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Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th St. New York, N. Y. 10022

Dear Marc:

I'm writing you and the rest of the Steering Committee of the Religious Alliance Against Pornography to fill you in on the process related to the full page ad N-CAP will be placing in <u>U.S.A. Today</u>.

In the conference call of the Executive Committee last Thursday, a number of suggestions were made and then assigned to Cardinal Bernardin and me for revision and submission to the entire R.A.A.P. Executive Committee for its final response.

My purpose in writing you at this time is to clarify the primary revisions so that you will be able to pinpoint them immediately when you receive the final copy. The word "lies" has been replaced each time it appeared in the ad by the word "distortions." In addition to that change, here are the other major ones:

- 1) The three boxes quoting Governor Martin, Bill Kelly and Jim Dobson have been removed.
- 2) The paragraph beginning "Individual members of the Meese Commission," two paragraphs above the Bill Kelly quote, has been removed.
- 3) Two sentences above has been revised to read as follows: "But even before the Meese Commission's final report was published, the pornography industry and <u>its defenders</u> launched a full scale attack against it".
- 4) The paragraph immediately above the Bill Kelly quote has been revised as follows: "Through a skillful public relations effort, the pornographers and their defenders have grossly misrepresented the Meese Commission's Report and have distorted the facts about pornography and the First Amendment.
- 5) The three headings in column 1 have been revised. Heading 1: "What Hardcore Pornographers Do" (remove question mark) Heading 2: "Hardcore Pornographers Are Distorting the Truth" Heading 3: "Distortions Hardcore Pornographers Want You to Believe and the Facts You Need to Know"

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Dear Marc:

I'm sending the summary of our conference call last week immediately. Please give careful attention, not only to the opening paragraph, but also to my questions at the end and put on your schedule our conference call for September 18th.

Joseph Bernardin and I have talked extensively on revision of our ad. Those revisions were helpful and have been incorporated along with some suggestions by Cardinal O'Connor and others. We are excited by the results which will be in your hands in print this Friday.

The enclosed letter will help you understand those changes more easily. My hope is that <u>all of us can unite</u> on the basis of these revisions.

Warmly yours,

Jerry R. Kirk

President, National Coalition Against Pornography Chairman, Religious Alliance Against Pornography

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Enclosures

### RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL 9/4/86

Present:

Cardinal Bernardin

Bill Frey

Richard Lindsay Matt Parker Adrian Rogers Marc Tanenbaum Jerry Kirk

excused: Eileen Lindner

We began 18 minutes late, with all present except Eileen Lindner. In order to guard your time for future conference calls, I will send you a separate sheet that indicates the exact time of the call in your time zone, and we will make every effort to begin the call on time so that you can count on that. We will limit the call to 30 minutes, unless you choose to extend it 10 minutes, but whatever business we're not able to finish in that length of time will not be included. I cherish you and your leadership and am committed to honoring this covenant.

- 1) Approval of Minutes of the Chicago Meeting: We acted to receive the Minutes as written with the assumption that if, after more careful study, anyone discovers an inaccuracy it will be raised at our next conference call.
- 2) <u>Job description of Committees</u>: Motion passed that the job descriptions of each committee be accepted.
- 3) Enlargement of the Executive Committee: Motion passed that we enlarge the Executive Committee to include greater balance and representation. Persons being added by action of the Committee are: Dr. Billy Melvin representing the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. G. Raymond Carlson representing the Pentecostal movement, Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Church, and a representative of the Synagogue Council of America. It was also moved that another woman be added in consultation with Mrs. Eilcen Lindner; that another black leader and an Hispanic leader be added in consultation with Matt Parker and others on the Executive Committee. Suggested were Bishop McKinney, Dr. William Jones, Rev. T. J. Jemison and Bishop James Hurst Adams, President of Black National Churches.
- 4) <u>USA Today Ad</u>: Motion passed requesting Joseph Bernardin and Jerry Kirk to work on a revision of the newspaper ad as per the extensive discussion today, and that the final draft be run by the Executive Committee before moving ahead with it.
- 5) Funding of RAAP: Motion passed to have N-CAP be legal custodian of funds to facilitate and enable the ongoing work of RAAP as guided by the Executive Committee, (i.e., to place funds into a special account under RAAP and to draw upon that account as needed and as directed by the Executive Committee.) Such monies are to be used for the cost of phone calls, correspondence, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 6) <u>D. C. Date</u>: Jerry Kirk was requested to proceed with the White House through Carl Anderson in establishing a date as soon as possible. (I'm having difficulty getting through to the White House, but will continue to follow through.)

Additional Information: Thursday mornings were discussed as a good time for

our conference calls.

I will proceed with a follow up letter to all of our Steering Committee.

