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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: Conservative Political Action Conference
Dinner Invitation

The President should accept. His CPAC speech is traditional.

In or out of office, he has spoken almost every year at this event, which is the biggest, broadest-based gathering of conservative grassroots activists. Principally sponsored by the American Conservative Union, the meeting is co-sponsored by many diverse conservative organizations.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ FAITH WHITTLESEY - MA
FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTM
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULIN

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EVENT: Address - 11th Annual Conservative Political
Action Conference Dinner

DATE: March 2, 1984

LOCATION: Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept___ Regret___ Surrogate___ Message___ Other___
Priority___
Routine___

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE 12-7-83

TO

Sarah Long

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The American Conservative Union

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November 16, 1983

Honorable Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The eleventh annual Conservative Political Action Conference will take place from March 1st through the 3rd at the Sheraton Washington Hotel here in Washington.

We would be deeply honored if you and Mrs. Reagan would agree to be our guests at a dinner in your honor on Friday evening, March 2nd. Your traditional address at CPAC has become the highlight of the three-day conference for the hundreds of conservative activists that annually attend. Because of the heightened interest in this election year, we anticipate an attendance of between 1500 and 2000 at the dinner.

We hope that your schedule will permit you and Mrs. Reagan to attend and provide the nation's conservatives with an opportunity to demonstrate their deep admiration and affection for you both.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,

Mickey Edwards

Mickey Edwards
Member of Congress
Chairman, ACU

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1983

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MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche *JH*
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Regional Outreach Briefings on Central America

On Friday afternoon, December 2, I met with Otto Reich and others of his State Department colleagues regarding our planning for White House outreach briefings in selected major United States' cities. We left in agreement on the following points:

1. The State Department Public Affairs Office would arrange for co-sponsorship in each city. Co-sponsors would be groups such as the World Affairs Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc. The idea is to find sponsors that would not be identified with either end of the political spectrum but towards the center.
2. The invitations would be from the White House and, depending upon the speakers, would read something like: "The White House Office of Public Liaison, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Department of Defense and the Agency for International Development, in cooperation with the Pittsburgh World Affairs Council and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce cordially invite you to attend a briefing on United States policy in Central America."
3. The list of invitees would be initially provided by the local sponsoring organization. The list would be submitted to the White House to make sure that the major opinion leaders in each locality are included. This would include the prominent educators, clergy, union leaders, business leaders, and local editors, publishers, and broadcasters. The idea here is for the invitation list to reach out beyond those normally invited to foreign policy briefings.

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MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Scheduling Proposal: Presidential Drop-by
Kiwanis International Headquarters,
Indianapolis, Indiana

Mr. David Blackmer, Executive Director of the Kiwanis International contacted my office late Friday afternoon to ask if the President could be scheduled for a drop-by at their new International headquarters building in Indianapolis, Indiana during the time he is scheduled to be in that city on Thursday of this week.

Kiwanis International is a highly supportive organization of many of the President's programs, e.g., programs for the handicapped, and volunteers in support of America, as well as being one of the leading supporters of Mrs. Reagan's anti-drug abuse program, "The Chemical People Program."

Members of this group are quite supportive of the President.

Since the President is going to be in Indianapolis addressing the National Forum on Excellence in Education as well as meeting with Republican supporters in the area, it would seem appropriate that he give some of his major programs additional emphasis by stopping by at the Kiwanis' new headquarters building and commending this organization for their activities in support of many of his programs.

A Scheduling Proposal is attached. Due to the very short time-frame in which a decision must be made, I suggest that it be sent to Fred Ryan as soon as possible.

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1 Attachment a/s

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 5, 1983

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY

REQUEST: Drop-by at the new Kiwanis International
Headquarters Building in Indianapolis, Indiana

PURPOSE: To recognize the millions of hours per year
in volunteer service to America given by
members of Kiwanis International.

