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PROPOSALS

VETERANS
SCHEDULE PROPOSALS

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VETERANS/ SERVICE GROUPS:

- May 1, 1981 - Budget Briefing
- June 2 ✓ - OMB Briefing for Ad Hoc Committee
- June 12 ✓ - Bill signing ceremony, Rose Garden, President
- June 17 ✓ - POW/ MIA National Recognition Day
- July 17 ✓ - *VA Hospital Bill Signing Ceremony, Pres.*
- July 24 ✓ - Cabinet Room briefing, President, Vice-President
- Sept. 10 - American Legion Boys Nation,
Rose Garden ceremony, Vice-President
- Sept. 15 - OMB and VA briefing,
with lawn reception for Adm. supporters
- Oct. 8 ✓ - showing of film, "Frank, a Vietnam Vet"
- Oct. 6 ✓ - AWACs briefing by NSC and State
- Oct. 19 ✓ - American Security Council
AWACS briefing by NSC and State
- Nov. 10 ✓ - Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, President
Rose Garden signing ceremony
- Nov. 11 ✓ *Frank, a Vet*
- Nov. 18 ✓ - OMB and VA briefing
- Dec. 9 ✓ - NSC briefing for Reserve Forces Policy Board
- Feb. 9, 1982 ✓ - OMB briefing
- Feb. 16 ✓ - American Legion National Officers,
meeting with President
- Feb. 16 ✓ - Reserve Officers Association,
meeting with President
- Feb. 23 ✓ - AMVETS,
meeting with President

*Regrets
Nov 10
Sept 1
Nov 11*

*Army Leg. Wash DC Laying Ceremony
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*Motion to Key
3/10/81*

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

REGRET

Date 3/11
GJN

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March 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM TO:

Greg Newell

FROM:

Red Cavaney *lc*

File

SUBJECT:

American Legion Distinguished Service Medal
Wreath laying ceremony

Please try your hardest to get this approved in view of the VFW event acceptance. If it is declined, I will have to hand walk for approval.

Thanks

*VP
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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL
DATE: March 10, 1981
FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE
VIA: GREG NEWELL

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEETING: Presentation of the American Legion Distinguished Service Medal to the Dead and Missing of the Vietnam War.

DATE: Monday, March 16, 1981, at 10:00 AM

PURPOSE: To enable the President to honor the dead and missing of the Vietnam War by laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown soldier at a silent ceremony.

FORMAT: Location: The Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery
Participation: See attached list.
Duration: 15 minutes

CABINET PARTICIPATION: Secretary Weinberger *X could say*

SPEECH MATERIAL: No remarks

PRESS COVERAGE: Full Press Coverage

STAFF: Elizabeth H. Dole

RECOMMEND: E. Dole, L. Nofziger, Sen. Laxalt, Sen. Baker, Sen. Tower, Sen. Thurmond, Sen. Helms., Cong. Montgomery (Chairman of Armed Services), and Cong. Hammerschmidt.

OPPOSED: None

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President has participated in a number of American Legion activities, however, this will be the first since inauguration.

BACKGROUND: This Distinguished Service Medal presentation is the highest ceremony of the American Legion Birthday Week (their 62nd) and will afford the President the chance to honor all veterans, particularly those of the Vietnam era. With hundreds of Vietnam veterans (a number disabled) present at the Tomb of the Unknowns, the President can participate in a dignified ceremony. His acceptance of the recent VFW invitation has created significant pressure for brief participation in the American Legion event. To date, 85 members of Congress have accepted.

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REGRET

Date 3/11

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
February 26, 1981

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GJB

To: Red Cavaney
From: Morton Blackwell *MB*
Re: American Legion Wreath Laying Ceremony

Here is the latest information from Bob Spanogle regarding the attached proposed event.

Those attending:

1. From each state:
 - a. A selected Viet Nam veteran, some disabled, and
 - b. An American Legion official.
2. Honored guests, accepted:
 - a. H. Ross Perot
 - b. F. Lee Bailey--frequent financial supporter of veterans' causes
 - c. Larry Wilcox--star of CHiPs TV program
 - d. Tom Sneva--"500" racedriver
 - e. Numerous members of the Congress
3. Honored guests, invited:
 - a. The President
 - b. The entire Congress
 - c. Bob Hope, who is trying to arrange his schedule to attend.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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* 10:00 AM

MEMORANDUM

FEBRUARY 17, 1981

TO: RED CAVANEY
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL
VIA: PATRICIA A.E. RODGERS
SUBJ: SCHEDULING REQUEST

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event: PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Date: MARCH 16, 1981

Location: THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIERS, ARLINGTON
Background: CEMETERY

THIS MEDAL WILL BE GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE DEAD AND MISSING OF THE VIETNAM WAR.

