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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  
November 19, 1989

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *W*  
FROM:               CURT SMITH *CS*  
SUBJECT:            REMARKS TO EVANGELICAL LEADERS

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**REMARKS:**

The attached has been forwarded to the President.

**RESPONSE:**

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FOR ALTHOUGH WE ENSURE THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE -- WE DO NOT -- MUST NEVER -- ACCEPT A SEPARATION OF VALUES AND GOVERNMENT.

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PAT [ROBERTSON], THINKING BACK TO THE '88 CAMPAIGN, SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES. // AND SO MANY OF YOU -- OLD FRIENDS, INSPIRING MILLIONS; YOUR MOVEMENT GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS.

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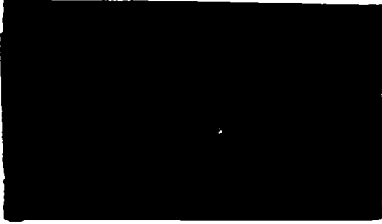
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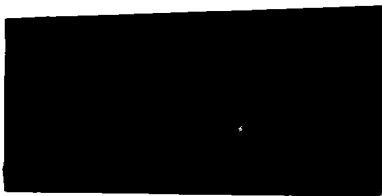
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REMARKS:

Please provide your comments/edits directly to Chriss Winston, Rm. 122, x2930, by 2:00 p.m., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, with a copy to my office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

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FROM: FREDERICK D. NELSON *FDN*  
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SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks: Evangelical Leaders

Counsel's Office has two observations regarding the remarks prepared for the President's meeting with evangelical leaders tomorrow.

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**RESPONSE:**

*CHRISS*  
Please see edits which I have discussed with Gov. Aronson.

*Thanks,  
Roger*

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: EVANGELICAL LEADERS  
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Dr. Falwell, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Carlson, Reverend Crouch,  
Ladies and gentlemen. ((You know, it is often said of a group or  
individual that "He hasn't got a prayer." Well, I am delighted  
to address an audience about whom that will never be said.)) //

It is a pleasure to welcome you, and to have you here. We  
gather as friends, and as fellow believers. For although we  
demand the separation of church and state -- we do not -- must  
never -- accept a separation of morality and state.

Perhaps a little boy once expressed it best. "God bless  
mother and daddy, my brother and sister," he said. And then he  
went on to pray: "And, oh God, do take care of yourself, because  
if anything happens to you we're all sunk." //

Those words, I think, say much about America. And about the  
evangelical movement which so uplifts America. They remind us  
that we are a religious people. And that political values  
without spiritual values cannot sustain a Nation.

George Washington knew this. Addressing his troops in 1776,  
he said, "The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God,  
on the courage and conduct of this army." And so did Dwight  
Eisenhower. He began his first Inaugural Address with a hand-

written missive. "Give us, we pray," he said, "the power to discern clearly right from wrong."

For decades, America's evangelical movement has worked to reaffirm Ike's message: To do right, reject wrong, and make America a more decent place. You do so now. And I am with you.

You know, I look around here. // Jerry [FALWELL], I remember your kindness in inviting me to speak at Liberty. // Pat [ROBERTSON], thinking back to the '88 Campaign, seems like old times. // And so many of you -- old friends, inspiring millions; your movement growing by leaps and bounds. And I think of how people ask, "Who are the born-again? What do they believe in? What do they expect from government?"

First questions, first. Who are they? -- these evangelical Christians. They are young and old, rural and urban, Protestant and Catholic. They come from the heart of America. They show that the heart of America is good.

What do you believe in? You believe what I believe. You cherish home and family. You believe that the only true special interest is America's. Above all, you accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior.

Next, what do you expect from government? You don't ask for privileged treatment. You do ask to be respected. And this Administration does. You want to be listened to. And we do -- and will. You want evangelicals to influence government policy. And you have -- and are. ~~[For your philosophy is our philosophy:]~~ ✓  
 Morality forms the rock upon which America's greatness rests.

YOU ARE RIGHTLY CONCERNED, AS AM I, ABOUT OUR NATION'S  
SCHOOLS.

