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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

TO: David Demarest

FROM: JOSEPH W. HAGIN

SUBJECT: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

EVENT: Attend 37th Annual National Prayer Breakfast

DATE: February 2, 1989

TIME: 8:00 am

DURATION: To be determined

LOCATION: Washington Hilton Hotel

ATTIRE: Business Suit/Daytime Dress

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: Yes

ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION:

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 31, 1989

BRIEFING FOR THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 1989
TIME: 7:45am
LOCATION: WASHINGTON HILTON

THROUGH: DAVID DEMAREST
FROM: DOUG WEAD

I. PURPOSE

To address the National Prayer Breakfast and carry on the tradition, established by President Eisenhower in 1953, of Presidents attending this event.

II. BACKGROUND

During World War II, leaders of the Senate began meeting informally during breakfast for a time of prayer. In 1953, the National Prayer Breakfast was established as an annual event when President Eisenhower stopped by. Presidents have attended ever since.

The 1989 Breakfast will be attended by representatives from over 120 nations. In addition, similar breakfasts will be held across the country and will be attended by the states' respective governors.

III. PARTICIPANTS

President	First Lady
Billy Graham	Mrs. Billy Graham
Senator Charles Grassley	Art Monk
Secretary James Baker	Mrs. Susan Baker
Cardinal John O'Connor	Justice Sandra Day O'Connor
Representative Bob Stump	Senator Alan Simpson
Mrs. Ann Simpson	Mrs. Marilyn Quayle
Senator Paul Simon	Mrs. Jeanne Simon
Miss Sandi Patti	Representative Ike Skelton
Mrs. Susan Skelton	General Larry Welch
and representatives from 120 nations	

IV. PRESS PLAN

Open Press

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

See personal trip schedule

Demarest

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**NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1989**

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HONORED GUESTS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND FROM FOREIGN LANDS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE HERE ONCE AGAIN.

THERE IS NO GREATER PEACE THAN THAT WHICH COMES FROM PRAYER, AND NO GREATER FELLOWSHIP THAN TO JOIN IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS. COMING TO THE PRAYER BREAKFAST IS LIKE COMING HOME.

LET US ALL THANK THE LORD FOR HAVING GRANTED US THIS DAY AND MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO SPEND THIS TIME TOGETHER.

BILLY GRAHAM TELLS ME THAT WHEN HE WAS A BOY LIVING ON THE FARM IN NORTH CAROLINA, ONE OF HIS JOBS WAS MILKING THE COWS. ONE DAY HE WAS SENT OUT TO MILK ONE OF THEIR COWS NAMED BRINDLE -- A COW HE HAD NEVER MILKED BEFORE. AND HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS A GENTLE COW AND WOULD BE VERY COOPERATIVE.

WHEN BILLY SAT DOWN ON THE STOOL TO MILK THE COW, SHE SWITCHED HER TAIL, SLAPPED HIM IN THE FACE AND NEARLY PUT HIS EYE OUT. THEN A FEW MINUTES LATER SHE KICKED THE MILK BUCKET ACROSS THE BARN AND THEN TRIED TO KICK HIM. AT THAT POINT, HE BEGAN TO WONDER IF THE PERSON WHO DESCRIBED THIS KIND AND GENTLE COW HAD EVER SAT DOWN NEXT TO HER IN THE BARN.

I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT STORY IN LIGHT OF MY REQUEST FOR AMERICA TO BECOME A "KINDER AND GENTLER NATION."

IT'S ONE THING TO REQUEST IT AND ANOTHER THING TO ACTUALLY SEE IT HAPPEN. MAYBE A LOT OF FOLKS ARE OUT THERE THINKING, "WELL, IF YOU PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WILL STOP TRYING TO MILK US, WE'LL STOP KICKING."

WE'RE FACING SOME SERIOUS PROBLEMS AND SOME GREAT OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR COUNTRY RIGHT NOW. AND I BELIEVE THAT A WONDERFUL RESOURCE IN DEALING WITH THEM IS PRAYER. NOT JUST PRAYER FOR WHAT WE WANT, BUT PRAYER FOR WHAT IS IN THE HEART OF GOD FOR US INDIVIDUALLY AND AS A NATION.

