

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 11, 1984

Dear Ms. Harrison:

I was so pleased to receive your good letter of July 10th expressing appreciation with Mary Jo Jacobi's assistance and counsel to the Alliance in the matter of business women. It is always rewarding to know that our efforts are well received.

Keep up your outstanding work in getting out the "good news" about women and the economy. As you know, this is particularly important as we come into the homestretch.

Thank you again for taking the time to express your thoughts about Mary Jo.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



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Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Ms. Patricia Harrison
Executive Director
National Women's Economic
Alliance
605 Fourteenth Street, N.W.
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July 10, 1984

Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

As Executive Director of the National Women's Economic Alliance, I'd like, on behalf of our board of directors and members, to express our appreciation for the excellent counsel and cooperation received from Mary Jo Jacobi, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.

Mary Jo Jacobi has provided thoughtful and prudent counsel concerning the best way to approach those business women who may be unaware that a healthy economy provides a route to economic success more valuable than any legislation can achieve. Because of Mary Jo's excellent reputation among the business community--men and women--we invited her to be our speaker at our Dallas Alliance program. She was unable to attend because of an important meeting here but she made sure we did have a competent, articulate administration spokesperson, Merrie Spaeth.

The National Women's Economic Alliance is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization comprising career men and women, industry and business officers, women in government, corporations and associations; men and women business owners, who work together to find ways to further share the benefits, responsibilities and opportunities that are available within a strong, free enterprise system.

The Alliance is dedicated to getting the "good news" about women and the economy to the media, women's groups and the public. We ask these audiences--through our newsletter, dialogue dinners, outreach meetings throughout the country--to consider the following: within the framework of a healthy economy, women have the opportunity to wind up with a larger chunk of the free-enterprise pie than ever before.

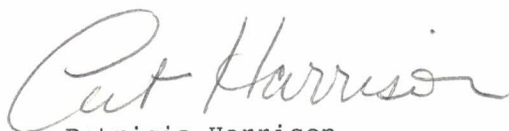
As we talk to women around the country we find that they do not believe the doom and gloom scenario offered by NOW. Frankly, they remember all too well the inflationary years that preceded President Reagan's term in office.

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The National Women's Economic Alliance offers a positive alternative to those men and women who increasingly do not believe that the directives issued by NOW are in their best interest.

Mary Jo's input and help has impressed Alliance members--Democrats and Republicans. It is good to know that the White House is accessible to women and the interest and concern is there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Harrison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Patricia Harrison
Executive Director

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

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The National Women's Economic Alliance held the first in a series of dinner-dialogue meetings on February 8 at the Vista International Hotel. Among the fifty men and women leaders from business, government and industry participating in the Alliance dialogue were Rebecca Seely, publisher, Washington Woman magazine; Myrna Blythe, editor in chief, Ladies' Home Journal; Walter Bregman, president, Playtex International; Jack Shor, vice president, Clairol, Inc.; Charles DiBona, president, American Petroleum Institute; Bill Morin, chairman and chief executive officer, Drake Beam Morin; Eva June, president Ability Search; and Joan Whalen, president, Worldwide Information Services, Inc.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Margaret M. Heckler, speaking before the NWEA group, said: "The 'gender gap', as identified by public opinion polls, is not a reflection of absolute voting behavior. It is only a 'snapshot' of public opinion. The 'gender gap' shows that, indeed, many women in this country are concerned with important issues, in some instances, more than men. When those of us in the administration focus, with the help of the media, on this President's impressive record, the so-called 'gender gap' can be bridged."

Points of discussion considered during the evening included the following:

- o Where should American women look for greater opportunity?
- o Does economic opportunity provide the greatest, most immediate advancement for women?
- o Does a robust national economy provide more options for women than any other influence?

The consensus arrived at focused on the fact that the American free enterprise system has brought greater benefits to more people than any other in the history of man (or woman) and it will continue to do so if we let it; that women-owned businesses are growing in numbers and size and are entering non-traditional industries at an ever increasing rate; that consumer credit has expanded; economic indicators, continually rising, say that economic growth is here; that within the framework of this healthy economy, women have the opportunity to wind up with a larger chunk of the free enterprise pie than ever before.

Pat Harrison, executive director of the Alliance, recently spoke to the Institute For Professional Businesswomen. Her remarks included an "entrepreneurial personality characteristic" list compiled for New Venture

Creation: A guide to small business development. (Jeffrey A. Timmons; Leonard E. Smollen; Alexander Dingee, Jr.). You may want to read the list -- and the comments added by Pat Harrison -- to compare how your "entrepreneurial characteristics" match those on the list:

1. Drive and Energy Level

The amount of personal energy you bring to your job, endeavor. The ability to work actively for long hours with less than normal sleep. (Mary Crowley, president and founder of Home Interiors Inc., a living legend to all who know of the spectacularly successful business she founded says, "If your purpose is worthwhile enough and your belief in it is strong enough, the strength of the purpose will take over and keep you keeping on even when you are physically exhausted.")

