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*File Ann Sturgis
Ben waiting for
Bro. Hatcher*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: April 21, 1981
FROM: ELIZABETH DOLE
VIA: GREGORY NEWELL

MEETING: With Religious Broadcasters Association Board
of Directors

DATE: Week of May 11, 1981

PURPOSE: To solidify support for the President's economic
package, following a briefing by Administration
officials on the elements of the package.

FORMAT: Location: Roosevelt Room
Participants: 35

Duration: 15 minutes

CABINET
PARTICIPATION: Secretary Schweiker, David Stockman

SPEECH
MATERIAL: Talking points

PRESS
COVERAGE: Photo opportunity

STAFF: Elizabeth Dole, Morton Blackwell

RECOMMEND: Elizabeth Dole

OPPOSED:

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION:

BACKGROUND: The Religious Broadcasting Association represents
1000 radio stations and 35 television stations. The
Board of Directors is comprised of the top figures in
religious broadcasting, including Jerry Falwell and
Billy Graham. The board members are very supportive
of the President and his policies and are willing to
cooperate to be sure that their listeners understand
the elements of the economic package before Congress
and its benefit to individual Americans.

APPROVE: _____

DISAPPROVE: _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 2, 1982

MEETING WITH REVEREND ROBERT SCHULLER

DATE: February 4, 1982

LOCATION: Oval Office

TIME: 11:50 a.m.

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole 

I. PURPOSE

To greet the Reverend Bob Schuller of the Garden Grove Community Church of Garden Grove, California.

II. BACKGROUND

This brief meeting is in response to Reverend Schuller's request to meet you in the Oval Office. He is an ardent Republican and a very strong supporter of yours. This request was conveyed via Dennis Revell.

Reverend Schuller preaches every Sunday to nearly three thousand people in his glass-walled "Crystal Cathedral," a spectacular religious edifice. Some of his congregation is parked in cars outside. His sermon is broadcast under the title The Hour of Power to an estimated audience of three million nationwide. Reverend Schuller has been very successful in preaching to the unchurched by stressing the power of positive thinking.

III. PARTICIPATION

Reverend Schuller
Elizabeth H. Dole
Morton C. Blackwell

IV. PRESS PLAN

White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:50 a.m. -- Reverend Schuller enters the Oval Office and moves to a place in front of the fireplace with you for brief conversation and photo.

11:55 a.m. -- Reverend Schuller departs.

Attachment

Talking Points

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
REVEREND ROBERT SCHULLER

- I understand your weekly televised sermon, The Hour of Power, is one of our country's most successful national religious broadcasts, reaching over three million viewers.

- Elizabeth Dole tells me she recently appeared at your famous "Crystal Cathedral" and was very moved by your service.

- I support the "possibility thinking" message of your ministry, typified by one of your slogans, "Turn your scars into stars." I believe this approach is very appealing because it reaches out to people, especially the unchurched.

- Thank you for your support and prayers.

EAD Charlotte/Martha
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

REVISION

MEMORANDUM

1/26/82

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE (Changed from David Fischer as previously directed)

FROM: GREGORY *JS* NEWELL

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Courtesy call by Rev. Bob Schuler
Schuller

DATE: *February 4, 1982*

TIME: *11:40 am*

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: No

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

cc: A. Bakshian	E. Rollins
M. Brandon	B. Shaddix
R. Darman	L. Speakes
R. DeProspero	S. Studdert
K. Duberstein	WHCA Audio/Visual
D. Fischer	WHCA Operations
C. Fuller	R. Williamson
C. Gerrard	N. Wormser
E. Hickey	A. Wrobleski

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

7/14/82
2/4
APPROVED FOR

Date: 2/4/82
Time: 11:50
Length: 5 minutes
Date: 1/21/82 GJN
(Fischer)

TO: GREG NEWELL

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE *Kathy*

SUBJECT: PHOTO OPPORTUNITY WITH REVEREND BOB SCHULER

I had a phone call from Dennis Revell, Maureen Reagan's husband today. The Reverend Bob Schuler (Garden Grove Community Church which is aired each week "Hour of Power") is going to be in Washington D.C. on February 4th for a prayer meeting. He mentioned to Dennis that he has never been invited to the White House and expressed a desire to be invited into the Oval Office. He is very pro-Reaganomics and has made reference to this in some of his sermons.

If this can be arranged (I don't know who has to okay and clear, etc., please contact Dennis on the campaign phone number at (213) 931-1634.)

