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THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. C EVERETT KOOP, SURGEON GENERAL

FROM: CARL A. ANDERSON, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON *A*

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SPEAK AT WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING ON
PORNOGRAPHY

On Thursday, November 13, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in room 450, the White House will be conducting a briefing for about 200 interdenominational religious leaders on Administration initiatives to implement the recommendations of the Attorney General's Commission on pornography.

We plan to begin the briefing with remarks from two of the Commissioners, Dr. James Dobson and Father Bruce Ritter, explaining what porn is and the harm it causes. We will also be inviting speakers from Justice, Customs, the FBI, and the Postal Service.

We would like to have you speak for about 15 minutes on the effects of pornography on children and adolescents, and respond to an additional 10 to 15 minutes of questions from the audience.

Our audience, the Religious Alliance Against Pornography, is a broad coalition representing virtually every major denomination including Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Jewish, Mormon, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Evangelical, Southern Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, the National Council of Churches, and the Synagogue Council of America. They have organized for the purpose of mobilizing the country's religious community against child pornography and materials promoting violence, abuse, and degradation of women. They will be holding a strategy conference in Washington November 13 and 14.

I understand from Stephanie that the 13th is shaping up to be a busy day for you. I hope you will be able to join us..

As we discussed this is a very important meeting and your contribution is a key one. I also want to discuss with you about Presidential involvement

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