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April 30, 1981

Dear Miss Boughton:

You were good to think of me and I want you to know how pleased I am by your kindness. Thank you for remembering me with the inscribed copy of your book, For My Children.

Gift

Nancy joins me in sending you our best wishes.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN A.

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Miss Kathleen J. Boughton
1814 Leona Drive
College Station, Texas 77840

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Dear Mrs. Reagan,

Please make sure that each of those listed below get a copy of my book; I had originally planned to send one to your family and the Bush family, but after what happened I thought I would send one to the other three as well. I do hope and pray that everyone is doing much better by the time you get this.

Ronald Reagan
James Brady
Timothy McCarthy
Thomas Delahanty

& George Bush

Could you also pass around the "get-well" card? It's meant for all of those who were injured.

I don't mean to be a bother; I'm only hoping all this will help in some way. Thank you.

With love & concern,
KC Boughton
1814 Leona Drive
College Station, Tx. 77840

P.S. Each book
is signed.

...PERK UP.

Sincerely,

KC Boughton

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June 15, 1981

Dear Mr. Carhart:

Senator Helms and Max Friedersdorf have recently brought to my attention your interest in presenting or having the Head of the Veterans Administration present your statue to the President for his gallant actions "under fire."

Although the President is deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness, heavy demands on his schedule preclude his being able to personally accept your lovely gift.

However, if you would be interested in sending it to the White House Gift Unit, we would be happy to accept it for inclusion in the future Reagan library.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Thomas M. Carhart III
7304 Dartford Drive
McLean, VA 22102

✓ cc: The Honorable Jesse Helms

✓ cc: Clint Fuller
✓ Max Friedersdorf

GJN:emb-46a

May 29, 1981

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REGRET
DATE *8 June 81*
MPC

Dear Jesse:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your April 29 letter on behalf of Tom Carhart, who would like to present a statue to the President in lieu of a Purple Heart for the President's gallant actions "under fire".

Mr. Carhart has contacted one of my staff members recently about this request, suggesting that the new head of the Veterans Administration present his statue to the President. Please know that I have directed this matter to the appropriate White House office for prompt attention and consideration. I am sure they will be getting back in touch with you regarding the status of Mr. Carhart's request.

Thank you for your interest in writing. Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever I can be of further assistance to you.

With cordial regard, I am

Sincerely,

Max L. Friedersdorf
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Jesse Helms
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

MLF:CMP:ASR:asr

sent cc: Powell Moore - FYI.

cc: w/incoming, Greg Newell - for appropriate handling.

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Sincerely,
GJN
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letterhead cc: Senator Helms

cc. Clint Fuller (w+)

cc. Max Friedersdorf (w+)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Sally =

ON reading over this, I would draft a letter to Mr. Carhart for Greg's signature advising that Sen. Helms has contacted us about his (Mr. Carhart's) desire to have the new head of the VA present his statue but a time is not now foreseen when this could be arranged - assuring him the P's is indeed grateful for his thoughtfulness, etc. etc.

Ltrhead copy to Sen. Helms,
(a-tention: Clint Fuller)

inf copy to Max Friedersdorf





United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 29, 1981

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Mr. Max Friedersdorf
Deputy Director
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Max:

I am enclosing some materials left here by Tom Carhart, with whom I have met a couple of times regarding his interest in a position in the Veterans Administration.

He would like to present his statue, pictures of which, are enclosed, to the President in lieu of a Purple Heart for the President's gallant actions "under fire".

While Tom would like to personally present his work, he is more interested in the President receiving it.

Please check on the possibility and have someone contact Tom.

Many thanks for your help.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Clint Fuller
Executive Assistant

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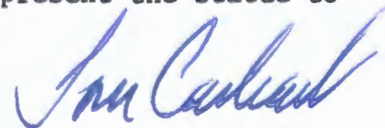
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Dear Senator Helms,

I wish to thank you for your support of my efforts to secure a position with this Administration in the Department of Defense. Although I received the formal endorsement of six Senators and three Representatives, I recently learned that I was not chosen to fill the specific positions that I sought, or any other position (perhaps I was reaching too high from a GS-13 position, although I'd have considered virtually anything to get me into a more appropriate situation). But life goes on, and now I seek your support in another area.

