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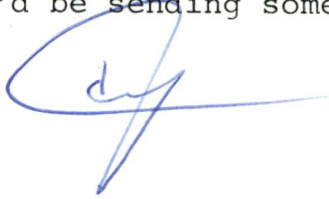
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: May 6, 1992

TO: Dan McGroarty

FROM: **CLAYTON YEUTTER**
Counsellor to the President for
Domestic Policy

See my edits. Nothing sacrosanct.
Jack Kemp said he'd be sending some over
too.



WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: MOUNT ZION

SUBJECT: L.A. - THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1992

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RESPONSE:

— MASTER —
 See question on ^{Counsel's} ~~GLAS~~ comments.

PHILLIP D. BRADY
 Assistant to the President
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 Ext. 2702

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May 5, 1992
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That's a strong beginning. But if we are to bring hope and opportunity to our communities, every American must reach out to someone else.

Remember the story of the Good Samaritan. No one would stop to help the men who had been beaten and abandoned on that remote mountain road -- not because they didn't care, but because they were afraid of what might happen to themselves. We need a nation of Good Samaritans - people with the courage to cross barriers of language, nationality, and color and make a difference for someone in need.

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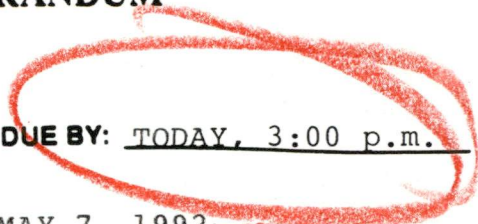
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The NSC staff concurs in the proposed presidential remarks.

for Brent Scowcroft
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RESPONSE:

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR DAN MCGROARTY

FROM: LEE S. LIBERMAN *LL*
SUBJECT: Mt. Zion Remarks

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cc: Phil Brady

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I heard a story about one good man. Another man of the cloth, Rev. Bennie Newton, laid his life -- literally -- on the line because he believed he was his brother's keeper. During the riots he saw a man being beaten to the ground. Despite the threats and the blows, Bennie walked into the fray and laid his body over the bloody man until the beating stopped. "My heart was crying," said the pastor. He saved the man's life.

A terrible thing happened to the family we call America, a dark hour that left many wondering what to do. But it's people like Rev. Newton that carried part of the answer within them all along. While some lit fires of hatred, others lit candles of prayer. While some shut their eyes, others opened their

churches. The Bible tells us, "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

These are words to remember on this National Day of Prayer. All across our land, thousands of houses of worship are filled with the prayers of our citizens. Prayers, like the words of the great spiritual anthem, "full of the faith that the dark past has taught us and the hope that the present has brought us." If we "lift every voice," I believe we will be heard.

I heard about the prayers of one little girl, 4-year-old Ryan Bennett -- about the age of my granddaughter Ashley. During the nights of rioting, Ryan's neighborhood was sprayed with bullets, her candy store was looted, her nightmares were real. "I'm saying special prayers," she said, "I asked [God] if He could make it so that it's not dark anymore." Let's make a promise to Ryan and to all the children like her: never again will we let it become that dark again. Never again as dark as the darkest nights of that young life.

We've made a start. As I speak the trucks are arriving -- 18 truckloads of food from Oklahoma City, from Albuquerque, from Tuscon and Biloxi. A convoy of caring organized by Feed the Children International, a non-profit church group. Churches throughout the southland are collecting money, food, and clothing -- reaching out to the community. That's the America we know. The America we're praying for. Thank you. God bless you, and God bless the United States of America.

REMARKS TO MT. ZION CHURCH \ LOS ANGELES, CA
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1992 \ 8:30 A.M.

Thank you Rev. Hill -- respect for this pastor; respect what he stands for, his leadership, his emphasis on family values.

When Rev. Hill and other national leaders came to the White House I reminded the group of what Mayor Bradley and other mayors had told me. They came months before to talk about city. They told me their biggest concern was decline of the urban family.

We must find ways to help strengthen the American family. This church does that for immediate family. It bring this generation here to worship.

