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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 25, 1983

Dear Peter:

Thanks for the extra copies of your fine interview.

For the record: Except for the producer, Commodore Don Lipsett, Ed Meese has the world's largest collection of Adam Smith neckties. Ed has two cushions in his office covered by the fabric.

I feel naked without one.

On the other hand, I have only one Adam Smith tee-shirt.

We are enjoying having Will Cattan working with us.

He's a credit to your group and fits right in here. Perhaps that's because the Review's position at Dartmouth is analogous to that of the Reaganites' in D.C.

Cordially,



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

Peter Arnold
The Dartmouth Review
PO Box 343
Hanover, NH 03755



Nemo me impune lacessit

The Dartmouth Review

P.O. Box 343
Hanover, NH 03755
(603) 643-4370

14 October 1983

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Enclosed are a few copies of The Dartmouth Review with your interview. I think everything came out pretty well ... even if we don't know how to spell "enterprise."

Thanks again for your time.

Cordially,

Peter Arnold

P.S. Hope you liked the Introduction and the "cut-line" for the photo of you and President Reagan.

C. M. McLEAN

PETROLEUM GEOLOGIST

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA
70501

POST OFFICE BOX 51731 OIL CENTER STATION
TELEPHONE - AREA CODE 318 - 233-3465

October 4, 1983

Morton Blackwell
Old Executive Office Bldg.
Room 191
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton,

At a recent meeting of the Southern States Caucus, the question was asked - "how do we respond to the overwhelming registration efforts amongst minorities who are alien to our beliefs and principals." The answer, of course, is obvious - we must mobilize our "minorities" who are philosophically aligned with us. But the identification of the most fertile of those groups insofar as registration goals is concerned was quite shocking and promising to most of us.

A North Carolina delegate pointed out that a survey of fundamentalist churches in their state showed large percentages of unregistered potential voters in those congregations. The fundamentalists, of course, are a part of that large supportive group, the so-called "Moral Majority." This intrigued several of us from Louisiana to the point that we came home and made our own survey of fundamentalist churches in our state. We found to our further surprise that voter registration ranged from as low as 30% to as high as 70% with a median at 50%.

As a result we have organized a small task force and are brainstorming ideas and talking to ministers of these churches concerning supportive efforts on our part for registration drives. We are attempting to do this in such a way that we will provide information, text, technique and over-all know how, while at the same time placing the church heirarchies in the leadership role. In other words, we would attempt to lead them in one of the paths of righteousness. We can even foresee the potential of some dedicated financing for our efforts. Any suggestions that you might have along these lines would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, we have in the nucleus of our group, a young conservative businessman, Richard Trosclair, who is an active lay leader in one of these fundamentalist churches. Richard, who handled a large amount of the survey work for us, is Vice-President of a Christian publishing company. You will note from the attached letter that he has another interesting concept, which I feel is worthy of encouragement. Your thoughts, please.

Realizing that Jerry Falwell is generally hitting this registration theme on nationwide T.V., we, nevertheless, feel that local (state) coordinated efforts are absolutely necessary and we would most enthusiastically pilot the idea in Louisiana, where we have a large fundamentalist sector.

Thanking you for any leadership that you may be able to provide, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mac".

C. M. McLean

CMM/jc
Attachments

HUNTINGTON HOUSE, INC.

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September 10, 1983

Mr. C. M. McLean
P. O. Box 51731
Lafayette, Louisiana 70505

Dear Mac:

It was a great pleasure for me to have been able to converse with you on our trip to Alexandria.

As you know Mac, I represent Huntington House Publishers. As a publisher, but more as a Republican and a concerned Christian citizen, I would like to submit an idea that I think could have great impact on the 1984 re-election of Ronald Reagan.

With the liberals registering thousands, and perhaps several million new voters who, without a doubt, will vote against us in 1984, I believe that it is imperative for us to tap into perhaps the greatest number of unregistered conservative voters in this country, fundamentalists, the so-called "Moral Majority". Polls of a number of fundamentalist churches in Louisiana indicate that fifty per cent (50%) or more, perhaps as high as seventy per cent (70%) of their members are not registered to vote. We have here people who can be rallied around many of the social issues that our President so sincerely articulates, for example: prayer in the public schools, the abortion issue, and support for private schools. The fundamentalists maintain a world view that mandates support for the President and his principles and as far as voting is concerned, dictates registration. It is their sacred duty to register and to vote conservatively.

