

CITY OF CLEARWATER  
Interdepartment Correspondence Sheet

TO: Mr. Picot B. Floyd, City Manager  
FROM: Gabriel Cazares, Mayor-Commissioner  
COPIES: City Commission  
SUBJECT: United Churches of Florida - Correspondence Attached  
DATE: January 21, 1976

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Attached is a letter from the United Churches of Florida, dated January 12, 1976, and the copy of my reply.

Because of continuing speculation about the ultimate purposes and objectives of the United Churches of Florida, it would be in the public interest to have these matters clarified. Information received from Mr. Allen indicates that the Fort Harrison facilities will:

1. Accept donations from users of their facilities or services in lieu of regular fee payments. What are the tax implications of this?
2. The Fort Harrison will no longer have a liquor license. What impact will this have on catering, and BYOB affairs?
3. They will operate radio programs. What licenses, if any, are required for this activity?

Please let me know whatever permits have been granted or are required for them to continue activities at the Fort Harrison Hotel and the old Bank of Clearwater building.

Incidentally, I am, personally, discomfited by the increasing visibility of security personnel, armed with Billy Clubs and Mace, employed by the United Churches of Florida. I am unable to understand why this degree of security is required by a religious organization, and my concerns are shared by many other citizens when they see uniformed security guards, thus armed, walking our streets day and night.

*Gabriel Cazares*