2. Self Confidence

A belief in yourself and the ability to achieve your goals and a sense that events in your life are self determined. (This self confidence must come from within and be substantial. As Mary Kay, president of Mary Kay Cosmetics says, "Don't be vogue on the outside and vague on the inside.")

3. Long Term Involvement

Commitment to future projects and to working toward goals that may be quite distant in the future. A total immersion and concentration on the attainment of distant goals. (In other words, patience, fortitude, vision.)

4. Money as a Measure

Money in the form of salary, profits or capital gains viewed as the measure of what you have accomplished--as a way of keeping score-- rather than the procurement of luxuries or the achievement of power. (But let's not be too down on luxuries or power. Jane Trahey says, "Achieving power is a combination of timing, luck and hard work. Plus one other ingredient women overlook a lot--that's wanting power. Race, don't walk, when you see an opening you can fill. Wanting power is half of the secret of getting it.")

5. Persistent Problem Solving

Intensive and determined desire to complete the job or solve the problem. A strong determination to get the job done. (Or as Mary Crowley says, "You may give out, but never give up.")

6. Goal Setting

The ability and commitment to select clear goals and objectives that are high and challenging, but are realistic and attainable. (If you want to get anywhere you must set your sights on a goal.)

7. Moderate Risk Taking

A preference for taking moderate, calculated risks, where the chances of winning are not so small as to be a gamble, or so large as to be sure thing, but provide a reasonable and challenging chance of success. (This is sometimes very hard to put into practice, especially when you are going for the new job, the new location, the new business. But with risk comes also the chance for greater success. "You will not achieve success," says Geraldine Cox, Ph.D., vice president and technical director, Chemical Manufacturers Association, "by staying on the path of least resistance.")

9. Use of Feedback

The capacity to seek and use feedback on your performance in order to take corrective action and to improve. (Don't be too sensitive to constructive criticism.)

10. Taking Initiative and Personal Responsibility

The desire to put yourself in situations where you are personally responsible for the success or failure of the operation; one who takes the initiative to solve problems or fills that leadership vacuum and who likes situations where one's impact can be measured.

11. Use of Resources

Try to identify and obtain expertise and assistance that will help you accomplish your goals; don't be so involved with personal achievement of goals and independent accomplishment that you will not let anyone help you.

12. Competing Against Self Imposed Standards

Establish your own standard of performance which is high, yet realistic, and compete with yourself.

13. Internal Locus of Control

The belief that your success as well as failures lie within your personal control and influence, rather than being determined by luck or other external personally uncontrollable events and circumstances.

14. Tolerance of Ambiguity

The ability to tolerate and live with modest to high levels of ambiguity and uncertainty concerning job and career security, and work related events on a continuous basis. Sufficient self-confidence that job security and permanency are not important.

(As Ben Wattenberg concludes in his book, "The Good News Is The Bad News Is Wrong", "anyway you measure values and quality of life,

America comes out as a pretty strong and healthy society." Or as Megatrends author John Naisbitt says, "1984 has arrived just in time to witness an explosion of bottom-up entrepreneurialism and the dawn of an era that may offer our best hope yet for world peace.")

Alliance members will be notified soon regarding the next Washington Alliance meeting to be held in May. On June 27, the Alliance will be in Dallas, Texas. Our speakers will be Mary Crowley, president, Home Interiors, Inc. and The Honorable Mary Jo Jacobi, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison. A national Forum--Women and Economic Progress--will be held on October 4, 1984 at the National Press Club, in Washington, DC.

ALLIANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Clairol Inc. They will soon be celebrating the 10th anniversary of their women's scholarship program.

Recognition has been accorded Alliance member Mary Crowley as one of the nation's most successful business owners. Mary Crowley, president of Home Interiors, Inc., and the author of several books, received the Savvy magazine award.

In the corporate arena, credit is due to GTE Telenet and their electronic mail service, Telemail. Telemail is currently being used by DEAFNET to help the hearing-impaired communicate not only with one another but with the hearing world. Also, GTE employees and top management are working together participating in a "Telemail-pals" network that allows the hearing-impaired to correspond on a regular basis with the hearing at GTE.

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In order to help us plan future dinner-dialogue meetings, workshops, and Capitol Hill receptions, please fill in the following and mail to the National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation, 605 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005; Attention: Kathleen Parker.