There are, I am sure, several ways to approach this. One way we at Huntington House are interested in is to write a book, tentatively titled, The Faith of Ronald Reagan. I am aware that several books have been written about Ronald Reagan. I believe however, that this book could be put in every Christian bookstore in America, totaling about 6,000. It could also be used by every local Republican organization, just as A Choice Not An Echo, by Phyllis Schlafly was used to garner the nomination for Barry Goldwater. Unfortunately, once he had the nomination he was unable to rally support for the conservative cause. By attempting to put this book in the hands of literally millions of fundamentalist Christians, we could help rally that support today.

We can promote the book on numerous television and radio talk shows, and in numerous Christian magazines.

September 10, 1983
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In Anaheim, California, July 1984, will be the International Christian Booksellers Convention. Close to eight or nine thousand booksellers and/or bookstore owners will be there. I think that it would probably be rather easy to arrange for Ronald Reagan to address the CBA convention, thereby creating a great deal of excitement for him, the upcoming election, and of course his new book.

Mac, we are of course open to suggestions from the Republican Party and are willing to submit the manuscript to, in terms of things that might be politically sensitive, and also in other areas, the White House.

I cannot go into any more detail as to how we would market the book, but I think you have some idea of what we have in mind.

We intend to begin work on this project in the near future. What we would like to do is to have a well-known author write the book. We would like to arrange perhaps two or three hours of interviews with the President. With that and speeches that he has made to Christian groups, I believe we would have a tool that could be used to rally a great deal of support for him and our party.

Let me say that as a publisher, I think that this book would no doubt be a best seller, and of course profitable, but on a much larger scale I sincerely believe it can be used as a tool to re-elect Ronald Reagan, and many more conservatives to public office.

Your thoughtful consideration is greatly appreciated. If you have any suggestions for me please do not hesitate to call.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Richard K. Trosclair,
Vice-President
Huntington House, Inc.

RKT/nc

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. C. M. McLean
Post Office Box 51731
Oil Center Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Mac,

Thanks for your thoughts on voter registration
in your letter of October 4.

I will circulate your letter, and I think your
ideas will be put to good use.

Cordially,

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

MCB/wc

26 October 1983

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1983

Mr. Stephen S. Marozsan,
Chairman
VETERANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, INC.
54361 Palmer Street
South Bend, Indiana 46637

Dear Chairman Marozsan:

Thank you for your recent letter to me expressing your support for legislation to provide judicial review of decisions of the Veterans Administration concerning claims for veterans' benefits. Your commitment to the interests of disabled veterans is deeply appreciated.

Your letter indicates your view that the existing statutory prohibition of judicial review and the restrictions concerning attorneys' fees for representation in VA claims matters deny veterans constitutionally protected rights.

Statutes precluding judicial review of VA determinations concerning veterans' claims have been a part of the veterans' benefit laws since the 1930's. Restrictions on the receipt of attorneys' fees in veterans' claim matters have been enforced since shortly after the Civil War. Of course, abuse of power and arbitrary and capricious action in the consideration of veterans' claims cannot be condoned. However, despite the longstanding statutory limitations on judicial review and attorneys' fees, the overall fairness of the VA's adjudication process has not been seriously questioned, either by the overwhelming majority of veterans or by the major veterans' service organizations.

As you are probably aware, on June 15 of this year, the Senate approved H.R. 2936 after substituting the terms of S. 636 for the provisions of that bill. The latter bill being the Senate version of legislation providing for limited judicial review of VA claim decisions and permitting receipt of attorneys' fees for representation in connection with claims for veterans' benefits. To date, however, the House of Representatives has yet to act on judicial review legislation.

Similar legislation was approved by the Senate in both the 97th Congress (S. 349) and the 96th Congress (S. 330).