SEE ATTACHED CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTE: RETURN REQUESTED BY FEBRUARY 20, 1981

RECOMMEND ACCEPT

RECOMMEND REGRET

COMMENTS:

RECOMMEND SURROGATE

RECOMMEND MESSAGE

2/20

See attached. Concern w/ 15 min wreath laying portion. This is a very big event with festivities involving Bob Hope & others!

REGRET

Date

3/11
[Signature]

GJN

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 20, 1981

TO: Red Cavaney

FROM: Morton Blackwell

SUBJECT: American Legion's request for an event with
the President on March 16

Bob Spinogle, Executive Director of the American Legion, advises that they would like the President to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers on March 16 at a silent ceremony which would involve Vietnam veterans from each state, brought to D.C. at Legion expense. Spinogle said that this would require only 15 minutes of the President's time.

He also asked that the President attend a prayer breakfast which will last approximately one hour on the morning of March 16.

I recommend that we endorse the proposal for the President's participation for the ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, but not at the prayer breakfast.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

June 10, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: A signing ceremony at the White House when the President signs the Proclamation of National POW/MIA Recognition Day - S.J. Res. 50.

PURPOSE: There has never been a signing ceremony for this Proclamation. The POW/MIA families and their supporters would be grateful for White House recognition.

BACKGROUND: The President made campaign statements regarding this issue. Since taking office he has not met with this group. Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all met with this group. Also, in view of President Reagan's statement of April 24 dealing with increasing live-sighting reports that Americans may still be held captive in SE Asia, it is important that visible Presidential involvement be shown.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - after 2 PM (Bill must be signed by June 13)

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 10 minutes

PARTICIPANTS *Admiral Jones*
Lt. Col. John Fer, Department of Defense, Principal Military Advisor PW/MIA
Ann Griffith, Executive Director of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in SE Asia and 8 members of the National Board of Directors who are in Washington for a conference on Friday, June 12 (see attached list)
Co-sponsors of the resolution - Sen. Pete ~~Domenici~~ and Congressman Harold Hollenbeck
Members of the House of Representatives Task Force on American Prisoners and Missing in SE Asia (see list)

OUTLINE OF EVENT: President greets and signs the proclamation

REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth Dole; Robert Kimmitt - National Security Council; Admiral Robert Garrick, Ed Meese's office; Admiral Don Jones, Director of East Asia Bureau, Office of the Secretary of Defense; John Negroponete, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 11, 1981

MEETING WITH National POW/MIA Recognition Day Supporters
DATE: June 12
LOCATION: Rose Garden; back up Roosevelt Room
TIME: 3:00 PM - 3:10 PM
FROM: Elizabeth Dole

I. PURPOSE

Signing ceremony both for bill and Proclamation of National POW/MIA Recognition Day

II. BACKGROUND

Annually the Congress authorizes proclamations by the President for National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Although there is no hard evidence that any Americans remain in captivity in Indochina, you have repeatedly said that you share the concern of the POW/MIA families and will track down every lead which might give more information regarding prisoners of war and U.S. personnel still missing in action.

Presidents Nixon, Ford, and Carter all met with the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in South East Asia. This signing ceremony is your first meeting with this group.

Also present are former POW, Senator Jeremiah Denton and other Congressional supporters of the POW/MIA families.