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↳ That is why we have acted to enhance the quality and diversity of our public and private schools. Our "Educational Excellence Act of 1989" seeks to reward education. <sup>AL EXCELLENCE.</sup> To demand educational accountability. And to let parents choose which schools their children will attend. [A final note: You know the realities of the Federal budget. But when the Budget allows, I'm going to fulfill the pledge I made in last year's Campaign: We need tuition tax credits for the parents of America.] X  
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A second concern, I know, is abortion. ~~And here, too, we're trying to make America a more decent place.~~ I know that this is matter of conscience -- that Americans of good faith can, and do, disagree. <sup>15 CLEAR.</sup> ~~But~~ my position ~~has not and will not change.~~ I believe that life does not begin at birth -- it begins at conception. ~~So we support the Hyde Amendment which supports Federal financing of abortions only when the life's mother is in danger. Of this you have my word. //~~

Then, there is the issue of child care. For often, while parents work, love and care come from the extended family -- grandparents, aunts, and uncles. In many ways, the church community is the greatest extended family. So I am determined to protect every church-sponsored child care center in America.

In that spirit, we have proposed a child-care tax credit, focused on putting money in the hands of low-income parents. Our approach is different <sup>FROM THE APPROACH FAVORED BY SOME IN THE CONGRESS. WE</sup> ~~than past programs.~~ ~~It would empower~~ parents, not the government, to choose the best care for their

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<sup>CHILDREN</sup>  
~~kids~~ -- be it <sup>WITH</sup> a grandparent, a neighbor, or a local church. We will not discriminate against church-sponsored child care. //

Finally, let me mention another ~~Campaign~~ pledge I intend to fulfill. Before the Supreme Court outlawed it, voluntary school prayer forced religion on no one. But lack of prayer has denied many that opportunity. We should remember: "I pledge Allegiance -- one Nation, under God." So we support a Constitutional Amendment restoring voluntary prayer. And I ask you to help me spread this <sup>MESSAGE</sup> ~~gospel~~: We need ~~the Federal Courts out of our Nation's schools~~ -- and we need the Faith of our Fathers back in <sup>our Schools</sup> ^

Together -- through voluntary prayer and excellence in education, through <sup>CARING FOR</sup> ~~protecting~~ our kids and protecting the unborn -- we can do great things for our Nation. For times change -- but principles do not.

As individuals -- as public officials -- we know that we must honor God with the lives we lead. So in closing, let me recall what Lincoln said in January 1861, leaving his home people to assume the Presidency. "The great God," he said, "which helped General Washington must now help me. Without that great assistance, I will surely fail. With it, I cannot fail."

Thank you for coming here this afternoon -- and for all you're doing, with God's help, to make ours a better, more peaceful world. I want to hear from you. I want to benefit from your counsel. Let's work together, God bless you, and God bless America.

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The phrase "influence government policy" has a sinister connotation, suggestive of "undue influence." A more benign way to put it would be: "You want to evangelicals to have a voice in public affairs."

3,2,4 "I believe that life does not begin at birth...."

Rather than have the President assert the question of when life begins, the context of the paragraph calls for a justification of the Hyde Amendment. This justification is aptly supplied by the second sentence of the graf: "I know that this is a matter of conscience -- that Americans of good faith can, and do, disagree."

Thus, we urge that the graf be restructured to read:

"I know that this is a matter of conscience -- that Americans of good faith can, and do, disagree. But my position remains the same. I reaffirm today my belief in protecting the rights of the unborn. Because this is a matter of conscience, it is all the more important that government not force individuals to subsidize a practice that they believe to be morally abhorrent. So I [not "We"] support the Hyde Amendment...."

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# WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1989

Memorandum to Chriss Winston

From: Jim Pinkerton *JP*

Subject: Draft Presidential Remarks to Evangelical Leaders

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Overall, this speech veers way too far over in its solicitude for the evangelical point of view. If this is given as is, I predict a major backlash. Some of the most difficult moments in the President's political career have come from insufficient precision in calibrating the language used in front of Jerry Falwell and other evangelicals. I think we can still communicate the President's faith, as well as his commitment to shared values, with these edits:

pg. 1, para. 2, lines 2-4 "For although we demand the separation of church and state -- we do not -- must never -- accept a separation of morality and state."

This otherwise innocent line will suggest to some the specter of the state forcing a particular moral system upon the unwilling. Separation of church and state tends to be strongly favored by evangelicals. Thus it really doesn't have to be offset by a second, more appealing assertion. Still, the basic point is sound -- we simply suggest changing this second assertion to:

"...we do not -- must never -- accept a separation of ethics [or: "values"] and government."

2,3,6 "'Who are the born-again?'"

Not all born-again are evangelicals. Although we are probably safe in asking this question to this audience, given that the speech is formally to evangelicals, it makes more sense to ask: "Who are the evangelicals?" (Perhaps, as an embellishment, we could ask also: "Who are these spreading the Good News?")

2,6,4 "You want evangelicals to influence government policy."

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