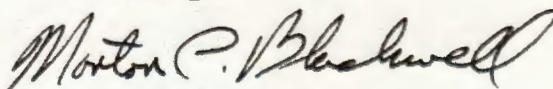
The President recognizes the debt of gratitude owed by this Country to our disabled veterans and shares your commitment to the protection of their rights. It is the Administration's belief that the present process for the adjudication of veterans' claims provides the best available opportunity for fair and efficient resolution of those claims. The Administration is concerned that the prospect of court review and the increased resort to attorneys in representation of veterans would undermine the informal, non-adversary nature of this process, which has worked well for so many years. Therefore, the Administration has not favored passage of the legislation in question, as we do not believe it to be in the overall best interests of the veterans.

We also note that the concept of due process, as interpreted by the Federal courts, requires neither judicial review of administrative determinations effecting entitlement to benefits, nor freedom from regulation of financial arrangements between claimants and attorneys. The Supreme Court and other Federal courts have made clear that, as defined by judicial interpretation, section 211(a) of the United States Code title 38 is constitutional. Similarly, the Supreme Court has upheld the attorneys' fees limitations prescribed in current and prior veterans' benefit statutes against challenges based on due process and other constitutional grounds.

Therefore, far from relegating veterans to a second class status in the receipt of government benefits, the Administration believes existing procedures provide veterans with advantages in the pursuit of their claims which are not available to other citizens. In our view, these procedures provide due recognition of the special status of America's veterans.

I would be pleased to review any additional evidence or arguments you may wish to provide concerning the need for judicial review of Veterans Administration decisions. As President Reagan stated in his 1983 Veterans Day Proclamation, "None among us deserve more respect than the millions of patriotic men and women who have worn our Nation's uniform to preserve America's freedom and world peace."

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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Stephen J. Marozian☒ PL Mail Report

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Plight of over 1 1/2 million disabled
American Veterans

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REFERRAL

AUGUST 18, 1983

TO: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

ACTION REQUESTED:

DRAFT REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF MEMBER

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 159996

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JULY 26, 1983

TO: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: MR. STEPHEN S. MAROZSAN
CHAIRMAN
THEN - NOW - FOREVER
VETERANS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
RIGHTS, INC.
54361 PALMER STREET
SOUTH BEND IN 46637

SUBJECT: PLIGHT OF OVER 1 1/2 MILLION DISABLED
AMERICAN VETERANS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



Veterans
Administration

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SEPTEMBER 15 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Ms. Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence
The White House



Attached is a draft response to Mr. Stephen S. Marozsan, Chairman, Veterans for Constitutional Rights, Inc., for the signature of Morton Blackwell.

The incoming correspondence identifies the Veterans for Constitutional Rights, Inc., as a small group of disabled veterans dissatisfied with the Veterans Administration's decisions regarding their claims for veterans' benefits. Mr. Marozsan expresses support for legislation to provide judicial review of VA decisions concerning claims for benefits. He also states the view that the existing statutory prohibition on review of such claims and restrictions concerning attorneys' fees for representation in VA claims matters deny veterans constitutionally-protected rights.

Our draft reply expresses the President's commitment to protection of the rights of disabled veterans and informs Mr. Marozsan of the position of this Administration that passage of legislation permitting judicial review of VA benefits decisions is not in the best interest of veterans. The draft reply also informs Mr. Marozsan that the Federal courts, including the Supreme Court, have upheld the constitutionality of both the prohibition of review and the limitations on attorneys' fees.

In response to Mr. Marozsan's offer to provide evidence or briefings in support of his position, the draft reply invites him to provide any additional evidence or arguments concerning the need for judicial review.


JACK D. TARRAN
Executive Secretary

Attachment

Mr. Stephen S. Marozsan
Chairman, Veterans for Constitutional
Rights, Inc.
54361 Palmer Street
South Bend, Indiana 46637

Dear Mr. Marozsan:

Thank you for your recent letter to me
[This is in reference to your letter of July 26, 1983,] expressing
your support for legislation to provide judicial review of
decisions of the Veterans Administration (VA) concerning claims
for veterans' benefits. ** See your letter* You also indicate your view that the
existing statutory prohibition of review and the restrictions
concerning attorneys' fees for representation in VA claims
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of attorneys' fees for representation in connection with
claims for veterans' benefits. *As I am certain you know* Similar legislation was
approved by the Senate in the 97th Congress (S. 349) and the
96th Congress (S. 330). The House of Representatives has yet
to act on judicial review legislation in this Congress. [The
administration *has* opposes passage of the legislation in question
as not in the best interest of veterans.]