It gives the kids not only indoctrination into faith and the Lord's teachings; but the church helps kids understand the larger family. We are one nation under God. We are our brother's keeper. Not to keep him back, not to keep him down; but to keep him well, to keep him safe.

Family values -- means respect for one another. It does mean honor thy mother and father.

It means this church teaching kids right from wrong. Teaching them to help each other. When Barbara Bush reads to kids she is emphazing not just the importance of education; but the importance of the role of grandparents -- but even more the importance of love.

To struggle vs. hard times, to overcome the devastation of poverty of racism or of riots we need our family . . .

Our own family

Our church family

And we must find ways to strengthen America as a family

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A family that respects the law

A family that is truly committed to faith -- for we are one nation under God. A family that says I am my brothers keeper. But it's here -- it was here in the ugliest moment of rioting.

Another pastor -- Rev. Bennie Newton laid his life on the line for his brother. Saw man literally beaten into the ground. Bennie Newton waded through the fray. Laid his body on top the victim until the beating stopped. My heart was crying, he said. He saved the man's life.

Los Angeles will recover. It is well on its way to recovery thanks to what local government, state government, and a strong federal presence are doing.

As Los Angeles comes back to its glory, all of us must ask ourselves what we can do to help.

To truly help we must understand the agony of the depressed; the hopelessness of those who have had no opportunity.

Trucks bringing food and bricks and mortar are rolling into L.A. This city will be rebuilt and new opportunities will arise.

But all across this nation we must renew our fight to strengthen America's family.

We must fight against discrimination and bigotry -- we must fight for justice and equality.

And, on this National Day of Prayer, it is fitting that we pray to God to help us.

I pray he will give us the strength and the wisdom to bring the American family together. Barbara and I pray that our personal family and your personal family will be engulfed in God's love and that every kid will have someone who knows his name and really cares about him.

And one little 4-year-old girl, Ryan Bennet, prayed special prayers as she saw her neighborhood riddled with bullets, her candy store destroyed. Ryan said, "I asked God if he could make it so that it's not dark anymore."

Let this nation vow to help that it won't be dark anymore.

As your President, I will do my level best to bring this country together, to heal the wounds, to help us all savor the blessings of family and of God's love.

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May 1, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVE
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FROM: JAG

SUBJECT: TV INTERVIEWS WITH GOOD SAMARITANS

Culled from the tube: two interviews with two samaritans (black) who aided two victims of mob violence.

CBS This Morning, Paula Zahn

Bennie Newton, an African-American pastor, arrived home Wednesday night and watched with horror the violence on the evening news. He and other preachers had been trying to come up with answers. Bennie decided to become one. "I felt I had to go down to do what I could," he recalled, "and I'm glad I did."

He walked downtown into the heart of the violence, "a street storm," he called it. He saw a man being beaten by a crowd of about 20. He moved to defend the man, saying, "Please stop, let's bring some sense into this." They pushed him aside, and were it not for his collar, would have probably beaten him too.

The beating continued, culminating when someone picked up a speaker and threw it down on the victim's head. At this point, the Reverend covered the man's body with his own -- shielding it from the mob. When he got a chance, he dragged the man to a gutted van and hid him there. Then he went to get his own car, and drove him to the hospital. Later, when he saw the reaction of the victim's family, he said "my heart was crying." The man, Mr. Lopez, is in stable condition.

Today Show, Bryant Gumbel

Greg Alan-Williams, an African-American actor and writer, was driving by a violent intersection and saw a mob of angry men swarming over a stalled car. The crowd was smashing and crawling through the windows of the vehicle, beating its driver in the face with beer bottles, and dragging him out of the car.

Our hero (sigh) got a hold of the man and started pulling him across the street. The bleeding man could hardly stand, but Williams told him: "You have to walk or you're going to die." They struggled through the jeering crowd, trying to find safety. Williams pulled him along the street, seeking shelter -- but no one would take them in, no one would help (shades of the Seven Stations). Finally, another good samaritan offered his van, and they took the man to the hospital.

Mr. Williams said that he and his family stand ready to help heal the victim and his family.

African Nat'l History Month
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quotes and "Lift up
your voice and sing"

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A Riot's Scar: One Small Witness Prays for God to 'Stop the Fire'

By Avis Thomas-Lester
Washington Post Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, May 3—Four-year-old Ryan Bennett has been trying to strike a bargain with God: She'll be an extra-good girl if God will just make it possible for it never to be dark again.