I would be interested in hearing _____
(NAME-AFFILIATION)

discuss the following issues: _____

My particular area of interest is _____

I would like to participate as a panelist in the upcoming Forum, Women and Economic Progress. _____

I am interested in attending the June Dallas meeting _____

National Women's Economic Alliance

Prospectus

FORUM ON WOMEN & ECONOMIC PROGRESS
to be held in
Washington, DC
October 1984

Sponsors Reception

Cannon Caucus Room
House Office Building
United States Congress

This reception, honoring corporate sponsors of the FORUM, will be held the evening before the event. Corporate sponsors, forum moderators, panelists, as well as House and Senate leaders, and key members of the Reagan Administration will be invited.

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National Women's Economic Alliance
FORUM ON WOMEN & ECONOMIC PROGRESS

Grand Ballroom
National Press Club
October 4, 1984
Washington, DC

Theme and Approach
of the Forum

Overall theme of the forum will be a discussion of the question, "What is at stake for American women in national economic progress?" In preparation for the forum, papers are to be written by qualified individuals (including some of the forum presenters) on elements of the forum question. These papers will provide a basis for forum discussion. A combination of panel presentations and workshops will be used to assure the conveying of basic views from representative speakers and a high degree of participation by registered participants. During workshop (afternoon) sessions, discussion topics and leaders will be assigned, and summaries of discussions will be brought before the full group in an informal, and concluding, plenary session. A report will be prepared, with the assistance of panel presenters and workshop leaders, for distribution to all participants as well as opinion leaders and the news media following the forum.

Morning Session

The morning session will begin following registration/coffee (8 to 9 a.m.) and will run until 12 noon. Remarks by the Executive Director will open the session, followed by a Keynote Address by a well-known spokesperson from the public sector.

Two panel discussions, each comprising a moderator and three panelists drawn from industry, business, and women's organizations, will explore assigned topics.

Candidate topics under consideration include:

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Luncheon and Speaker

The luncheon speaker will be an executive from the private sector, speaking on the subject, "Women and the Future of American Business."

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session will begin after lunch and will run until 4 p.m., following by a general plenary session to conclude at 5 p.m.

The Alliance Executive Director will open the workshop session, explain the procedure for an orderly discussion, and introduce the workshop leaders.

It is presently anticipated that two topics will be presented for workshop consideration, correlating to the morning panels. Participants will be assigned to the breakout groups by a prearranged registration coding (name-badge numbers).

Following the two-hour workshop session, there will be a break and refreshments, during which time the workshop leaders will assemble notes for their report. The informal plenary session, lasting one hour, will be led by the workshop leaders, and the program will adjourn at 5 p.m.

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The following groups will be invited to send their presidents to the Forum and encourage their members to attend:

American Association of Community and Junior Colleges Center For Women's Opportunities

American Association of University Women

American Business Women's Association

American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession

American News Women's Club

American Society of Professional and Executive Women

American Women Entrepreneurs

American Women's Economic Development Corporation

Business and Professional Women

Catalyst

Chamber of Commerce of the United States

Coalition of Women in National and International Business

Committee of 200

Concerned Women's Advancement Committee Communications Workers of America

Council of Women Business Owners

Executive Women International

Executive Women's Club

Federation of Organizations For Professional Women

Federation of Women Shareholders in American Business Inc.

Financial Women's Association of New York

Fortune 500 Business and Professional Women's Club

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General Federation of Women's Clubs
Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise
National Alliance of Professionals and Executive Women's Network
National Association For Female Executives
National Association of Bank Women
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Minority Women in Business
National Association of Women Business Owners
National Task Force For American Business Women's Day
National Forum For Executive Women
Nuclear Energy Women
Private Sector Council
Women Executives in Public Relations
Women In Advertising and Marketing
Women In Communications
Women In Energy
Women In Government Relations
Women in Housing and Finance
Women in Management
Women of the Motion Picture Industry, International
Women's Economic Roundtable

THE NATIONAL WOMEN'S ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

The National Women's Economic Alliance Foundation is a non-profit educational organization which provides opportunities for dialogue among career women, industry and business officers, and others who wish to find ways to work together to further share the benefits, responsibilities and opportunities that are available within a strong, free enterprise system. The group comprises corporate men and women, women in government, industry and associations; men and women business owners.