*Very truly,
Sincerely,*

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Mr. Stephen S. Marozsan

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Mr. Stephen S. Marozsan

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We also note that the concept of due process, as interpreted by the Federal courts, requires neither judicial review of administrative determinations affecting entitlement to benefits, nor freedom from regulation of financial arrangements between claimants and attorneys. The Supreme Court and other Federal courts have made clear that, as defined by judicial interpretation, section 211(a) of United States Code title 38 is constitutional. Similarly, the Supreme Court has upheld the attorneys' fees limitations prescribed in current and prior veterans' benefit statutes against challenges based on due process and other constitutional grounds.

We will be pleased to review any additional evidence or arguments you may wish to provide concerning the need for judicial review of VA decisions. Your commitment to the interests of disabled veterans is appreciated.

N.C. PAULSON
Assistant General Counsel (022)
389-3004

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1983

Mr. Myron H. Silver
90-10 32nd Avenue
Jackson Heights, New York 11369

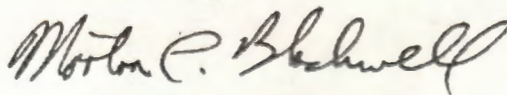
Dear Mr. Silver:

This is in response to your letter about the release of Veterans Administration medical information to the Social Security Administration and your concern with VA medical treatment.

The Administrator of Veterans Affairs advised me that Dr. Louise Fialkowski, staff psychiatrist at the New York City VA Outpatient Clinic, sent the requested medical information to the Social Security Appeals Council on August 19, 1983. I have also been informed by the Administrator that pursuant to your request, this information has also been sent to the Berkshire Life Insurance Company.

The Administrator was concerned about your dissatisfaction with your VA medical care, and asked Dr. Richard Donn, Chief Medical Officer at the New York Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic and his staff to make a careful review of your treatment file. Their review indicates that the care provided was appropriate for your medical condition. The Administrator asked me to assure you that the clinic staff are concerned about your welfare and are available to discuss your concerns.

Sincerely,



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

Veterans Administration
Office of the
Administrator
of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20420

SEPTEMBER 13 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Sally Kelley
Director of Agency Liaison
Presidential Correspondence
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Enclosed is a proposed draft reply to the letter from Mr. Myron Silver about release of his Veterans Administration medical information to the Social Security Administration and his concern with VA medical treatment.

JACK D. TARRAN
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

Mr. Myron H. Silver
90-10 -32 Avenue
Jackson Heights, NY 11369

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

JOHN J. MAY

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Ext. 3315

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

AUGUST 18, 1983

TO: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

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TO: MORTON BLACKWELL
FROM: MR. MYRON H. SILVER
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JACKSON HEIGHTS NY 11369

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SALLY KELLEY
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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 1, 1983

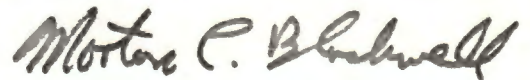
Dear Mrs. Stelle,

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your telegram of September 1st and for the support you expressed for the President's proclaiming 1983 the Year of the Bible.

I have enclosed a copy of the official Presidential Proclamation of the Year of the Bible. Activities to mark this year are being conducted by many private organizations around the country.

Thank you again for your telegram, and I hope that 1983 has had a special meaning for you as the Year of the Bible.

Cordially,



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

Mrs. Stanford Stelle
46319 Monroe Street
P.O. Box 1114
Indio, California
92202

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Barbara Ingersoll
43 Glenside Ave.
Kenmore, N.Y. 14223

Dear Ms. Ingersoll,

Thank you for your recent inquiry about the 1984 National Day of Prayer, though I am afraid I don't have a great deal of information to pass on.

As yet, a day has not been authorized by Congress. We do expect that they will act on this soon though.

Cordially,



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

MCB/wc

November 1, 1983

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Harold Fields
State Adjutant
Disabled American Veterans
2439-2441 West 16th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46222

Dear Mr. Fields,

On behalf of President Reagan, I am writing in response to your letter regarding participation in Inaugural Parades by the Indiana Military Heritage Honor Guard.