Future questions for your consideration: a) Should we have some stationery so that my correspondence for the Religious Alliance Against Pornography does not go out under N-CAP stationery? b) Should the stationery have the names of the Steering and Planning Committee on it? c) Should we enlarge the Inviting Committee, since there were some major denominations that were not involved in either the New York or Chicago meetings (i.e., presidents of Lutheran denominations, leader of the United Church of Christ and leaders of Black denominations, and a leader in the native American community, as per Matt Parker's suggestions)? d) Is there any other further guidance we want to give Bill Frey and the Program Committee relative to the Strategy Conference?

Plans are moving ahead powerfully for the ad.

I'm scheduling a conference call for Thursday, September 18th at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight time. Please give the enclosed sheet to your secretary and reserve the time.

- 6) Under the heading, "Distortions Hardcore Pornographers Want You to Believe" and the Facts You Need to Know", what was lie No. 2 has become distortion No. 1, what was lie No. 3 has become distortion No. 2 and what was lie No. 1 has become distortion No. 3.
- 7) The box that includes our names has a one sentence introduction about the Religious Alliance Against Pornography and our statement from Cardinal O'Connor's in New York City, rather than the abbreviated five statements formerly listed at the head of the box. (See enclosure.)

Twenty-four persons have already indicated their willingness to participate in the ad without these revisions. However, we have attempted to be sensitive to the concerns of each person and want to move ahead together insofar as possible. We hope these revisions will make it possible for you to participate with us. The printed full page ad as revised will be sent to you by Federal Express Thursday, and should arrive on Friday, September 12th.

Yours,

Werry H. Kirk

President, National Coalition Against Pornography Chairman, Religious Alliance Against Pornography

Enclosures

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These religious leaders have come together to form the Religious Alliance Against Pornography (RAAP) and issued the following statement:

As religious leaders, we believe in the inherent dignity of each human being. Created in God's image and likeness, the human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence among us. Because human life is sacred, we all have a duty to develop the kind of societal environment that protects and fosters its development. This is why we address a broad range of life-threatening and life-diminishing issues. These assaults on human life and dignity are all distinct, each requiring its own moral analysis and solution. But they must be confronted as elements of a large picture.

The purpose of the RAAP is to bring into clear focus a major factor in the assault on human dignity and the consequent dehumanization that it promotes: hardcore and child pornography. This concern brought us together following the release of the Report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. We are in unanimous agreement that hardcore and child pornography, which are not protected by the Constitution, are evils which must be eliminated.

As religious leaders, our primary responsibility is to teach and motivate.

We can and must help people understand the moral dimensions of the problem of hardcore and child pornography and what their responsibility is in this regard, while fully respecting freedom of expression guaranteed by the First Amendment. In particular, we wish to make it clear that we do not and will not advocate "censorship". Our understanding of censorship implies actions being taken against materials which are protected by the First Amendment.

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As teachers, we will do all in our power to proclaim the truth of human dignity and freedom, and to promote the God-given human values needed for the moral health of our society. Given the information and motivation, people will do what is necessary to affect public policy.

The membership of RAAP, representing a broad spectrum of America's religious community, is an indication of the seriousness of the problem and our commitment to addressing it. This represents the beginning of an ongoing process which will facilitate greater cooperation on this vital issue among religious bodies.

We hereby subscribe to this communique as responsible individuals and religious leaders with the understanding that we do not necessarily speak for our entire constituencies.

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RAAP Conference Call for the Executive Committee

The next Conference call will be September 18th, 9:30 AM Eastern Daylight Time.

The call will come to your office at 9:30

Please give this to your secretary.



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Dear Marc:

Enclosed is the finalized ad for  $\underline{\text{U.S.A.}}$  Today. We are very pleased. Thank you for your many suggestions that have led to this result. We believe the ad has been strengthened considerably by our joint efforts. I particularly want to thank Cardinals Bernardin and O'Connor and Bishop Malone for their help.

We will include your name in the ad as printed unless you call us to the contrary, no later than Monday, September 15th. This will simplify our process and will save further time and money.

We believe that it is extremely important to get this message out to the nation. In the process our highest priority has been to guard the integrity of our group, and to clarify the issues.

I'm enclosing a copy of my September 9th letter in order to help you quickly pinpoint the most important changes.

Let me give you a brief update on another matter. Communications by the Religious Alliance Against Pornography with the White House and the Attorney General are delayed temporarily until the Attorney General gives his public response to the Commission's Report. We hope to have something concrete to report to you soon.

Shalom,

Jerry R. Kirk

President, National Coalition Against Pornography Chairman, Religious Alliance Against Pornography

JRK/cc Enclosure I am so sorry for the tragely suffered by your people. We pray for the's help.