Last Fall, I sculpted a statue that the head of the V.A. transition team (of which I was a member), Bill Ayres, eventually presented to Max Cleland (the triple-amputee Vietnam veteran who was the outgoing Head of V.A.) and so to the formal V.A. structure, as a gesture of inclusion directed to all Vietnam veterans. The presentation took place on 26 January 1981, the day the hostages returned to the U.S. from hospitals in Germany, and so it got no press coverage. However, I enclose a copy of V.A.'s press release, a photo of Bill Ayres, Max Cleland and myself, and a copy of the speech I delivered on that occasion, which explains the genesis and the meaning of the statue. I also enclose several photos of the statue. As you can see, the base is the Purple Heart (I was awarded two Purple Hearts in Vietnam myself). What more appropriate gift could be presented to President Reagan than that statue? When Max left V.A. in February, I was called by the holdover staff at V.A. and told that they would place my statue in storage unless I recovered it. The statue is now in my possession, but formally belongs to V.A. I understand that the Military Order of the Purple Heart will soon present a certificate to President Reagan, but I believe that the statue would be much more important - an acknowledgement of offering and sacrifice, presented by we young men who have bled for our country to our Commander in Chief who has also bled for our country and who is indissolubly our brother now that our blood has mixed on the sword of our nation's enemy. He stood up for us during the campaign with his "noble cause" comment (see my enclosed N.Y. Times letter), now we want to stand up for him, and welcome him formally into the brotherhood of those who have bled for America. I think the President and the whole nation will be touched.

If you agree with me about this, Morton Blackwell of the Public Relations staff at the White House has more detailed pictures of the statue, and is considering proposing this presentation to whoever makes this sort of decision. A phone call of endorsement from you to the White House would be most helpful, I am sure. The appropriate date for presentation would seem to be next Sunday, 26 April, since it has been designated as a national day of recognition for Vietnam veterans. If a new V.A. Administrator has been named by then, he would be the ideal person to present the statue to President Reagan. If not, then it would seem that someone from the V.A. transition team would seem appropriate. I am not trying to advance my own cause here, but in that eventuality, I would be most proud to present the statue to President Reagan for V.A.



Tom Carhart



Veterans
Administration

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A sculpture depicting the sacrifice made by American servicemen in Vietnam was presented to the Veterans Administration yesterday by the Reagan transition team, whose members dedicated it to outgoing VA chief Max Cleland.

The sculpture, by West Point graduate and two-time Purple Heart recipient Thomas Merritt Carhart III, of McLean, Va., was presented by transition team chairman William H. Ayres.

The work, entitled "The Offering," depicts an infantry officer holding the lifeless body of a comrade in his arms. Their figures are emerging from the center of a Purple Heart, which serves as the base of the sculpture.

Ayres, a former Congressman from Ohio, noted that Carhart had presented the sculpture to the transition committee, which had given it to VA in honor of Cleland as well as all Vietnam veterans.

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Carhart told Cleland, a triple amputee veteran of the Vietnam war, that "the sculpting of this statue was truly a labor of love, of love for those among us who never came back, but also of love for all the other American men and women who served in Vietnam.

"I present this statue to you, Max, both as the Administrator of VA and also in recognition of all you symbolize, to remain here as a permanent memorial to the Vietnam veteran and his contributions to America."

The statue is Carhart's first, an inspiration he said he received during a visit last year to Arlington National Cemetery. He said that "although I have no artistic skill or experience, I felt driven to make this vision real in the form of a statue." He borrowed four books on sculpting, read them last summer, then went to work.

He told Cleland that he wanted to remind Americans that "not all Vietnam veterans are half-crazed drug addicts or alcoholics or criminals or self-pitying losers. Most of us have made it in life not in spite of our Vietnam experience, but rather because of it."

An Office of Personnel Management compensation program specialist, Carhart said Cleland "is a classic example of strength and power forged by punishment."

Accepting the sculpture, the departing VA Administrator said, "This is a very moving occasion for me. It is very difficult to try to wrap up Vietnam experiences in one way, but I think this is probably the most dramatic visualization of that experience I've ever seen.

"It embodies the act of faith that any soldier has to

exercise, an act of faith that is an offering to his country."

After his discharge from the Army, Carhart earned a law degree from the University of Michigan. He has edited the publication "European Taxation" in the Netherlands, and practiced law in Brussels and Massachusetts before joining OPM last year.