The Alliance dinner-dialogue meetings draw men and women leaders from corporate, business and government communities. A recent program included Charles DiBona, president, American Petroleum Institute; Jack Shor, senior vice president, Clairol, Inc.; Walter Bregman, president, Playtex International; the Honorable Mary Jo Jacobi, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison; the Honorable Barbara Franklin, Senior Fellow, the Wharton School; Myrna Blythe, Editor in Chief, Ladies' Home Journal; Rebecca Seely, publisher, The Washington Woman. Encouraging the Alliance and pledging her support was Margaret Heckler, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Alliance and its men and women members recognize that the concept of free enterprise needs to be encouraged; that American women and business stand to gain financially and professionally as the free enterprise system is allowed to grow and prosper. The Alliance is concerned about government decisions and special interest pressures that negatively affect industry and business. Nonpartisan, the Alliance believes that women's future economic prosperity depends upon a strong economy, not handicapped by regulations which have the potential to cripple industry and the entrepreneurial spirit. The Alliance believes that the critical issues facing us today need to be aired in a positive forum for discussion--not confrontation.

The Alliance, through dialogue meetings, workshops and seminars, focuses on the fact that the American free enterprise system has brought greater benefits to more people than any other economic system in the history of man--or woman--and it will continue to do so if allowed to work optimally. The Alliance encourages a spirit of cooperation among women and industry so that all may work toward a lasting solution to industry's and women's economic concerns.

The Alliance shares social concerns with government and activist groups. At the same time, we hold a deep interest in the economic health of our communities and our nation; and we believe that industry is a critical contributor to that health. Not only women's, but the nation's standard of living now and in the future is directly tied to the free enterprise system. And the Alliance is committed to making clear the relationship between a strong economic future for the nation and women's growing stake in the success of this future. The Alliance believes that the free enterprise system is the vehicle that will provide the jobs, salaries and career opportunities that women are seeking at an ever increasing rate.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

A partnership of understanding and cooperation among men and women, industry and government, so that all may share the benefits of national economic growth.

MEMBERSHIP

An Alliance of men and women executives of large and small companies, business owners, and men and women in leadership positions in government, industry, associations, and communications.

The Alliance offers a structure for the exchange of ideas and action pointing toward greater professional, career and financial rewards for the career woman; and increased recognition of the contributions women have made to the nation's economy and the benefits a strong working partnership will provide to women, industry and the economy.

THE ALLIANCE WORKS FOR YOU

The Alliance provides an equitable forum for dialogue within which leaders from government and industry, career women, business owners and corporate representatives can discuss ways to work together and further share the benefits, responsibilities and opportunities a strong, free enterprise system offers.

The Alliance makes available entrepreneurial men and women who have, by utilizing the options available within the free enterprise system, achieved financial and career goals. At Alliance economic seminars these options — and ways to access them — are explored as they directly relate to the needs and concerns of working women.

ALLIANCE DIALOGUE DINNERS

The Alliance draws together, in a congenial, round-table environment, industry, business and government leaders, economists, behavioral scientists, motivational specialists, venture-capitalists to share ideas, opinions and insights especially valuable to the industry representative and the entrepreneurial career woman. The Alliance dinner and dialogue series provide a practical and tangible focus on women's and industry's economic concerns.

ALLIANCE NEWS

The Alliance newsletter highlights the economic concerns of career women as influenced by business. Editorial comment and news reports inform members programs to meet these concerns. ALLIANCE NEWS who have achieved greater financial independence through networking, application of entrepreneurial training and development and timely information. By making available in brief and readable form both industry and women, ALLIANCE NEWS provides a communications channel for improving the atmosphere and opinions; ALLIANCE NEWS is directed by government and industry.

THE ANNUAL ALLIANCE FORUM WOMEN & FREE ENTERPRISE

The Forum addresses the question, "What is the role of women in national economic progress?"

Forum agenda includes panels, workshop participation in discussion groups chaired by executive officers of Fortune 500 companies, women's networking groups, leaders from government. The Alliance Forum offers a survey of educational interest and needs of women as related to the economy and a report on the principle of ideas and suggestions for the Alliance Forum. The Forum post-event report includes panels, industry, government leaders and the media.

ALLIANCE CHAPTERS

The Alliance Forum is the centerpiece in a series of conferences and symposia in which women and industry share ideas and opportunities. Alliance chapters work directly with local corporate and government leaders to increase interest of local economies and of women in the

"The solution to women's economic problems lies within the free enterprise system. A glance around the world tells anyone with an ounce of common sense that no economic system can compare with free enterprise in generating economic growth and serving the interests of consumers."

Marjorie S. Holt
Member of Congress

"Women across the nation are gaining confidence in themselves and taking greater financial risks than ever before. I admire the way we are looking at ourselves, examining our assets and beginning to understand that the talents we heretofore took for granted or even discounted can be translated into marketable skills.

We are bringing these talents into our professional lives and they will serve us well in the free enterprise system. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, women are starting businesses at the rate of at least three times faster than men and that there are over 3.7 million women-owned businesses in the country grossing over 50 billion dollars. The Alliance encourages the entrepreneurial woman whether she works for a corporation, is self-employed or part of government."