BACKGROUND: Kiwanis International is one of the major
groups supporting Mrs. Reagan's "Chemical
People Program" by sponsoring anti-drug
abuse programs at the secondary education
level throughout the United States. Answering
the President's call for volunteers in support
of America, the members of Kiwanis International
annually contribute 300 million hours in volunteer
services to America. This is in addition to the
\$35 million per year which is given in direct
contributions. The "Key Club" program sponsored
by the Kiwanis has long been recognized as one
of the top programs at the high school level to
develop young leaders and direct their interests
and efforts toward volunteerism.

The Kiwanis International has recently moved their
national headquarters from Chicago to their new
location in Indianapolis, Indiana.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: None.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 8, 1983
Time at the President's convenience

LOCATION: The new Kiwanis International Headquarters Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

PARTICIPANTS: Gil Zitzelsberger, International Secretary
Raymond Lansford, President-elect
David Blackmer, Executive Director
Nick Geannopulos

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President to drop-by new Headquarters building of the Kiwanis International after addressing the National Forum on Excellence in Education being held in Indianapolis.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks.

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Faith Ryan Whittlesey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 8, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Speaking Invitation

The California Republican Youth Caucus, which consists of the California Young Republicans and College Republicans, and the California Young Americans for Freedom, are sponsoring an event called the Republican Management School. They have asked me to speak at that school on December 30, 1983, and have offered to pay my expenses.

They contacted Margaret Tutwiler and she gave approval conditional on their covering the costs involved. I hope you will allow me to accept the invitation.

The event is to be held in Bakersfield, California, and they have made travel arrangements that have me leaving Washington in the late afternoon on December 29 and returning about 11 p.m. on December 30.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: Pearl Harbor Commemorative Society

Attached is a letter I have drafted for your signature in response to the December 1st letter from Norman Bennett.

It is interesting to note that the Pearl Harbor Commemorative Society is shown as a Division of something called the Armed Forces Distributing Corporation. Sounds to me like a commercial operation.

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As you may know, the procedure by which days are set aside is well established. The practice is that the House and the Senate pass a bill authorizing and requesting the President to declare a specific day be set aside for a specific purpose.

Because that is the way special days, weeks, etc., are set aside, I strongly suggest that your proper course of action is to get appropriate legislation introduced in both Houses.

Your idea obviously has merit, and I believe you should have no difficulty in finding Congressional support.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey,
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Norman Bennett,
Director
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MS. FAITH RYAN WHITTLESEY
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20500

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DECEMBER 1, 1983
CERTIFIED NO. 150002

DEAR MS. WHITTLESEY:

THIS IS A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO BRING THIS MATTER TO YOUR ATTENTION BECAUSE IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF OUR PRESIDENT. EFFORTS EARLIER THIS YEAR PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

PRESIDENT REAGAN AS WELL AS MEDIA EXPERTS GEORGE WILL AND HUGH SIDNEY HAVE MADE FREQUENT REFERRALS TO PEARL HARBOR IN CHARACTERIZING RECENT TRAGIC EVENTS OF CONSEQUENCE TO OUR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK IS UNKNOWN TO YOUNGER GENERATIONS.

WE ARE CONTINUING THE RANK AND FILE VETERAN-SUPPORTED EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THE FIRST OR SECOND SUNDAY IN DECEMBER AS A NATIONAL COMMEMORATIVE DAY THAT AMERICANS SHOULD PAUSE AND REMEMBER THAT THE ONLY DETERRENT TO ATTACK IS A STRONG AND VIGILANT DEFENSE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY

THROUGH: JACK COURTEMANCHE

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Lafayette Square Demonstration Regarding the
Nebraska School Situation

I have learned that there is a demonstration being organized by the New Covenant Churches in Maryland for 10:00 a.m. next Thursday morning, December 15.

The current estimated participation is 400, which will include a number of pastors.

The New Covenant Church is a small charismatic denomination located in east coast states, largely in Maryland.