Thanks.

OK 213/470-2867

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Rev Schuller

*714-971-4075
Rev. Robert Schuller
Crystal Cathedral
Chapman at Lewis
Garden Grove
Calif. 92640*

Tricia:

I spoke to Lyn Nofziger about the Reverend Bob Schuller.

He said that he is familiar with the man. He has thousands of followers in California and has been very supportive of the President. He is not a member of the moral majority. He could not see any reason why he should not have a brief photo-opp with the P.

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*GJN -
Should we
schedule?
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

2/3/82

TO: STEPHEN STUDDERT
FROM: GREGORY *H.* NEWELL.
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Dropby National Religious Broadcasters Convention

DATE: February 9, 1982

TIME: 6:00 pm

DURATION: 20 minutes

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY

PARTICIPATION: Optional

REMARKS REQUIRED

cc: A. Bakshian
M. Brandon
R. Darman
R. DeProspero
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1982

MEETING WITH NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

DATE: February 9, 1982

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel, Grand Ballroom

TIME: 6:00-6:20 p.m.

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole *E.H.D.*

I. PURPOSE

To address 3,000 delegates and guests of the National Religious Broadcasters Association's annual convention. Members are leaders in the field of religious broadcasting and represent constituencies numbering in the tens of millions.

II. BACKGROUND

The theme of this 39th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters is "Reaching the Family." Many famous and distinguished people, including Surgeon General Dr. Everett Koop, will speak. Their board consists of sixty outstanding leaders of religious broadcasting, including fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell and "mainline" broadcasters such as Reverend Billy Graham. The National Religious Broadcasters have been in support of your principles for many years. The NRB held press conferences, sent out letters of recommendation, and campaigned vigorously in your 1980 campaign. You spoke to their October 1980 convention in Lynchburg, Virginia.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Dr. David L. Hofer, President of National Religious Broadcasters
Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of NRB

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 5:50 p.m. - You arrive Sheraton Washington Hotel and proceed to holding room, where you will be met by Dr. David Hofer and Dr. Ben Armstrong.
- 5:58 p.m. - You depart holding room en route Grand Ballroom.
- 5:59 p.m. - Invocation by Dr. Hofer concluding in your introduction.
- 6:00 p.m. - You offer remarks.
- 6:20 p.m. - You depart en route the White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 5, 1982

MEETING WITH NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

DATE: February 9, 1982
LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel, Grand Ballroom
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

I. PURPOSE

To address 3000 delegates, leaders in the field of religious broadcasting, who represent large constituencies numbering into the tens of millions.

II. BACKGROUND

The theme of this 39th annual convention of the National Religious Broadcasters is "Reaching the Family." Many famous and distinguished people, including Surgeon General Dr. Everett Koop, will speak. Their board consists of sixty outstanding leaders of religious broadcasting, including fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell and "mainline" broadcasters such as Reverend Billy Graham. The National Religious Broadcasters have been in support of Reagan principles for many years. The NRB held press conferences, sent out letters of recommendation, and campaigned vigorously in the 1980 Reagan campaign. You spoke to their October, 1980 convention in Lynchburg, Virginia.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Dr. David L. Hofer, President of National Religious Broadcasters
Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director of NRB
3000 delegates

IV. PRESS PLAN

Full national press coverage

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

5:50 P.M. President arrives at Sheraton Washington Hotel and proceeds to holding room. President is met by Dr. David Hofer and Dr. Ben Armstrong.
5:58 P.M. President departs holding room in route to Grand Ballroom.
5:59 P.M. Invocation by Dr. Hofer and introduction of the President.
6:00 P.M. President makes remarks.
6:15 P.M. President departs hotel.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 5, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The National Religious Broadcasters to address its annual convention.

PURPOSE: To address 3000 delegates, leaders in the field of religious broadcasting, who represent large constituencies numbering into tens of millions. The convention's theme is "Reaching the Family." This would provide an excellent forum for the President's planned speech on "American Pluralism."

BACKGROUND: This is the 39th annual convention of the NRB and many distinguished speakers are expected at their convention, including Dr. Everett Koop. Their board consists of 60 outstanding leaders in the field of religion and religious broadcasting, including fundamentalists like Jerry Falwell and "mainline" conservatives such as Billy Graham. The NRB as a conservative organization has been in basic support of President Reagan's principles going back to 1976 and before. The NRB held press conferences, sent out letters of recommendation, and campaigned vigorously in the 1980 Reagan campaign.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all have addressed this annual convention.

