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Dear Baptist Press Correspondent:

Under the new joint program between the state conventions (associations) and the Home Mission Board, a vast number of missionaries are jointly employed by the state boards and the Conventionwide agency.

These missionary appointments are subject to two elections. The state board elects them and the Home Mission Board also elects them.

We feel one report in the Baptist Press is sufficient to cover the appointments. To keep it coordinated in one place, Walker Knight of our regional office in Atlanta, and editor of Home Missions magazine, will write the one report each time.

Walker will point out each time a report is made that the election of the state board in the state where the missionary serves has been required in addition to the Home Mission Board's election.

We are sure you will understand our need to come to this procedure. No one will be left out. The Nashville office, where most state board actions are assembled for news reporting, and Atlanta office have carefully discussed this situation to insure thorough coverage.

This in no way lessens our interest in state board actions. We will still be in touch with our state contacts after board meetings. In fact it does not mean we will quit taking the names of missionaries elected in a state, who must also be elected by the Home Mission Board. If we receive the names, we will pass them on to Walker via teletype rather than including them in our immediate story on other board actions. This will give Walker a check list to go by when reporting elections of the Home Mission Board, to be double sure all persons are included.

Best wishes in your work. Thank you for your interest in Baptist Press.

Cordially,

Theo Sommerkamp

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2. state paper editors
3. state public relations directors
4. all Baptist Press regional offices and correspondents

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Picture A

PRESIDENT ADDRESSES BAPTISTS--In the White House rose garden, President Lyndon B. Johnson speaks to a group of Southern Baptists. They were in Washington for a Christian citizenship seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. (BP) Photo

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Picture B

NEW ORATORIO--W. Hines Sims of Nashville, Tenn., and Mrs. D. M. Bahr of Waukesha, Wis., examine one of the first printed copies of an original oratorio which will be presented during the Third Baptist Jubilee Celebration, Atlantic City, N. J., May 22-24. Accompaniment will be by members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Singing City Choirs of Philadelphia. (BP) Photo

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