As other fundamentalist and evangelical churches learn about the demonstration, I think it is very likely that there will be additional support for this effort.

Supporters of the embattled Christian schools in Nebraska are aware that some of their leaders and supporters have been in contact with the Administration. They are probably not aware of the details of the meeting held Tuesday afternoon in Mike Uhlmann's office. At that meeting, Mike Uhlmann, Steve Galebach, Bob Sweet, Carolyn Sundseth, Brad Reynolds and I met with attorney William Ball of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Ball has a court case in Nebraska relating to a situation analogous to the Faith Baptist Church case, but in another city. In a week or so, the Nebraska Supreme Court will decide whether to hear the appeal of the case being handled by Mr. Ball, who is one of the most distinguished attorneys in the country. Mr. Ball asked that somehow the Administration signal to the Supreme Court of Nebraska that we hope they will hear Mr. Ball's appeal.

Mr. Ball handled and won similar cases before the state supreme courts of Vermont, Ohio, and Kentucky.

There is general agreement that the attorneys for the Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska failed to raise many of the relevant legal issues in the case which they lost. Therefore, there is hope that the crisis could be alleviated by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Further, I was telephoned today by Pastor Everett Sileven. Seven fathers of children in his church school are still in jail under order from Nebraska State Judge Ronald Reagan. The mothers and, I presume, Pastor Sileven are fugitives from arrest warrants currently.

Pastor Sileven told me that they will be sending a mailgram to us today requesting that the President meet with some of the mothers. If the mothers are still fugitives at that time, I think it will be very difficult for Administration officials to meet with them.

Attached is a copy of an article which appeared in today's Washington Times on the matter.

MCB:jet

Free Louisville 7, churchmen plead

By Bill Kling
WASHINGTON TIMES STAFF

Pressure is growing on the White House to intervene in a legal battle in which seven Louisville, Neb., fathers are in jail for contempt of court in a dispute over an unaccredited Christian school operated by a fundamentalist Baptist church.

Their wives have fled the state with 23 children to avoid similar incarceration.

Rep. George Hansen, R-Idaho, who has made two trips to Nebraska as an unofficial observer and has written two letters to White House counsel Edwin A. Meese III, demanding federal intervention, said yesterday that the matter is being studied "at the highest policy levels" of the White House.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Administrative Practices and Procedures, expressed an interest in conducting hearings on the matter when Congress returns in January, a Grassley spokesman confirmed yesterday, but the senator has issued no orders that such hearings be called.

The "Louisville 7" are the fathers of pupils who had attended Faith Christian School operated by Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, 20 miles south-west of Omaha, and were jailed Nov. 23 — the day before Thanksgiving — after they refused to give their names or to

testify during a court hearing for a state-sought injunction to close the unaccredited school.

When the case was mentioned Wednesday in an Oval Office meeting on tuition tax credit legislation among President Reagan and a coalition of education, church and pro-family groups,

Reagan, assigned specially to the Cass County court in Plattsmouth to hear the case, refused again yesterday to appoint legal counsel for the jailed fathers. He suggested that they seek attorneys through the local bar association. Lawyers who initially represented the fathers have withdrawn from the case,

The declaration commits the supporters to "an inseparable unity of conscience and cause" for the school and reaffirms an unwillingness . . . to relinquish their call to an educational ministry.

Mr. Reagan asked White House aides to "look into" the matter, according to several people who attended the meeting.

Information supplied to the Justice Department about the case, a department spokesman said, has not been sufficient to warrant a federal inquiry into whether the jailed fathers' civil rights had been violated.

A White House source acknowledged reports that Mr. Reagan is sympathetic with the Louisville church families, but he is said to believe that based on the information he has, they "don't yet have a clear-cut federal issue" on which to base federal intervention.

Meanwhile, a judge named Ronald E.

and others have refused to represent them.