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Dear Marc:

The enclosed Minutes from the Chicago meeting at Cardinal Bernardin's will bring you and each member of the Steering Committee (those who gathered in New York City at Cardinal O'Connor's) and the Planning Committee (those who gathered at Cardinal Bernardin's in Chicago) up to date on what was accomplished in Chicago. I want to express my own personal appreciation to you and to each person who is willing to serve on the Planning Committee. I believe that we have accomplished a great deal and that we are well on our way toward the conferences in Washington, D. C.

We are working diligently to establish dates for the Washington Conferences. We know how difficult it is for you to keep schedules flexible. Therefore, I am asking Cardinal O'Connor to call President Reagan personally to try to establish the date of our time with the President and the Attorney General. As soon as we have that date we will communicate to you immediately.

I am asking you to do three things as quickly as possible: 1) Please send me the names, titles, full addresses and phone numbers of persons whom you know personally and whom you believe ought to be invited to the White House Briefing (which is limited to 210) and to the Strategy Conference immediately following, in light of the guidelines which have been suggested. 2) Please notice in the Minutes the subjects that need to be dealt with and put into writing persons whom you believe could speak to those specific subjects. 3) Please indicate one or two ways that you believe you could help in preparing for and in leading those two conferences.

It will help me immensely if I can hear from you within one week. I am planning a conference call with the Executive Committee this coming Thursday, September 4. If you have special suggestions to come before that Executive Committee, please call Sarah Blanken or me at (513) 521-6227 by Wednesday afternoon or one of the other members of the Executive Committee, so that your thoughts can be brought before the entire Executive Committee.

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You will note from the Minutes of our Planning Committee meeting at Cardinal Bernardin's that I have been asked to serve as Chairman of the Executive Committee. Bill Frey has been asked to serve as Chairman of the Program Committee for our Strategy Conference, and I am asking Billy Melvin to serve as Chairman of the Invitation Committee. A job description of each of the committees is enclosed.

In preparation for the conference call, I'm asking you as a member of the Executive Committee to please re-read items 8a on page 3 through item 13 on page 5 of the Chicago agenda (those pages enclosed), and be ready to make any specific suggestions that you want to make relative to those items. We will not discuss them in length, but we do want to receive any suggestions that you would have relative to any of those specific items. The conference call is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Eastern time.

You will receive under separate cover a copy of the proposed ad which the National Coalition Against Pornography is hoping to run in U. S. A. Today. As I wrote you earlier, we are hoping to include in that ad reference to our agreement at Cardinal O'Connor's home and five specific statements growing out of our communique, which we released to the Press as follows: 1) We celebrate the First Amendment and its protection of freedom of speech. 2) We are against censorship of legally protected speech. 3) We are for vigorous enforcement of the federal, state and local laws against illegal pornography that involves children. 4) We are for vigorous enforcement of the federal, state and local laws against illegal obscene materials that promote rape, degradation, and humiliation of women. 5) We invite all who love children, all who are concerned about violence toward women, all who care about the health of the family unit to join together against child pornography and illegal hard core pornography. I will be writing you and asking you to call our office if you do not want your name included in that ad and to check your title and spelling of your name for those of you who wish to be included. We believe it is essential that we get the word out to the entire nation about our concern and the unusual alliance that has come together.

God has given us an unusual bonding and friendship. I look forward to whatever it is He would accomplish through us.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Kirk

President, National Coalition Against Pornography Chairman, Religious Alliance Against Pornography

JRK/cc

## MINUTES RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

Attendees: Dr. Gordon Bacon

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

Dr. Raymond Carlson Elder Loren Dunn

Bishop Bill Frey

Dr. John Houck Dr. Ray Hughes

Bishop Isaiah Dr. Jerry Kirk

Dr. Eileen Lindner

Dr. Richard Lindsay

Mr. Matt Parker

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Cardinal Bernardin's Home, Chicago, Illinois

August 19, 1986

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Bishop George Bashore Dr. William Jones Bishop George McKinne

Dr. Billy Melvin

Rabbi Henry Michelman

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum

## Opening Preparation

Cardinal Bernardin opened the meeting by welcoming the attendees. He indicated that this Planning Meeting grew out of the New York meeting and was preparatory to a White House Briefing and a Strategy Conference.

Rev. Jerry Kirk read scripture, and Bishop Clyde Van Valin led us in prayer.

A motion passed that the proposed agenda distributed prior to the meeting become the working agenda.

#### Summary of Prior Actions

In Rabbi Tanenbaum's absence, Jerry Kirk summarized the actions of the New York meeting which was held July 25. He indicated there was unanimous agreement that our focus would be hard core pornography and child pornography. The New York group asked for a meeting in the White House for approximately 200-210 religious leaders for several purposes: learning about the report by the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, learning the Attorney General's and President's responses, speaking about our concerns, and providing time for genuine interaction with the President and Attorney General. The White House gathering would then be followed by a Strategy Conference with a larger group meeting near the White

### Importance of Strategy Conference

The question was then raised about which meeting we were keying our deliberations around — the White House meeting, or the Strategy Conference? Which would receive priority? There was extensive discussion on this issue, with general agreement that we must be flexible enough to make the White House meeting a possibility. A motion was passed that the primary emphasis would be on the Strategy Conference, but the meeting in the White House will be a corollary and important part of our work.

