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**WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET**

FE001-01

O - OUTGOING

H - INTERNAL

I - INCOMING

Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 84/10/07

Name of Correspondent:  Mr.  Mrs.  Miss Ted Duggan

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Seeks help to arrange an honor guard for his father's burial.

**ROUTE TO:**

**ACTION**

**DISPOSITION**

Office/Agency	(Staff Name)	Action Code	Tracking Date YY/MM/DD	Type of Response	Code	Completion Date YY/MM/DD
	<u>CoBatt</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>84/10/09</u> <sup>WS</sup>		<u>C</u>	<u>84/12/05</u> <sup>2</sup>
	<u>DOD</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>84/10/11</u>	<u>Telephone</u> <sup>WS</sup>	<u>A</u>	<u>84/10/18</u> <sup>2</sup>
	<u>VA</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>84/10/11</u>			<u>/ /</u>
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**FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Type of Response = Initials of Signer
- Code = "A"
- Completion Date = Date of Outgoing

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PRESIDENTIAL REPLY

Code	Date	Comment	Form
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**SIGNATURE CODES:**

- CPn - Presidential Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
- n - 2 - Ronald Reagan
- n - 3 - Ron
- n - 4 - Dutch
- n - 5 - Ron Reagan
- n - 6 - Ronald
- n - 7 - Ronnie
  
- CLn - First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Nancy
- n - 3 - Mrs. Ronald Reagan
  
- CBn - Presidential & First Lady's Correspondence**
- n - 1 - Ronald Reagan - Nancy Reagan
- n - 2 - Ron - Nancy

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- D - Official document**
- G - Message**
- H - Handcarried**
- L - Letter**
- M - Mailgram**
- O - Memo**
- P - Photo**
- R - Report**
- S - Sealed**
- T - Telegram**
- V - Telephone**
- X - Miscellaneous**
- Y - Study**



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REPORT ON SECRETARY OF DEFENSE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE (YYMMDD)

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND DELIVERED TO THE CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL DIVISION, WHS, ROOM 3A948, NOT LATER THAN (YYMMDD) 17 OCT 84

84/10/18

TO: CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL DIVISION, WHS, ROOM 3A948, PENTAGON

- ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED (COPY ATTACHED)
- ACTION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED (EXPLAIN BELOW) EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION IS (YYMMDD) \_\_\_\_\_
- REQUEST EXTENSION OF SUSPENSE DATE TO (YYMMDD) \_\_\_\_\_ (EXPLAIN BELOW)

EXPLAIN/JUSTIFY

Mr. Huey (Air Force Mortuary Section) made the necessary arrangements with the Air Force Honor Guard at Bolling AFB to provide honors at Mr. Ted Duggan's father's memorial service. Mr. Huey confirmed the Oct 20, 1984 commitment with Mr. Duggan by telephone. Andrews AFB Mortuary Section will also be in touch with the family. No written response is required.

WHITE HOUSE

CORRESPONDENCE CONTROL NUMBER

W09326

SD FORM 391  
R2 APR

REPORTING INDIVIDUAL

SIGNATURE

*Arnold L. B...*

ORG COMPONENT

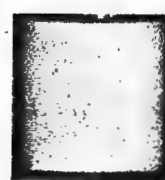
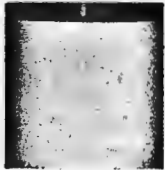
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1236

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OCTOBER 16 1984

Mr. Ted Duggan  
1828 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Duggan:

Your letter to the President has been referred to the Veterans Administration and to the Department of Defense for response.

The Veterans Administration will be pleased to provide you with a burial flag in honor of your late father's memory. I understand that this is being handled by the funeral director with whom your family is making arrangements. If you should need further assistance from the VA, you may wish to contact Mr. Jim Fischel at our Regional Office here in Washington, D.C. His telephone number is 275-1300.

Rendition of military honors is a matter under the jurisdiction of the Defense Department. You should receive a reply from them shortly regarding that part of your request.

Please accept my personal condolences on the loss of your father.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

EVERETT ALVAREZ, JR.  
Deputy Administrator

cc: 40A2  
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VARO, Washington, D.C.  
Ms. Sally Kelley ✓  
The White House

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 11, 1984

TO: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

REMARKS: ATTN: ALSO REFERRED TO DEFENSE

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 265224

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED OCTOBER 5, 1984

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. TED DUGGAN  
1828 L STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON DC 20036

SUBJECT: SEEKS HELP TO ARRANGE AN HONOR GUARD FOR HIS  
FATHER'S BURIAL

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

*Originals  
not  
Received  
in 1984*



PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY DIVISION  
SALLY KATZ

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ADMINISTRATOR

OCT 10 4 09 PM '84

VETERANS  
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AGENCY DIVISION... THE WHITE HOUSE  
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VETERANS  
ADMINISTRATION

FROM: DIRECTOR, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
TO: PRESIDENT BEACON  
SUBJECT: ...