Supporters of the jailed men in the long-running court battle say they would pay for a court-appointed attorney — even though they do not have to. The supporters are among more than 200 fundamentalist Christian ministers and church officials from 38 states who have gathered in Louisville to mount a campaign for the church school.

From Louisville, the fundamentalists have sought to generate pressure aimed at bringing the controversy to the attention of the public, as well as to state and federal officials, through telephone calls, prayer vigils and news conferences.

Dr. Bob Woosley, of Stone Mountain, Ga., president of Churches for Christian Liberty, referred yesterday to the jailed fathers as "the Nebraska Seven" and "hostages," and announced adoption of a "Louisville Declaration" in which their supporters expressed "broken-hearted abhorrence" over the jailings and "the exile" of their families and of Rev. Everett Sileven, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, and Mrs. Teresa Schmidt, the Rev. Mr. Sileven's daughter, who is principal of Faith Christian School.

The declaration commits the supporters to "an inseparable unity of conscience and cause" for the school and reaffirms an unwillingness "under any circumstances" to relinquish their call to an educational ministry. They pledge to achieve their goals through the American constitutional system, according to the declaration.

The school case was mentioned to the president on Wednesday by Dr. Donald R. Howard, representing Accelerated Christian Education at the meeting in the Oval Office. Several of those attending said Mr. Reagan appeared startled by Dr. Howard's statements and asked for further information from his staff. Mr. Reagan did not commit himself to any action on the matter, however, after Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey, the president's special assistant for public liaison, noted it was "a local matter" still in the courts.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: MARGARET D. TUTWILER
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Invitation to Speak to California Youth
Caucus

This is to confirm our conversation of mid-November regarding my invitation from the California Republican Youth Caucus to address their seminar on December 30th.

You will recall that you called me on this subject after hearing from them. You and I agreed that as long as this group would pay my expenses this would be approved by your office.

All arrangements have been made and they are paying my expenses.

Jack Courtemanche suggests that we regularize the approval process, so we would have a record on file. Just a copy of your "O.K." and initials on a comeback copy of this memorandum would suffice.

Thank you for your assistance.

MCB:jet

cc; Jack Courtemanche

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK COURTEMANCHE
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell
SUBJECT: Activity Report for Dolf Droge

Inasmuch as Dolf frequently speaks under the umbrella of the White House Office of Public Liaison, I believed it would be advisable for you to have a listing of those speeches/speaking engagements.

I will append Dolf's relevant speaking schedule to my Weekly Activity Report in the future.

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1 Attachment - Speaking Activities of Dolf Droge

OPL SENIOR STAFF WEEKLY REPORT

NAME: Dolf Droge.

PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

BRIEFINGS

DATE & TIME

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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DATE & TIME

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

RECEPTIONS

DATE & TIME

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

WHITE HOUSE EVENTS

BRIEFINGS

DATE & TIME & SPEAKER (Number of attendees anticipated)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

SPEECHES - (local) Subject: Central America

DATE & TIME & LOCATION

1. Dec 1/9 am/EOB 174/Liberty Baptist College Interns (Moral Majority)
2. Dec 10/9:30 am/George Mason Law School/Renaissance Women Meeting
3. Dec 13/11 am/ State Dept #6909/Lecturer CA Inter-Agency Speakers School
4. Jan 26/8 pm/Commonwealth Republican Women's Club, Va.Location:TBA
- 5.

SPEECHES - (out of town) Subject: Central America

DATE & TIME & LOCATION

(Subject of remarks)

1. Jan 24/9 am/Pomfret School, Conn/Visit Classes/Convocation/Interviews
2. Jan 25/9 am/Middlebury College, Vt./ " " " "
3. Feb 11/1 pm/Los Angeles, Ca./Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation(Eagle Forum)
4. Feb 22/9 am/Littleton, New Hampshire/Peace Through Strength Conference
5. Feb 23/9 am/Bradford, Vt./Peace Through Strength/High Schools/Colleges

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MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MCB*
SUBJECT: Request from Senator Denton

We have been contacted by Senator Denton's office. The Senator wants to brief the Outreach Working Group on his recent trip to El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. We discussed with his office the Senator being the primary speaker for our program of January 4th, however, he did not want to wait that long before apprising our group of his findings and has specifically requested to speak at our meeting this Wednesday, December 14th.