Nighttime is when the vandals and rioters came out, spraying her neighborhood with gunfire and looting the 7-Eleven store where she and her twin sister, Morgan, used to buy candy.

If Mohammed, age 9, can't sleep. Klarissa Valenzuela, 4, wants to know if Disneyland is going to burn down. And 5-year-old David Reyes wants to join the National Guard so he can help protect his community, near Koreatown, where he has been awakened four nights straight by shots and sirens.

These are the littlest victims of the violence that has ravaged Los Angeles since angry protesters took to the streets Wednesday after the not-guilty verdicts in the trial of four white police officers charged with beating black motorist Rodney G. King.

"I'm saying special prayers asking God to stop the fire because I know God can stop the fire," said Ryan. For the moment, she has suspended the ordinary pastimes of childhood to look at newspaper pictures and television broadcasts of the riots. "I kept asking Him to stop the fire, but He didn't answer that prayer, so I said another prayer. I asked Him if he could make it so that it's not dark anymore. When it's dark that's when the bad people come out."

From San Pedro to Santa Monica, Los Angeles area children are struggling to cope with the events that rocked their world last week. And their parents secretly worry that the devastation will leave a legacy of intolerance.

The city will try to return to some semblance of normalcy today when people return to work and children to school.

When doors open Monday morning, special crisis management teams will be on hand in Los Angeles schools to help children "understand and deal with their feelings," said school board member Leticia Quezada.

Parents describe their children as tearful and troubled by nightmares. Two of the more than 25 parents interviewed said their children have asked to sleep with them out of fear. Several said their children



Twins Ryan, left, and Morgan Bennett, 4, wait for a bus near burned-out store.

have been depressed by the turn of events.

Unlike adults, parents and experts said, children don't have the reasoning mechanisms to help them understand.

"All they want to know is why is this happening, and there are no answers," said Nancy Timmons, 34, of the upscale suburb Woodland Hills, who took her son Jack, 7, on a tour of burned-out Crenshaw Boulevard Saturday afternoon before dropping off food at a disaster relief shelter.

She took him there, she said, because her son demanded to see the devastation firsthand. "Maybe he thought if he could see it, he could understand it better, but he didn't. I have no answers. How do you explain despair to a 7-year-old? How do you explain intolerance or injustice?"

But Brock Cardwell, 11, of Inglewood, a predominantly minority, middle-class enclave in the city, thinks children do understand. To him, the riots and vandalism are nothing more than "acting out" by people who are "overdoing it." Brock attended services today at Brookins Community African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"I think it started by a lot of people just getting mad at what happened with Rodney King's case," Brock said. "But now they are overdoing it. They are setting stuff on fire. That won't help, even little children know that."

Like Brock, several children blamed "bad people" for the problems. "There are bad people taking advantage of the riot," said Randall Kiev, 10. "They were mostly adults, but there were some little kids, too."

Several children also lashed out

at police and some said they now fear police.

"I am afraid of police because they have guns and they shoot people," said Morgan Bennett, who said the sounds of guns and helicopters and sirens that now permeate her community after dark remind her of a "war movie."

When a helicopter flew overhead, the child leaped into the air on white plastic sandals to see where the copper was headed. "Uh-oh! Uhh-ohhhhhh! Maybe they're coming!"

Parents said that just like adults, children have been drawn to televised images of looting and beatings. Some parents said they are planning to save newspapers as mementos for their children, who will undoubtedly study the riots in classes someday.

Yolanda Valenzuela, 25, of West Los Angeles, fears her daughter Klarissa never will forget. Her daughter "shook like a leaf" Thursday when their building was evacuated because of a fire nearby. "She was so frightened. I've never seen her like that. I don't know how to help her forget."

Klarissa wanted to go to Chuck E. Cheese's pizza restaurant on Friday to make sure it did not burn down along with the building on her street.

"A whole bunch of people have been burning the buildings and looting so they could get stuff free," Ife Mohammed said.