Ann Benson
Investor Information Specialist
Merrill Lynch

"Women are a part of industry in ever-increasing numbers today and the National Women's Economic Alliance hopes to focus that presence and make an impact on the free enterprise system. Women need to become partners with industry for their mutual benefit and the Alliance is the perfect means to that partnership."

Ellen Anderson,
Chair, Inc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 11, 1984

Dear Archbishop Hickey:

It was so kind of you to think of Mrs. Deaver and me for the annual Mass which is to take place this year on Sunday, September 30th.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to be with you on this very special occasion, but our thoughts will be of you.

Thank you again for your kind invitation.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Deaver", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

The Most Reverend James A. Hickey
Archbishop of Washington
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Archdiocese of Washington

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Office of the Archbishop

June 20, 1984

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver,

On behalf of the Catholic community of Washington I am honored to invite you and Mrs. Deaver to the annual Mass which asks God's special blessing upon you and upon all the executive, judicial and legislative members of our Government.

As loyal Americans who believe devoutly that prayer for governmental officials is a particular duty we shall gather at St. Matthew's Cathedral on Sunday, September 30th, at ten o'clock in the morning.

This Mass for our officials has its roots in antiquity; from the crimson robes of the judges in Europe it came to be known as the "Red Mass"; also it drew the name because the Church appoints red vestments in prayers to the Holy Spirit. In the United States the celebration of this Mass was inaugurated in 1928 in New York City. The Guild of Catholic lawyers met there with judges and members of the law faculties at a Church located near the State and Federal Courts buildings.

Here in Washington the Mass has been attended by the President of the United States, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, members of Congress, federal judges, diplomats, law faculties, lawyers and other distinguished guests.

It is my hope that you and Mrs. Deaver may join us at this service to which the President and Mrs. Reagan have been invited. We shall ask God that you and all the members of our government be strengthened by His sustaining grace.

May the Lord bless you, Mr. Deaver, for your service to our country.

Sincerely yours,

Jan A. Niekamp

Archbishop of Washington

“The Development
of Laws and Their
Interpretation Are
More Than Civic Tasks,
They Are Sacred Trusts.”

Homily delivered by
The Most Rev. James A. Hickey
at The Red Mass
St. Matthew's Cathedral
October 2, 1983

Is 61, 1-3. 6. 8-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
To announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
To place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes.
To give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
You yourselves shall be named priests of the Lord,
ministers of our God you shall be called.
I will give them their recompense faithfully,
a lasting covenant I will make with them.
Their descendants shall be renowned among
the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
All who see them shall acknowledge them
as a race the Lord has blessed.
This is the Word of the Lord.

Rom 5, 1-2. 508

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand, and we boast of our hope for the glory of God. And this hope will not leave us disappointed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. At the appointed time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for us godless men. It is rare that anyone should lay down his life for a just man, though it is barely possible that for a good man someone may have the courage to die. It is precisely in this that God proves his love for us: that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL

Mt 5, 1-12

*A reading from the holy gospel according
to Matthew*

When Jesus saw the crowds he went up on the mountainside. After he had sat down his disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them:

“How blest are the poor in spirit: the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

[Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.]

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness;
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.

Blest too the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God.

Blest are those persecuted for holiness' sake; the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

My sisters and brothers,

These are challenging times for leaders whether we serve as jurists, legislators, lawyers, public officials or, in my case, as a pastor. Public service is more than a job, it is a vocation. Government is more than a collection of agencies and courts, it is an instrument to safeguard human rights and seek the human good. The development of laws and their interpretation are more than civic tasks, they are sacred trusts.

Today's readings set high standards for us all. Our first reading from Isaiah is the passage Jesus read as He began His public ministry. They have their application for all in the public service.

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the
lowly, to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives and
release to the prisoners.”

Jesus lived out these words, healing the sick, reaching out to the sinners, comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable. He identified himself with the hungry, the homeless, “the least of these.”

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus' charter for the Kingdom of God—the Beatitudes. Blessed are the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, those who hunger and thirst for justice, those who show mercy, the peacemakers, and those who are insulted and persecuted. Theirs is the Kingdom of God. Their reward is great in heaven.

These are familiar yet disturbing words for us. We spend our lives trying to apply illusive concepts like jus-

tice, mercy and peace. We try to respond to those who mourn and the brokenhearted. We deal with the poor and prisoners. These readings haunt us as we observe declining respect for human dignity and serious threats to peace around our world. Consider these facts:

We gather this morning in a community where the number of abortions each year is greater than the number of live births. In the United States, since 1973, nearly fifteen million unborn children have been denied their right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The numbers of hungry and homeless people in this richest nation on earth are overwhelming private attempts to feed and shelter them. Every winter at Calvert School not many yards from this Cathedral we find ourselves stretched to the breaking point by the number of men who have no place to go. The same is true at our Mt. Carmel shelter for women and other shelters. Joblessness, poverty and discrimination are crushing families in neighborhoods and communities across our nation.

