY CHANGES: ☐ Promotion ☐ Reassignment to: _____	
OTHER ACTIONS: ☐ Pay Adjustment ☐ Change in Title ☐ Make permanent ☐ Extend Not Exceed _____ Mo./Day/Yr.	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE WHITE HOUSE PERSONNEL OFFICE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN HILBOLDT, DIRECTOR
WHITE HOUSE GIFT UNIT

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Gifts accepted for the White House

Today, I attended the annual convention of the Christian Booksellers Association, held at the Washington Convention Center. On behalf of the White House and the President, I accepted the following gifts from the organization and members of it:

- 1) A 14K gold pin of the Year of the Bible logo, given by Bob Siemon, president of Bob Siemon Christian Jewelry and a member of the organization.
- 2) A varnished wood plaque with John 3:16 done in calligraphy on it, which was given by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker of Scriptures Unlimited. of Canada, and members of the organization.
- 3) Matching diaries, bound and engraved by Long Bookbinders and given to the President and the First Lady by the organization.
- 4) A set of 40 reference books that were also bound by Long Bookbinders and donated to the White House library by the organization.
- 5) A New American Standard Exhaustive Concordance, bound by Long Bookbinders, and donated to the White House by the organization.

I am forwarding these gifts to your office along with this memo. I would like to request that the Concordance be placed in this office, as it would come in very useful to me in my role as liaison to religious organizations. I have also attached draft letters of appreciation for the President's signature.

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Mr. Bob Siemon
President
Bob Siemon Christian Jewelry
11609 Martens River Cir.
Fountain Valley, California 92708

Dear Mr. Siemon:

Thank you for the beautiful 14-karat gold Year of the Bible pin my Special Assistant, Morton Blackwell, received for me at the Christian Booksellers Association convention on July 21, 1983.

I was pleased to learn of the wide distribution of these pins and other materials relating to observance of 1983 as the Year of the Bible.

Although I am very proud to have played a role in initiating and defending this proclamation, it is organizations like yours which have been responsible for the tremendous success of our nationwide effort.

May God continue to bless you. Again, thank you for the lovely pin.

Sincerely,

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Mr. John Bass
Executive Vice President
Christian Booksellers Association
2620 Venetucci Blvd.
P.O. Box 200
Colorado Springs. Colorado 80901

Dear Mr. Bass:

I am writing to thank you for the gifts my Special Assistant, Morton Blackwell, received for me at the Christian Booksellers Association convention on July 21, 1983.

The set of reference books are very beautiful and will be put to good use in the White House library. Nancy and I especially appreciate the beautiful leather-bound and engraved diaries that you created for us.

Thank you also for the role your Christian Booksellers Association has played in the success of the 1983 Year of the Bible campaign. Again, thank you for the gifts. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Mr. S. Roger Long
2800 Montecello Ave.
Norfolk, Va. 23504

Dear Mr. Long:

I am writing to express to you my appreciation for the beautiful work that went into the books given to me through my Special Assistant, Morton Blackwell, at the Christian Booksellers Association convention on July 21, 1983.

The set of reference books are a perfect addition to the White House library, where they will be very useful.

The diaries that you bound and engraved for Nancy and me are also very lovely. We appreciate the hard work that went into the books.

Again, thank you for the beautiful craftsmanship that went into these books. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

DRAFT LETTER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Walker
Scriptures Unlimited
Box 1155
Portage la Prairie
Manitoba, Canada R1N 3J9

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Walker:

I would like to express to you my appreciation for the beautiful plaque my Special Assistant, Morton Blackwell, received for me at the Christian Booksellers Association convention on July 21, 1983.

The scripture on the plaque is most certainly one of my favorite verses. It is an important truth about the way to salvation for mankind. In this, the Year of the Bible, it will do us all good to stop and reflect on such writing and on the great meaning and exciting promise that fills each verse.

Again, I thank you for the beautiful gift. May God continue to bless you.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 1, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: MARY ANN MELOY

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MCB by jet*

SUBJECT: Request for an OP-ED Piece

Mr. Peter Pritchard of USA TODAY (276-3732) called my office this morning to discuss Faith doing an OP-ED piece for their paper. I did not speak with Mr. Pritchard believing that it would be more appropriate for you to handle this matter.

If it is something that Richard should prepare, I know he would be most pleased to do so.

MCB:jet

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JOHN S. HERRINGTON

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Presidential Meeting with Hispanic Presidential Appointees

I strongly recommend that the name of Jacqueline Tillman-Morales be added to the listing of those Hispanic individuals who are to be invited to the meeting with the President on Thursday, August 11.

Although Jackie is not a Presidential Appointee, she is a Schedule C appointee who is the Executive Assistant to Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick. She is a recognized expert on Central America who has been extremely helpful with regard to the Administration's Central American policies.

MCB:jet

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JONATHAN VIPOND, III

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 

SUBJECT: U.S. Navy Trip

I have been invited by a friend who is a Naval Officer to take a one day cruise on his U.S. Navy destroyer from Norfolk, Virginia to Annapolis, Maryland.

It is not quite a massive trip for a space launching, but I think it would be interesting and useful for me to take part in this short jaunt which has been arranged by the Navy for the families and friends of the personnel on this destroyer.

With your permission, I will take part in this trip.

MCB:jet

Approved - JVS
(What is the date?)

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jonathan Vipond, III
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 
SUBJECT: Draft of President's American GI Forum Speech

This is an excellent speech. It will surely be very well received.

I do suggest an addition, the insertion before the first full paragraph on page 11 of a short, new paragraph relating to the restoration of Voluntary School Prayer. The Gallup Poll last year showed that 79% of Americans and 84% of Americans who identify themselves as "church goers" favor passage of the President's Voluntary School Prayer Amendment. There was some concern about inserting this issue in the President's speech to the American Federation of Teachers, but the sentence about restoring voluntary school prayer was greeted with immense enthusiasm at the AFT Convention. It is a guaranteed applause line, and meaningful to the Hispanic Veterans. They are overwhelmingly church and family oriented.

MCB:jet