TO: PRESIDENT BEACON  
MEDIA: LETTER DATED OCTOBER 2, 1984  
ID: 522324

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

REMARKS: ALSO REFERRED TO DEFENSE

DIRECTOR, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
ACTION REQUESTED:

TO: TELETYPE ADMINISTRATION

OCTOBER 11, 1984

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OFFICE OF  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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REFERRAL

OCTOBER 11, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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# WASHINGTONIAN

1828 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 202-296-3600



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8/10/84  
October 5, 1984

The Honorable Ronald Reagan  
President Of The United States Of America  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear President Reagan,

I am writing you in hope that you can help me resolve a problem stemming from the death of my father.

My father passed away August 29, 1984 while in Hobe Sound, Florida. We had the appropriate funeral service in Florida shortly after his death. However, since my father was a longtime resident of Rockville, Maryland, he elected to be buried in Rockville Cemetery. We plan to have a memorial service October 20th to honor my father's memory and give local friends who were not able to attend the funeral in Florida a chance to pay their respects.

In conjunction with this service, I have been desperately trying to arrange for an honor guard to attend and give my father the military send-off that he deserves. My father served in the Air Force during World War 2 (Army Serial # 11023809) and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. I know that he always wanted a military service when he died and here lies the root of my problem. I contacted the Veterans Administration to try to set up arrangements for an honor guard and was told to contact Bolling Air Force Base. Bolling Air Force Base informed me that its honor guard is on-call for Arlington Cemetery and that I could not schedule an honor guard in advance. I was told to call them the day before the service and only then could they tell me if they could send someone over. Needless to say, I cannot coordinate something like this in 24 hours.

I then contacted various local VFW branches and was told that since my father was not an "active" member of the VFW and had not paid his dues, they could not do anything for him. One would think that 33 missions over Japan would be enough dues for anyone to pay, but apparently the VFW does not think so.

Next, I contacted Maryland Congressman Mike Barnes' office in an attempt to solicit his help. I was told that the Congressman's office was working on the situation, but it was doubtful that anything could be done.

Since my father was a member of the White House staff during his career in Washington, I was hoping that you might be able to solve this problem. All that we ask is the appearance of an honor guard from any branch of the service to honor my father's memory and present the family with a flag. Having taps played would be nice too, but I do not want to push my luck.

When I stop and think about the thousands of dollars that we spend every year to have military personnel honor foreign dignitaries it seems to me that the military should take the time to honor one of its own. Thanks for taking the time to address this matter. You are our last hope.

Sincerely,

  
Ted Duggan

12835 Climbing Ivy Drive  
Germantown, Maryland 20874  
(301) 972-6576 (Home)  
(202) 296-1246 (Work)



**Roland George Duggan,**

66, a retired operating engineer with the General Services Administration who was assigned to the White House and was a decorated veteran of World War II, died of a heart ailment Aug. 29 at The Hospital in Jupiter, Fla.

Mr. Duggan, who lived in Hobe Sound, Fla., was born in Hinsdale, N.H. During World War II, he served in the Army Air Forces and won the Distinguished Flying Cross as a member of a bomber crew in the Pacific.

He was an air conditioning engineer in Pennsylvania before moving to the Washington area in 1959. He managed the gift shop at the Washington Hospital Center until 1966, when he joined the GSA. He retired in 1980.

Mr. Duggan was a member of the Rockville Presbyterian Church. He moved from Potomac to Hobe Sound when he left the government.

Survivors include his wife, Lois, of Hobe Sound; two children, Theodore George Duggan of Germantown and Linda Thomas of Frederick, Md.; and four sisters, Florence Bosely of Canton, Ohio, Doris Lovette of Massillon, Ohio, Bernice Pavao of Hinsdale, and Jeanne Bechard of Wilbraham, Mass.