## We Move Ahead to Mobilize Denominations

The question was raised about who had ultimate responsibility for planning the meetings and setting dates, times, etc. After considerable discussion, there was general agreement that we should keep the initiative and not let someone else take charge of our efforts. The report by the Attorney General's Commission was a government report recommending action by government, and it should be their business to implement the recommendations in the report. Thus, our approach to the appropriate governmental officials is that: (1) we want to thank you for the work of the Administration against pornography and for the report by the Commission; (2) we support implementation of the primary recommendations by the Commission; and (3) we are eager to learn what you will do toward implementing those recommendations. Our philosophy should be that we are ready to lead and mobilize denominational leaders to focus on child pornography and hard core pornography that promotes the rape and degradation of women.

## Committee Responsibilities

The discussion then proceeded to the subject of establishing committees and sub-committees, with the first subject being a committee to plan for the Washington meetings. It was noted that many of the religious groups have offices in Washington that usually do the leg-work for larger meetings which occur there. We should use these resources.

A motion passed for Bishop Bill Frey to chair the Program Committee for the Strategy Conference.

### Executive Committee

A motion was passed to choose an Executive Committee from the Planning Committee to work on the White House Briefing plans and report back to the Planning Committee.

A motion was also passed authorizing the Executive Committee to determine policy matters after this meeting concluded. The Executive Committee will meet by conference call.

A motion was passed that Jerry Kirk serve on the Executive Committee. The question was raised as to whom the Executive Committee is responsible. It was assumed that the group which met in New York is the "Steering Committee." The Steering Committee authorized this meeting of the "Planning Committee." These two groups represent the moral authority for us all, and are the groups to which the Executive Committee reports and to whom they are responsible. A motion was passed that the Executive Committee was responsible to the Planning and Steering committees. It was suggested that the Steering Committee and Planning Committee should meet in Washington just prior to our White House Briefing in order to act upon any recommendations from the Executive Committee.

The membership of the Executive Committee was then discussed. A motion was passed that the following individuals will serve on the Executive Committee:

Joseph Bernardin Bill Frey Jerry Kirk Eileen Lindner Richard Lindsay Matt Parker Adrian Rogers Marc Tanenbaum

 $\underline{\underline{A}}$  motion was passed designating Jerry Kirk Chairman of the Executive Committee.

## Relationship with National Coalition Against Pornography

There was general agreement that this group (which was named the Religious Alliance Against Pornography later in the day) should not be identified as an N-CAP group. It was noted clearly that the Alliance was working with N-CAP and N-CAP has been and is providing its staff resources, but the Alliance is broader than N-CAP. A motion was passed that the Alliance gratefully accepts and acknowledges N-CAP's staff resources. Clarification about financial matters needs to be developed more clearly in the future.

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N-CAP staff expressed the commitment to be a servant in similar ways that others are called upon to serve. N-CAP is a participant in the team in the same way as any of the denominational and ecumenical groups can be participants. We are using N-CAP's staff to help facilitate the Alliance's work. The Executive Committee will use other people and resources as well, just as it is using the facilities of Cardinal Bernardin today.

There was general agreement with the foregoing ideas, and with the idea that N-CAP by necessity be the organization to receive funds to facilitate the Alliance's present activity. The Executive Committee is authorized to decide how these and other details are implemented.

After lunch, Jerry Kirk explained N-CAP's future work for our information in order to clarify the two hats he is wearing and in order not to produce questions and confusion in the future, including a direct mail campaign, an advertisement in the national news media, and a television special. N-CAP and the Alliance are going down parallel tracks -- months ago N-CAP had adopted a focus on hard core and child pornography, long before the report by the Attorney General's Commission was issued and long before the New York meeting on July 25. Therefore, the goals of N-CAP and this group are similar and N-CAP will also be pursuing its work which it has been planning for over six months, while being sensitive to the integrity of the two groups.

The meeting then broke down into committees, with the Program Committee for the Washington meeting and the Executive Committee holding separate meetings.

### Program Committee Report

The Committee reported on the following:

"The purpose of our Strategy Conference in Washington, D. C. is to inform, mobilize and equip, through the religious communities in America, all conce

rned citizens in an effort to eliminate hard core and child pornography which depicts sexual involvement of children with other children and adults and depicts violence, rape and degradation of women. We make this statement with full commitment to the freedom of expression guaranteed by the First Amendment."

A motion was passed to adopt this statement.