AND SHOULDN'T WE ALSO REMEMBER, WITH ALL THAT WE HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR, TO PAUSE EACH DAY TO OFFER A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING?

ALL OF US SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES WE NOW HAVE WITHOUT PRAYER AND A STRONG FAITH IN GOD. ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID, AND I QUOTE, "I HAVE BEEN DRIVEN MANY TIMES TO MY KNEES BY THE OVERWHELMING CONVICTION THAT I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO." HE WAS NOT THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO REALIZE THAT, AND HE CERTAINLY WILL NOT BE THE LAST.

BUT IT'S NOT JUST PRESIDENTS. I HEARD ABOUT A LITTLE BOY WHOSE ELDERLY GRANDMOTHER CAME TO LIVE WITH THEM FOR THE WINTER. THE FIRST DAY, THE LITTLE BOY PLAYED HARD INSIDE THE HOUSE AND WANTED TO TURN THE HEAT DOWN, BUT GRANDMOTHER INSISTED ON KEEPING IT HIGH. WHEN HE OPENED THE WINDOWS, SHE CLOSED THEM. FOR SEVERAL DAYS IT WENT ON LIKE THIS, UP AND DOWN, BACK AND FORTH, WITH THE LITTLE BOY TOO HOT AND THE GRANDMOTHER TOO COLD.

AFTER ABOUT A WEEK, THE LITTLE BOY KNELT BESIDE HIS BED ONE NIGHT AND PRAYED: "LORD, BLESS MOTHER AND DADDY, AND MAKE IT HOT FOR GRANDMOTHER."

I SUPPOSE THERE MAY BE SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND AROUND THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO PRAY, "MAKE IT HOT FOR GEORGE." I'M SURE THOSE PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED OVER TIME, AS WELL.

BUT I CAN ALSO TELL YOU FROM MY HEART THAT I FREELY ACKNOWLEDGE MY NEED TO HEAR AND HEED THE VOICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

I BEGAN MY INAUGURAL ADDRESS WITH PRAYER OUT OF A DEEP SENSE OF NEED AND DESIRE FOR GOD'S WISDOM IN THE DECISIONS WE FACE. IF WE ARE TO WALK TOGETHER TOWARD A MORE CARING, MORE GENEROUS AMERICA, LET US ALL SHARE IN PAVING THE WAY WITH PRAYER. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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January 31, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR CHRISS WINSTON

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER *RBP*

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: National Prayer Breakfast

This draft is positive and should go down well with those attending the National Prayer Breakfast.

One suggestion, which I have discussed with Dave Demarest, might help strengthen the positive message in the story on pages one and two regarding milking the cow. Rather than ending the story with a plea for the government in Washington to get off people's backs, he might end the story as follows:

"I've thought of that story in light of my request for our Nation to become a "kinder and gentler America." It's one thing to request it and another thing to actually see it happen. Those of you who have labored long and hard ~~in the trenches of~~ serving others know that we often have to persist and reach out again and again. It is that kind of commitment that we need to create a kinder and gentler Nation.

"I always like to remember that there is no exercise better for the human heart than reaching down and lifting someone else up."

If you have any questions, or I can help in any other way, please let me know.

cc: James W. Cicconi

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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DATE: January 30, 1989

FROM THE PRESIDENT

To: DAVE DEMEREST

Per our conversation, the attached
if for the National Prayer Breakfast
speech.

cc: John Sununu

NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST 1989

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After about a week, the little boy knelt beside his bed one night and prayed: "Lord, bless Mother and Daddy, and make it hot for Grandmother." (Based on a story in "'Stories Bellamy Tells,'" by Dr. Guy Bellamy, All Men's Press, Oklahoma City, no copyright date.)

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I'm sure those will be answered over time as well.

~~But I can also tell you from my heart that I freely acknowledge my need to hear and heed the voice of Almighty God. I began my inaugural address with prayer out of a deep sense of need and desire for God's wisdom in the decisions we face. I feel that need more each day.~~

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Chriss:

I discussed this proposal with Doug Wead, who was also very receptive.

Our office will also do a targetted mailing to religious publications on the day of the address. In the mailing, we'll include a White House photo of GB with Billy Graham and other noteables, and a short press release or outline explaining the nature of the event.