**United States -**  
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 million people. It is  
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 many natural resources.  
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 country with a strong  
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 world economy and in  
 international relations.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

ID# 291809

FE001-01

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: MARCH 22, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE CHIC HECHT

SUBJECT: ENCLOSES LETTER FROM DR. AND MRS. SHELDON  
REGARDING THE PRESIDENT ATTENDING THE LATE  
SOVIET LEADER CHERNENKO'S FUNERAL

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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M. B. OGLESBY	ORG	85/03/22	<u>NAN C</u>	<u>85/03/22</u> <b>PX</b>
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COMMENTS: <u>Back slip</u>				

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENTS: MEDIA:L INDIVIDUAL CODES: 1220  
MAIL USER CODES: (A) (B) (C)

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CHIC HECHT  
NEVADA

COMMITTEES:

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ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

STATE OFFICES:

CARSON CITY OFFICE:  
308 NORTH CURRY STREET  
(702) 885-9111

LAS VEGAS OFFICE:  
300 LAS VEGAS BLVD., SOUTH  
(702) 388-6605

RENO OFFICE:  
300 BOOTH STREET  
(702) 784-5007

March 21, 1985

White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of the correspondence I received from Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon regarding their concern about President Reagan attending the late Soviet Leader Chernenko's funeral. I would appreciate any information you could provide regarding this matter.

Please forward your reply, in duplicate, to the attention of my office assistant, Dennis Parobek, Room SH-302, Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510. PLEASE REFER TO THE ABOVE NAMED CONSTITUENT IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THIS MATTER.

Sincerely,



Chic Hecht

CH/dp  
Enclosure

Senator Chic Hecht  
300 Las Vegas Boulevard  
Suite 426  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

DATE: 3/10/85

FROM: Mr. and Mrs. S. Sheldon  
3126 Calbra  
89121

Phone Non listed

TOPIC: President Regan

REQUEST: Please attend funeral in  
Northern personally

AIDE: LV Jun DC

REPLY: LV

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DC

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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March 12, 1985

Dr. and Mrs. Sheldon  
3176 Palora  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121

Dear Dr. and Mrs Sheldon:

Thank you for your recent telephone call regarding your request that President Reagan attend Soviet Leader Chernenko's funeral. I appreciate the time you took to express your views.

Your comments have been sent to the Senator's Washington office for a response. You should be hearing from him very shortly.

Please let me know if we can be of assistance in any way here in the Las Vegas office. Thank you again for expressing your views.

Sincerely,

Oran K. Gragson  
Southern Nevada  
Regional Administrative  
Assistant

OKG/lps



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. ROBERT C. LAITY

SUBJECT: REGARDING EFFORTS TO HAVE A MILITARY FUNERAL  
FOR HIS FATHER A WORLD WAR II VETERAN

*CSA FE001-01*

*DEC 10 9 32*

*DEFENSE*

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COMMENTS: NO COVERING LETTER

*WB 83348*

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*W12812*

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF**  
**WASHINGTON**

18 December 1985

TO: OSD White House Liaison  
ATTN: Mr. Shupe

SUBJECT: White House Special Action W12812 -  
Critical of Army not providing Military Honors -  
Tonawanda News

Reference WH bulk case (WB83348 copies attached).  
DA Casualty and Memorial Affairs responded to Mr. Laity's  
telegram on 16 Oct 85. This generated the Tonawanda  
News Article.

DA Casualty and Memorial Affairs responded to  
subject news article on 27 Nov 85 prior to the tasking  
of WH special action W12812. DA Casualty and Memorial  
Affairs offered and provided Memorial Military Tribute  
to Mr. Laity's deceased father. Attached copies of  
DA letter to Mr. Laity dated 27 Nov 1985 will close  
action.

Thank you,

*Lottie Warrington*  
LOTTIE WARRINGTON  
White House Liaison Office

W12812

November 27, 1985

Casualty and Memorial Affairs  
Operations Center

Mr. Robert C. Laity  
45 Mother Drive  
Tonawanda, New York 14150

Dear Mr. Laity:

I have just read with great respect, for you and your father, your letter to the editor of the Tonawanda News. It shows the ideals your father ingrained in you, for which I am sure he would be proud.

As I told you in my letter of October 16 I would have tried my best to help you if I had known of your circumstances and wishes before the funeral.

I wish there was a way to turn back the clock so your father could have received our country's final tribute at the funeral service, but this cannot be. However, if you would like to have a memorial military tribute at the graveside I will be glad to arrange this for you.

I suggest you talk this proposal over with your family and decide on a mutually agreeable date and time for the military honors. After you have made your decision you should contact Mr. Ellis, a member of my staff, who will coordinate all details with Fort Devens. Please call Mr. Ellis collect at Area Code 703, 325-7960. He is available Monday thru Friday between the hours 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. I hope that memorial burial honors will in a small way rectify your anguish and grief.

