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Focus on the Family Visit (Wednesday, 05/28/2003)

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TODAY'S DATE: 3/5/03

TO: Bradley A. Blakeman
Deputy Assistant to the President
For Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: Karl Rove
Assistant to the President and Senior Advisor

REQUEST: Visit to Focus on the Family and interview by Dr. James Dobson radio program

PURPOSE: To tour one of the largest multi-media ministry centers in the country.

BACKGROUND: James C. Dobson, Ph.D., is founder and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization that produces his internationally syndicated radio programs heard daily on more than 3,000 radio facilities in North America and in 15 languages on approximately 3,300 facilities in over 116 other countries.

His commentaries are heard by more than 200 million people every day, including a program translation carried on all state-owned radio stations in the Republic of China. He is seen on 80 television stations daily in the U.S.

For 14 years Dr. Dobson was an Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Southern California School of Medicine, and served for 17 years on the Attending Staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles in the Division of Child Development and Medical Genetics. He has an earned Ph.D. from the University of Southern California (1967) in the field of child development. He is a clinical member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, a licensed psychologist in California, and is listed in Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: President Reagan appeared on the program from the Oval Office in 1985.
President George H.W. Bush visited the headquarters and was interviewed in 1992.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, May 28, 2003 / TBD

DURATION: TBD

BRIEFING TIME: N/A

LOCATION: Focus on the Family headquarters
Colorado Springs, Colorado

PARTICIPANTS: The President
Dr. James Dobson
Mrs. Shirley Dobson

OUTLINE OF EVENT: TBD

REMARKS REQUIRED: N/A

MEDIA COVERAGE: TBD

FIRST LADY'S ATTENDANCE: Her discretion

FUNDING SOURCE: The White House

WORKING CONTACT: Matt Smith x6-7702

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February 13, 2003

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500-0003

Dear Mr. President:

A warm greeting to you from Colorado Springs! It has been brought to my attention that you will be visiting the Pikes Peak Region on May 28th, at which time you are scheduled to speak at the United States Air Force Academy's commencement ceremony. Although you're welcome *anytime*, I wanted to extend an invitation for you to visit Focus on the Family headquarters while you're in the area on that day. Our campus is located literally "across the street" from the Air Force Academy grounds, and we would be delighted to host you and your staff.

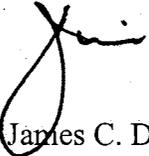
While you're here, I would be pleased to take you on a tour of the Focus campus and offer a firsthand look at our global ministry. Our daily radio broadcast reaches an audience of roughly 9 million people each week and is heard on more than 3,000 radio stations. If your schedule permits, I would also be honored if you would consider coming into the recording studio to discuss important issues related to families. I realize that your time is at a premium – please rest assured that we would record the 25-minute program in as timely and efficient a manner as possible!

As you may know, I had the privilege of interviewing former President Ronald Reagan from the Oval Office for the *Focus on the Family* radio broadcast back in 1985. And in 1992, your father visited our headquarters in person and joined me behind the microphone for a chat. I'm enclosing cassettes of both of those interviews so that you'll get a better idea of what to expect should you have time to take part in a broadcast. Our listeners would *love* to hear from you, Mr. President!

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Thanks in advance for considering this heartfelt invitation. I know I speak on behalf of the staff here at Focus, and indeed, millions of Americans, when I say how deeply we value your commitment to matters of faith and family. Please be assured that you are in our prayers during this critical and unprecedented time in our nation's history. May God's wisdom and protection surround you and Mrs. Bush in the days ahead!

Sincerely,



James C. Dobson, Ph.D.
President

JCD/dmd

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Dan Bartlett
Mr. Karl Rove