We also want to give visibility to the Alliance and call together the higher echelons of denominational leaders, making sure the Conference has broad representation of all groups. The Conference is to be a consciousness-raising event, and at the same time mobilizing and equipping. Sociological, moral and First Amendment issues should be considered.

Suggested dates for the Conference: First Choice, October 23, 24; Second Choice, October 27, 28; and Third Choice, November 10, 11. Size of the Conference to be 300-400 persons, with opportunity for small group interaction. It should not be necessary to convince why, but instead to focus on how, with strategies for implementation to be a high priority. Jerry Kirk was appointed chairman of the event.

## Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee reported on its recommendation for a name, and the following title was adopted: Religious Alliance Against Pornography.

Purpose of the Alliance is contained in the attached Policy Statement.

The group expressed its gratitude to God for the gracious hospitality of Cardinal Bernardin, and requested that the Minutes reflect their appreciation.

A press briefing followed with these persons speaking for the Alliance: Jerry Kirk, Eileen Lindner, Mordecai Waxman, Adrian Rogers, Matt Parker, Bill Frey, Richard Lindsey and Cardinal Bernardin. Jerry Kirk moderated the press briefing.

# POLICY STATEMENT OF THE RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

The Religious Alliance Against Pornography was formed by a broad group of religious leaders who represent approximately 150 million Americans. Each of these leaders respects the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and supports the protection it provides to legitimate speech as established by decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court.

All of the leaders have deep concerns about a number of issues facing American society. Coming from different backgrounds and philosophies, the leaders have a diversity of views on many of these issues. However, they are united on their view of child and hard core pornography are illegal and are evils which must be eliminated.

Thus, while acknowledging that they may have different views on some issues, they have agreed to take the extraordinary step of setting aside those differences and uniting as the Religious Alliance Against Pornography. The sole purpose of the Alliance is to mobilize America's religious community against child pornography which involves children sexually with adults and with each other, and pornography which promotes violence and the abuse, rape and degradation of women. Essentially, this is child and hard core pornography.

The ideological basis for their unity is contained in the attached communique which was issued in New York on July 25.

# COMMITTEES OF RELIGIOUS ALLIANCE AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

The Executive Committee is responsible for policy decisions not already established in preparation for the White House Briefing and Strategy Conference. It is also responsible for details related to the White House Briefing. Jerry Kirk, Chairman.

The Steering Committee (those who met in New York City at Cardinal O'Connor's home) and the Planning Committee (those who met in Chicago at Cardinal Bernardin's home) are together the invitating committee to the White House Briefing and the Strategy Conference immediately following.

The Invitational Committee is responsible for finalizing the principles to guide us and the lists of those who will be invited to the White House Briefing, and those who will be invited to the Strategy Conference immediately following. Billy Melvin, Chairman.

The Program Committee is responsible for planning and implementing the Strategy Conference. Bill Frey, Chairman.

- 1. Welcome and greeting by Joseph Cardinal Bernardin
- 2. Introductions of each person -- name, denominational responsibilities, and hopes for this meeting.
- 3. Opening prayer Bishop Bill Frey
- Adoption of working agenda
- 5. Restatement of our stated focus and actions of the New York meeting -Rabbi Tanenbaum
- Suggested time line with some flexibility:

11:00 - 12:15 Total group 12:15 - 1:00 Lunch 1:00 - 1:30 Total group 1:30 - 3:00 Sub-Committees 3:00 - 4:00 Reports to Planning Committee for

Action and Implementation

4:00 Adjournment

- 7. Decisions that need to be made by the Planning Committee:
  - a. Establish policies to guide us as a committee in preparation for the White House Briefing and the Strategy Conference.
    - Determine the sub-committees needed to prepare for those meetings.
      - a) Executive Committee Policy decisions after this meeting
        - Public Relations decisions
        - White House Liaison
      - b) Program Committee for the Strategy Conference
      - c) Logistics Committee for the Strategy Conference
      - Invitee Committee
- Choose the area in which we are most interested.
  - Suggested Executive Committee: Joseph Bernardin, Bill Frey, Richard Lindsey, Eileen Lindner, Matt Parker, Adrian Rogers, Marc Tanenbaum.

- Meetings by conference call.

- 3) Determine the decision process after this meeting:
  - a) Should the Executive Committee determine policy and public relations matters after this meeting?
  - b) What responsibilities do we want to give the Executive Committee?
  - What responsibilities do we want to give the Chairman of the Planning Committee?

