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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 5, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

JAMES E. CONNOR *JEB*

SUBJECT:

Recommended Telephone Call to
Senator John L. McClellan

Your Recommended Telephone Call to Senator John L. McClellan was returned yesterday in the President's outbox with the following notation:

"October 25 - Called Senator McClellan
Said odds were a little better than 50/50
although too early to make a firm commitment.

Please write Senator McClellan so he can
communicate with Pastor of Immanuel Baptist
Church. I told him letter would follow. "

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/25/

Called Asa. Mc.

Said odds were a little
better than 50/50 altho
too early to make a firm
commitment.

Please ^{write} Asa. Mc. so
he can communicate with
Pastor G. Emmanuel Boythart
Church.

I told him the would
follow.

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 24, 1975

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Senator John L. McClellan (D-Arkansas)

DATE: As soon as convenient

RECOMMENDED

BY: Max Friedersdorf, Patrick O'Donnell and William Kendall

PURPOSE: So that the Senator might personally express his desire that the President's schedule will allow him to address the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in June, 1976.

BACKGROUND: The President received a letter from Senator McClellan, Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee, on October 15, 1975, expressing his support for an invitation extended to the President by the Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Norfolk, Virginia, June 15-17, 1976. As a member of the Baptist church, Senator McClellan would like to chat briefly with the President to express his personal interest in this invitation.

The Senator very rarely asks for personal favors but in this matter he is insistent that the President give him a call. As Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, McClellan is strongly supportive of the President in most matters of any real importance. Strongly urge the call be made.

TOPICS OF
DISCUSSION:

1. The President need only indicate that the call is in reference to an invitation he received to address the Southern Baptist Convention and the Senator will take it from there.
2. The President might mention that McClellan's letter was hand-delivered to him by a member of the Congressional Relations Office (O'Donnell) as requested by the Senator.

Date of Submission: October 24, 1975

Action: _____

JOHN L. MCCLELLAN
ARKANSAS



United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

October 9, 1975

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is letter addressed to you by The Reverend W. O. Vaught, Jr., Pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, of Little Rock, Arkansas, extending an invitation to you to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention to be held in Norfolk, Virginia, June 15-17, 1976.

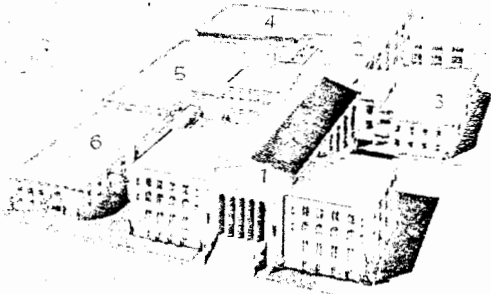
You will note that I was requested to deliver this letter to you personally. Also, I wish to call to your attention that the program committee in charge of plans for the meeting is hopeful you can speak on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 15.

The members of the Southern Baptist Convention would be deeply honored if you could accept this invitation. Also, I would consider it a very great favor if you could include it in your extremely heavy schedule. I am confident you would be accorded every consideration and extended the warmest of welcomes. It is my hope, of course, to be there to enjoy the occasion along with my Baptist brethren.

With high regard and personal esteem, I am

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John L. McClellan".
John L. McClellan



W. O. Vaught, Jr.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1000 BISHOP STREET
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72202

September 30, 1975

Honorable Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Ford:

The Southern Baptist Convention is to meet in Norfolk, Virginia, June 15-17, 1976. The Committee On Order of Business, charged with the responsibility of building the program for this meeting, has voted unanimously to invite you to speak to this gathering.

The Convention opens with the Tuesday morning session, June 15th, and at that time, the convention will be organized and will hear the formal address from their President, Dr. Jaroy Weber, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas. The program committee thought it best to invite you to speak in the afternoon program of Tuesday, June 15th.

Senator John L. McClellan, being a Baptist and a friend of ours, has been asked to deliver this invitation to you in person and explain to you our great desire to have you speak to our convention. It is our hope that if you can accept this invitation that Senator McClellan can be there to hear your address.

If we receive a positive answer from you and you can accept this invitation, we will be prepared to talk to your people about the details for arranging for your appearance before us in Norfolk, June 15th.

Sincerely yours,

W. O. Vaught
Member of Committee On
Order of Business
Southern Baptist Convention

P.S. President Jaroy Weber helped compose this letter and concurs heartely in this invitation.