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January 29, 1981

THE OFFERING

by
Tom Carhart

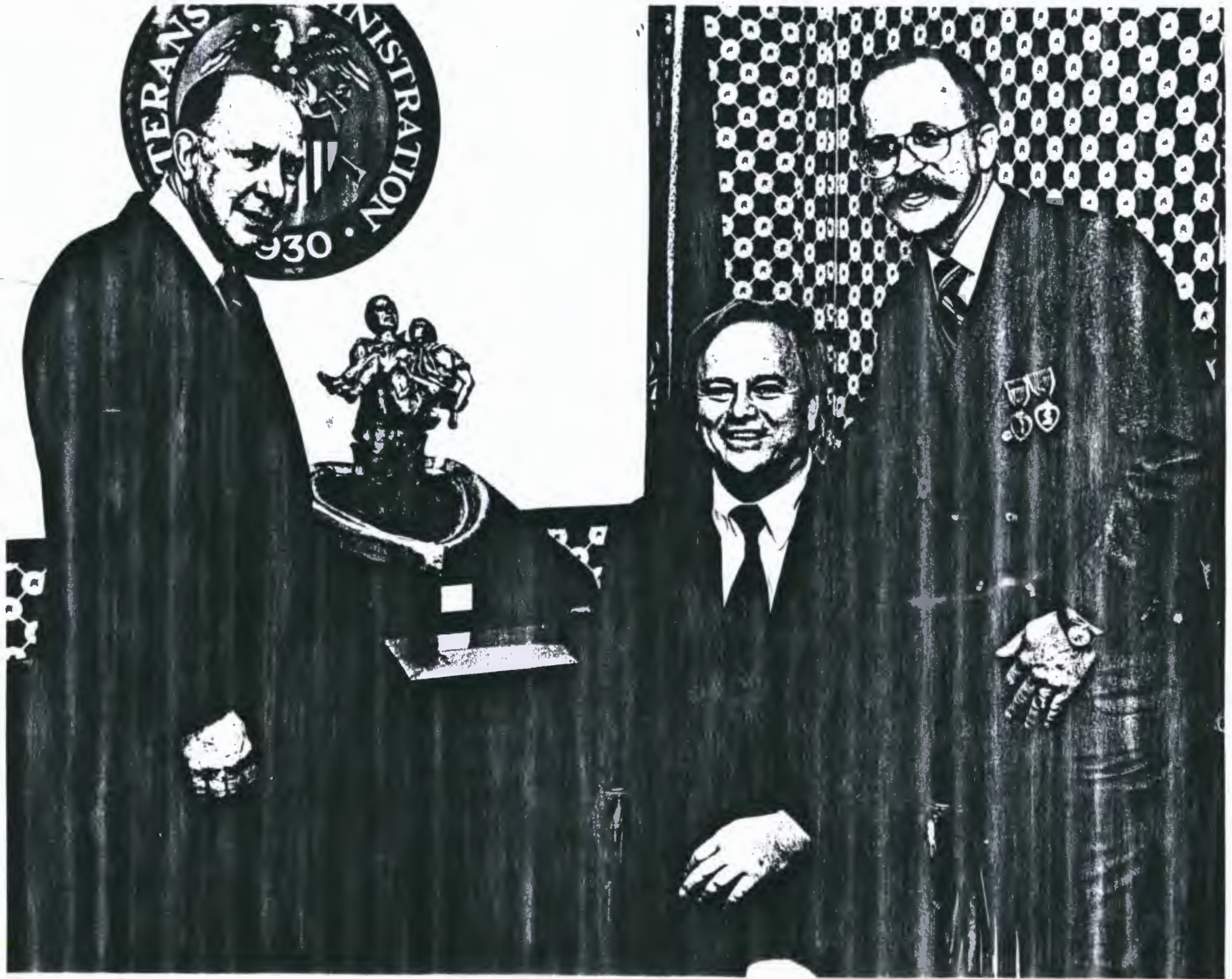
I am here today to honor Max Cleland, whose term as Administrator of Veterans Administration is drawing to a close, and in so doing to honor all Vietnam veterans. When we went over there, we all knew what we were facing. Many of us died. Many of us, like Max, suffered permanently disabling injuries. Most of us returned in a relatively sound state of physical health, but we were all psychologically wounded by the confusion and disdain that awaited us in our homeland. Over time, those psychological wounds have healed.