We'll run the mailing by your shop before we go with it ...

Kristin T.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1989

TO: CHRISS WINSTON
THROUGH: KRISTIN TAYLOR *KAT*
FROM: BARRIE TRON *BT*
SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR SATELLITE UPLINK OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S
NRB SPEECH

BACKGROUND: On Wednesday, February 1st, President Bush will address the NRB convention at the Washington Sheraton. The speech will be delivered at 11AM.

NRB has a nationwide membership of 300 television stations and 3,000 radio stations. They all have the capability to receive a C-band satellite signal.

PROPOSAL: I would like to recommend that Media Relations broadcast the speech live via satellite. I have communicated with Bob Armstrong (NRB Convention Coordinator) and with Audrey Landon (Media Relations Director) about this possibility. They are both very supportive of the idea. Ms. Landon has offered to inform their membership (the 300 TV and 3,000 radio stations) about the uplink. She anticipates that most, if not all of the stations will broadcast at least some portion of the speech. Many will broadcast the whole speech.

To supplement the NRB audience, I would also like to place an advisory on the broadcast wire to inform other radio and television stations of the uplink.

TARGET AREAS: NRB has stations in all fifty states. According to Audrey Landon, they have a "faithful" and "regular" viewing audience of nearly one-third of all adults. This is a substantial audience.

COST: I have gathered some preliminary cost estimates for this project. A one-camera broadcast would cost approximately \$2,900. A two-camera production would amount to a \$6,100 investment.

DEADLINE: In order to properly perform this uplink, we will need to have a decision by early tomorrow morning.

Please advise.

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The attached has been forwarded to the President.

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James W. Cicconi
Assistant to the President
and Deputy to the Chief of Staff
Ext. 2702

(Graham/Klugmann)
January 31, 1989
8:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST
WASHINGTON HILTON HOTEL
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1989

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I've thought of that story in light of my request for America to become a "kinder and gentler Nation." It's one thing to request it and another thing to actually see it happen. Those of you who have labored long and hard serving others know that we often have to persist and reach out again and again. It is that kind of commitment that we need to create a kinder and gentler America. But I always like to remember that there is no exercise better for the human heart than reaching down and lifting someone else up.

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LET US ALL THANK THE LORD FOR HAVING GRANTED US THIS DAY AND MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO SPEND THIS TIME TOGETHER.

BILLY GRAHAM TELLS ME THAT WHEN HE WAS A BOY LIVING ON THE FARM IN NORTH CAROLINA, ONE OF HIS JOBS WAS MILKING THE COWS. ONE DAY HE WAS SENT OUT TO MILK ONE OF THEIR COWS NAMED BRINDLE -- A COW HE HAD NEVER MILKED BEFORE. AND HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS A GENTLE COW AND WOULD BE VERY COOPERATIVE.

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I'VE THOUGHT OF THAT STORY IN LIGHT OF MY REQUEST FOR AMERICA TO BECOME A "KINDER AND GENTLER NATION."

IT'S ONE THING TO REQUEST IT AND ANOTHER THING TO ACTUALLY SEE IT HAPPEN. MAYBE A LOT OF FOLKS ARE OUT THERE THINKING, "WELL, IF YOU PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON WILL STOP TRYING TO MILK US, WE'LL STOP KICKING."

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ALL OF US SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO FULFILL THE RESPONSIBILITIES WE NOW HAVE WITHOUT PRAYER AND A STRONG FAITH IN GOD. ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID, AND I QUOTE, "I HAVE BEEN DRIVEN MANY TIMES TO MY KNEES BY THE OVERWHELMING CONVICTION THAT I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO." HE WAS NOT THE FIRST PRESIDENT TO REALIZE THAT, AND HE CERTAINLY WILL NOT BE THE LAST.

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AFTER ABOUT A WEEK, THE LITTLE BOY KNELT BESIDE HIS BED ONE NIGHT AND PRAYED: "LORD, BLESS MOTHER AND DADDY, AND MAKE IT HOT FOR GRANDMOTHER."

I SUPPOSE THERE MAY BE SOME PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON AND AROUND THE COUNTRY WHO HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO PRAY, "MAKE IT HOT FOR GEORGE." I'M SURE THOSE PRAYERS WILL BE ANSWERED OVER TIME, AS WELL.