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

DATE: Sunday, February 7 at 7 P.M. for the opening session or Monday, February 8 at 7 P.M.

DURATION: 20 minute speech

PARTICIPANTS: 3000 delegates to the convention and their guests

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will be introduced, he will make the speech, pose for pictures, and depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major speech

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

TO: Ed Rollins OK
FROM: Morton Blackwell
RE: Schedule proposal

The National Religious Broadcasters
are holding their annual convention
in Washington next month.

This would provide an excellent
opportunity for the President
to present his planned speech on
"American Pluralism."

May we add your name to the proposal
next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

TO: Don Moran
FROM: Morton Blackwell
RE: Schedule proposal

The National Religious Broadcasters
are holding their annual convention
in Washington next month.

This would provide an excellent
opportunity for the President to
present his planned speech on
"American Pluralism."

May we add your name and/or
Director Stockman's to the
proposal next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1982

TO: David Swoap
FROM: Morton Blackwell
RE: Schedule proposal

The National Religious Broadcaster
are holding their annual conventi
in Washington next month.

This would provide an excellent
opportunity for the President to
present his planned speech on
"American Pluralism."

May we add your name and/ or
Secretary Schweiker's to the
proposa next to RECOMMENDED BY:

Thank you.

As time is short, please call us a
soon as possible - 456-2657 -
with your answers.

OK for Sec 1/5/82

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
January 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT NATIONAL RELIGIOUS MEETING

Forced to choose a Presidential address before either the National Association of Evangelicals on March 2nd in Chicago or the National Religious Broadcasters on February 7th in Washington, I recommend the National Religious Broadcasters annual convention.

The National Association of Evangelicals Executive Director, Bob Dugan, has been more helpful to this office than any other person in the religious community, and very many have been helpful. However, the National Religious Broadcasters meeting is more important.

The National Religious Broadcasters will have 3000 delegates compared to 1200 at the National Association of Evangelicals convention.

The National Religious Broadcasters convention includes virtually all of the effective communicators in the religious community who actively supported the President.

There is some overlap between these two organizations. Not all the people at either convention are active supporters of the President.

The themes of the two conventions are similar. The National Religious Broadcasters theme is "Reaching the Family" and the National Association of Evangelicals theme is "Save the Family."

Both are important gatherings worthy of a Reagan Presidential visit.

If it is decided that the President can attend only the National Religious Broadcasters convention, I strongly recommend that we work with the National Association of Evangelicals to schedule a meeting for their leadership with the President later in the year.

The situation here is analogous to the American Legion vs. the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the veterans community. It is very important that we are evenhanded with these related, friendly organizations.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 12, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The National Association of Evangelicals to address its annual convention.

PURPOSE: To address 1200 major evangelical leaders from all over the country. The convention's theme "Save the Family" would allow the President to share his concerns for the family as the fundamental unit in society.

BACKGROUND: The National Association of Evangelicals is to evangelical Christians what the National Council of Churches is to ecumenical Christians. Gallup research indicates that there are approximately 45 million self-identified evangelicals in the nation. NAE membership includes 38,000 churches from 74 denominations. The leadership present at this convention represents the major theological force in the United States today, and possibly the developing new religio-political force as well. Most evangelicals were strong supporters of the President during his election, and officers of the NAE have been vigorously in support of this Administration. The National Association of Evangelicals is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding in the spring of 1982.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

LOCATION: Arlington Park Hilton Hotel, in the Chicago suburbs

DATE: March 2 or 3, 1982 DURATION: 20 minute speech

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will be introduced, he will make a speech, pose for pictures, and depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major speech

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: 1200 major evangelical leaders from all over the country

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood

PROPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 12, 1982

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE *EHD*

REQUEST: Address to the National Religious Broadcasters
Annual Convention

PURPOSE: To enable the President to give a speech on
American Pluralism, thereby delivering on his
commitment to Jewish leaders that he would soon
speak out on the right of Americans to dissent,
etc. It's important that this commitment be met
as soon after the SOTU as possible, and use of
this forum has excellent support in the Jewish
community.

BACKGROUND: This 39th annual convention will be attended by
3,000 delegates, virtually every leader in the
field of religious broadcasting. This group
represents a constituency in the tens of millions
and is headed by Dr. Ben Armstrong, an ardent
supporter.