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- d) What responsibilities do we want to give the sub-committee chairperson?.... The sub-committees?
- e) How are we accountable to each other as the Planning Committee and to the Steering Committee if we adopt that nomenclature?
- 4) Choose acting chairpersons for the sub-committees and clarify the areas of greatest importance for their consideration.
  - a) Executive Committee: White House Liaison
  - b) Strategy Conference: Logistics Committee
  - c) Strategy Conference: Program Committee
  - d) Invitee Sub-Committee
- 5) Clarify what we are asking Jerry Kirk, as Chairman, and the staff of N-CAP to do for us and how we want to interface with N-CAP.
  - a) I am wearing two hats. I want to wear them in the way you want me to.
  - b) We are willing to staff the sub-committees if that is your desire.
  - c) We can work as partners to the Committee Chairman, with us providing staff services to the Chairman -- as initiators with the Chairman, etc.... or all of the above. We want you to determine this.
  - d) We believe that N-CAP and the 'New York Gathering' Steering committee are going down two parallel tracks with the same purpose and with similar priorities and compatible program.
    - (1) We will not pursue our N-CAP agenda with this group unless that becomes your decision.
    - (2) We will explain our agenda if that is your desire, so you can see how they interface.
    - (3) We are so totally committed to how God has led us together and in the decisions of New York that we do not feel the need to speak to #(2) unless that seems to you to be helpful.
    - (4) We do believe that public relations is very important at this time because of what the ACLU has done to cloud the issues related to the Attorney General's Commission's Report, and because of law suits by pornographers and the Gray Proposal which I have enclosed. \*

      We believe such public relations need to be done by us as a group (Planning Committee and Steering Committee), as well as by N-CAP.
- 6) Take action on a possible full-page ad in USA TODAY for which N-CAP and Focus on the Family would pay.
  - a) Is the concept right?
  - b) Is the content right?
  - c) Is the timing right?

- 7) Should we have a press release growing out of our meeting in order to build on the momentum that has already begun? If not, why not? If so, who should write that and present it to us for action?
- 8) Establish policies for choosing invitees to the White House Briefing:
  - a) Do we want to focus on denominational leaders? (i.e., highest executive officers and elected officials, or their official representatives where they want to attend?
  - b) Is our goal to have the 100 strongest denominations or to have every denomination represented?
  - c) Do we want to have proportional representation based in some way on size of the denomination?
  - d) Do we want to ask a sub-committee to discuss this and bring recommendations, or proceed on the basis of these guidelines?
- 9) What other things do we want our sub-committee on the White House Briefing to think through?
  - a) What suggestions do we want to make to the White House leadership as we prepare for the Briefing?
    - (1) Do we assume that the focus of the White House Briefing is the Attorney General's Commission's Report?
      - Do we want to hear from experts on the First Amendment and the Law against Obscenity?
      - Do we want to hear the basis for finding harm from child pornography and hard core material that promotes violence and degradation of women?
      - Do we want to hear from Jim Dobson and Bruce Ritter from the Commission? Others?
      - Do we want to hear from the Attorney General and what he is going to do about the problem of pornography?
      - Do we want to speak our concerns to him?
      - Do we want to hear from the President? Do we want to have spokespersons speak on our behalf to him? If so, should they do it privately or in front of the group?
  - b) If we decide that we want spokespersons, how would we choose them?
  - c) Do we want any time for interaction with one another as religious leaders during the White House briefing?
  - d) Should we send representatives to go and meet with the Attorney General from this meeting to outline our concerns and what we think the meeting ought to include?
  - e) Should we send a telegram from this meeting to the President and to the Attorney General, from the Steering and Planning Committees? If so, who should write it?

- f) Should we combine the names of the Steering Committee (those who met in New York City) and the Planning Committee (those meeting today or committed to work on the Planning Committee), as the official group inviting the denominational leaders to the White House Briefing?
- g) Is this our meeting that we are requesting of the White House, or is this the President's meeting to which we are being invited? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each approach? How can we best function in a partnership?
- 10) Establish policies for choosing invitees to the Strategy Conference. The assumption from our New York meeting is that we will invite denominational leaders to the Strategy Conference who are responsible for program implementation in the areas of social concern, family life, and pornography.
  - a) Do we want to focus on the 100 strongest denominations, or do we want to seek to include all who send their top leaders to the White House Briefing?
  - b) Should our invitation to top denominational officials and elected leaders include urging them to attend the Strategy Conference as well, and to encourage their staff persons' involvement?
  - c) Should they be the ones who choose those from their denomination to be invited, so those best able to strategize and implement the plan in their denominations will be in attendance? It is assumed that each denomination will proceed in a way consistent with their governmental structure and style of leadership.
  - d) Do we want to limit the number of those invited or should we let that be determined by the size of the facilities available, and the program?
  - e) Are there any other guidelines we want to suggest to the Subcommittee on Invitees?
  - f) Do we want to ask our sub-committee to discuss this and bring back recommendations, or should they proceed in light of these guidelines?
- 11) The Program Committee for the Strategy Conference:
  - a) What knowledge base do the conferees need about pornography in order to be able to strategize effectively?
    - About the content of pornography and evidence for the harmful effects of hard core violent pornography?
    - About the First Amendment and illegal obscene material?
    - About the Attorney General's Commission's Report?
    - What materials could we have them study?
  - b) Do we want to televise to the hotel the meeting in the White House? (It is anticipated to be approx. 4 hours.) Would this provide a common foundation of knowledge that is necessary? Would this make them feel more a part of the entire

event or would it make them feel like second-class citizens? Would it lose its power through video? Should we have live speakers at the hotel at the same time? Or should that meeting begin at the close of the White House Briefing and have them catch the spirit of it through those who attended?