Inaugural activities are handled by designees of the President-elect. I suggest you contact directly the President-elect's campaign manager. The best time to do so would be after the general election in November 1984.

I have returned the material you sent us to facilitate future inquiries.

Cordially,

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2, 1983

Dear Mr. Burke,

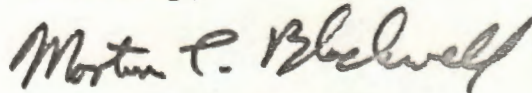
I am sorry for the late reply to your letter to Faith Whittlesey regarding the POW-MIA issue. I can assure you that the President is deeply aware of this matter and that he has taken steps to ensure that our government is fully attentive to this issue.

On January 28, 1983, the President addressed the annual meeting of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. On that occasion, he discussed efforts that have been initiated to acquire the fullest possible accounting of our missing men from governments in that region. I am enclosing for you a transcript of the President's remarks as well as a copy of the Proclamation he issued designating April 9, 1983 as National POW-MIA Recognition Day.

Your awareness of this issue is the best possible insurance that the sacrifices and fate of our men in Southeast Asia will not be forgotten.

With the President's appreciation and best wishes,

Cordially,



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

Mr. Brian P. Burke
P.O. Box 1751
St. Paul, Minn. 55111

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May 25, 1983

Ms. Faith R. Whittlesey
The Director
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Ms. Whittlesey:

I read in a recent newspaper article that you are the person appointed by President Reagan to make some of the decisions in the Office of Public Liaison. I am happy that you received that appointment.

Additionally, the article stated that your new job involves "listening to special interest groups and carrying their message to the President and other top policy makers".

Further, it was mentioned that you were appointed as Ambassador to Switzerland. That is what caught my eye as I was reading. My concern with Prisoners of War and Missing in Action has never really taken me to the European camp of Nations.

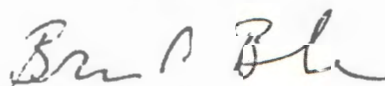
As a representative of the United States in Europe maybe there is something you have learned about OUR missing from foreign governments there? Is there any way they can help to bring OUR missing Americans back HOME from Southeast Asia? Do you think that some of the refugee stories there are being sent back here for examination could be fruitful? Can the neutral country of Switzerland give us an avenue of success?

I realize that the Department of Defense is doing their best but what can I do as an American Citizen to help President Reagan and other people in government bring this concern to a satisfactory resolve? How can I help to end the vigil of the families concerned?

The term "special interest group" scares me because we who have served in uniform should not be considered as such. Let's hope that those who are missing from this Nations' Conflicts are not classified "special interest group" and discarded or left as outcasts.

The President has given this concern "highest priority". Can you help by answering some of my questions? I await your earliest reply and thank you for your kind considerations. God Bless you.

Sincerely,


Brian P. Burke
Vietnam Veteran

P.S. POW/MIA Article enclosed
Mpls./Star Trib. 5/5/83
Letter writing

P.O. Box 1751
St. Paul, MN. 55111

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 2, 1983

Dear Mr. Van Vactor,

On behalf of President Reagan, I want to thank you for your letter of October 20th regarding the Democracy Project. The Democracy Project offers great promise as a vehicle for the people and government of the United States to help share pluralism and prosperity with other nations of the world.

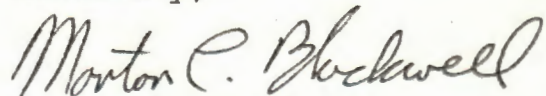
As for the several nations of Asia that you mention, it is simply not true that these countries can fairly be described as totalitarian. By any measure, they are among the most free and prosperous countries in the region; and their achievements have come despite the disruptive, untiring efforts of communists to impose thoroughly totalitarian regimes upon their people.

As you state, the economies of these nations are indeed better providers than those of some neighboring countries. As is widely observable, Providence has seen to it that we need not choose between freedom and plenty. In those places where the rights of the people are most greatly subordinated to the power of the state, the economic condition of the people is as inadequate as their political condition.