This conservative organization has long espoused
the President's philosophy and embraces repre-
sentatives from almost all denominations.

PREVIOUS
PARTICIPATION: Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all have
addressed a NRB annual convention.

LOCATION: Sheraton Washington Hotel

DATE: February 7-10, 1982

DURATION: 30 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: 3,000 delegates

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Introduction on dais for remarks.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Speech text

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood, Ed Rollins

OPPOSED BY: None

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOT

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL *MB*

Attached is the advance flyer promoting the convention next week of the National Religious Broadcasters.

Their theme is "Reaching the Family". These people are mostly strong supporters of the President whose support has been predicated on the President's strong pro-family position.

Because this Administration has not undertaken many initiatives in the social issues which are primarily of concern to this segment of the President's support, this is a delicate situation.

I suggest that you rely on themes from the President's past statements. In addition to such issues as voluntary prayer in schools, protecting the rights of the unborn, neighborhood schools, emphasizing parental rights and responsibilities, and reversal of government policies (for instance in the welfare areas) which tend to destabilize and break up families, I suggest that this would be an appropriate time for the President to emphasize the roles of church leaders and their congregations in private sector initiatives.

We are apparently committed to remarks relating to pluralism and anti-semitism. The worst thing that we could do would be to have the President appear to be lecturing these (overwhelmingly Protestant) broadcasters on the subject of anti-semitism. I don't know any of them who are anti-semitic. Most of the fundamentalist broadcasters, to the contrary, are militantly pro Israel, many from perceived biblical mandate. Thus your draft remarks on pluralism must be carefully drafted.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE PROPOSAL FOR THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS
BROADCASTERS CONVENTION

I received the schedule proposal dated January 12th proposing that the President give a speech to the National Religious Broadcasters on American Pluralism and the right to dissent.

This was not at all the schedule proposal which I presented, and in my judgment, represents another in the seemingly endless series of lost opportunities to invigorate the President's winning coalition for the 1982 elections.

I have no doubt that President Giamatti of Yale, a militant critic of the Moral Majority and the Reagan policy agenda, would be pleased to have the President lecturing conservative religious communicators on the "right of Americans to dissent."

This is the wrong forum for the proposed topic. If the President has a commitment to address the topic of dissent, he could make that talk before almost any audience. These religious communicators are the key to literally hundreds of thousands of grass-roots political activists who are potentially active in the 1982 elections.

The theme of the National Religious Broadcasters convention (as well as the National Association of Evangelicals convention) stresses the threat to the American Family. It is no coincidence that both these groups picked similar topics for their themes.

I consider it highly unlikely that we can get the President to speak before another pro-family group of this size and influence this election year. It is politically essential that the Presidential address to this group hammer away at all available pro-family themes. The President must enumerate the many steps this Administration has taken that have reversed the previous, anti-family trend in the federal government.

There are many pro-family activists salted away in the departments and agencies. Working with the President's speechwriters, we could come up with a superb address which would thrill the pro-family movement and constitute a call to arms for the 1982 election battles.

Please, let's not lose this opportunity.



NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

CN 026, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 (201) 575-4000
Ben Armstrong, Ph.D., Executive Director

March 9, 1982

Miss Kathy Christenson
C/o Mr. Morton Blackwell
Public Liaison Office
Executive Office Building
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Kathy,

Thank you for sending the two pictures autographed by President Reagan. These were extremely superb, and I want to thank you for your kindness in sending them to me inscribed by Ronald Reagan to both David Hofer and myself.

Would it be possible for you to order 4 copies of each of these pictures? The numbers are 9FE82C633018A; the second picture is 9FE82C633015.

These photos do not have to be autographed as were the color prints you sent to me.

We could use these copies for publication purposes and would be deeply appreciative to you if you could secure copies of them.

They are excellent!

I want to again thank you, Kathy, for your kindness in helping us with the Presidential appearance at our convention. It was a tremendous help to NRB, but I think also to the program of President Reagan in terms of the support of our constituency.

Audio tapes of his address have been sent out to every member of our association, and we have received word that exposure on the local level has been excellent.

President Reagan's address was most moving, relevant, as well as powerful, and all of us were overjoyed.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Ben
Ben Armstrong
Executive Director

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To Dr. Ben Armstrong,
With appreciation and best wishes,
Ronald Reagan



To Dr. David Hofer
With appreciation and best wishes, Ronald Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 12, 1982

Dear Dr. Armstrong:

Thank you so very much for your compliments concerning our help with your NRB convention. It was certainly a pleasure to work with you and a wonderful success that we were able to get the President to address your great gathering!