Again my sympathies to you and your family.

*2 Dec 85*

*MFR - Devens said Fort Devens will provide base for Sgt Johnson.*

Sincerely,

**STONED**

Tony Deberardino  
Colonel, General Staff  
Director, Casualty and  
Memorial Affairs

*Message address  
Command, Fort Devens, D.C.  
attn: AF25-A6-P  
Casualty Office.*

REVIEW-Casualty & Memorial Affairs Dir  
..... Col, GS, DIRECTOR  
..... DIVISION CHIEF  
..... BRANCH CHIEF  
..... ACTION OFFICER

*2 Dec*

*Devens will provide base when they receive a message authorizing the to devens for policy. Per Sgt Harris.*



October 16, 1985

**Casualty and Memorial Affairs  
Operations Center**

Mr. Robert C. Laity  
43 Mosher Drive  
Tonawanda, New York 14150

Dear Mr. Laity:

Thank you for your telegram of October 6, 1985 to President Reagan concerning a military funeral for your father. The Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center oversees the Department of the Army Burial Honors Program. Therefore, I am answering your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Reagan.

Your request for assistance in obtaining honors for your father was not received in time for my staff to help you, so I assume Mr. Laity was laid to rest without honors from the active Army. I checked with the Casualty Office at Fort Devens, Massachusetts which is tasked with the mission of providing burial honors to your area of New York. I was told they have no record of a request for honors for your father.

If Mr. Laity did not receive a final tribute, please be assured that the United States Army and this Nation are indeed grateful for Mr. Laity's faithful service to our country. Certainly our veterans are deserving of military honors, if at all possible.

I am very interested in learning the difficulties you encountered in trying to obtain a military funeral for your father. Please let me know what transpired so I will be able to look into the matter.

I extend my sympathy to you and your family on the loss of a fine soldier.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Tony DeBerardino  
Colonel, General Staff  
Director, Casualty and  
Memorial Affairs

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED IN OBTAINING MY FATHERS LAST WISH AN  
HONOR GUARD AT HIS FUNERAL RED TAPE IS THICK FUNERAL IS MONDAY AT  
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# TONAWANDA NEWS

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### NO HONORS

On October 4, 1985, my father, a World War II veteran and ten-year resident of the City of Tonawanda, passed away. One of my father's last requests was to have a military funeral. My father sacrificed four (4) years of his life to defend his country and was awarded several ribbons and commemorations. These included the Presidential Unit Citation, two battle stars and a Good Conduct Ribbon as well as a Pacific Campaign Ribbon. My father was a Military Policeman with the 720th Military Police Battalion and also participated in Special Funeral detachments concerned with protection of bodily remains from cannibals in New Guinea.

My father belonged to the Black Diamond Post 395 in Kingston, PA., which is a branch of the American Legion. His membership card states "Any privileges or courtesies extended to him will be appreciated by Black Diamond Post...". I requested aid from these people in an effort to obtain for my father his last request. I enlisted the aid of the Brounshidle American Legion also.

Both had promised some assistance, whether it be a small group of legionnaires to have a memorial service (which Brounshidle promised) or whether it be to call Fort Drum as the Black Diamond Post promised. Both promises were not carried out. Fort Drum, after having promised Black Diamond Post that soldiers would be sent, declined to send them. Brounshidle Amvets did not even show up at all.

In the course of the weekend after my father died (my dad died on a Friday night), my sister, my brother-in-law and myself made a concerted effort to receive for my father his last request. My sister suggested a telegram to the President (I had already called the Governor's office in Albany and was told that the request would be given to the Governor's staff). I decided to call the White House. After having reached the White House, I relayed my request to the switchboard operator who then connected me with a colonel at the Pentagon, who then referred me to Arlington National Cemetery. I then got referred to Fort Devins, MA. I spoke with a Captain Cerner who passed the buck down to a Specialist Meyers. For the next 24 hours, we waited, calling back and forth to Fort Devins asking for status reports. At one point, I was told that they could not reach us, that there was trouble on the line. The operator tells me that the line was clear and operable.

I am told by my brother-in-law who served on special funeral detachments that funeral details can be rounded up at an hour's notice. Fort Devins tells me that 48 hours notice was needed. Fort Drum personnel backed out completely. So what about our own National Guard? My God, it is easy for me to see how Pearl Harbor was attacked on a Sunday. No-one is there on a weekend. I got to speak with a "State Janitor" at the Connecticut Street Armory, a "State Janitor."