Senator Denton is aware that Secretary Abrams will be the primary speaker. Nonetheless, he desires to speak at our December 14th meeting.

To shorten the program, I suggest that for this one meeting we dispense with our "Central American Update" from Constantine Menges. Senator Denton will, in effect, be giving our Central American Update himself.

Attached is a memorandum I have prepared for your signature to M. B. Oglesby regarding Senator Denton's request to brief our Outreach Working Group.

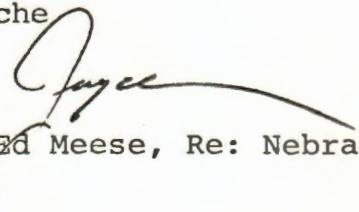
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December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: Jack Courtemanche
FROM: Joyce Thomann 
SUBJECT: Memorandum to Ed Meese, Re: Nebraska Church
School Case

Attached is a copy of a memorandum drafted by Morton Blackwell in cooperation with Steve Galebach of OPD, for your signature.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR EDWIN MEESE, III

FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY *FRW*

SUBJECT: Nebraska School Crisis

The religious leaders who support this Administration are rapidly falling in line behind the embattled Christian schools in Nebraska. Our continued failure to take some sympathetic action will result in grassroots problems we should avoid if possible.

Members of your staff and mine met last Tuesday in Mike Uhlmann's office with Brad Reynolds and William Bentley Ball, the distinguished attorney who specializes in church/state law, and who is now litigating another of the numerous church school cases in Nebraska. Mr. Ball suggested that the Administration issue a statement of concern, which could encourage the appropriate courts to give serious attention to the constitutional issues involved. There will be hearings on two school cases -- not the publicized Louisville case -- on Thursday and Friday of this week. A statement by Thursday would thus be timely.

But whether or not the controversy can be solved by the courts, we have to consider what position the Administration should take. To stand aloof would only fan the unrest among supportive Christians who are already upset at the lack of progress on "social justice issues" such as the School Prayer Amendment, tuition tax credits, abortion, and pornography.

Late last week, a rally in support of Faith Christian School was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 15, at Lafayette Park.

At first, it appeared that participants would number 400 and would be from the D.C. area. It now appears that the Nebraskans will be the stars of a rally of over 1,000. Current plans include having here eight mothers and the affected 23 students enrolled at the school. Also present will be Ed Rowe of the Church League of America, who has been staying in Louisville,

Nebraska coordinating many activities there. Their hope, in part, is to break into the general, national media, by assembling here. Of course, the fundamentalist and evangelical media, newsletters, magazines and broadcasts, daily give this controversy heavy coverage.

The solution I suggest is that we invite in a delegation of clergy representing the demonstrators at the conclusion of the rally. They could meet with Morton Blackwell and Mike Uhlmann, who would give them a copy of the statement which was developed by your staff after last week's meeting with attorney Ball. That statement, expressing concern and hope for a judicial solution, would be simultaneously issued by our Press Office.

The proposed statement should not be issued before the meeting for three reasons:

1. To do so would cause some activists to escalate their demands for action from us.
2. We want those who are coming here to go home confident they have achieved sympathy and cooperation from us.
3. There is always the slight chance that events in Nebraska, good or bad, will alter the picture before Thursday morning.

This plan would tend to tone down the rhetoric at the rally, because the leaders would know they were to have a subsequent meeting with White House Staff.