America has wanted to turn the page and move on, and so we have moved with her. And yet, recollections remain, some as fresh and vibrant as they were ten years ago - leaves and branches move, shadows shift, and the bright blood of our brothers still shines softly in the jungle-filtered sunlight of memory.

In June of 1980, some eight months ago now, as I walked among the headstones of Arlington National Cemetery, I had a very powerful and moving vision that spoke to me the meaning and the essence of our Vietnam experiences. Although I have no artistic skill or experience, I felt driven to realize this vision in the form of a statue, and so I went to the local public library, where I checked out four "how to" books on sculpture. I studied them over the summer, then sculpted my vision in the Fall.

This is the result. I call it "The Offering". The base of the statue is the Purple Heart, which is presently awarded to those military personnel who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action. Until World War II, the Purple Heart was also awarded for valor or for meritorious performance of duty. On the back of the actual Purple Heart medal is found the inscription "FOR MILITARY MERIT"; this accolade is fitting for those Americans who served their country's cause in Vietnam. The Purple Heart serves as an important historically connective symbol here : the lives lost, the wounds suffered express the same profoundly patriotic statement of self-sacrifice that they have always expressed in all other wars; we were that same cohort of young Americans out of every generation who have always been willing, when called upon, to literally offer our lives for our country. In the center of the actual Purple Heart medal is a profile, in gold, of George Washington. His place is taken in this statue by two American soldiers. The color and location are appropriate, for they have been tested in the furnace of that war and found to be made of gold, and the survivors will truly become the new Fathers of our country. The soldier standing knee-deep in a rice paddy roiled by the rotor wash from the medical evacuation helicopter hovering just above him in our mind's eye wears the collar insignia of a Captain; he is a Company Commander, the "Old Man" in common Army parlance. The soldier he holds in his arms is about two-thirds his size, smooth-cheeked, young and innocent; the average age of an infantryman in Vietnam was nineteen, as opposed to twenty-six in World War II. The "Old Man" is, on one psychic level, lifting the body of a young soldier up into a medical evacuation helicopter; on a second level, he is offering fallen American youth back to America as evidence of the price that was exacted; on a third level, this is the modern version of Abraham offering the life of his son up to God, save only that in this instance, the sacrifice of America's most beloved son has already been consummated.

The sculpting of this statue was truly a labor of love, of love for those of us who never came back, but also of love for all the other American men and women who served in Vietnam. Not all Vietnam veterans are half-crazed drug addicts or alcoholics or criminals or self-pitying losers; most of us have made it in life not in spite of our Vietnam experience, but rather because of it. Max is a classic example of strength and courage forged by punishment; there's not much more that could have been done to him physically, but he thrives! I present this statue to you, Max, both as the Administrator of V.A. and also in recognition of all that you symbolize, to remain here as a permanent memorial to the Vietnam veteran and his contributions to America. This does not mark the end of our presence in roles of leadership in this nation, but rather just the beginning. For we are strong now, and secure, and self-confident; and self-aware, and self-disciplined; we know the ways of the world, we have learned the meaning and the uses of power, and we are ready, once again, to serve our country.



Bill Ayres

Max Cleland

Tim Cahart

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1974-76 Fellow, Rand Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (completed 3/4 of coursework required for Ph.D. in Policy Analysis, studied Economics, Statistics, Data Analysis, Organization Theory and Behavior, etc.)

LANGUAGES: English and French - bilingual (lived in Fontainebleau, France, 1954-57)

EMPLOYMENT:
1966-69 Infantry Officer, U.S. Army (awarded two Purple Hearts, 1968)
1969-70 Dishwasher in a Bar in Amherst, Ma.; Ditch Digger for Civil Engineering firm in Amherst, Ma.; Engineer for Buxton Co., Agawam, Ma.; Salesman for Burroughs Co., Springfield, Ma.
1973-74 Editor, EUROPEAN TAXATION, a monthly tax journal published by the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
1974-76 Policy Analyst, the Rand Corporation, Santa Monica, Ca.
1976-77 Began writing a book about Vietnam
1977-78 Staff Attorney, Law Offices of S.G. Archibald, Brussels, Belgium - represented multinational corporations before the E.E.C. Commission
1978-79 Completed book, The Nam, 1100 pages, waiting for a publisher
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Letters

The Scarred Face

To the Editor:
The current efforts of Senator Byrd
to weaken the Surface Mining Control
and Reclamation Act

Vietnam Veteran Grateful to Reagan

To the Editor:
Recently, Ronald Reagan said that
our Vietnam experience was a "noble
cause." Since then, this comment has
been cynically attacked in the press
and on radio and television as naïve
and simpleminded, and I understand
that Mr. Reagan's candidacy has suf-
fered from it.