On Oct. 19, 1985, I received a letter from the Department of the Army. It was signed by Col. Tony DeBerardino, Director, Casualty and Memorial Affairs. In this letter, Col. DeBerardino states "I am answering your inquiry on behalf of Mr. Reagan... Your request for assistance in obtaining honors for your father was not received in time for my staff to help you... I checked with the Casualty Office at Fort Devins, MA. which is tasked with the mission of providing burial honors for your area of New York... I was told they have no record of a request for honor for your father". NO record of a request?? That is not the truth. We tried for hours and even days to get these people to honor my father's wishes. The Colonel himself admits "Certainly our veterans are deserving of military honors, if at all possible". Col. DeBerardino goes on to say in his letter that he extends his "sympathy to myself and my family on the loss of a fine soldier".

The reply I received from the Department of the Army was prompted by a telegram I sent to the President himself, informing him of the red tape that was evident. Yes, my dad was a fine soldier. As such, he "deserved" recognition, he deserved the military funeral honors he requested.

Not only was he a fine soldier, he was a fine parent, a fine man and a fine American. One of our neighbors commented that he was "the most patriotic man on the whole block, he always had his flag out on holidays". The day he died and for three days thereafter, my family flew that same flag at half mast.

The mayor of the City of Tonawanda, Mr. David Miller, was called at home and was asked by me to help if he could. He told me that I would "have to wait until Monday morning when my office opens, I cannot help you now". I asked if he could not contact a National Guard unit to request a funeral detachment for my father. He said "No". I brought up the question: what would happen if there were a disaster in Tonawanda over the weekend, would he then be able to call the National Guard? His reply was that a "Disaster preparedness plan would then be followed and he would be able to then call the National Guard". Why could he not call them in this case. As an honorably discharged veteran, my father "deserves a military funeral" in the words of the Commander of his old V.F.W. Post. Col. Berardino concurs "Veterans are deserving of military honors".

As you may well know from my previous letters to the editor, I work for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center. I had even asked them to help me grant my father's last request. This was to no avail. No explanation was given to me concerning their failure to give me assistance. No acknowledgement of the request was made to me.

My father, however, will be remembered in other ways. Dietrich Bonhoffer said, "In ordinary life we hardly realize that we receive a great deal more than we give, and that it is only with gratitude that life becomes rich. It is very easy to overestimate the importance of our own achievements in comparison with what we owe others". Those of us who will remember George R. Laity, Sr. will realize what we "owe" others. My father taught me about the horrors of war and then I saw it for myself in Vietnam. He taught me respect for life and then sacrificed his. He taught me Love and then gave me his.

Yes, Col. DeBerardino, my father was a "fine soldier". The Army should realize that. His family realizes that he also was an excellent human being. I think it feasible that the Army could provide a gravesite memorial even to this day. He deserves it as do all veterans and servicemen whom, with my father shared the common bond of self-sacrifice for his fellowman and patriotic dedication to America's high ideals.

My father had a very hard life. He worked as a coal miner and contracted Black Lung disease. He and my mom raised seven children. My father also worked as a tool setter at the Chevrolet Tonawanda Motor Plant. He was a hard-working, honest and principled person. He gave it all he had, all his life. In what he taught us of life, its ups and its downs, he will always be remembered with love. The world has lost a good man. So long for now, Dad. God bless you and keep you forever.

May all who read these words find comfort in the fact that like Father Kozlowski of St. Francis of Assisi Church said at my father's Mass of Christian Burial: "Life does not end, it just changes". Contemplate the butterfly. God Bless you all.

Robert C. Laity  
Tonawanda

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WASHINGTON

April 30, 1986

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MEMORANDUM FOR KATHY OSBORNE  
DAVID CHEW

FROM: RICK DAVIS *RD*

SUBJECT: Funeral Arrangements for Challenger Crew Members

The following information was provided by NASA regarding the planned funeral arrangements, as of today, for the Challenger crew members.