"There are old people who live near my house who used to go to stores where they looted. Now they have to go far, real far. Some of them don't have cars and the buses aren't running. What are they supposed to do?"

6 they shall rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nim'rod with the drawn sword; and they shall deliver us from the Assyrian

when he comes into our land, and treads within our border.

7 Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the LORD, like showers upon the grass, which tarry not for men, nor wait for the sons of men.

8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among the flock of sheep,

which, when it goes through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

9 Your hand shall be lifted up over your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off.

10 And in that day, says the LORD, I will cut off your horses from among you, and will destroy your chariots,

11 and I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strong holds;

12 and I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more sooth sayers;

13 and I will cut off your images, and your pillars from among you, and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands;

14 and I will root out your Asherim from among you, and destroy your cities.

15 And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance upon the nations that did not obey.

6 Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains,

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and let the hills hear your voice. 10 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

2 "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

4 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

3 O my people, remember what Ba'lak king of Mo'ab devised, and what Balaam the son of Be'or answered him, and what happened from Shit'tim to Gil'gal,

that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.

6 "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

1 He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you,

but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

9 The voice of the LORD cries to the city— and it is sound wisdom to fear thy name:

"Hear, O tribe and assembly of the city!"

Can I forget the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is accursed?

11 Shall I acquit the man with wicked scales, and with a bag of deceitful weights?

12 Your rich men are full of violence; your inhabitants speak lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.

13 Therefore I have begun to smite you, making you desolate because of your sins.

14 You shall eat, but not be satisfied, and there shall be hunger in your inward parts; you shall put away, but not save, and what you save I will give to the sword.

15 You shall sow, but not reap; you shall tread olives, but not anoint yourselves with oil; you shall tread grapes, but not drink wine.

16 For you have kept the statutes of Om'ri, and all the works of the house of A'hab;

and you have walked in their counsel; that I may make you a desolation, and your inhabitants a hissing;

so you shall bear the scorn of the peoples.

7 Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the vintage has been gleaned;

there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig, which my soul desires.

8 The godly man has perished from the earth, and there is none upright among men; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts his brother with a net.

9 Their hands are upon what is evil, to do it diligently; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe,

and let the hills hear your voice. 10 Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

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CHAPTER 7

NOW when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

2 And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 ¶ Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

5 And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

7 Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

8 ¶ Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto

David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

12 ¶ And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

13 If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people:

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

17 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

19 But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

21 And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

22 And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God

E.V.NOT

--"full of the faith that the dark past has taught us and the hope that the present has brought us."

--another man of the cloth...a man who prayed for justice and
...told us "that the time is always ripe to do right."

*bring it
back out
of the
end*

--Moses proclaimed the Ten Commandments "...out of the midst of
the fire, of the clouds, and of the thick darkness."

--E.E. Hale: "To look up and not down. To look forward and not
back. To look out and not in, and to lend a hand."

--MLK: "Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent
attitude"

--MLK: "Every man is somebody because he is a child of God." *) how do
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--MLK: "Our destinies are tied together."

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Ryan, and to all the little girls and boys like her: We must
never again let it become that dark between us. *by prayer* Never again as
dark as the darkest nights of that young life.

--A verse in the Old Testament tells us: "If my people, which are
called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my
face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from
heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

--There is a song written almost a century ago called "Lift Every
Voice and Sing." We know it well. It asks this: "God of weary
years, God of our silent tears; Though who has brought us thus
far on the way; Thou who has by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in Thy path, we pray."

--Pastor Hills has been a POTUS friend for years.

--DAY OF PRAYER: thousands of churches and synagogues all accross our land are filled with the prayers of our citizens. People are praying in their offices, in their shops, in their homes. Could so many voices not be heard?

--America is great because America is good.

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- I. Convey a sense of POTUS's standing in the civil rights community...his meetings with civil rights leaders last week...not as a white man...why he's there, why he cares.
- II. How we're going to deal with discrimination...we've removed the legal barriers...signed landmark civil rights legislation...we've made great progress...but there's more to do...must keep us the vigilance
- III. But the solution is more than legal obstacles: law can't reach what we have in our hearts....the need to build a culture of character...
--the civil rights movement of the 1960's killed Jim Crow...but divisions and suspicions still live.
--quiet acts of violence: when people cross the street to avoid walking too near to a person of violence they commit quiet violence. When a clerk treats someone as a color rather than as a customer, he commits quiet violence. When any of us listens to racist talk without speaking out, we commit quiet violence. And we must stop.