III. PARTICIPANTS

See attached sheets

Plus from White House staff - Richard Allen, Elizabeth Dole, and Morton Blackwell

IV: PRESS PLAN

Full press coverage

V: SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

3:00 PM - You are introduced at Rose Garden by Elizabeth Dole
3:02 PM - You welcome guests and make brief remarks
3:07 PM - You sign both the bill and Proclamation
3:08 PM - You pose with guests for photographer
3:10 PM - You depart Rose Garden

ATTACHMENTS: Talking points and list of participants.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

National League of Families of American Prisoners and
Missing in South East Asia - members of Board of Directors

Ann Griffith
Carol Bates

Charles Walker
George Brooks
Janis Dodge
Mary Foley
John Parsels
Sara Frances Shay
James Poole

Military representation:

Admiral Donald Jones - Navy
Col. David Murane - Air Force

Senators:

Dennis De Concini
Jeremiah Denton and wife, Jane
Robert Dole

Congressmen:

Robert Dornan
John LeBoutillier
W. Henson Moore
Bill Hendon
John Paul Hammerschmidt
Harold Hollenbeck
Stephen Solarz
Tom Lantos
G.V. Montgomery (Sonny)

Administration:

Elizabeth Dole
Morton Blackwell
Richard Allen

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TAB A GUEST LIST

ANN GRIFFITH, Executive Director National League of Families
of American Prisoners and Missing in South East Asia

CAROL BATES
CHARLES WALKER
GEORGE BROOKS
JANIS DODGE
MARY FOLEY
JOHN PARSELS
SARA FRANCES SHAY
JAMES POOLE

Members of Board of Directors,
National League of Families of
American Prisoners and Missing
in South East Asia

ADMIRAL DONALD JONES, Navy, Director of East Asia Bureau,
Office of the Secretary of Defense

COL. DAVID MURANE, Air Force, Chief of Far East/ South Asia
Division, J5, Joint Chiefs of Staff

SENATOR DENNIS DE CONCINI, Co- Sponsor of the Resolution

CONGRESSMAN HAROLD HOLLENBECK, Co-Sponsor of the Resolution

SENATOR JEREMIAH DENTON and wife, JANE - former POW

CONGRESSMAN ROBERT DORNAN, Chairman of House of Representatives
Task Force on American Prisoners and
Missing in South East Asia

SENATOR ROBERT DOLE
CONGRESSMAN JOHN LE BOUTILLIER
CONGRESSMAN BILL HENDON
CONGRESSMAN JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT
CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS

Cong. Mel Price, Armed Services Committee

ELIZABETH DOLE, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
MAX FRIEDERSDORF, Assistant to the President for Legislative
Affairs

RICHARD ALLEN, Assistant to the President for National Security
Affairs

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TAB B GUESTS IN BILL SIGNING CEREMONY

FIRST ROW FROM STAGE LEFT TO STAGE RIGHT

ELIZABETH DOLE

SENATOR DE CONCINI

CONGRESSMAN HOLLENBECK

SENATOR DENTON

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Dole*

SECOND ROW FROM STAGE LEFT TO STAGE RIGHT

ANN GRIFFITH

ADMIRAL DONALD JONES

COL. DAVID MURANE

MRS. JANE DENTON

*Allen
Friederhoff*

MEMORANDUM

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PARTICIPANTS:

Members of the Board of Directors,
National League of Families of American Prisoners and
Missing in South East Asia

Col. Charles Walker, Chairman of the Board,
from Utah, MIA father

Mr. George Brooks, from New York, MIA father

Mrs. Janis Dodge, from California, POW wife

Mrs. Betty Foley, from Ohio, MIA wife

Major John Parsels, from Georgia, returned POW

Mrs. Sara Frances Shay, from Maryland, MIA mother

Mrs. Marion Shelton, from California, POW wife

Mr. Jim Poole, from Georgia, MIA son

Members of the House of Representatives Task Force
on American Prisoners and Missing in South East Asia

(Cong. Robert Dornan, Chairman, R - CA

Cong. Benjamin Gilman, R - NY

Cong. Robert Lagomarfino, R - CA

Cong. John Le Boutellier, R - NY

Cong. Bill Hendon, R - NC

Cong. Steve Solarz, D - NY

Cong. Tom Lantos, D- CA

Cong. Dan Mica, D - FL

Cong. Howard Wolpe, D - MI

POW-MIA families

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National Security & Foreign Relations
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American Ex-Prisoners of War
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Miss Susan Taranto
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Chevy Chase, MD 20015

3:00 p.m. THE PRESIDENT departs The Oval Office and proceeds to Oval Office steps leading to Rose Garden.

Announcement (off-stage)

THE PRESIDENT proceeds to podium.

Met by:

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

3:01 p.m. Mrs. Elizabeth Dole introduces The President.

Reception Guests

3:02 p.m. THE PRESIDENT makes brief remarks.