BUT I CAN ALSO TELL YOU FROM MY HEART THAT I FREELY ACKNOWLEDGE MY NEED TO HEAR AND HEED THE VOICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD.

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(Klugmann)
February 1, 1989
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But I can also tell you from my heart that I freely acknowledge my need to hear and heed the voice of Almighty God.

I began my Inaugural address with prayer out of a deep sense of need and desire for God's wisdom in the decisions we face. If we are to walk together toward a more caring, more generous America, let us all share in paving the way with prayer. Thank you and God bless you all.

[Christ] is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven.

ROMANS 8:34
(The Living Bible)

[2467]

To intercede means literally "to pass between." . . . How the intercession of Christ is conducted, it does not become us either anxiously to inquire, or dogmatically to affirm. . . . Among the innumerable multitude of the chosen of God, not one shall be omitted. Nor is it for all in the mass that the Savior makes intercession. He prays for each by himself. With infinite compassion and skill is every special case of each individual presented by this divine Advocate to his Father.

WILLIAM SYMINGTON

[2468]

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance but laying hold of God's willingness.

Prayer, Petitionary

[2469]

As a physician I have seen men, after all other therapy had failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the serene effort of prayer.

ALEXIS CARREL

[2470]

Talk to him in prayer of all your wants, your troubles, even of the weariness you feel in serving him. You cannot speak too freely, too trustfully, to him.

FRANÇOIS DE LA MOTHE FÉNELON

[2471]

I like ejaculatory prayer; it reaches heaven before the devil can get a shot at it.

ROWLAND HILL

[2472]

The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.

JAMES 5:16 (RSV)

[2473]

Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub the wrong side up.

SAM JONES

[2474]

You need not cry very loud: he is nearer to us than we think.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

[2475]

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

[2476]

Spread out your petition before God, and then say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." The sweetest lesson I have learned in God's school is to let the Lord choose for me.

DWIGHT L. MOODY

[2477]

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

PSALM 66:18 (RSV)

[2478]

Much of our praying is just asking God to bless some folks that are ill, and to keep us plugging along. But prayer is not merely prattle: it is warfare.

ALAN REDPATH

[2479]

Whether we like it or not, asking is the rule of the Kingdom.

CHARLES H. SPURGEON

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Living Quotations for Christians

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Prayer is a very, very personal thing, at least for me. Yet, to me, as many of my predecessors, it is a terribly important source of strength and confidence.

Now I am able to truly appreciate that statement attributed to Abraham Lincoln, who confessed, and I quote: I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I have nowhere else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.

President John F. Kennedy spoke to one of these prayer breakfasts a few months before his tragic death. Many of you will remember his moving conclusion, and let me share it with you: "This morning we pray together; this evening apart. But each morning and each evening, let us remember the advice of my fellow Bostonian, the Reverend Phillips Brooks: 'Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.'"

On the day that I suddenly became President of the United States, after all the guests had gone, I walked through some of the empty rooms on the first floor of the White House and stopped by that marble mantle in the dining room to read the words carved in it—words that were a prayer of the first President who ever occupied the White House: "I pray to heaven to bestow the best of blessings on this house, and all that shall hereafter inhabit it," John Adams wrote. "May none but honest and wise men ever rule under this roof."

I am grateful to President Adams for leaving that message and to all who have said amen to it for nearly two centuries.

My own prayer is for God's continued blessing and God's continued guidance for our country and all its people whose servants we in government strive to be.

It had been my intention to suggest we have a prayer together at this point, but Harold Hughes will follow. Let me just say, I hope at some time during this day, each in your own way, if you think it appropriate, will pause to ask God's blessing upon our Nation, our leaders in the executive, the legislative, leaders in all forms of government throughout this country, and yes, to all our people. And when you have finished, I think we can say that we should thank our Father for listening, in Jesus' name, amen.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:11 a.m. in the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Former Representative John Dellenback presided at the breakfast, sponsored by the United

States Senate and House prayer breakfast groups.

In his remarks, the President referred to Representative Albert H. Quie of Minnesota and former Senator Harold E. Hughes of Iowa.