It is the understanding of the interconnectedness between democratic institutions, material well-being, and respect for human rights which underlies the Democracy Project; and it is these things together which constitute that which we wish to share, the American way.

Once again, thank you for writing to express your interest in the Democracy Project.

Cordially,



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

Mr. Lloyd G. Van Vactor
Associate Secretary
United Church Board for World Ministries
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y. 10115

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

Mr. Roy Schaetzel,
Executive Administrator
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LIONS CLUBS
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, Illinois 60570

Dear Mr. Schaetzel:

This is to confirm your conversation today with my assistant, Mrs. Joyce Thomann, regarding the rescheduling of the meeting between the President and Dr. James Fowler, President of the Lions Clubs International.

We are delighted that we were able to accommodate your request for rescheduling and hope that Dr. Fowler's visit to the Philippines and the Far East will be very successful and rewarding.

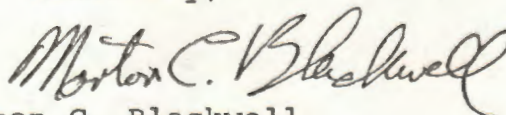
Dr. Fowler is now scheduled to meet the President on Thursday, December 15, 1983 at 4:30 p.m. in the Oval Office.

Prior to that time, it will be necessary for you to provide us with Dr. Fowler's Social Security number and date of birth as well as the full name, Social Security number and date of birth of anyone else, such as Mrs. Fowler or yourself, who might accompany Dr. Fowler. I am certain you are aware of the limitations on the number of individuals who may accompany Dr. Fowler and know that we cannot assure they will be able to meet with the President.

Dr. Fowler should plan to arrive at the Northwest gate of the White House (on Pennsylvania Avenue) at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time in order to allow for the clearance process.

We will look forward to meeting you in person on December 15th. In the meantime, if we can be of any further assistance to you, please call my office at (202) 456-2657.

Sincerely,



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

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

The Honorable Paul Laxalt
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Laxalt,

Wednesday I requested a brief meeting with you, and was told by one of your staff that such a meeting could not be arranged for two or three weeks.

This was very disappointing because the matters involved are important.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,


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

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on original*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 3, 1983

Mr. Felix I. Rodriguez
215 N.E. 114th Street
Miami, Florida 33161

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

I very much enjoyed meeting you today at my office. You are doing very important and badly needed work in seeking humanitarian aid for Nicaraguan refugees in Honduras. We should keep in touch.

We look forward to viewing the video tape of your previous efforts in Central America. I have forwarded your letter regarding the Nicaraguan Freedom Fighters to the President.

Good luck in your program to implement fully the V.F.W.'s national convention resolution to support humanitarian efforts. I will check back with Cooper Holt of the V.F.W. on your progress.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Lieutenant General Carlos M. Talbott, USAF (Ret.),
Chief of Staff
THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS
1100 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Washington, d.C. 20036

Dear General Talbott:

First, I must apologize for not thanking you earlier for your kindness in sending me a copy of the First Day Resolutions adopted at the National Convention of the Military Order of World Wars.

As a regular attendee at our Central American Outreach meetings, you know how very important support such as that set out at the beginning of your First Day Resolutions is to the President and to all of us who are working diligently to increase the public awareness of the serious situation in Central America.

As you know, the first part of each Wednesday meeting is devoted to reports of activities of the groups present. In that regard, it seems to me that it would be very helpful if you could share with the group the reaction you received from the members of Congress to whom the Resolutions were sent. It would also provide us with an opportunity to have you read the Central American resolution to the assembled group. In light of the revelations of Grenada, the MCWW Resolution takes on a special timeliness.

Finally, many of those who attend our meetings place items for general distribution on the table outside the entrance to the meeting room. I believe a copy of the seven Resolutions adopted on the first day of your annual convention would be very interesting to the assembled group.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Finally, many of those who attend our meetings place items for general distribution on the table outside the entrance to the meeting room. I believe the Resolutions adopted by the MOWW at your convention would be of interest to the assembled group if you could make copies available.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Joan Harris
Accuracy in Media
1341 G Street, N.W.
Suite 312
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Ms. Harris,

On behalf of Mrs. Whittlesey, I am writing to thank you for taking the time to send us the AIM report and study of CBS' documentary on Guatemala.