1. Francis R. Scobee  
  
Private Funeral  
May 19, 1986  
Arlington National Cemetery  
  
Next of Kin: Dr. June Scobee  
15026 Brookpoint  
Houston, Texas 77062  
(713) 486-1674
  
2. Michael J. Smith  
  
1:00 pm, May 3, 1986  
Arlington National Cemetery  
  
Next of Kin: Mrs. Jane Smith  
1038 Shorewood Drive  
Seabrook, Texas 77586  
(713) 326-7151
  
3. Judith A. Resnik  
  
Cremation  
No service planned  
  
Next of Kin: Dr. & Mrs. Marvin Resnik  
202 Durward Road  
Akron, Ohio 44313  
(216) 867-4579

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4. Ellison Onizuka

To Be Determined -- Late May/Early June  
Punchbowl National Cemetery  
Hawaii

Next of Kin: Mrs. Lorna Onizuka  
858 Shadwell Drive  
Houston, Texas 77059  
(713) 486-9534

5. Ronald E. McNair

To Be Determined  
South Carolina

Next of Kin: Mrs. Cheryl McNair  
1623 West Chelsea Place  
Seabrook, Texas 77586  
(713) 326-4022

6. Gregory Jarvis

Week of May 9, 1986  
Private - Family  
Cremation - No Service

Next of Kin: Mrs. Marcia Jarvis  
659 6th Street  
Hermosa Beach, California 90254  
(213) 376-3927

7. Christa McAuliffe

May 1, 1986  
Concord, New Hampshire

(Arrangements have not yet been finalized. Time and place have not yet been determined. Leo Lind or someone from his law firm will contact us this evening -- around 8:00 pm -- to confirm arrangements.)

Next of Kin: Mr. Steve McAuliffe  
8 Park Ridge  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301  
(603) 225-5847  
Contact Leo Lind  
(603) 228-1181

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I realize the information on the funeral arrangements is sketchy but it's all that NASA had to offer at this point.

Please let me know if there is any further information you would like me to obtain from NASA. I will keep you updated on the funeral arrangements as details become available.

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 12, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE J. J. PICKLE

SUBJECT: REQUESTS ATTENDANCE AT THE FUNERAL OF LT.  
COLONEL ARTHUR WARREN WHOSE REMAINS WERE  
RELEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HANOI ON SEP  
23 86 IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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J.J. PICKLE  
10TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

WASHINGTON ADDRESS:  
242 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
(202) 225-4865

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763 FEDERAL BUILDING  
AUSTIN, TX 78701  
(512) 482-5921

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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
December 11, 1986

The Honorable  
Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of Mrs. Mary Warren, wife of deceased Lt. Colonel Arthur Warren, I would ask that you seriously consider attending the funeral services of this outstanding American who was shot down over Viet Nam on the 5th of December 1966 and has been missing in action since that time.

The Government of Hanoi released his remains to the United States on the 23rd of September 1986.

On the 5th of December 1986 the officials at the Identification Center in Hawaii positively identified the remains as Lt. Colonel Warren's.

The services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, the 19th of December at Arlington National Cemetery.

I know your schedule is a busy one during this holiday season, but I know, too, that Mrs. Warren would deeply appreciate your presence at this service.

Mrs. Warren can be contacted at her home in Austin - 1809 Barton Parkway, Austin, Texas 78704 -- A.C. 512--442-1004 for any further details of the service.

With my warmest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

  
J. J. PICKLE

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE MELVIN R. LAIRD

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE DANIEL Z. HENKIN TO BE INTERRED AT  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 24, 1987

Dear Mel:

Thank you for your letter. I was very happy to try to help with the Daniel Henkin matter.

When you feel inclined, give me a ring. I would like to talk to you about a lot of things.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.  
Chief of Staff to the President

The Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
Suite 212  
1730 Rhode Island, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

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MELVIN R. LAIRD  
Suite 212  
1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20036

April 10, 1987

Dear Howard:

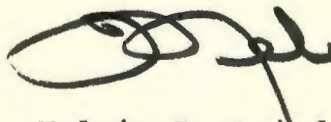
Your recommendation for approval of the request for permission that former Assistant Secretary of Defense Daniel Z. Henkin be interred at Arlington National Cemetery is an action for which I am deeply appreciative and consider a personal favor.

Throughout his life, as a public servant and private citizen, he served his country with unusual distinction. As the highest level Defense spokesman from 1969 to 1973, he had the trust and respect of his colleagues, subordinates, and the press. After leaving government employment, he continued to suggest ways for the government to communicate better with the American public.

He was a loyal and valued friend and adviser to me. The honor of his burial at Arlington is well deserved.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



Melvin R. Laird

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The White House  
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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MOST REVEREND PHILIP M. HANNAN

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES REGRET AND APOLOGIES FOR THE  
REMARKS BY BISHOP MCGANN AT THE FUNERAL OF  
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CASEY

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To: Katherine

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**ANNE HIGGINS**  
Special Assistant to the  
President and Director  
of Correspondence  
Room 94, x7610

6/16/87  
(NW)

Dear Archbishop Hannan:

Thank you for your letter and your words of encouragement and support. I deeply appreciate them.