- c) What ratio between speakers and conferee interaction do we want?
- d) What speakers do we want?
- e) What suggested strategies do we want to present?
- f) What process of individual preparation prior to the meeting, discussion at the meeting, and opportunities for developing action steps provides the greatest participation, energy, and ownership?
- g) Who do we want to lead the Conference?
- h) How can we best utilize the gifts of those who serve on our Planning Committee and on our Steering Committee?
- i) Do we want the Attorney General or the President to speak to this Conference?
- j) Do we want a component that allows persons from major cities who could become mobilizers of broad and responsible leadership to participate? If this were possible without disrupting the denominational focus, it would greatly facilitate mobilizing teams of responsible, balanced, and compassionate leaders in cities across the nation.
  - The denominational plan facilitates building the movement from the top, down.
  - The city leadership model encourages building the movement from the grass roots, up.
  - The two could complement one another.
- 12) Do we want to encourage leaders in the business community to rise up against hard core pornography that involves the sexual abuse of children and women?
- 13) Do we want to encourage leaders in the sports world and entertainment field to join together in the battle against hard core pornography?

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TOGETHER WE CARE

August 11, 1986

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 E. 56th St. New York. New York 10022

Dear Marc:

I am deeply thankful to you and praise God that you are willing to serve on our Planning Committee in preparation for the White House Briefing and the Strategy Conference immediately following. I believe that we are part of an unfolding miracle of God's grace and your participation with us makes it even more so.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Cardinal Bernardin summarizing our New York meeting and its decisions, a copy of our Communique, and a copy of our brain-storming suggestions by that Steering Committee to us. I believe that you will want to study these carefully so that you will better understand the roots from which we come to this meeting. This should make your participation with us most valuable.

I am also enclosing a suggested Agenda for guidance in our focus and use of time. Suggestions for changes and additions are welcome.

It has been suggested that I try to summarize the essence of our last meeting in writing. I believe that God has brought us together in a campaign of compassion out of concern for the well-being of children, young people, the safety of women, the sexualization of men, and the health of families. We have agreed to focus on child pornography which involves children sexually with adults and each other, and pornography which promotes violence and the abuse, rape, and degradation of women. This is essentially child pornography and hard core pornography.

Many of us, if not all, have deep concerns about all kinds of pornography, but we have purposely chosen to focus and unite the religious community around this focus in the context of our commitment to the First Amendment and its protection of legally protected speech.

We also believe, as the Gallup Poll proves, that the overwhelming majority of Americans agree with us. And we believe that if this is our focus, we can unite Americans of good will, decency and faith in this effort. It is no longer a conservative, moderate or liberal issue. It is for all people who care about children and family life.

And these concerns are very similar to the major recommendations of the Attorney General's Commission. While we have not agreed on all of the recommendations, we found an overwhelming consensus on the primary focus of the Commission's Report.

The White House Briefing is our attempt to bring the leaders of the denominations together with the President, the Attorney General and some of his commission to understand the Commission's Report, to share our deep concerns and request that the President and the Attorney General lead in the battle against illegal obscene material. Our Strategy Conference is to include additional leaders from the denominations who have primary responsibility for program and implementation in the areas of social concern, family life, and pornography. We, who gather together as a Planning Committee, have been empowered by the Steering Committee to act on their behalf in implementing these goals.

It would help if you can arrive shortly after 10:30 so that we can become better acquainted before our meeting officially begins. Please come prayed up and available for action. I believe we are going to have a special time together at Cardinal Bernardin's home and also in our meetings in Washington, D. C.

I find great joy in coming to know you and the others who will gather. There is a unique mix of gifts, backgrounds, and spiritual sensitivities of each.

Yours because of God's grace,

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Enc.: Proposed Agenda
Gray & Co. Proposal
Bernardin Letter
Communique
Steering Committee Suggestions

NOTE: Cardinal Bernardin's home address is 1555 North State Parkway, near Clark St. and North Ave., close to Lincoln Park.

Phone: (312) 337-5952. Travel time from O'Hare is approximately 30-45 Minutes in good traffic.

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September 3, 1986

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Dear Rabbi Tanenbaum,

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If you have any corrections as to your name or title as it appears on this letter, please call us.

