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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 11, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JERRY JONES

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

The attached was received in the President's outbox with the request that it be forwarded to you.

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

Attachment:

Letter of July 29, 1975 from
The United Methodist Church

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE WASHINGTON AREA
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100 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20002

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

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Jones

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

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29 July 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

It is my pleasure on behalf of United Methodists generally, particularly those of the Baltimore Annual Conference of our church, to invite you to address our conference in its annual session in Baltimore on the evening of Friday, June 4, 1976. We have secured the Civic Center in that city for that date. It would be a part of our Bicentennial celebrations.

I need hardly say to you that the United Methodist Church had its origins in this country in and about Baltimore and in an astonishing degree our denomination has grown up with the Republic. Our first Bishops, Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, addressed greetings to President George Washington when he assumed the Presidency.

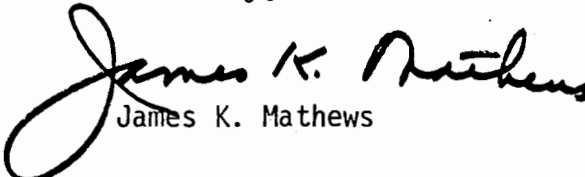
Our approximate membership is ten and a half million persons and our constituency probably doubles that. We are present in more communities and crossroads than any other institution in American society including the Post Office. There are almost 40,000 United Methodist churches and, I believe, about 37,000 post offices.

What I am saying is that your address would be, in a sense, to our whole constituency for we would endeavor to get this program on national television.

I am well aware of the many demands upon you but if you would find it possible it would be appreciated by multitudes of persons.

May God bless you and yours as you continue to lead our nation.

Sincerely,


James K. Mathews

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