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--some say racism is on the rise. I pray that it is not. Some say police brutality is all to prevalent. I pray ____.

CLOSE: "One nation under God"...what does he see when he looks down on us?

The church is the center of community. It is our conscience.

Nov 21 - Dr. Rhodes Ashley?

Govt can x but it can't y

- Government can abolish "back-of-the-bus" laws
on buses, but it can't make people
share a seat. Government can
punish cruel acts, but it can't
silence cruel words. Government can
desegregate the schools, but it can't
make students get along.

Government can make good laws --
but it can't make men good.

Govt branches vs. people's roots

In the end -- no number of government branches
can take the place of community roots

- can't give men courage
- make men strong

Government can do many things... but
it cannot raise families, it cannot
teach values

Marshall

Ryan Bennett, 9 years old --

? = does Bush have a 3-5 yr old
grandchild?

- not just a question of taking America
back -- it's a question of going back
to America.

cl heard the story of another
black minister, Reverend _____.

A terrible thing happened to
the family we call America.
Many people are in despair.
Many wonder what to do.
But let me remind you
of a bit of advice from
the best-read book on earth:
(walk humbly...)

Mawin's kids

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Neil's kid Ashley (3) "about that
age"
& Sharon

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From: Bob Witeck *Bob*
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Message: *Thanks - Here's the scoop on Jerry's involvement with Dr. E.V. Hill this week. And Larry Jones will be there tomorrow at 8 AM when the President visits Hill's church and sees the massive food donations - Hope this is helpful to the speech writers.*

If you have trouble receiving this transmission or you did not receive the specified number of pages shown above, please call Rajni Wycliffe at (202) 944-5174.

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Memorandum

Memo to: Lessandra Machamer, NBC Today Show
From: Ellen Lathem, Hill and Knowlton
Subject: LOS ANGELES RIOTS/HUNGER RELIEF EFFORTS
Date: May 5, 1992
Copies:

Now that the massive rebuilding efforts have just begun in downtown Los Angeles, the immediate need to supply food to families in the inner city is even more critical. **Larry Jones, president and founder of the international hunger relief organization, FEED THE CHILDREN**, is planning a major food shipment immediately to Los Angeles -- a community he and his volunteer organization have served for over the past decade.

FEED THE CHILDREN now offers free pick-up and transportation to any corporation or food company that wishes to send aid to the people of Los Angeles. They will accept phone calls from anywhere in the United States throughout the next week from those wishing to help: 405-942-0228, or by writing P.O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101.

Three years ago, Willard Scott and the **NBC TODAY SHOW** came to the rescue of Americans devastated by Hurricane Hugo and its aftermath -- in part, by announcing **FEED THE CHILDREN's** food relief program for the people of the shore communities in the Carolinas and encouraging corporations to call with supplies in response to **FEED THE CHILDREN'S** offer to truck them for free.

We would like to request Willard Scott, once more, back these humanitarian food relief efforts by announcing this offer made by **FEED THE CHILDREN** and by stating the phone number on air during one of his breaks. We also will present him with a 28-inch replica of the massive **FEED THE CHILDREN** trailer-truck that displays the organization's logo, that he may use during his stand-up. Trucks like these will arrive in Los Angeles quickly to distribute the food donated.

STATUS REPORT: At 1 PM Central Time, Tuesday, May 5, 1992, six tractor-trailers left Oklahoma City bound for Los Angeles. They are loaded with 200,000 pounds of food and 40,000 pounds of clothing. The Oklahoma City NBC Affiliate (Channel 4) is accompanying the **FEED THE CHILDREN** trucks, and will feed stories and live remotes along the way. Estimated day of arrival in Los Angeles is Thursday, May 7, 1992.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, and follow-up, please contact Ellen Lathem in Washington at 202-944-5101 or Bob Witeck at 202-944-5130.