Warmly and gratefully yours,

Jerry Kirk

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July 2, 1986

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum Director International Relations American Jewish Committee 165 E. 56th Street NY, NY 10022

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Dear Marc,

In anticipation of the meeting on July 25 to consider the report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography -- of which I was a member -- I enclose for your use a full copy of the central section of the Commission's report. It is that section which discusses carefully the rationale for, and the limitations of, governmental and private action against certain specifically defined categories of sexually explicit material. Drafted for the Commission by Professor Frederick Schauer of the University of Michigan, it represents, in my view, a balanced, thoughtful approach to an intensely difficult subject.

No commissioner agreed with every word of the report, and most of us filed separate "personal statements" describing our specific views fully. I enclose a copy of my own such statement, which explains my reasons for some of my more difficult votes, and which takes the Commission to task (in a kindly way) for avoiding moral and ethical issues fundamental to the controversy over pornography. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, I am deeply interested in hearing your own views on the Commission's report, my statement, or any other aspect of this all too familiar problem.

I eagerly hope to see you on the 25th, and hope as well that with God's help we can begin to chart an effective course for religious leaders in this area. Until then please accept my best personal regards.

Peace,

Fr. Bruce Ritter

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Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum American Jewish Committee 165 East 56th Street New York, NY 10022

Dear Marc:

I realize that I just wrote you yesterday, but feel compelled to write you again today.

My purpose is to send you a copy of my letter to Joseph, having to do with his writing leaders in key cities across the country and also a copy of the letter that Bill Frey sent out to a number of his friends who are leaders in the Episcopal Church.

It is evident that God is touching us all and inspiring us to reach out to people across the country. You are the people who know the people who ought to be with us, and you are the people whom they trust enough to come and join us in this exciting and challenging adventure.

May God's blessings and peace be with you in all your endeavors.

Jerry R. Kirk mussed you and your influence.

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Most Rev. Joseph Cardinal Bernardin 155 E. Superior Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Joseph:

I am pleased that we were able to talk this morning about our letter to some 100 contemplative groups across the country, plus a copy of Mother Teresa's letter. We know there will be tremendous spiritual power released by the Lord and rejoice in the privilege of responding to her request this way.

I will write Mother Teresa as soon as we have accomplished that so she will know what we are doing. I will also send you a copy of my letter to her.

I'm especially grateful for your willingness to write a Catholic leader in these key cities. When we met together in Chicago as a committee, we decided that we ought to approach key leaders in 25 cities in addition to denominational leaders. Those cities are the following, with the first 8 being the highest priority: Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Washington D.C., Los Angeles, Dallas, Denver, Minneapolis, Chattanooga, Oklahoma City, Columbus, Cleveland, Boston, New York City, Detroit, Houston, Seattle, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Columbia, S.C., Nashville, Memphis, Phoenix, Tulsa and Orlando.

Will you invite a Bishop or Archbishop in the hope that they be with us, and with the additional thought that if they cannot come, would they consider sending a personal representative? This would expand our effort significantly across the country at this crucial time when the momentum has begun to build.

I have talked with the Vice-President of AT&T and he told me personally that AT&T is removing Dial-A-Porn. He also told me the basis on which they are going to do it. You will hear about it publicly before receiving this letter. This is our greatest victory and the Religious Alliance had a significant part in it through Bishop Clyde Van Valin, and our Executive Committee.

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Joseph, if you will send us the list of those whom you write about the RAAP Conference with addresses, we will then quickly send the official invitational letter from you and me as a follow up.

Gratefully and prayerfully yours,

Jerry R. Kirk President, National Coalition Against Pornography Chairman, Religious Alliance Against Pornography

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1887 THE DIOCESE OF COLORADO 1987 Serving into the Second Century (Callen) 8 January 1988 Dear brothers: Please excuse the form letter. I wanted to get it in the mail quickly. You will receive - or perhaps already have received - a letter from Cardinal Joseph Bernardin and the Reverend Jerry Kirk inviting you to a conference dealing with pornography and obscenity. I simply want to add a note of personal encouragement to accept. I really believe it be worth both the trouble and the expense. Having Mother Theresa as our keynote speaker excites me. obscanity might appear to be pretty far removed from her concern for the poor, I believe there is a connection. All of us are concerned about those things which distort the image of God in human beings or, as the Baptismal liturgy puts it, those things "which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God." Poverty and disease are some of those things, and so is obscenity. To be perfectly candld, I'd rather not be involved in a fight against pornography! I don't like to be labelled as a "bookburning extremist zealot" any more than you would. But people are being hurt because of it and I have become convinced that if we fail to face the issue, we are implying either that pornography and obscenity are all right, or that our theological framework is too weak to confront them. I hope to see you in Washington. Yours in Christ. William C. Frey WCF:mm The Episcopal Center Thirteenth and Washington • P.O. Box 18M • Denver, Colorado 80218 • (303) 837-1173