America's supreme Civil War crisis. Less than a month before his inauguration, he gave a short farewell address to his friends at Springfield, Illinois, and asked their prayers:

My friends: No one, not in my situation, can appreciate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of these people, I owe everything. Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young to an old man. Here my children have been born, and one is buried. I now leave, not knowing when or whether ever I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington.

Without the assistance of that Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

President Lincoln was inaugurated on March 4, 1861. His First Inaugural address will long live as one of the crowning literary masterpieces of the English language. This great, and truly noble man, now had saddled on his shoulders the crushing burden of taking up the reins of government of a nation torn by civil discord.

President Lincoln knew that at that very moment, brother was on the verge of drawing sword against brother, father against son, in a mindless fraternal slaughter which would soon stun the nation and horrify a shocked world.

Bitterly Criticized

During 1861 and 1862 there had been many battlefield reverses and much general apprehension in the nation that the war was not going too well. During the summer of 1862, there was much criticism and bitter denunciation of Lincoln. General McClellan's Peninsular Campaign had ended in utter failure.

The radical abolitionist groups had denounced Lincoln for not immediately emancipating all the slaves. They even accused the President of being pro-slavery. And they accused his wife of being disloyal. Her youngest brother, her three half brothers, and her two half sisters' husbands were all serving in the Confederate army. Mrs. Lincoln had to continually endure suspicion and the charge of being disloyal.

Lincoln's reply to Horace Greely's somewhat critical sentiments, as published in the *New York Tribune*, gives clear and unmistakable evidence from Lincoln himself that his main purpose was to save the Union — not to destroy the institution of slavery.

This reply to Horace Greely was written one month before Lincoln

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PRESIDENT URGES HOUSE OF PRAYER

A Chapel for All Proposed as 'Memorial to God'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5 (AP)—President Johnson said today that "a fitting memorial to the God that made us all" should be established in Washington.

Speaking at the annual Presidential prayer breakfast, Mr. Johnson asked the several hundred participants to take the lead in raising funds for a house of prayer that would be open to persons of all faiths at all times.

Leaders of the three branches of government attended the

breakfast, at the Mayflower Hotel.

In addition to the President several Cabinet members represented the executive branch. Chief Justice Earl Warren headed those from the judiciary. Speaker John W. McCormack, Massachusetts Democrat, was the ranking member of the big delegation from Capitol Hill.

Says Support Is Needed

"No man could live in the house where I live and work at the desk where I work without needing and seeking the support or earnest and frequent prayer.

"Prayer has helped me to bear the burdens of the first office, which are too great to be borne by anyone alone."

He said that separation of church and state had served the nation well, but that men of government had not separated themselves from prayer and faith. The President said further that the true image of

Washington, which he called the world's capital, is not that of pomp and power but that of good and God-fearing people.

After addressing the prayer breakfast, President Johnson moved across the hall to greet the annual Congressional wives' prayer breakfast, which Mrs. Johnson attended.

The Rev. Dr. Billy Graham was introduced by Senator Frank Carlson, Republican of Kansas, who presided. The Senator said Dr. Graham was one of Christ's truly great ambassadors.

Dr. Graham called for a moral and spiritual awakening, and added:

"We turn in every direction for solution of our problems except to God."

In closing, the evangelist turned to President Johnson and said "God bless you, sir."

Gov. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, another speaker at the Presidential prayer breakfast, said there should be a spiritual

mobilization "in terms of what Christ can do in the lives of citizens, in the lives of cities, in the lives of the states and in the lives of nations."

Senator Carlson, noting the increase in prayer breakfasts in many cities and states, said they "can do much to strengthen the spiritual character of our country."

Governors introduced by Senator Carlson included Frank B. Morrison of Nebraska, Farris Bryant of Florida, and Carl E. Sanders of Georgia.

