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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 6, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM CONNOR

FROM:

JERRY H

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- Approve. May 8th. Remind.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld Warren Rustand Terry O'Donnell

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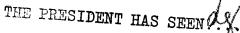
Forwarded to:

James Connor

From:

Warren Rustand

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United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

May 2, 1975

Memorandum

To:

Director, Scheduling Office

The White House

From:

The Assistant to the Secretary

Subject:

Presidential Telephone Call Recommendation Program

In response to your memorandum of November 1, 1974, to the Secretary, I am attaching a recommended telephone call for the President.

Attachment





United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

RECOMMENDED PRESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE CALL

TO:

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

DATE:

May 8, 1975

RECOMMENDED BY: Jack O. Horton, Assistant Secretary for Land and Water

Resources

TELEPHONE NO.

(212) 861-4584 (private unlisted)

(212) OX 5-5650 (office) Secretary: Miss Brownette

PURPOSE:

To congratulate Bishop Sheen on his 80th birthday.

BACKGROUND:

- Bishop Sheen was born May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois; educated in Catholic schools in Illinois; ordained as a priest for the diocese of Peoria.

His distinction as a philosopher and theologian led him` to a career in teaching, writing, broadcasting and lecturing.

For a quarter of a century (1926-50) Bishop Sheen taught at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

His radio career began in 1930 and lasted 22 years, when he successfully made the transition to television. His series "Life is Worth Living" was one of the most popular programs of the 1950's. After some years off the air, he returned last fall with a series "What Now, America?", widely carried on public broadcasting stations.

Bishop Sheen is a prolific writer. Since 1925 he has published more than 50 books, and is currently at work on another. He also writes a syndicated column used by secular newspapers throughout the Nation.

A staunch anti-Communist throughout his life, Bishop Sheen says, "We must hate Communism, but love Communists." He believes that the Kingdom of God and His justice is the only important concern of life.



As a very popular lecturer on college and university campuses, Bishop Sheen stays in touch with, and has great appeal for, the young people of America.

TALKING POINTS: I want to extend my best wishes and those of the Ford family to you on your 80th birthday.

> Your distinguished career has left its mark on several generations of Americans, and now you are reaching out to the young people, who are the hope of our future. Your message has gone far beyond the confines of your own denomination and has, I feel, contributed a great deal to understanding and harmony among people of all faiths.

You are truly a man of your times. You have mastered each new communications medium as it came to the fore, and will probably be the first clergyman to employ the holograph when its technology is developed. If you'll forgive the pun, I think you are the premier "mass communicator" of our time.

Mrs. Ford and I wish you many more years of fruitful ministry.

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

May 1, 1975

ACTION:	