I am enclosing an additional picture that we just received of the President at the convention. Also, I have ordered the additional copies of the two other pictures as you requested. As soon as they come in, I will mail them up to you.

Thank you again for your kind comments, and I look forward to working with you in the future.

Cordially,



Kathy Christiansen

Dr. Ben Armstrong
Executive Director
National Religious Broadcasters
CN 026
Morristown, NJ 07960

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 9, 1982

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

The National Press Club

5:35 P.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. Thank you, Dr. Hoffer, Dr. Armstrong, the distinguished guests, and ladies and gentlemen, I'm not going to beat around the bush because I want you to know that you've made my day. (Laughter.) Do you realize how great it is after being in the heartland to return and to find the population of Washington, D.C. increased by 3500 more believers? (Applause.)

I've just travelled halfway across the country since yesterday noon. I've visited three states and given four speeches. But no message given or received was more important than the theme of your conference. To preserve our blessed land, we must look to God. And we must look to the hearthstone because that's where all hope for America lies.

Families are the bedrock of our nation -- teachers of cooperation, tolerance, concern, and responsibility. Rebuilding America begins with restoring family strength and preserving family values.

One great joy in my job has been sending anniversary greetings to couples who have been married 50 years or more. More than 65,000 greetings sent out last year. And believe it or not, I loved knowing that every one of them -- and seeing that every one was sent out.

America's elderly have a wise or are a wise and a very precious resource and we should always honor them and never set them aside. I know that people in that generation -- in our generation -- (laughter) -- are sometimes a bit sensitive about their age. I was kidded myself again last week as I celebrated the 32nd anniversary of my 39th birthday. (Applause.) But then I remembered something that Thomas Jefferson said. He said that we should never judge a President by his age. We should judge him by his work. And ever since he told me that, I've stopped -- (laughter) -- I've stopped worrying. I have increased the workload a little. (Laughter.)

But like you, I've always believed that we were put here for a reason -- that there is a path -- somehow a divine plan for all of us and for each one of us. And I've also always believed that America was set apart in a special way -- that it was put here between the oceans to be found by a certain kind of people based on a quality that these people had that they came from every corner of the world. And a country then was created by men and women who came not for gold but mainly in search of God. They would be free people living under the law with faith in their maker and in their future.

It's been written that the most sublime figure in American history was George Washington on his knees in the snow at Valley Forge. He personified a people who knew that it was not enough to depend on their own courage and goodness -- that they must also seek help from God -- their Father and preserver.

Where did we begin to lose sight of that noble beginning -- of our conviction that standards of right and wrong do exist and must be lived up to? Do we really think that we can have it both ways -- that God will protect us in a time of crisis even as we turn away from him in our day to day life?

It's time to realize, I think, that we need God more than he needs us. (Applause.) But millions of Americans haven't forgotten. They know we've been on a toboggan slide and they're determined to do something about it. And I'm honored to

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stand before you, 3500 of their most effective and courageous leaders. And let me say I do not agree with those who accuse you of trying to impose your views on others. (Applause.) If we have come to the point in America where any attempt to see traditional values reflected in public policy would leave one open to irresponsible charges then I say the entire structure of our free society is threatened.

The First Amendment was not written to protect the people from religious values -- it was written to protect those values from government tyranny. (Applause.)

Let us go forward with our conviction that education does not begin with Washington officials or state officials or local officials. It begins with the family where it is the right and the responsibility of every parent. And that responsibility, I think, includes teaching children respect for skin color that is different than their own; religious beliefs that are different from their own. It included conveying the message to the young as well as the old that racial discrimination and religious bigotry have no place in a free society.

And let me go forward with our conviction that there is in the American heart a deep spirit of love -- of caring and willingness to work together -- waiting to be tapped. And I want to ask you tonight, will you lead our crusade to restore our tradition of neighbor caring for neighbor?

I have appointed a private sector initiative task force to help build a partnership between the private and public sector in every community in America. It includes Terrence Cardinal Cooke, Archbishop of New York; E. V. Hill, Pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Los Angeles; Dee Jepsen, an Advisory Board Member of STEP in Washington, D.C.; Elder Thomas Monson of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake City; and other prominent Americans of the Christian and Jewish faith, and they need your help and I hope that you will be working together.

