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JOHN F. KENNEDY

FOR PRESIDENT



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September 22, 1960

Mr. Leo Willett
1201 West Becher St.
Milwaukee 15, Wisc.

Dear Mr. Willett:

Thank you very much for your letter. I appreciate your interest in writing and giving me the benefit of your views.

I was interested in your comments on the discriminatory features of the National Defense Education Act. As you may know, I myself have spoken out consistently against one of these features, the compulsory college loyalty oath.

For your information I am having sent to you under separate cover some information on this act as it applies to guidance counseling. I hope it will be helpful to you.

With every good wish, I am

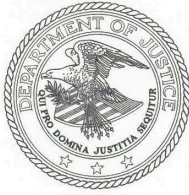
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John F. Kennedy".

John F. Kennedy

JFK:cd

Signed letter from then Senator John F. Kennedy (1917- 1963) to Br. Leo Willett, SM (1925-2015).



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1962

Brother Herbert F. Leies, S.M.
Chairman, Department of Sociology
St. Mary's University
2700 Cincinnati Avenue
San Antonio, Texas

Dear Brother Leies:

The President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth
Crime is aware of your knowledge, information, and concern for
the difficult problem with which we are dealing.

You are hereby named as a

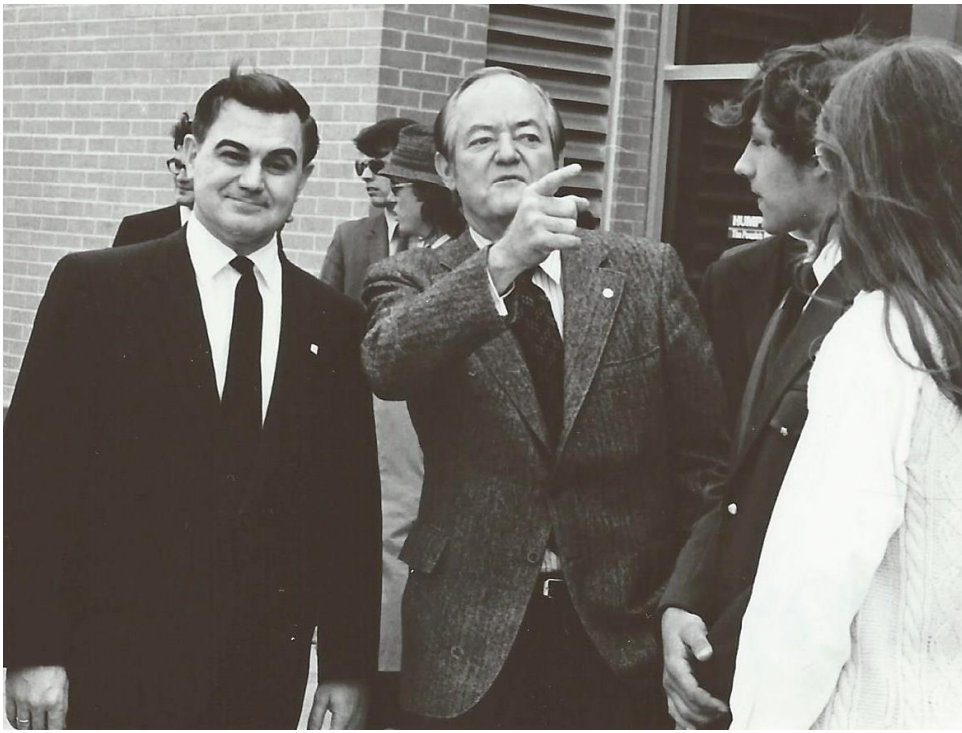
SPECIAL ADVISER ON METROPOLITAN PROBLEMS OF YOUTH

and will be called upon to help search
for effective means of prevention and control.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy, Chairman
President's Committee on Juvenile
Delinquency and Youth Crime

First of three signed letters from
Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy (1925-1968)
to Br. Herbert F. Leies, SM (1898-1984), 16 April 1962



Br. Leo Willett, SM (1925-2015) with Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (1911-1978) on a campaign stop at Gross High School in Omaha, Nebraska.