As we talk today thousands of nuclear warheads are targeted, ready for use, to be triggered by design or accident, threatening so much of humankind. This threat takes on particular urgency in the aftermath of the brutal destruction of the Korean airliner by the Soviet Union. Violent regional conflicts tear apart the human fabric in Lebanon, Central America, Chad, Afghanistan, Northern Ireland—the list is long! Basic human rights are brutally denied in so many parts of the world—we can look to Poland, the Philippines, Central America and South Africa.

Jesus' message of justice and peace, good news to the

poor and liberty to the oppressed is far from realized. We are called to the defense of human life, human rights and peace not by some movement of the moment, not by some ideological or political preference, but by our Lord Jesus and the teaching of His Church. The lessons of the Scripture are clear. The defense of human dignity is not an option for the Church, but an indispensable part of the Church's ministry. The defense of human dignity is not an option for Government—for our Courts, our Congress, our executives. To defend human worth, to stand for life is at the core of the governmental function, an obligation which government can never minimize nor relinquish.

Historically, it has been the right and duty of the Church to speak to the moral issues before the government. It is no less our obligation today!

This is an urgent task, as old as that of the prophets, as recent as the present urging of Pope John Paul. All of us are called to work for justice and peace, to protect the weak and the suffering, to work against violence and war. Whether we are jurists, legislators, public officials, clergy, laity—we are all called to be a constituency of conscience testing public life by principles of justice, human dignity and peace.

In our own land, there are those who see great dangers from any religious involvement in public life. I do not share these fears. I believe our nation is enriched when citizens and groups approach public affairs from positions grounded in moral convictions and fundamental values. Otherwise, public life can easily become just a forum for fulfilling personal ambition or advancing special interests. Our laws do in fact

reflect our values and moral convictions. The American traditions of pluralism and open debate are strengthened—not hurt—by the active participation of all its citizens in the search for public consensus and the common good.

Of course, those of us in the religious community must meet the tests which apply to all those engaged in public affairs—competent analysis, informed debate, respect for the rights of others and a consistent concern for the common good. No debate is advanced by impugning the motives of others or engaging in shrill attacks or narrow appeals. Likewise, no discussion is enhanced by ignoring the moral dimensions of issues or the potential contributions of the religious community.

Some suggest religious institutions avoid public debate and invest their energies in private efforts to serve those in need. The Church is not unmindful of her responsibilities—from the early days of our Republic we have helped thousands of families and individuals find food, shelter and other needed assistance. We are dramatically increasing these efforts in our day with the generous help of our people. But these efforts cannot substitute for a national commitment to build a society which respects the dignity and rights of all.

There are also those who accept our right to participate, but quarrel with the content of our teaching. Some say we like your advocacy of arms control and defense of the poor, but this constant drumbeat of concern over abortion is misplaced and unenlightened. Others applaud our defense of the unborn, but think we are naive when we talk about other threats to

human life such as capital punishment, grinding poverty and nuclear war. We have no apologies to make for failing to fit a political label. Our starting point is not some partisan goal or ideological program, but the fundamental dignity of the human person. Our faith and traditional teaching of our Church give us no choice but to stand up for human life, human dignity and human rights whenever they are threatened or violated.

The Church has a special obligation to raise its voice on behalf of “the least of these”—the poor, the powerless, the vulnerable and the weak. The Scriptures teach us that “the least of these” have a special place in the eyes of God. To turn from them is to turn from God.

The unborn have a unique and overpowering claim on our consciences—because they cannot speak for themselves. A mark of a decent society is how it treats the most vulnerable and weakest members. By that measure, the millions of abortions since 1973 are an indictment that cannot be ignored. When even modest attempts to restrain or regulate abortion are swept aside in the name of privacy, our voices must be heard again and again where such decisions are made. We cannot rest when the weakest among us are being destroyed.

This is especially true as modern medicine reveals more clearly the humanity of the unborn child. The same unborn children which can be legally destroyed are now also seen as tiny patients to be cared for, operated on and protected. How can it be possible that our society which thrills to the advances in fetal surgery still tolerates the destruction of these same children through legal abortion? We also hear terrible tales of

children aborted because they are the wrong sex. Ironically, abortion which is often advocated in the name of women's rights has led to the destruction of innocent babies simply because they were not male. The abuses of abortion, if we only reflect upon them, will lead us to the conclusion that a society where human life loses its value, is a society in deep trouble, morally, spiritually and legally.