I know how much many of you are already doing and, believe me, I am grateful. It is a little like preaching to the choir, I know, for me to be saying these things to this particular audience. You are already out on the point. But too many people have been told that what they do is not as important or worthwhile as what government does. I don't buy that. Last week at the Annual Prayer Breakfast I spoke of the parable of the Good Samaritan and I have always believed that the meaning and the importance of that parable is not so much the good that was done to the beaten pilgrim, it was to the samaritan who crossed the road, who knelt down and bound up the wounds of the beaten traveler and then carried him into the nearest town. He didn't take a look and hurry on by into that town and then find a caseworker and say, "There is somebody out there on the road that I think needs help." (Applause.)

We need all of you now more than ever. I have always believed that this country, not always, but recent years, I should say, believed that this country is hungering for a spiritual revival. (applause.) I believe we need to build on what they're doing in Atlanta where local churches have spearheaded a community effort -- thousands of citizens to help fight crime by serving as extra eyes and ears for the Atlanta police department, no longer turning their head away and saying, "I don't want to get involved."

We need to duplicate the example of Rock Island, Illinois, where a Christian family care center established by local churches and run by volunteer funds provides aid to victims of child or spouse abuse. And the ecumenical Loaves and Fishes Program which help feed the poor in Milwaukee and Minneapolis, St. Paul, where I just was last night. And the Christian Broadcasting Networks' Operation Blessing which matches volunteers of goods and services with those in need throughout the country.

Let us rebuild our communities and as we do, can we not do something else? Can we not, as Americans, become better friends again? We come from different backgrounds, pursue different interests, and hold different views, but we can draw communion from our shared values.

Recently, I read a story by a reporter, Judy Foreman, in the Boston Globe that explains what I mean. I was a sports announcer years ago. I was a sports announcer at a time when organized baseball was declared to be a game for caucasian gentlemen. And it was kept that way. And then one owner of one baseball club had the courage to take Jackie Robinson, former athletic star from UCLA, into the major leagues in defiance of that rule -- the first black man to play major league baseball. And, as you can imagine, from that day that time ago, in the excitement that comes and the partisanship of a ball game, he was subjected many times to racial harrassment. And one day when his Brooklyn Dodgers were playing a game away from home, the racial slurs from the crowd started up and then grew louder. And then suddenly a teammate of Jackie Robinson's, a white teammate, PeeWee Reese, called for time out and slowly walked over to Jackie Robinson, put his arm around his shoulder, and then stood there facing that hostile crowd. He didn't say anything, just silently but eloquently he told the crowd, this man is my friend.

Let us come together as friends. We'll never find every answer, solve every problem, heal every wound, or live all our dreams. But we can do a lot if we walk together down that one path that we know provides real hope.

The Book of St. John tells us that "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." We have God's promise that what we give will be given back many times over. And we also have his promise that we could take to heart with regard to our country -- "That if my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land." Maybe it's later than we think. Let us go forth from here and rekindle the fire of our faith. Let our wisdom be vindicated by our deeds. And when our work is done, we can say that we have fought the good fight. We have finished the race. We have kept the faith. And we can say some day to our children's children -- we did all that could be done in the moment that was given us here on earth.

Thank you and God bless you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM

1/28/82

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE

FROM: GREGORY ~~B~~ NEWELL

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Signing Ceremony for ~~National Day of Prayer~~
Proclamation

DATE: ~~February 12, 1982~~

TIME: ~~11:45 am~~

DURATION: ~~15 minutes~~

LOCATION: To be determined

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY

PARTICIPATION: Optional

REMARKS REQUIRED

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 11, 1982

SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

DATE: February 12, 1982
LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE 

I. PURPOSE

To sign a proclamation declaring Thursday, May 6, 1982 as a National Day of Prayer.

II. BACKGROUND

Thirty years ago, a Joint Resolution of Congress requested the President to set aside a suitable day each year as a National Day of Prayer. Eight Presidents since then have annually proclaimed a Day of Prayer to the nation, resuming a tradition started by the Continental Congress in June of 1775.

In 1981, you restored the historic "first Thursday in May" date, as observed by the Continental Congress, for the National Day of Prayer so religious groups could count on a regular day each year to celebrate. This day is a natural expression of the American tradition of all faiths uniting in prayer and asking for divine guidance.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached.

IV. PRESS PLAN

Writing pool and photo coverage.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:45 a.m. You arrive in Cabinet Room and shake hands with assembled religious leaders.

11:50 a.m. You make brief remarks.