3:05 p.m. THE PRESIDENT proceeds to Ceremonial Bill Signing Table for signing of Proclamation for National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Bill Signing Participants

3:10 p.m. THE PRESIDENT concludes and proceeds to The Oval Office.

6/12/81 11:00 a.m.

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 12, 1981

NATIONAL P.O.W.-M.I.A. RECOGNITION DAY, 1981

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Throughout American history our prisoners of war have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices. In fulfilling their duty as citizens of the United States they have defended American ideals while suffering unimaginable indignities under the absolute control of the enemy. They remained steadfast even while their treatment contravened international understandings and violated elementary considerations of compassion and morality.

All Americans ought to recognize the special debt we owe to our fellow citizens who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty. Likewise, we must remember the unresolved casualties of war -- our servicemen who are still missing. The pain and bitterness of war endure for their families, relatives and friends -- and for all of us. Our Nation will continue to seek answers to the many questions that remain about their fate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 17, 1981, as National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, to those still missing, and to their families. I urge all Americans to join in honoring those who made the uncommon sacrifice of being held captive in war, and to honor as well their loved ones who have also suffered valiantly and patiently. I also call on appropriate officials of the Federal, State and local governments, as well as private organizations, to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

RONALD REAGAN

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Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 12, 1981

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT THE NATIONAL POW/MIA
RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION
SIGNING CEREMONY

The Rose Garden

3:02 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to what I think is a very important and worthwhile signing ceremony here in the Rose Garden. I am pleased that I am going to sign a joint resolution and a proclamation designating July 17th, 1981 National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Brave men and women who have fought for our country should all know that America does remember. It's grateful and we'll always be proud of their courage and honor on the battlefield. And it's fitting that we pay this special tribute to those who so heroically endured the hardships and torture of enemy captivity -- unusual in any war in our history, because it was the longest period that American fighting men have ever been held in captivity. Just the thought of the terrible pain that they suffered and endured should be seared in our memories forever. And let us remember too, that six years after American involvement in Vietnam in the war, we still don't have a full accounting of our missing service men from that conflict -- an accounting that was guaranteed in the Paris Peace Accords that brought the fighting there to an end -- an agreement which has been violated.

Recently, there have been reports that Americans are still being held captive in Indo-China. None of these reports, I'm sorry to say, have been verified, but the world should know that this administration continues to attach the highest priority to the problem of those missing in action. We intend to seek the fullest possible account from the governments involved.

I'm grateful that we have with us here today, one of America's outstanding heroes from the Vietnam war, one of the former prisoners of war and now the Senator from Alabama, Jeremiah Denton, accompanied by his lovely wife Jane. July 17th, it is just 16 years or will be to the day that he was shot down over South East Asia. Now, lest someone think that there's a little confusion there, he was shot down on July 18th, 1965, but when it was the 18th there, on this side of the dateline, it was the 17th. Jeremiah Denton. Who will ever forget on that first night in the first plane that arrived at Clark Field in the Phillipines and he was the first man we saw come down the ramp from the plane, salute our flag, ask God's blessing on America and then thank us for bringing them home.

They're joined here by leaders of the House and Senate, many of their colleagues, Cap Hollenbeck and Bob Dornan, John LeBoutilli and Bill Herndon and John Paul Hammerschmidt and Tom Lantos from the House, and Senator Dennis DeConcini and Bob Dole along with Senator Jeremiah Denton. And now, I'm going to have the happy task of signing the proclamation and the bill.

END

3:06 P.M. EDT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MAY 26, 1981

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Meeting with Leaders of Veterans Organizations

PURPOSE: To solicit support for the tax portion of the President's economic package and general support for the Administration.

BACKGROUND: The veterans, natural constituents of the Presidents, have yet to have a Presidential meeting. This, coupled with the delay in naming the VA Administrator and the lack of consultation prior to budget cuts, gave the veterans the earlier impression that the administration took them for granted. Subsequent events and the hope of meeting with the President have changed this earlier view to the extent that three of the four largest veteran's organizations have endorsed the President's economic recovery program. Their active involvement on behalf of the President will be increased significantly as a result of this gesture by the President. It also provides a clear, fresh start for Bob Nimmo in managing one of our nation's largest public organizations.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: NONE

DATE: Mid-July after swearing-in of VA Administrator-designate Robert Nimmo

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

PARTICIPATION: Leaders of major veteran's organizations, not to exceed 20
List will be provided.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Elizabeth Dole -- Opens meeting, welcomes.
Norman B. Ture -- Economic briefing
Dick Allen -- Foreign Policy briefing
President Reagan -- 15 minutes, remarks and photos

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points

MEDIA COVERAGE: Press photo pool

RECOMMENDED BY: James A. Baker III, David Gergen, Elizabeth Dole, Lyn Nofziger, Dick Darman

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

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MORTON BLACKWELL TO FRANK CRSOMARSO
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MEMORANDUM

7/10/81

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE
FROM: GREGORY J. NEWELL
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY.