As we have noted, here in our Nation's Capital more women choose to kill their unborn children than to give birth to them. What a statement of despair! What a reflection of failure! Each of us must ask how we participate in this tragedy. How have our laws and our judicial decisions led us to this day? How has our silence perpetuated these decisions? How can we still pay young women in D.C. and Maryland to destroy their unborn children, while denying them adequate services, support, opportunities and love that would make it really possible for them to raise that child in dignity, as a people of faith? We are deeply involved in providing alternatives for women with problem pregnancies. Last year thousands of women were assisted by a network of pro-life centers working in Anacostia, College Park and other communities. But we must do more! We must take whatever steps are necessary to insure that no woman turns to abortion for lack of other alternatives.

As abortion is a current threat to human life, nuclear weapons represent a potential threat to millions upon millions. In our recent Pastoral Letter, the Bishops of the United States renewed the judgment of recent popes condemning the arms race and raising fundamental and inescapable questions about the assump-

tions and policies of our nuclear age. Nuclear weapons pose moral as well as physical dangers.

“In the words of our Holy Father, ‘The whole world must summon the moral courage and technical means to say no to nuclear conflict; no to weapons of mass destruction; not to an arms race which robs the poor and the vulnerable; and no to the moral danger of a nuclear age which places before humankind indefensible choices of constant terror or surrender. Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith.’ ”

I share these reflections not to offend anyone or to cut off dialogue, but to appeal for a re-examination of public policies which may be eroding respect for human life and threatening the very survival of our world. Let us take another look at where we are headed as a society. What are the values we hold sacred? How can we harness the compassion of our people to solve our problems without resorting to violence? I hope we can open a constructive dialogue, marked by civility and mutual respect, which probes the fundamental values which underlie our laws. We must consider the relationship between those values, faith and public policy. How can our institutions, private and public, religious and secular, work together to provide genuine alternatives to abortion, so contrary to the law of God? How can we best cooperate to end economic injustice? What part can we play to end an escalating arms race? As the Church in the Nation's Capital, we must encourage significant dialogue over the ethical dimen-

sions of public policy and join with others in developing moral responses to human needs.

Yet all of this is not an impossible task. St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans reminded us of the hope that will not leave us disappointed . . . "the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit . . ." Today we call again upon that Spirit of God, that Holy Spirit of truth.

In this Mass we ask for our government, for all of us, the help of the Holy Spirit, and an openness to that Spirit in the decisions and judgments which will be taken in the year that lies ahead.

In our Catholic tradition we ask for you, for all in Government and for all our country the prayers of the angels and saints in heaven, especially the prayers of Mary whom we salute as special patroness of these United States. Relying on that intercession may our nation and its legal institutions truly fulfill the hope of being for all a promise of liberty and justice, a beacon of hope and a strong force for peace. May we all be faithful to the best tradition of our nation and of our faith. This is a demanding challenge, a test of our leadership. May the Holy Spirit of the Lord be upon us all.

Amen.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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July 13, 1984

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Dear Pete:

Thank you for your recent letter. I was delighted that you and Gerry could come for the State Dinner last month and am glad that you had an enjoyable trip.

I appreciate your taking the time to write down your thoughts for possible events for the President in California. These are good suggestions, and we'll be glad to keep them in mind as the schedule develops in the coming months.

Many thanks for your continued support, and keep up the good work. After the election, let's sit down and talk about the future.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mike

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June 30, 1984

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Dear Mike:

Both Gerry and I were highly flattered by the extraordinary opportunity to attend the State Dinner for the President of the Republic of Sri Lanka. Thank you for making it possible for us to be present. Your kindness is deeply appreciated.

In previous correspondence I have suggested functions for the President to attend when in Los Angeles. Enclosed is an updated list of those proposals. They are given only as food for thought. Of course, I am here to assist you in any other way that would be helpful.

Again, thank you for a wonderful evening. It was an occasion we will always remember.

Sincerely yours,

PETE SCHABARUM
Supervisor, First District

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Enclosure

I would look forward to discussing with you a future work assignment for the President
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PUBLIC APPEARANCE IDEAS

1. TOUR OF MAC LAREN HALL

Mac Laren Hall serves as the County's shelter for abused and neglected children awaiting placement in foster homes.

Because the County of Los Angeles will launch a new Department of Children's Services on September 1, a visit by the President and Mrs. Reagan to Mac Laren Hall would be timely.

The purpose of the visit would be to acknowledge the volunteer efforts of two organizations which have been particularly involved in the effort to improve the County's child protective services.