11:55 a.m. Upon conclusion of your remarks, you sign the Proclamation with two pens which you will give to Dr. Smith and Father Hoye.

12:00 p.m. You thank your guests and depart.

Attachment: Participants

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 12, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO
FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL
SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
PROCLAMATION

Several of the major religious leaders who attended the Presidential signing of the proclamation for the National Day of Prayer surely left disappointed.

Immediately prior to our bringing in the leaders for the Cabinet Room signing ceremony, Red told me that the "Big Three" had decided that the religious leaders would have to be across the table from the President rather than stand behind him.

This resulted in two problems:

1. It was impossible to shoot photographs which included the entire group with the President. When the photographers shot diagonally across the table, they got the President in the photo with only some of the visiting leaders.
2. Our proposal included a Presidential handshake with each of the religious leaders. The last-minute change in the physical arrangement prohibited this. The President only shook hands with two, the Catholic and Southern Baptist leaders who received the two ceremonial pens.

The President's remarks were fine. He spoke out in favor of voluntary school prayer and expressed his belief in intercessory prayer.

Only twenty two people, it was not a big crowd. It included very major leaders, most of whom are strongly supportive of the President.

If this had been a group of union bosses or black civil rights leaders, I have no doubt that the President would have been allowed to shake the hands of each person present.

Our failure to schedule the long hoped for pro-family coalition meeting last year has caused many of the President's religious friends to believe that someone in the White House regards conservative religious leaders as not vital elements of his coalition or somehow unclean. The ceremony this morning did nothing to dispell that impression.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 12, 1982

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

National prayer is deeply rooted in our American heritage. From the earliest days of our Republic, Americans have asked God to hear their prayers in times of sorrow and crisis and in times of bounty.

The first National Day of Prayer was proclaimed in 1775 by the Second Continental Congress. As thousands gathered in prayer in places of worship and encampments throughout the new land, the dispersed colonists found a new spirit of unity and resolve in this remarkable expression of public faith. For the first time, Americans of every religious persuasion prayed as one, asking for divine guidance in their quest for liberty and justice. Ever since, Americans have shared a special sense of destiny as a nation dedicated under God to the cause of liberty for all men.

Through the storms of Revolution, Civil War, and the great World Wars, as well as during times of disillusionment and disarray, the nation has turned to God in prayer for deliverance. We thank Him for answering our call, for, surely, He has. As a nation, we have been richly blessed with His love and generosity.

Just 30 years ago, a Joint Resolution of the Congress requested the President to proclaim a day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation in places of worship, in groups, and as individuals. Eight Presidents since then have annually proclaimed a Day of Prayer to the nation, resuming the tradition started by the Continental Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 6, 1982, National Day of Prayer. On that day, I ask Americans to join with me in giving thanks to Almighty God for the blessings He has bestowed on this land and the protection He affords us as a people. Let us as a nation join together before God, aware of the trials that lie ahead and of the need for divine guidance. With unshakable faith in God and the liberty which is our heritage, we as a free nation will continue to grow and prosper.

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

RONALD REAGAN

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 12, 1982

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: The National Association of Evangelicals to address its annual convention.

PURPOSE: To address 1200 major evangelical leaders from all over the country. The convention's theme "Save the Family" would allow the President to share his concerns for the family as the fundamental unit in society.

BACKGROUND: The National Association of Evangelicals is to evangelical Christians what the National Council of Churches is to ecumenical Christians. Gallup research indicates that there are approximately 45 million self-identified evangelicals in the nation. NAE membership includes 38,000 churches from 74 denominations. The leadership present at this convention represents the major theological force in the United States today, and possibly the developing new religio-political force as well. Most evangelicals were strong supporters of the President during his election, and officers of the NAE have been vigorously in support of this Administration. The National Association of Evangelicals is celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding in the spring of 1982.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION:

LOCATION: Arlington Park Hilton Hotel, in the Chicago suburbs

DATE: March 2 or 3, 1982 DURATION: 20 minute speech

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President will be introduced, he will make a speech, pose for pictures, and depart.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Major speech

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS: 1200 major evangelical leaders from all over the country

MEDIA COVERAGE: Full press coverage

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Herb Ellingwood

PROPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

February 25, 1982

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Dear Mr. Dugan:

This is with reference to the very kind invitation you extended to the President to address the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals on the evening of March 2 or 3, 1982.