Of course, we must not indicate we plan to take any step unless we have carefully planned the whole course of action which would flow from such a step. For instance, if we decide to send an observer to Nebraska, that would raise hopes we might take some legal action. We should decide in advance if there may be an issue to justify, say, a Justice Department amicus brief if the case winds up on appeal from the Nebraska Supreme Court to the U.S. Supreme Court, or if the case comes into federal district court in a habeas corpus proceeding.

For now, it is sufficient, and necessary in my view, that we plan to issue on Thursday a statement of concern and hope that the matter can still be resolved amicably in the Nebraska judicial system.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: FAITH WHITTLESEY
THROUGH: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*
FROM: EDWARD A. LYNCH *EL*
SUBJECT: STATUS OF WHITE HOUSE DIGESTS

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revised
I spoke with Mike Skol today and received the following information concerning these projects:

The Development of Democracy in Central America - Skol's office is ready to move on it as soon as he gets the details on exactly what is wanted. He will discuss the idea with Otto Reich today.

What Central Americans are Saying About Central America - He has quotes and translated articles from Central American newspapers. I told him we would need a commentary and/or analysis tying the quotes together.

cc: Mike Skol

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1983

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THROUGH: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*
FROM: EDWARD A. LYNCH *EAL*
SUBJECT: STATUS OF WHITE HOUSE DIGESTS

I spoke to John Thomas concerning the Digest on Cuban Involvement in Drug Trafficking. His office does not follow this issue closely. He thinks it should be primarily an ARA project since it is more of a security matter. He is familiar with the issue himself and would look at a draft once ARA does it.

cc: John Thomas

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: EDWARD A. LYNCH *EAL*

SUBJECT: STATUS OF WHITE HOUSE DIGESTS - UPDATE

The Development of Democracy in Central America - I spoke to Mike Skol. who heard about the project for the first time yesterday. His office is ready to move on it as soon as he gets the details on exactly what is wanted. He'll discuss the idea with Reich later today. (He seems enthusiastic about this project and the next.)

What Central Americans are Saying About Central America - Skol said they have a quotations file. I told him we would need a commentary and/or analysis tying the quotes together.

Cuban Involvement in Drug Trafficking - I spoke to John Thomas at the International Narcotics Bureau at State. His office does not follow this issue closely. Thomas thinks it should be primarily an ARA project since it is more of a security matter. He is familiar with the issue himself and would look at a draft once ARA does it.

Soviet Objectives in Central and South America - I spoke to Peter Romero. He was not aware of the assignment and so has not begun any work on it.

Romero is sending me a memo this week listing the status of each of the projects which have gone through Public Diplomacy and the office or officers drafting them. These are not always the same as the drafting officers we have on our list.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO DAVID FISCHER

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*

SUBJECT: Rick Eilert Photo Opportunity (December 15th)

I spoke with Jim Cicconi at 4:00 p.m. today. He suggested that Thomas Pauken, the Director of ACTION, be included in the activity. Pauken had initiated the schedule proposal.

There will, then, be two additional participants: Thomas Pauken and Cheryl Eilert, Rick's wife.

I understand that the President's schedule on Thursday afternoon is very tight. This activity will be concluded punctually.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1983

MEETING WITH: DR. JAMES "JIM" FOWLER,
PRESIDENT, LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

DATE: Thursday, December 15, 1983
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 5:00 p.m. (Administrative Time)

FROM: FAITH WHITTLESEY

I. PURPOSE:

To meet with Dr. James "Jim" Fowler, President of the Lions Clubs International.

II. BACKGROUND:

For fifty years, it has been a tradition for the President to meet with the President of the Lions Clubs International. The Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with a world-wide membership in excess of 1.3 million; 566,565 of whom are located in the United States.

The Lions Clubs International have made a strong commitment to countering drug abuse world-wide and have been very supportive of the First Lady's "Chemical People" program.