Bill Casey built his life around the responsibility of free men to aid the innocent victims of persecution and unjust aggression. He was meeting that responsibility at the time of his death, just as he did over 40 years ago when Europe was in turmoil. I know that he prayed a time would come when a peace founded on justice and respect for the dignity of each person would prevail in every nation. If that day should ever arrive, Bill Casey will be counted among the first rank of those who made it possible.

Again, my heartfelt thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan  
Archbishop of New Orleans  
7887 Walmsley Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70125-3496

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OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

*C. Anderson*

May 20, 1987

President Ronald R. Reagan  
President  
of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Although I am tardy in this matter I wish to express my regret and apologies for the remarks by Bishop McGann at the funeral of Mr. William J. Casey. I cannot think of anything more inappropriate because the liturgy of a funeral Mass is centered on the future resurrection and eternal life of the deceased.

I regret particularly that you were obliged to listen to these remarks without any opportunity of rebuttal. I can assure you however, that I have heard nothing but condemnation for the remarks from all the bishops, priests, religious and Catholic laity that I know.

With assurance of my prayers and regrets, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Philip M. Hannan*  
Archbishop of New Orleans

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January 12, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT DAWSON

FROM: JAMES L. HOOLEY *JLH*

SUBJECT: FUNERAL SERVICES FOR EDWARD HICKEY AT ST. MATTHEWS  
CATHEDRAL ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1988

The attached is a brief description and outline schedule for the Funeral Services for Edward Hickey at St. Matthews Cathedral on Wednesday, January 13, 1988. Please forward to the President.

cc: K. Osborne

01/12/88 9:30 a.m.





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## WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) 88,01,1

Name of Correspondent: J. Bennett Johnston

MI Mail Report      User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Writes on behalf of Walter Manning who has a gravesite in a national cemetery in Baton Rouge and would like to have "Made in U.S.A." added to his tombstone.

| ROUTE TO:                       | ACTION      | DISPOSITION                                                                                |
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| Office/Agency      (Staff Name) | Action Code | Tracking Date<br>YY/MM/DD      Type of Response      Code      Completion Date<br>YY/MM/DD |
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- I - Info Copy Only/No Action Necessary
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- R - Direct Reply w/Copy
- D - Draft Response
- S - For Signature
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure
- X - Interim Reply

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- S - Suspended

**FOR OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:**

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- Y - Study



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 18, 1988

Ms. Marlene Stubbs  
Office of Judge Wesley W. Steen  
Suite 302, 412 North Fourth Street  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

Dear Ms. Stubbs:

I appreciated very much your February 9 letter advising that Mr. Walter Manning has decided not to pursue his request for a special inscription on his tombstone.

Thank you for calling his decision to my attention and it was a pleasure for me and my staff to try to be helpful. If we can be of assistance to you in any other appropriate way, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senator

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Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Johnston:

Your letter of January 11, 1988, to The White House, Legislative Affairs, concerning Mr. Walter Manning's desire to add a special inscription to his headstone, has been referred to my office for response. I am pleased to address this matter and to provide additional information which affects Mr. Manning's request.

On January 29, 1988, at Mr. Manning's request and with approval by the Veterans Administration, his wife Ann's cremated remains were disinterred from Baton Rouge National Cemetery and returned to him. Mr. Manning indicated he may take the remains to Arlington National Cemetery for burial in the gravesite of his former wife. Also, he may request to be buried at Arlington upon his death. In a case like this, a replacement headstone is furnished upon notification from the national or State veterans' cemetery that a subsequent burial has occurred.

The special inscription Mr. Manning desires, MADE IN USA, can be accommodated on a Government headstone. As an additional inscription item, it may not be provided at Government expense. However, it may be authorized at private expense, provided Mr. Manning makes this known to the person designated to handle the reinterment of his wife, or his affairs after his death, and it is requested upon burial. This special inscription becomes a private transaction between the applicant and the Government contractor, with whom the headstone order is placed. At the present time, such an inscription generally costs in the range of \$50 to \$80.

I hope this information will be helpful. If Mr. Manning has any questions or needs further assistance, he may contact Mrs. Sarah Kaa, Congressional Liaison (42D2), Veterans Administration, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone number (202) 275-0443.