Mrs. Reagan is the Honorary Chairperson of the ICAN Associates, a private, non-profit, fund-raising arm of the County of Los Angeles Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN). The ICAN Council coordinates the work of all State, County and City governmental agencies with a role in child abuse prevention. The United Friends of the Children is a support group for Mac Laren Hall.

Both of these groups have a lengthy list of significant public figures who have been extraordinarily involved in promoting better children's protective services.

2. ICAN ASSOCIATES ANNUAL DINNER

The ICAN Associates will hold their annual dinner on September 21, at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. It would be an excellent event for the President to attend.

3. TOUR OF RANCHO LOS AMIGOS HOSPITAL

The County's Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, located in the City of Downey, is the finest rehabilitation hospital in the world.

I am looking for an opportunity to name the pediatrics unit the "Nancy Reagan Children's Unit".

4. RANCHO LOS AMIGOS HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Recently, the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Foundation, Inc., as a private, non-profit foundation associated with the hospital.

Grant A. Tinker, President of NBC Television and Chairman of the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital Foundation, has invited the President to be the keynote speaker at their first fund-raising dinner, to be held October 19, at the Bonaventure Hotel.

5. TRAUMA CENTER VISIT

Since 1970, major improvements have been made in emergency medical services. Hospital emergency rooms are better organized and equipped, emergency medicine has become a recognized medical specialty and paramedic programs serve many communities throughout the nation.

Despite these advances, a large part of the nation lacks adequate emergency medical services, particularly for seriously injured trauma victims. As a result, whether a seriously injured patient lives or dies may depend on the hospital to which he is transported. Some patients, who might otherwise survive, die because they do not receive adequate or proper emergency care. Others die because of long delays before definitive care is rendered.

Los Angeles County now has 16 hospitals functioning in a trauma center network, wherein hospitals agree to have doctors available around-the-clock to provide immediate surgery for seriously injured trauma victims. Of course, this represents a major improvement in the County's emergency medical services system.

As a side note, my office has forwarded a series of activities to the Vice President's office for consideration during his visit to the Olympics. I am suggesting that an effort be undertaken to capture the covers of the major weekly magazines in September.

A visit by the President to one of the designated trauma hospitals, particularly if tied to the Vice President's follow-up activities, would be a good media event.

6. REAGAN HOMECOMING

You might think about having the President speak to a group of about 3,000 government, civic and business leaders at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in the Music Center the day before the November elections. Structured properly, it would be a non-political report on the President's accomplishments during his four years in office. Politically, it could be promoted as a sentimental homecoming.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 18, 1984

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Thank you for your July 7, 1984 letter requesting permission to ask Mrs. Reagan to serve as Honorary Chairwoman of ENTENTE, a woman's group you are forming in Canada.

As I am sure you are aware, the President and Mrs. Reagan receive many requests for their endorsement and support of worthy causes and activities. However, it is a matter of longstanding policy, in this and previous Administrations, that, unless the particular cause is one in which the President or Mrs. Reagan is personally involved or participates by nature of historical precedent, no Presidential or First Lady involvement will occur. Accordingly, I regret to advise you that Mrs. Reagan will be unable to accept your invitation to serve as Honorary Chairwoman of ENTENTE.

If it is any comfort, you are among a very distinguished group of individuals to whom similar regrets have been expressed. While I know you will be disappointed with this response, I hope you can understand the reasons we must adhere to the policies described above, in fairness to all who seek the President's participation.

Sincerely,

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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July 18, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR BILL SITTMANN

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Bob*

SUBJECT: Mrs. Reagan as Honorary Chairwomen of "ENTENTE"

The NSC does not feel that it would be appropriate for Mrs. Paul Robinson to ask Mrs. Reagan to be honorary chairwoman of "ENTENTE." Although the group's charter is non-partisan, Mrs. Robinson notes that the organization will be representative of the Reagan Administration, and this could have negative repercussions in Canada.

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 16, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING 
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Request for Mrs. Reagan to Serve
as Honorary Chairman of "Entente"

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This will respond to your request for our views on the proposal of Mrs. Robinson, wife of the U.S. Ambassador to Canada, that Mrs. Reagan serve as the Honorary Chairwoman of a woman's group, "Entente," she is forming in Canada. In my opinion, it would be inappropriate for Mrs. Reagan to accept this position. As you know, because of the many requests of this nature that the President and Mrs. Reagan receive, it was decided early in this Administration that we would adhere to the longstanding White House policy that, unless a particular cause was one in which the President or First Lady were personally involved or participated as a matter of historical precedent, no Presidential or First Lady involvement would occur.

Accordingly, we recommend that you forward the attached letter to Mrs. Robinson explaining why Mrs. Reagan cannot serve as Honorary Chairman of Entente.

Attachment

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