Dr. Jim Fowler, 1983 Lions Club International President, is a dental surgeon and is a former Arkansas State Senator (Dem.). A pilot with over 14,000 hours in the cockpit, he is President of the National Flying Dentists Association; Past President and Board Member of the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind; member of the Advisory Board of Leader Dogs for the Blind; Vice-President of International Services for the Blind and Past Vice-President and Board member of the Arkansas Eye and Kidney Bank. He is a naval veteran of World War II, a retired colonel in the Arkansas National Guard and has been a member of Lions Clubs International for thirty-five years.

III. PARTICIPANTS:

Dr. James "Jim" Fowler, President Lions Clubs International
Mrs. Agnes "Aggie" Fowler, wife of Dr. Fowler
Dr. Carlton Turner, Special Assistant to the President
for Drug Abuse Policy, Office of Policy Development

IV. PRESS PLAN:

White House Photographer, photo opportunity.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

5:00 p.m. - Party enters Oval Office

5:01 p.m. - President is introduced to guests by
Faith Ryan Whittlesey

5:02 p.m. - Guests depart Oval Office

Attachment - Suggested Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
DR. JAMES "JIM" FOWLER, PRESIDENT LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

- It's a real pleasure, particularly during this holiday season, to greet the leader of an organization that represents the best of America's tradition of volunteer service and giving, and someone who has given so generously of his own time to so many worthy causes.
- I know that under your leadership Lions Clubs International has had a particular interest in helping handicapped people make that important first step into the work force.
- And I know your work with America's blind citizens has taught many blind people how to use even computers and word processors.
- I wanted to give you special thanks for what has been the Lions Clubs' continuing commitment to fight drug abuse around the world, and for the support you've given Nancy's efforts in that area here at home.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON C. BLACKWELL

FROM: MARGARET D. TUTWILER ^{MST}

SUBJECT: Approval of Speaking Engagements
Before College Republican Groups

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of December 12, 1983, regarding your request for travel authorization to accept a speaking invitation to appear before the California Republican Youth Caucus on December 30, 1983, and to speak to the National Board of the College Republicans National Convention in Sandestin, Florida, January 6-8, 1984. In that conversation, I stated that I had no objections to your acceptance of these invitations provided that (1) the requesting groups were paying your travel expenses, and (2) you did not speak on activities (planned or proposed) of the Reagan-Bush '84 Committee.

The caveats on my approval of your speaking engagements are based on the fact that if you speak on behalf of Reagan-Bush '84, the Committee will be legally required to pay for your travel expenses for these speaking engagements. Pursuant to FEC Presidential primary regulations, any expenditures for travel relating to the campaign of an individual seeking nomination for election to the office of President by any individual (such as yourself) are qualified campaign expenses of the candidate's campaign committee (Reagan-Bush '84). As qualified campaign expenses, those expenditures will count against the Reagan-Bush Committee's expenditure limitations in those states where you have travelled.

In view of the foregoing, I am sure you can understand why you cannot engage in any discussion of Reagan-Bush '84 activities (e.g., discussions of grass roots organization efforts or other activities for College Republicans that could be helpful to Reagan-Bush '84) in your speaking appearances. So long as you abide by the guidelines set forth above, you may consider the specific travel requests for December 30 and January 6-8 approved.

cc: Faith R. Whittlesey
Jack Courtemanche
Ed Rollins
Sherrie Cooksey

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: MARGARET D. TUTWILER
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
SUBJECT: Invitation to Speak to California Youth
Caucus

This is to confirm our conversation of mid-November regarding my invitation from the California Republican Youth Caucus to address their seminar on December 30th.

You will recall that you called me on this subject after hearing from them. You and I agreed that as long as this group would pay my expenses this would be approved by your office.

All arrangements have been made and they are paying my expenses.

Jack Courtemanche suggests that we regularize the approval process, so we would have a record on file. Just a copy of your "O.K." and initials on a comeback copy of this memorandum would suffice.

Thank you for your assistance.

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cc; Jack Courtemanche