Your invitation has been carried forward and carefully considered as the President's March calendar has been under advisement. It now is certain, however, in view of the developments in his schedule, that he will be unable to be with you on the evening of March 2 or 3.

The President is sending a personal message to the convention, however, and this will come to your attention shortly. In the meantime, he wants you to know of his warm appreciation for your thoughtfulness in offering him this opportunity, and he sends you his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newall
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
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cc and incoming: Dodie Livingston for message

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
EVANGELICALS

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS/1430 K STREET NW, WASHINGTON DC 20005/(202) 628-7911
November 11, 1981

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Evangelical Christians thank God for the great gifts of leadership and communication that you have brought to the office of the Presidency, and for the manner in which you are using them for the good of all the people. More specifically, we are grateful for your political commitment to biblical moral values.

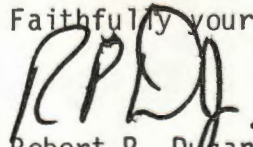
The National Association of Evangelicals warmly invites you to address its annual convention in March, 1982, at the Arlington Park Hilton Hotel in the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights. It would be a high honor to have you challenge the 1200 evangelical leaders who will participate in that convention.

Obviously you would be welcome to speak on any subject that you consider important. The convention's theme "Save the Family" would allow you to share your concerns for the family as the essential unit in society. On the other hand, your admonition to "let the church be the church" would be timely and appropriate, in the light of the great needs of our society. The evening of March 2 or 3 would be available to you, or we could adjust the convention schedule if a daytime appearance would be more convenient.

The National Association of Evangelicals is to evangelical Christians what the National Council of Churches is to ecumenical Christians. As you know, Gallup research indicates that there are approximately 45 million evangelicals in the nation. NAE membership is found in 38,000 churches from 74 denominations, and the Association serves a constituency of 10-15 million through its commissions and affiliates.

Mr. President, whether you can address us or not, please be assured of our prayers for you as you fill the most demanding and responsible office in the world.

Faithfully yours,


Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
Director

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Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1981

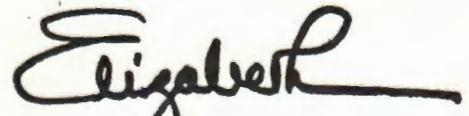
Dear Bob:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to President Reagan inviting him to address the 1982 convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

I think your convention would make an excellent forum for the President to speak and have most heartily recommended his participation to Mr. Greg Newell, Special Assistant to the President and Director of Scheduling, for his direct response to you.

The warmest holiday wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

Mr. Robert P. Dugan
National Association
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cc: Greg Newell

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November 11, 1981

The Honorable Elizabeth Hanford Dole
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Elizabeth:

We wanted you to have a copy of our invitation to President Reagan to address the 1982 convention of the National Association of Evangelicals.

It goes without saying that we would love to have you encourage the President to respond favorably to our request. I cannot imagine a better forum in which he could speak to the religious community in the United States. While evangelicals are not unanimously conservative in their politics, research demonstrates that a substantially higher percentage of evangelicals is conservative than is the case in the general population. At the same time, NAE is not identified with the New Christian Right, for it is entirely a religious organization, celebrating the 40th anniversary of its founding next spring. I conjecture that it might not be politically feasible for the President to address a New Christian Right organization, even if he might like to.

Perhaps it would be helpful for me to clarify ecclesiastical terminology. All fundamentalists would be included under the umbrella of evangelicalism. In turn, a great number of evangelicals would not consider themselves to be fundamentalists. The two groups hold similar theological views, but evangelicals are more broadly cooperative and manifest a larger social concern.

Our assurance of prayer support to the President is not limited to him. You also play a major role in our nation as you serve the President, and we include you in our prayers as well.

Faithfully yours,

Bob
Robert P. Dugan, Jr.
Director

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National Association of Evangelicals
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Nancy and I welcome the opportunity to extend our warm greetings to members and guests of the National Association of Evangelicals as you gather for your national convention.

The family is the cornerstone of our great nation, so I applaud your theme, "Save the Family." I also commend your dedicated service to member churches and to Bible schools, colleges, seminaries, ministerial fellowships, and evangelistic organizations.

You have our best wishes for a most productive program and for continued success and effectiveness in the future, and we send congratulations on your fortieth anniversary.

RONALD REAGAN

RR:Livingston:--

cc: K.Osborne/M.Blackwell/D.Livingston/G.Newell/H.Ellingwood/E.Robbins/
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EVENT: MARCH 2