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. SUBMIT THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3:00 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: with Leaders of Veterans Organizations

DATE: July 17, 1981

TIME: 10:30 am

DURATION: 20 minutes

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No

REMARKS REQUIRED

cc: J. Brady
M. Brandon
J. Canzeri
R. Darman
M. Deaver
E. Dole
H. Donaldson
M. Evans
D. Fischer
J. Fitzgerald
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July 17, 1981

MEETING WITH: Heads of Major Veterans Groups
and Military Associations

LOCATION: Cabinet Room
TIME: 10:30 AM - 10:50AM

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

PURPOSE: To meet with leaders of the Veterans and Military association community to discuss Administration policy of interest to these groups.

BACKGROUND: Most members of these groups were strongly supportive of your Presidential campaign. Most of the major Veterans groups were active supporters of the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution in the U.S. House. This is your first meeting as President with a group of heads of these organizations.

PARTICIPANTS: See attached sheet.

PRESS PLAN: Press corps photo opportunity.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- 9:30 AM Meeting begins with briefing on Reagan economic program by Dr. Norman Ture, Under Secretary of the Treasury.
- 9:50 AM Briefing by the Vice-President on foreign policy and military preparedness. *For 2+A, Dr. Norman Bailey from N.S.C. came in because the U.P. had to leave*
- 10:10 AM Announcement by Administrator of Veterans Affairs Robert Nimmo of the decision to open 4 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach centers.
- 10:15 AM Question and answer period.
- 10:30 AM You will join the meeting and make brief remarks.
- 10:35 AM Press corps photo opportunity.
- 10:40 AM Press exits and you respond to questions from guests.
- 10:45 AM You are photographed separately with each of the ^{group} original heads. You receive the following presentations:
1. From the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Lladro porcelain sculpture of elephants.
 2. From the American Legion, a bound volume of resolutions adapted at their 62nd Convention.
 3. From Reserve Officers Association, a certificate renewing your membership in ROA.
 4. From Blinded Veterans Association, a specially designed sculpted plaque.
- 10:50 AM On completion of photographs with all guests, you depart.
- ADDED: List of participants and talking points.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A WHITE HOUSE POLICY BRIEFING AND A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT ON FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1981 IN THE CABINET ROOM OF THE WHITE HOUSE FROM 9:30 AM UNTIL 11:00 AM.

GUESTS SHOULD ENTER THROUGH THE NORTHWEST GATE OF THE WHITE HOUSE BY 9:15 AM. AS YOU R.S.V.P. TO KATHY CHRISTIANSEN OR MAISELLE SHORTLEY AT 202-456-2657, BY THURSDAY MORNING, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND BIRTHDATE.

CORDIALLY,

ELIZABETH H. DOLE
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH VETERANS AND MILITARY ASSOCIATION LEADERS

- I know many of you have participated in several earlier briefings conducted under the auspices of Elizabeth's office, and I am very pleased to have the chance to meet with you today.

- I'm particularly proud of Bob Nimmo's announcement regarding the opening of 41 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach Centers. My administration is committed to economy, efficiency and assistance for those who risked their lives in defense of the values we so dearly cherish. As you are aware, our FY '82 budget contains increases for veterans and will enable the VA to operate with no reductions in veterans' services.

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- A strong national defense is not possible without a strong, vital economy. We need your help in re-establishing America's role of pre-eminence in the world. I hope I can count on your active support over the next few critical weeks as my tax proposal moves to a vote. This tax proposal is very key and a necessary element of my Economic Recovery Program.

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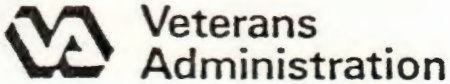
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News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The popular Vet Center counseling service for Vietnam Era veterans will be expanded by 50 percent, Veterans Administration chief Robert P. Nimmo announced today.