As a former soldier awarded two
Purple Hearts in Vietnam (January
and June 1968), I believe I speak for
the millions of other American men
and women who are Vietnam veterans
when I thank Mr. Reagan for his
recognition of the price we paid. I was
a young man. I didn't know much. I be-
lieved we were fighting to defend the
freedom of South Vietnam's people
and I still believe that today. I don't
know whether the American military
presence in Vietnam was right or
wrong in some absolute sense, but I
disagree with those who feel that the
present Communist governments in
Indochina are bands of angels, given
the millions of their own countrymen
who have been slaughtered, sent off to
"reeducation camps" never to be
heard of again, or ruthlessly thrown
into the sea.

Indeed, I believe that our Vietnam
experience was a "noble cause." I am
proud that I served my country in its
hour of distress, and if needed, I would
serve again without the slightest hesi-
tation. Perhaps it's just that freedom
has a special sweetness for those who
have laid their lives on the line for it;
or perhaps I, too, am naïve and sim-
pleminded.

I am saddened that some Americans
can criticize Mr. Reagan because he
honors those who offered their lives for
America. But his voice is too lonely on
the present political stage. Those who
served that "noble cause," the sur-
vivors and the dead, are grateful to have
a spokesman in Mr. Reagan.

TOM CARHART
McLean, Va., Aug. 25, 1980

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is awarded to

Thomas Merritt Carhart, III

*For distinguished service on behalf of President-elect
Ronald Reagan and Vice President-elect George Bush as a
member of the Veterans Administration Transition Team.*

Given at Washington, D.C.

This 6th day of January 1981

David Abshire

*Dr. David M. Abshire
Director, National Security
Group*

Bill Ayres

*Honorable William H. Ayres
Team Leader, Veterans
Administration*



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division
APO San Francisco 96383

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NUMBER 9711

21 November 1968

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

CARHART, THOMAS H III OF107577 [REDACTED] FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
Company A 1st Battalion (Airborne) 327th Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Purple Heart Medal
Effective month: November 1968
Date action: 24 January 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For wounds received in action
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

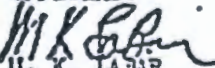
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March 18, 1981

Mr. Thomas M. Carhart, III
7304 Dartford Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102

Dear Mr. Carhart:

I have forwarded your credentials to the appropriate officials within President Reagan's Administration.

I am sure you will be given every consideration as the President's Cabinet and advisors make their staffing decisions.

I am pleased to have had the opportunity to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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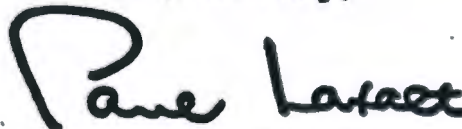
Dear Mr. Carhart:

Thanks much for writing and indicating your interest in working for the Reagan Administration.

I want you to know, I've sent your correspondence on to the White House Personnel Office with instructions for special attention to your request.

Mr. Carhart, you should be hearing from the White House shortly.

Sincerely,



PAUL LAXALT
U.S. Senator

PL:djc

Mr. Thomas M. Carhart, III
7304 Dartford Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102

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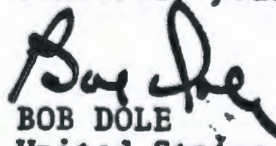
Mr. Thomas M. Carhart, III
7304 Dartford Drive
McLean, Virginia 22102

Dear Mr. Carhart:

Thank you for telling me of your interest in an appointment with the Department of Defense. A letter of support has gone forward in line with your request.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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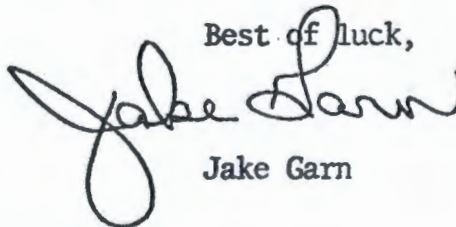
Mr. Thomas M. Carhart III
7304 Dartford Drive
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Mr. Carhart:

Thank you for your interest in serving at the Department of Defense. After examining the material you sent me, I would like to say that your record is most impressive. I have, therefore, forwarded your resume to those who I think can help you the most -- Richard Armitage, who handles personnel at the Pentagon and Ken Bergquist, Staff Director for the Senate Veterans Committee.