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The Honorable
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Chief:

As the President departs now for the west coast to address the challenges and relief efforts urgently needed in Los Angeles, I know how critical it will be to communicate his message of concern.

I also recognize staff is knee-deep in advance preparations and scheduling, therefore, I felt it important to make you aware of information that may be instrumental as a humanitarian backdrop to his visit.

Last Friday, I'm told reliably, President Bush met here with several Los Angeles leaders including the Reverend Dr. E.V. Hill, a prominent clergyman and community figure. Dr. Hill specifically has requested the intervention and support of our client, Larry Jones, the founder and president of FEED THE CHILDREN (a nonprofit, volunteer-driven hunger relief organization based in Oklahoma), to provide immediate food supplies to the hard-hit neighborhoods of Los Angeles. As he has done following the havoc from the San Francisco earthquake, Hurricane Hugo, or when similar calamities strike other spots on the globe, Larry Jones quickly set things in motion.

Six massive trailer-trucks are heading to the city now from Oklahoma, providing 200,000 pounds of food and 40,000 pounds of clothing. We expect the FEED THE CHILDREN donations [supported by voluntary corporate and individual contributions] will arrive at their destination on Thursday, May 7. I understand NBC network television is following the progress of the convoy and we expect a healthy degree of media attention for this singular contribution, along with many other private relief efforts.

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While I do not know what plans are now in place, I know the Reverend Dr. Hill and Mr. Jones will be pleased to work with your team to offer a suitable camera opportunity for this welcome donation and visit for President Bush's arrival to encourage the community recovery efforts. The publicity generated by this effort invariably promotes a high measure of public generosity and added contributions, and such a gesture will be deeply welcomed by the community organizers and by the families they serve. [The organizers are not looking for Presidential thanks, but to help spread the word that contributions and volunteers are at work and more is needed.]

I leave to you and your colleagues this decision, of course, however, I can reassure you we will assist in any way appropriate or necessary to accommodate the White House schedule and logistics.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 944-5100 and I will do whatever I can to assist.

Best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials 'Ba'.

Donations to L.A.

San Jose church gives \$50,000 of its building fund

By Gregory Lewis
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The humanitarian effort to restore rebellion-torn Los Angeles may be hampered by the controversial nature of the disaster, at least one relief organization fears.

"It's a unique situation," said Pamela Corante, spokeswoman for the American Red Cross in Los Angeles. "Because the disaster was a result of civil unrest and not a natural disaster, people may be a little hesitant to contribute because of the controversy."

Corante said Monday that the organization's Disaster Relief Fund, which raises money for disasters throughout the world, was asking that donors give in the form of checks and money orders. However, the fund has received few donations earmarked for the Los Angeles emergency.

"Donations are trickling in," she said. "There hasn't been an overwhelming response, but we haven't issued a plea for responses. People are still getting over the initial shock, attending to their immediate needs and getting their lives back in order."

But some churches and organizations already have rushed to the aid of victims of the violence.

Dick Bernal, senior pastor of the Jubilee Christian Center in San Jose, said he would travel to Los Angeles Wednesday to deliver a \$50,000 check to Mayor Tom Bradley or Peter Ueberroth, who has been commissioned by Bradley to lead reconstruction efforts.

The church — made up of multi-racial parishioners including African Americans, Korean Americans, whites and Latinos — is donating money previously earmarked for its building fund.

"It seemed that half of our congregation knew somebody affected — either friends or relatives — in the Los Angeles area," Bernal said. "It hit us hard emotionally."

He said he hoped his donation to Los Angeles prompted other churches to contribute money.

"Sixty million people go to church in this country," he said.

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"So what if every church took up a collection next Sunday for Mayor Bradley or the city of Los Angeles?"

Some churches took up collections during services Sunday. Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland is working with a Los Angeles Baptist church to raise money for those in need, said Madeline

White, a clerical supervisor at the Oakland church.

However, money is not the only donation needed in Los Angeles; humanitarian efforts include requests for food, clothing, furniture, baby food, diapers, nonperishable canned goods and volunteers.

"There's been a tremendous effort from Caucasian, Filipino and

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black churches," said Mary Fambro of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Inglewood, Los Angeles County. "Donations are coming in. People are making out checks and bringing fresh milk. We've been able to give families nice boxes of food they can use even if they don't have any (electrical) power."