Nimmo, who took the oath of office July 15 as Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said 42 new counseling facilities will be added to the program under terms of the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution.

The 42 new facilities will bring to 133 the number of "storefront" counseling facilities available to Vietnam Era veterans who may be suffering readjustment problems following military service during the Vietnam War.

As he had during his confirmation hearings before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee July 9, Nimmo stressed the fact that "while the vast majority of our Vietnam veterans have successfully returned to our working society, a substantial number still suffer various degrees of readjustment difficulty."

It is those veterans, he said, "whom we will continue to reach out to through this expanded Vet Center program."

Nimmo said the centers typically have staffs of three to five persons who operate on an informal, person-to-person basis with Vietnam Era veterans experiencing emotional and other readjustment problems.

"We hope to have all of the new centers in operation within three to four months," Nimmo said. Some are almost ready to begin operations and others will be opened as suitable space can be arranged and personnel recruited.

Since the Vet Center program began operation early in 1980, approximately 72,000 Vietnam Era veterans have been counseled. Nimmo said VA officials believe the new centers will be much more efficient than the original ones because contacting and counseling efficiency have been improved.

The expectation, he said, is that the new center teams will be able to provide assistance to approximately 12,000 Vietnam Era veterans in their first year of operation.

The Vet Center program has a budget of \$29,580,000 for fiscal year 1982.

New facilities to be opened in the Northeast are: Nassau/Suffolk County, Albany, and Westchester County, N.Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Windsor, Vt.; Bangor, Me.; Trenton, N.J.; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg, Pa.

In the Southeast will be: Orlando, and Tampa, Fla.; Charlotte, N.C.; Greenville, S.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Mobile, Ala.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky.; Richmond, Va.; and Morgantown, W. Va.

New Vet Centers in the Central states will be located at Chicago Heights, and Peoria, Ill.; Evansville, Ind.; Sioux City, Ia.; Tulsa, Okla.; Lincoln, Neb.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Minot, N.D.; Rapid City, S.D.; and Madison, Wisc.

In the West will be: Contra Costa County, Fresno, and Riverside, Calif.; Eugene, Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; Fort Worth, and San Antonio, Tex.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Window Rock, N.M.; and Fairbanks, Alaska.

These are in addition to facilities in Reno, Nev., and Tucson, Ariz., which opened recently.

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July 16, 1981

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of Media Liaison

For Immediate Release

July 17, 1981

Leaders of major veterans groups and military associations were guests of President Ronald Reagan at a July 17 White House briefing on veterans affairs and economic and foreign policy.

In his remarks to the 28 veteran leaders, the President noted the relation between a strong economy and an effective defense program. He also stressed the Administration's commitment to our Nation's veterans. "My Administration is committed to...those who risked their lives in defense of the values we so dearly cherish.

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President Reagan also pointed out steps that are being taken with regard to the study of Agent Orange. "Our FY '82 budget will contain a large increase in funding for the continued study of Agent Orange. In addition to the VA's epidemiological study and the Air Force ranch hand study, we have reestablished an expanded Interagency Work Group as the Agent Orange Work Group. Yesterday we raised its status to Cabinet Council level."

President Reagan was joined by Vice President George Bush, who spoke on foreign policy; Under Secretary of the Treasury Norman Ture, who briefed on the economic program; and Administrator of Veterans Affairs Robert Nimmo, who announced plans to open 42 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach Centers.

The 42 new facilities will mean a 50 percent increase in the Vet Center counseling service for Vietnam era veterans. These centers typically have staffs of three to five persons who operate on an informal person to person basis with Vietnam veterans experiencing emotional and other readjustment problems.

This program, which was begun early in 1980, has counseled approximately 72,000 Vietnam era veterans. The expectation is that new centers will aid up to 12,000 persons in the first year of operation. The addition of these centers is made possible under terms of the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution.

(MORE)

Participants:

Michael J. Kogutek
National Commander
American Legion

Arthur J. Fellwock
Commander-in-Chief
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Major General Evan Hultman USAFR
National President
Reserve Officers Association

Ernest F. Pitochelli, Sr.
National Commander
AMVETS

Dr. George E. Stocking
National President
Blinded Veterans Association

Jerry L. Searles
National Commander
Military Order of the Purple Heart

Brigadier General Robert M. Gaynor
National Historian
Legion of Valor of the U.S.A.