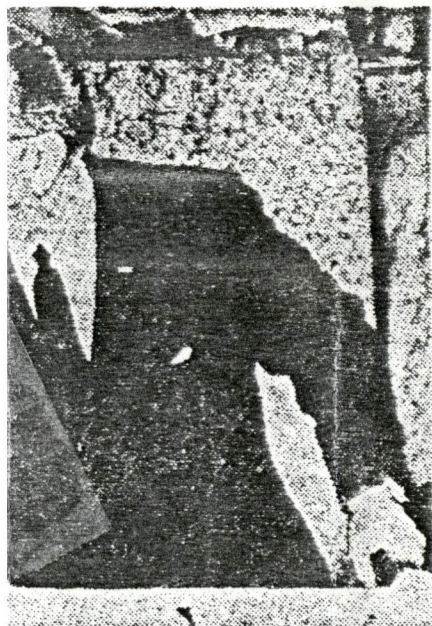
Korea Crash Kills 3 at Base

SEOUL, South Korea, Feb. 5 (AP)—A South Korean jet fighter crashed into a hangar at South Korean Air Force's Taegu base today, killing three maintenance crewmen, injured two others and destroyed three planes in the hangar. The pilot bailed out safely. The dead and injured were all Koreans.

Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, February 6, 1964

Prayer Memorial



Associated Press wirephoto

White House breakfast yesterday.

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RESPONSE: _____

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Comments
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Assistant to the President
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(Graham/Klugmann)
January 31, 1989
12:00 noon

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I suppose there may be some people in Washington and around the country who have already begun to pray, "Make it hot for George." I'm sure those prayers will be answered over time, ~~as well.~~ *and in return, I'll stand the heat - it comes with the job. my job is to stand the heat.*

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

February 2, 1989

REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT
TO THE NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Washington Hilton
Washington, DC

9:18 A.M. EST

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. My special thanks to Bob Stump and Doug Coe, to our honored guests throughout this country and from our foreign lands, and it is a pleasure for Barbara and me to be here once again.

There is no greater peace than that which comes from prayer and no greater fellowship than to join in prayer with others. And coming to the prayer breakfast is, for us at least, like coming home. The Lord works in mysterious ways. There is nothing mysterious, however, about His priorities. I'm the one with the laryngitis, and Sandy Patti is the one that lifted our spirits with that magnificent voice -- clear as the finest crystal. We're grateful to her. (Applause.) And the Lord works in very mysterious ways, but I wonder why it is that under the protocol sense of things I always have to follow my friend, Al Simpson. (Laughter.)

Let us all thank the Lord for having granted us this day, making it possible for us to spend this time together. Billy Graham, my dear friend, tells me that when he was a boy living on a farm in North Carolina, one of his jobs was milking cows, and one day he was sent out to milk one of their cows named Brindle -- a cow he'd never milked before -- and he was told that it was a gentle cow, that it would be very cooperative. When he sat down on the stool to milk the cow, she switched her tail, slapped him in the face, nearly put his eye out -- a few minutes later kicked the bucket all the way across the barn and then tried to kick him. And at that point he began to wonder if the person who described this kind and gentle cow had ever sat down next to her in the barn. (Laughter.) And I've thought of that story in the light of my request for America to become a kinder and gentler nation. It's one thing to request it and it's another thing to see it actually happen. And maybe a lot of folks out there, cynics, are thinking, well, if you people in Washington will stop trying to milk us, we'll stop kicking. (Laughter and applause.)

But we're facing some serious opportunities and some great opportunities in our country -- tough problems and great opportunities -- and I believe that a wonderful resource in dealing with them is prayer -- not just prayer for what we want, but prayer for what is in the heart of God for us individually and as a nation. And shouldn't we also remember, with all that we have to be grateful for, to pause each day to offer a prayer of thanksgiving. All of us

high. And when he opened the windows, she closed them. And for several days it went on like this, up and down, back and forth, with the little boy too hot, and the Grandmother too cold. After about a week, the little boy knelt beside his bed one night and prayed, "Lord, bless Mother and Daddy, and make it hot for Grandmother." (Laughter.)

Well, I suppose there may be some people in Washington, around the country, who have already begun to pray, "Make it hot for George." (Laughter.) Those prayers will be answered over time. Be patient. (Laughter.) But I can also tell you from my heart that I freely acknowledge my need to hear and to heed the voice of Almighty God. I began my Inaugural Address with a prayer out of a deep sense of need and desire of God's wisdom in the decisions we face. And if we're to walk together toward a more caring, more generous America, let us all share in paving the way with prayer.

Thank you all, and God bless you. (Applause.)

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