As the project officer for the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America, it is my duty to collect and distribute accurate information about Central America. Hence, I am quite aware of some of the material that passes for fact in mass media presentations.

With thanks for your work, and for all that Accuracy in Media does to keep journalists and producers honest, I am,

Cordially,

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

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 7, 1983

Miss Lynn Goodman,
Research Assistant
KYW News Radio
Independence Mall East
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106

Dear Miss Goodman:

First, I must apologize for the delay in acknowledging receipt of the three cassette tapes of your day-long special, "Central America the Central Issue."

I deeply appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending them to me and was delighted that I could be a part of your program. I regret that I have not yet had the time to listen to the entire full-day program, but have thoroughly enjoyed those portions I was able to hear.

If we can be of assistance to you again, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

FRW:mcb-j

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Louie Bellucci
518 Eleventh Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Mr. Bellucci,

I wanted to write and tell you that I have received and read both of the articles you sent me, and enjoyed the material very much.

Thank you for the information, and for your interest. With best regards, I am,

Cordially,

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

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November 7, 1983

Louie F. Bellucci
918 Eleventh St., S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Sept. 28, 1983

Dear Morton Blackwell -

Hello again! About 2 weeks ago
- Mr. Blackwell - I forward to you
an article - titled, "Rewards & Penalties"
And as of this date - I have not
hear a word from you - or your
office.

Sir - would you please tell me
- have I said or done anything
wrong? ? ?

Most sincerely,
Louie Bellucci

Dear Mr. Bellucci
I received and
read the material
you sent me.
Thank you for
the information
sincerely

Louie J. Bellucci
518 Eleventh St., S. E.
Washington, D. C. 20003

Where is the note
I drafted
October 19, 1983?
for him?
ML

Dear Mr. Blackwell -

Hello! About a month ago - I wrote
to you and enclosed in my or with
my letter the article "Rewards &
Penalties." And as of this date, sir,
I have not received a word from you
nor your office.

In case the above article was mis-
placed - I have enclosed another article
- titled "What Is an Executive?" Hoping
I'll hear back from you on this one &
Mr. Blackwell.

Once again - I'll ask, Mr. Blackwell
— have I said or done anything wrong?

Most sincerely,
Louie Bellucci

What is an Executive?

By L. Ron Hubbard

What is an executive? Is it someone who is important? Who gets more pay? Who has authority? Perhaps. But these are not the real reasons that such posts exist.

Most successful executives can personally do more work than other people: their output¹, quite usually, is very large. And though this is often necessary, that isn't the reason either.

Let us take up the meaning of the word "executive." It is derived from the word "executor" which means "a person who gets something done or produced." The word comes from the Latin *ex* -completely + *sequi* -to follow and means "to follow through to the end." In other words, to get something DONE!

In any business or production organization, its prosperity depends upon GETTING THINGS DONE!

The executive is there to ensure that the people produce what they are supposed to produce and in viable quantity and with no overt products².

And that is why an executive is there and that is what he is supposed to do.

In these druggie days of super-socialism, people can get other ideas of why an executive is there. And, unfortunately, executives themselves can get other ideas of their role.

It is an unfortunate fact, whether in a capitalism or a communism, that when an individual human being does not produce, he not only, in the short run or long run, cuts his own throat but he also drags the whole team down. A team or organization that does not produce not only loses its morale and pride, it also is committing eventual suicide.

The graveyards of history are full of "leisure classes" that did not produce: the peasants get real tired of seeing the aristocrats loaf and eventually cut off their heads. Modern times are crammed with beautiful experiments of "workers' paradises" where everyone is starving to death.

One sees the TV commercials and reads the paperbacks and they tell him that his goal

is expensively bought leisure and that the ideal is to lie beneath the palm trees and do no work. Whole ideologies get built around this beautiful dream of a world in which no single person ever lifts a finger and sighs away his days in loafing bliss.

Unfortunately, this does not align with the facts. The unhappiest little kids in the world are those who have nothing to do: they whine and mope and quarrel and are quite a burden to their mamas. People on relief or living on social security are the most miserable lot, morale-wise, one ever collided with: they will tell you they would rather have a job. The death rate of men who have retired is startling: cast aside and feeling purposeless, no longer producing anything, they, as insurance companies will tell you, mostly pine away and die. In short, people who don't produce are very unhappy people.