Norman B. Hartnett
National Director of Services
Disabled American Veterans

Michael F. Delaney
National President
Paralyzed Veterans of America

William G. Fisher
National Commander
Veterans of World War I

Walter W. Stachacz
National Commander
Catholic War Veterans

Irving Steinberg
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans

Major Paul F. Hastings
National Commandant
Marine Corps League

Phillip Smith
National President
Naval Reserve Association

Victor R. Kregel
President
Air Force Association

CMSAF Donald L. Harlow (Ret.)
Executive Director
Air Force Sergeants Association

Major Robert F. Cocklin
Executive Vice President
Association of the U. S. Army

Frederick L. Jones
Executive Director
National Black Veterans Organization

Jan C. Scruggs
President
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.

Robert O. Muller
Executive Director
Vietnam Veterans of America

Colonel John Sheffey
Executive Vice President
National Association for Uniformed Services

James W. Neal
National President
Fleet Reserve Association

Charles A. McKinney
Senior Vice President
Non-Commissioned Officers Association

Vice Admiral Charles S. Minter (USN Ret.)
President
Retired Officers Association

Colonel Charles W. Davis
President
Congressional Medal of Honor Society

Lt. General Carlos M. Talbott (USAF Ret.)
Chief of Staff
Military Order of the World Wars

John M. Fisher
President
American Security Council

Major General Francis S. Greenlief
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

JUNE 2, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: 5 minute meeting for presentation

PURPOSE: The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is the only veterans organization with a political action committee which supported the President's candidacy for President of the U.S. in 1980. This was totally unprecedented.

BACKGROUND: The VFW has 1.9 million members. They were the first veterans group to come over to support the Reagan Bi Partisan Budget in the House.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: President Reagan has spoken often before 1980 to VFW meetings. He made a drop-by at the VIP reception prior to the VFW national banquet in March, 1981. But he did not appear at the banquet.

DATE: July 17 June 3 or 4 DURATION: 5 minutes
(VFW Commander Fellwock will only be in town June 3 and 4)

LOCATION: OVAL OFFICE

PARTICIPANTS: Arthur Fellwock, National Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

Cooper T. Holt, Executive Director, Washington Office

OUTLINE OF EVENT: Presentation of Lladro porcelain sculpture of elephants and handshake

REMARKS REQUIRED: Thank you for sculpture and continued support

MEDIA COVERAGE: Photo of presentation

RECOMMENDED BY: Dr. Donald Custis, Acting V. A. Administrator

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton C. Blackwell



Veterans
Administration

JUN 2 1981



Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We have been advised that Mr. Arthur Fellwock, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has requested an appointment with the President in order to present him with a porcelain elephant sculpture.

As you know, Mr. Fellwock was a strong personal supporter of the President during the campaign and presently represents the Veterans of Foreign Wars which for the first time in its long history took a position in support of a Presidential candidate.

We think this offers a splendid opportunity for the President to recognize the support of Mr. Fellwock and, through him, the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the campaign. This support has carried forward and was notable in the recent successful effort to obtain Congressional approval of the Gramm-Latta compromise.

We strongly urge that Mr. Fellwock's request be honored if the President's schedule will permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'D. Custis'.

DONALD L. CUSTIS, M.D.
Acting Administrator

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

July 2, 1981

Mr. James Baker, III
Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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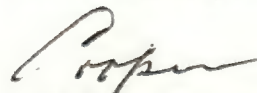
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COOPER T. HOLT
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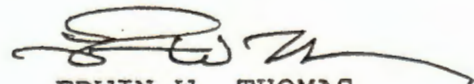
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We have checked with the President's scheduling office and was informed that your request for an appointment with the President has been received and it is presently under consideration. Also, you will be hearing from their office shortly, or through Mrs. Dole's office in the very near future.

It goes without saying that your support of President Reagan has been outstanding and greatly appreciated. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



EDWIN W. THOMAS
Assistant Counsellor
to the President

Mr. Cooper T. Holt
Executive Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars
of the United States
V.F.W. Memorial Building
200 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
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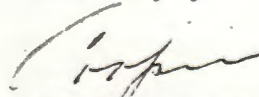
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