

**6/19/80**

Folder Citation: Collection: Office of Staff Secretary; Series: Presidential Files; Folder: 6/19/80;  
Container 167

To See Complete Finding Aid:

[http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/library/findingaids/Staff\\_Secretary.pdf](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/library/findingaids/Staff_Secretary.pdf)

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1980

Q

TO: MRS. CARTER  
FROM: BOB MADDOX *Bm*  
SUBJECT: Reinforcement to the President's Invitation to  
Address Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship

A speech by the President to the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship Convention could be of singular importance in shoring up support among conservative Christians. The group is charismatic but they come from all denominations. It came as something of a surprise to me to learn they are the largest lay religious group in the world.

Ruth Stapleton knows Demos Shakarian, the international president, and speaks highly of him. She agrees that they are exceedingly influential.

*The President's call to Bailey Smith  
had an electrifying effect on him.  
My thanks to you and the President.  
Bm*

JUN 13 1980

**Electrostatic Copy Made  
for Preservation Purposes**

## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 12, 1980

TO: ANNE WEXLER

FROM: BOB MADDOX *Bm*

SUBJECT: Presidential Speech to Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International Convention

Demos Shakarian, a supporter of the President, who represented the President at the transfer of the Sinai, who attended the evangelical breakfast in January, 1980, has invited the President to address his international convention in Anaheim, California. More than 20,000 laypersons from around the world will be in attendance for the convention which meets June 30-July 5. Demos tells me that many of his people are looking for a reason to support the President. Because he is President, they pray for him on a daily basis. The right kind of presidential address to the convention could go a long way toward shoring up that large block of support.

Members of the FGBMF come from every Christian group in the country. Most of them are charismatic. Many of them are quite wealthy and important leaders in their communities. It is the largest lay religious organization in the world with over 200,000 members in 2,000 chapters.

An important aspect of their present organizational life is a growing consciousness among the leadership that they ought to be more involved with struggling people in their communities. Without losing their specifically focused religious fervor they are becoming concerned about suffering people, particularly young people. If their resources, leadership ability and boundless enthusiasm can be linked up with critical human needs, much good can be accomplished.

The President would be graciously and cordially received. I believe he would thoroughly enjoy the experience and could gain inspiration and encouragement from the group. I heartily endorse and encourage this appearance. It could well be the single biggest contribution to reinforcing support among the conservative religious community.

cc: Hamilton Jordan  
Jody Powell

THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Thursday - June 19, 1980 .

---

7:00 Departure Ceremony - The South Grounds.

7:10 Depart South Grounds via Helicopter en  
route Andrews Air Force Base.

7:30 Depart Andrews Air Force Base en route  
Rome, Italy.

10:00  
(Local Time)

Arrive, Rome, Italy.