Signed letter from then Vice President Richard Nixon (1913-1994) to Br. Leo Willett, SM (1925-2015).



OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

October 3, 1960


Dear Mr. Willett:

I wish to thank you for giving me the benefit of your views concerning the bill passed by the House of Representatives to provide Federal aid to the public schools.

As you know, I have often spoken out in favor of our private school system. There is always a possibility that constitutional measures will be worked out to help such schools, since today they face increasing financial difficulties. But I would be reluctant at this moment to support any specific means, pending a more careful study of the constitutional situation. Federal and state courts have placed rather severe limitations upon aid to private schools, especially religious schools.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,


Richard Nixon

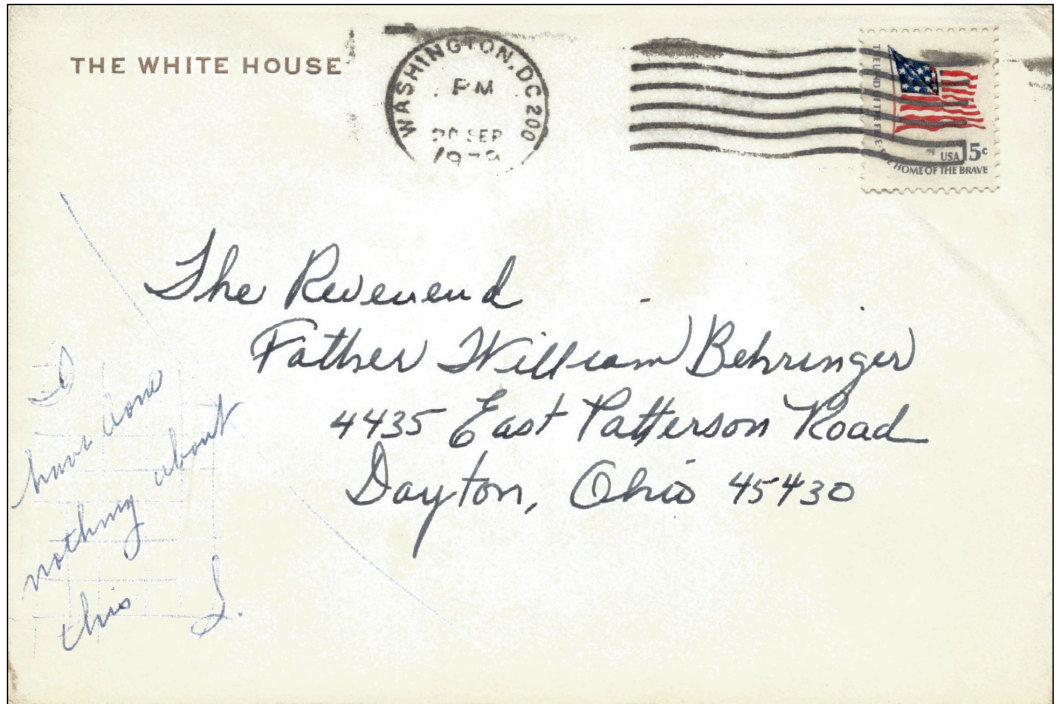
Mr. Leo Willett
1201 West Becher Street
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin



*The President and Mrs. Carter
request the pleasure of your company
at a reception to be held at
The White House
on Saturday afternoon, October 6, 1979
at two-thirty o'clock*

South Lawn

Invitation and ticket to Fr. William Behringer, SM (1931-2018) to attend a White House reception on the occasion of the visit of Saint Pope John Paul II (1920-2005), October 6, 1979.



Note by assistant Br. Steve Hessler, SM (1906-1999). Fr. Bill just got back from traveling and did not attend.

*On the occasion of the visit of
His Holiness
John Paul II*

LK

Please present this card
with personal identification
at the Southwest Gate

THE WHITE HOUSE

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