Fambro said volunteers from all over the greater Los Angeles area had shown up to do such things as help clean the streets of debris.

Catholic Charities, the social agency of the Los Angeles Archdio-

cese, announced Monday it would launch a comprehensive range of services to help victims of the rebellion.

Cardinal Roger Mahony said the \$1 million-plus effort would include such services as food and transportation for frail, homebound elderly and temporary financial help to victims who lost their jobs because of the rebellion.

The funds will come from an annual collection taken in all Catholic parishes in Los Angeles during May.

Quiet Los Angeles Ends Curfew Today

Schools, Electricity, Buses to Resume

By Paul Taylor and Lou Cannon
Washington Post Staff Writers

LOS ANGELES, May 3—After three days of terror and a weekend of eerie quiet, the City of Angels anticipated a dose of normalcy Monday when schools are to reopen, a dusk-to-dawn curfew is to be lifted and bus service, most electricity and freeway access are expected to be restored in areas most savaged by the deadliest civil disorder in the nation's modern history.

A massive riot-control force of 22,000 people—police, highway patrol, National Guard, Army, Marines and riot-trained FBI, Border Patrol and Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents—is expected to remain in place at least through midweek, Mayor Tom Bradley announced today.

For the first time, Marines left staging areas Saturday night and today and began to take up positions in Compton, Long Beach and the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. The 2,500 Army troops deployed to this area remained in a staging area in El Monte northeast of here.

Five slayings today increased the death toll to at least 51 since violence began Wednesday, according to the county coroner. It was not immediately clear whether some of the most recent deaths—including three in unrelated shooting incidents and one in an arson brush fire—were the product of rioting or the normal violence endemic to large cities.

Tonight, at least two National Guard soldiers fired eight shots, fatally wounding a Hispanic man driving a car who tried to run them down after curfew in south-central Los Angeles, police said. It was the first reported use of deadly force by Guard troops on patrol here.

Earlier, Angelenos of all races and creeds flocked to churches in large numbers to pray for a resto-

ration of order, a spirit of forgiveness and a rebuilding of a city in which unofficial damage estimates approach \$1 billion.

Roman Catholic Cardinal Roger Mahony, celebrating Mass in four churches in hard-hit south-central Los Angeles, made an unusual invitation to looters: Return stolen goods to any area church, no questions asked. There was no immediate indication that he had any takers.

On one of the warmest, muggiest weekends of the year, with temperatures around 80 degrees, the most vivid casualty of the riots was the famous Southern California sense of mobility and personal freedom.

City beaches were closed, parks were nearly empty, Cinco de Mayo festivals were postponed, and all professional sporting events were canceled or diverted to other cities. Virtually all restaurants and night spots were dark throughout the weekend because of a curfew that remained in effect here and in 25 nearby communities through Sunday night and added to the riot's economic toll.

Gov. Pete Wilson (R), supportive of Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl F. Gates in the past, today cautiously criticized the police department's performance during the first hours of the disturbances.

Appearing on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Wilson sidestepped direct criticism of the embattled chief but said there was "a basic misassumption on the part of local law enforcement as to the magnitude of the response that would be required" if four white Los Angeles officers were not found guilty in the beating of black motorist Rodney G. King.

Gates, interviewed separately on CBS's "Face the Nation," defended his actions on the night that violence erupted. "We were as shocked as everyone" by the verdict and the reaction to it and were "in the first stages of this, overwhelmed," he acknowledged.

Were he able to relive last Wednesday, Gates said, he would not have attended a political fund-raiser two hours after the disturbances began. He spoke there against a June 2 initiative that would revamp police organization.

But he dismissed his appearance as having had no effect on the department's response to the unrest. "We were not engaged in a full-scale riot at this time," he said.

The tedious process of arraigning more than 9,000 people arrested since Wednesday continued during an unusual Sunday court session today as authorities in the district attorney's office had trouble matching arrest records with individuals who were charged. The state Supreme Court has authorized doubling the normal arraignment period for suspects arrested during the riot to 96 hours.

