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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 29, 1980

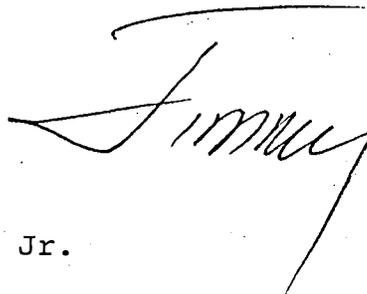
To Willis Johnson

Through the courtesy of Mr. Charles Kirbo, I have read your letter regarding plans for the 11th Annual Community Breakfast in Atlanta on March 7.

I appreciate the interest you expressed on behalf of the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta in presenting me with a special award. However, since I intend to maintain an uncommitted schedule for a few months after leaving the White House, I regret that I must decline your kind invitation to participate on that occasion.

Rosalynn joins me in extending our best wishes for the success of the Community Breakfast and in sending you our warm personal regards.

Sincerely,



Mr. Willis Johnson, Jr.
Vice President
Trust Company Bank
Post Office Box 4418
Atlanta, Georgia 30302

Best wishes,



DATE: 12/23

TO: Susan Clough

I thought it best to send regrets under your name [the P did not say LMS]. This will prevent their reading the letter at the event.

I did not want to comment on theme of "Reconciliation" for fear that campaign issues might be resuscitated.

If you disagree on handling, I would be happy to redo.

FROM: JMC
Joyce Mitchell Cook
Assistant to the Director--Issues and
Presidential Correspondence
Room 90, Ext. 6545

P.S. Merry
Christmas
Happy
New Year!

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Joyce Cook --

-- Susan Clough

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i forgot to tell jane
(from corresp.), who
is helping me w/the mail,
not to open envelopes
marked '611'. she now
knows. FYI, she worked
w/bob lipshutz until
cutler came on w/his
own staff.

sb



10 Pres. Carter

Willis Johnson, Jr.
Vice President

December 19, 1980

Mr. Charles H. Kirbo
King & Spalding
2500 Trust Company of Georgia Tower
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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*Nice
regrets
J*

Dear Mr. Kirbo:

This letter summarizes our phone conversation about the possibility of President and Mrs. Carter taking part in the 11th Annual Community Breakfast sponsored by the Christian Council of Metro Atlanta. This event is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 7, in the Ballroom of the Peachtree Plaza Hotel. In past years, as many as 1,500 clergy and lay persons have come together across the denominational, racial and economic lines which tend to divide us to celebrate our Oneness and to express love and concern for each other.

The 1981 Breakfast theme is "Reconciliation". The Planning Committee has asked me to explore the appropriate avenue to invite President and Mrs. Carter to be the honored guests. The Christian Council wishes to present a Special Award to the President for his unselfish leadership in the cause of human rights, religious freedom and reconciliation among all people. There would be no other awards on this particular occasion.

We would not expect the President to deliver an address, only whatever informal comments he might wish to share. Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, whom I believe is known to the President, will be the speaker. There is a possibility Rabbi Tannenbaum will be joined by Benjamin Hooks of the NAACP for a "dialogue" on the desperate need for reconciliation in our world today.

Messrs. D. W. Brooks, John A. Sibley and the Rev. Andrew Young know of the Council's desire to honor President Carter and each enthusiastically supports the idea. Mr. Sibley said he feels this would be "timely, appropriate, and well deserved." This would be a warm "Welcome Home" expression of appreciation from a broad spectrum of our religious community.

Last year's program is enclosed to show the general format and the array of denominational leaders and special guests who participated. We expect the same sort of participation at the March 7 affair.

I would be pleased to supply any other information that would be helpful. Your guidance on this matter will mean a lot to us all.

Sincerely,
Willis Johnson

cc: Mr. D. W. Brooks
Mr. John A. Sibley
The Rev. Andrew Young