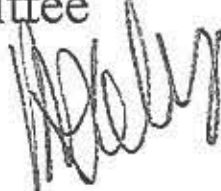


## Memorandum

THE CHURCH OF  
**JESUS CHRIST**  
OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

Date November 7, 2013  
To President Boyd K. Packer, Leadership and Training Committee  
From Brook P. Hales  
Subject Guidelines for General Authority Contact with High-Level Government Officials



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Dear President Packer:

This will confirm the decision in the meeting of the Council of the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve on Thursday, November 7, 2013, that approval was given to the following guidelines for General Authority contacts with high-level government officials as follows:

1. Meetings with Heads of State, Heads of Government, First Ladies/First Gentlemen and Royalty. As a general rule, proposed meetings by Church representatives with, or proposed requests to heads of state, heads of government, first ladies/first gentlemen or royal families should be approved in advance by the First Presidency.
  - Area Presidencies should submit requests to their respective member of the Presidency of the Seventy.
  - Church offices in the District of Columbia, Los Angeles, and New York should submit their proposals to the Public Affairs Committee or International Coordinating Committee (“ICC”), as appropriate.
  - These requests will be forwarded to the Office of the Quorum of the Twelve for review and then submitted to the First Presidency for approval.
2. Government Officials in the United States or Canada. As a general rule, proposed meetings by Church representatives with, or proposed requests to United States, Canadian, or other foreign high-level government officials located in the United States or Canada should be coordinated in advance with the Public Affairs Committee (“PAC”) or the International Coordinating Committee (“ICC”), as appropriate. Blanket approvals may be considered in situations anticipating multiple and on-going contacts with government officials in accordance with approved initiatives (such as the Ambassadorial

Outreach Program, contacts in approved government relations plans, etc.).

3. Government Officials in International Areas (outside the United States and Canada). As a general rule, proposed meetings by Church representatives with, or proposed requests to high-level government officials located internationally (outside of the United States and Canada) should be coordinated in advance with the Area Presidency with responsibility for the respective Area where the officials are located. Blanket approvals may be considered in situations anticipating multiple and on-going contacts with government officials in accordance with approved initiatives (such as the Ambassadorial Outreach Program, contacts in approved government relations plans, etc.)

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