By 4 p.m. Pacific time, the Los Angeles Times reported, the number of inmates in Los Angeles County jails had passed 25,000 and approached the system's legal capacity of 25,488, set by a federal judge in response to complaints of overcrowding in 1988.

Anticipating the influx, sheriff's officials hurriedly shipped out before today 1,073 inmates sentenced and awaiting transfer, the Times said.

The Criminal Courts building downtown was heavily protected by National Guard troops and attracted a stream of friends and family members of suspects in custody. One spectator, Kevin Heard, 18, who said he is a gang member from the Hawthorne area, arrived in a shirt that he said he had taken during looting in his neighborhood. "I was like a street sweeper," he explained. "I was pick-

ing up everything people [looters] were dropping."

At the court session, District Attorney Ira Reiner promised no leniency for looters. "The essential crime is one of disorder," he said, "and any act of looting encouraged others in the mob to come storming in behind them."

Not only were churches popular gathering places for Sunday services and spiritual guidance, but they also continued to serve as command posts in cleanup and food-relief efforts.

"People need the church right now," the Rev. T. Larry Kirkland told the congregation at the Brookings Community African Methodist Episcopal Church. "People need to know God is in charge. The Bible said, 'I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.' But some people are feeling, where is life when four men can beat a black man and get off scot-free? People need to be reassured that God is still in charge, not white people."

At the gymnasium-sized Maranatha Church in the hard-hit Crenshaw district, usher DeWayne

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insist that the Bush administration establish an urban policy.

Although the day generally was quiet, some churchgoers were not immune to reminders of the terror of the last week. As parishioners at Greater Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in south-central Los Angeles were about to leave the building, shots were fired at a passing police car. No injuries were reported.

Deputy District Attorney Terry White, chief prosecutor in the King beating case, said today on "Face the Nation" that his boss, Reiner, had not decided whether Officer Laurence M. Powell, who struck most of 56 baton blows against King, should be retried on the one count that ended in a mistrial. Jurors split 8 to 4 for acquittal on a charge that he committed assault under color of authority.

A hearing to determine whether Powell should be retried is scheduled here May 15 before Superior Court Judge Stanley M. Weisberg, who presided at the trial of the officers in suburban Simi Valley in Ventura County.

As insurance adjusters began fanning out all over the city this weekend, officials said losses from the riot could approach \$1 billion, almost double the city's current estimate of \$550 million. "Undercoverage will be a major problem," Bill Rake, president of a local adjusting company, told the Los Angeles Times.

City officials said they have no way of knowing the long-term impact on tourism, second only to the entertainment industry as the county's largest. Many tour operators, including the Japan Travel Bureau, the largest inbound operator from Japan, have temporarily suspended tours.

The disturbance continued to be a griet for the national political mill.

Bill Clinton, the Democratic front-runner, mentioned the riots in speeches at two black churches and a labor rally in Washington before flying here. "There's some chance, if we come out with an agenda, the current administration will adopt it," he said. "There's some precedent for that in this election. Maybe by just going there and just coming up with some things to do, we'll be able to alter this in a nonpartisan way."

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," potential preidential candidate Ross Perot said that, if he were president, he would have gone to the scene of the riots to get a "hands-on" feel for the situation.

The campaign of Democrat Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. took a different hands-on approach as more than 100 staff members and volunteers from the former California governor's Santa Monica headquarters drove to south-central Los Angeles and participated in the cleanup.

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Frelow preached positivism while pastor Billy Ingram prayed with 1,000 parishioners.

"L.A. stands for living alive," said Frelow, a gospel rap singer also known as MC Doc, "Some people may have died, but L.A. is alive."

In Koreatown, where rioters targeted businesses, the Rev. Jang Kyun of the Central Evangelical Church told his congregation: "We cannot escape this kind of difficulty, this kind of danger. . . . but we have to forgive those who have been violent and pray for them."

On Saturday, an estimated 30,000 Korean Americans, many wearing white headbands, had marched downtown for peace. Today, community leaders met with Jesse L. Jackson, the District's shadow U.S. senator, to seek ways to improve tense relations with blacks.

"We must go from pain to partnership, not pain to polarization," Jackson said. In an interview, he said he planned to try to convene a meeting of national black leaders to