If I or my staff can be of any further assistance to you in the future, please let me know.

Best of luck,



Jake Garn

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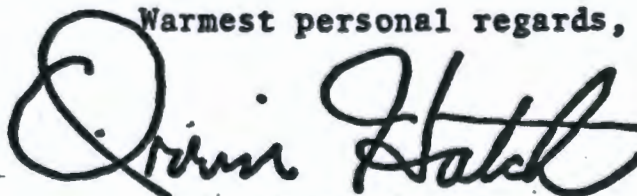
Mr. Thomas Merritt Carhart III
Compensation Group
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20415

Dear Mr. Carhart:

I have sent a letter of recommendation on your behalf to the Office of White House Personnel Director, Mr. E. Pendleton James. It was a pleasure to make them aware of your qualifications.

I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Warmest personal regards,



Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

FEB 25 1981

Honorable William L. Dickinson
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman:

Many thanks for your February 18th letter in which you nominate Mr. Thomas Merritt Carhart, III for the position of either Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), or Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs). Mr. Carhart has an impressive background and I assure you that his case will receive every consideration.

Your continued interest in placing people of Mr. Carhart's caliber in positions of responsibility in the Department of Defense is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Jay Byrnes", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

SILVIO O. CONTE
FIRST DISTRICT, MASSACHUSETTS

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Mr. Thomas Carhart
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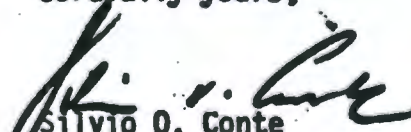
Dear Mr. Carhart:

Confirming my conversation with you last week,
I want you to know that I have been in touch with
Mr. E. Pendleton James, Executive Director, of the
White House, expressing an interest in your behalf
for an appointment with the new Administration.

I am hopeful that my efforts will prove fruitful
in your behalf.

With warm regards, I am

Cordially yours,


SILVIO O. CONTE
Member of Congress

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DON BAILEY

21ST DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

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February 23, 1981

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Honorable Caspar Weinberger
Secretary
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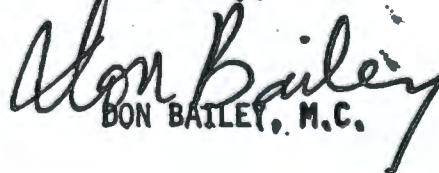
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I would like to take this opportunity to add my endorsement to the nomination of Mr. Thomas Merritt Carhart, III, for the position of Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) or Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs).

Mr. Carhart comes to me very highly recommended. As a graduate of the Military Academy and having served with distinction in the U.S. Army, I am confident his contributions would be invaluable.

Thanking you beforehand for any consideration given his nomination, I am

Sincerely,


DON BAILEY, M.C.

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**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

March 3, 1981

Dear Mr. Carhart:

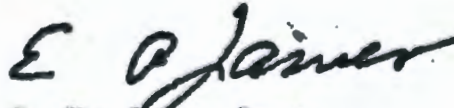
Your resume is on file in the Presidential Personnel Office.

Currently, your credentials are being reviewed by my staff members. Subsequently, they will be directed to the Associate Directors. Please be assured that your file will be given serious and careful attention.

We appreciate your interest to serve in the Reagan Administration.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



**E. Pendleton James
Assistant to the President
for Presidential Personnel**

**Mr. Thomas Merritt Carhart III
Compensation Group
Office of Personnel Management
1900 E Street, NW.
Washington, DC 20415**

H. R. PEROT
9151 FOREST LAKE
DALLAS, TEXAS 75220

February 13, 1981

Mr. Tom Carhart
7304 Dartford Dr.
McLean, VA 22102

Dear Tom,

I certainly do remember meeting you last summer.

Please feel free to use my name as a reference. I will be glad to give you a strong endorsement, in spite of your educational background--as long as you don't apply for Secretary of the Navy. I feel compelled to file grand theft charges on the theft of the Navy goat, if the Statute of Limitations has not run. Nothing personal--it just seems like the right thing to do. The publicity should help in your efforts to become Assistant Secretary of the Army or Defense. The main thing to point out is that you didn't get caught, an admirable trait in any military man.

Keep charging and good luck!

Sincerely,



Ross Perot

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