Union agitators, once upon a time, promised all the workers that in a few decades, they would be in clover. Less work and more pay was the slogan. And where, today, is this dream? Failing to produce, union members are out there in their millions, unemployed! And this lack of production is making the cost of living so high that even if they did work, they would have trouble finding enough dollar bills to buy a hamburger.

A certain amount of lying in the sun is a good thing. A laborer should not be worked to death.

But all things are best in moderation. The "leisure class" goes to extremes of purposeless loafing, the working man produces far less than he's paid for and in either case down comes the organization or the country.

A worker-oriented executive is trying to be liked by not requiring work from his organization: What is he actually accomplishing? He is lowering their living standards; he is pushing them into poverty; if he keeps on failing to persuade them to produce, he will kill them off. It categorizes as a suppressive act³. "Go on, Joe, take the day off." "Oh, you poor fellow, you shouldn't work so hard." "Who cares about the stats, let's only

work from eleven a.m. to noon." "Are you all comfortable as you doze? Oh, that's good, snore on." Such a person is surely not an executive: he's an imposter with a pistol leveled at the staffs' head. For surely, surely it is HE who has them drawing such low pay and it is HE who will at last, through their tolerated indolence, get them fired. It is HE who will lose the org⁴. That's a pretty high price to pay for "being a good fellow."

Holding a post on which he is entrusted to get things DONE, he is a traitor to his organization and to his staff.

Of course, there are penalties connected to getting people to produce. They are often green and unhatted and need somebody to show them where to put what when. They are often bewildered and don't understand why these papers have to go in the right folders. And when one tries to get them to do some work, they sometimes snarl back or walk off and won't play pool with one anymore.

But if one thinks that by taking it easy on staff he will make points, an executive is VERY mistaken. Usually such an executive is actually despised. Down deep the staff knows what he SHOULD be doing with them and if he, having the title, doesn't do it, they see him as a fake.

It is interesting that staffs respect competent executives who get the job done. They respect the one that makes them work and they trust him.

It is a maxim that crews, staffs and employees respect only those in power who do their jobs and get them to do theirs. Oh, yes, they will elect people who tell them they don't have to work. But it's interesting that the first ones they blame when things go wrong are these worker-oriented softies: in the chaos of their wake, the next one people will support is a tough strong one who knows his business.

The only executives that staffs and crews really respect are those who get them to produce and get the job done.

Look at Carter, the past unlamented president. Although he talked a lot about leadership, although he was the darling of the working man and all that, in office he was so wishy-washy, soft and incompetent — everybody's pal — that they eventually threw him out with a landslide victory for his opponent, a very tough talking man who was actually anti-socialist.

However one tries to coat the pill, there is no substitute, in an executive, for the ability to get the crew to produce.

The fire-breathing product officer will be followed and supported when the wishy-washy old pal guy will be stepped all over in the rush to follow a real leader.

Across the world, looking at organizations, one can spot every company and org which has executives who do not get their crews to produce. Such areas loom up like danger flags of trouble. Although their executives might think they are being good fellows, loafingly cheered by all, the fact is that their crews, behind their backs, despise them, the public regards them with contempt and the upper management echelons look at those loafing stats and put the names of those executives in a little black book for soonest firing.

It is not hard to detect a happy, cheerful org: its stats are up. And it is not hard to detect executives who are NOT making their crews produce: there's lots of conflict and trouble in the place and their stats are down.

Management looks everywhere for executives who can get their crews to really produce. And oddly enough, so do the crews. If you don't believe it, try it.

¹OUTPUT: The amount of work accomplished or the quantity of something produced by an employee, machine, plant, company, etc.

²OVERT PRODUCT: A bad one that will not be accepted or cannot be traded or exchanged and has more waste and liability connected with it than it has value.

³OVERT: We have the word "overt", meaning a bad deed.

⁴SUPPRESSIVE ACTS: Actions or omissions undertaken to knowingly suppress, reduce or impede Scientology or Scientologists.

⁵ORG: slang abbreviation for "organization".

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