Sincerely,

THOMAS K. TURNAGE  
Administrator

cc: Sally Kelley

# United States Senate

Washington, D. C., ..... February 18<sup>88</sup>, 19.....

*Respectfully referred to*

William L. Ball, III  
Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Your office has been  
working on this request;  
please note attached  
letter and stop action on  
this case.

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Middle District of Louisiana  
SUITE 302, 412 NORTH FOURTH STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70802

1988 FEB 13 AM 11:06

~~WESLEY W. STEEN~~  
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

(504) 389-0371  
FTS 687-0371

February 9, 1988

The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senator from Louisiana  
136 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Johnston:

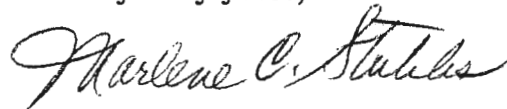
I received your letter of February 3, 1988, concerning Mr. Walter Manning's request for a special inscription to be placed on his tombstone. I very much appreciate the time and effort you have expended on his behalf.

I forwarded Mr. Manning's letter to you at his request because I wanted to help an elderly gentleman who was living far away from his family. He recently informed me, however, that he has changed his plans and wants me to do nothing else on his behalf. I take that to mean that he wants all action halted involving his request for the special tombstone inscription.

I am sorry that Mr. Manning did not change his mind before you and your staff devoted so much time to his problem, but I am sure you are accustomed to the capriciousness of human nature. However, I offer my personal apologies for any inconvenience experienced by your office in pursuit of this matter.

I thank all of you again for trying to help Mr. Manning. You have a considerate and efficient staff, as I know personally from my contacts with them prior to and during my visit to Washington last October. I look forward to visiting your office again.

Very truly yours,



Marlene C. Stubbs, Secretary

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JANUARY 29, 1988

TO: VETERANS ADMINISTRATION  
ATTN: BURT TALCOTT

ACTION REQUESTED:  
DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 551550

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED JANUARY 11, 1988

TO: LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

FROM: THE HONORABLE J. BENNETT JOHNSTON  
UNITED STATES SENATE

WASHINGTON DC 20510

SUBJECT: WRITES ON BEHALF OF WALTER MANNING WHO HAS A  
GRAVESITE IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY IN BATON  
ROUGE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE "MADE IN USA"  
ADDED TO HIS TOMBSTONE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN  
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE  
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE  
(OR DRAFT) TO:  
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY  
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON  
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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DEPARTMENT OF  
MEMORIAL  
AFFAIRS

January 26, 1988

Dear Senator Johnston:

Thank you for your January 11 letter on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Walter Manning, who is seeking permission to have a special inscription placed on his tombstone in a V.A. national cemetery in Louisiana.

In your note, you indicated that you had written on this subject on November 9, 1987. In checking our White House records, it appears as if your previous letter was not received by us. However, I will be pleased to direct your recent correspondence to the appropriate officials for their prompt review and further response.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William L. Ball, III  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

WLB:KRJ:hlb (RJ)

cc: w/copy of inc to Burt Talcott, cong affrs, V.A. - for  
DIRECT response

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 11, 1988

The White House Office  
Legislative Affairs  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

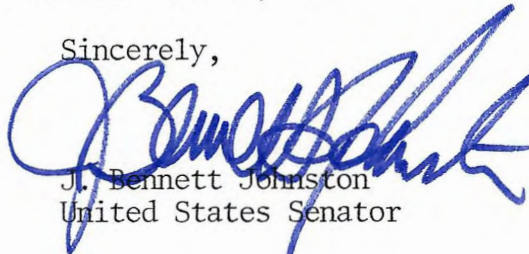
Dear Director:

This letter is in further reference to the inquiry which I made on November 9, 1987 in behalf of Mr. Walter Manning.

In checking my files, I am unable to find a reply from your office. I would therefore appreciate it if you could, at this time, give me some indication of the status of this matter.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Bennett Johnston", is written over the typed name and title.

J. Bennett Johnston  
United States Senator

JBj:sbb

CC: Walter Manning  
Marlene Stubbs

SB

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(504) 389-0371  
FTS 887-0371

October 30, 1987

Ms. Mary Elizabeth Ahrens  
c/o The Honorable J. Bennett Johnston  
136 Hart, U. S. Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

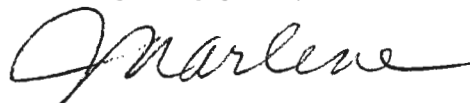
Dear Mary Elizabeth:

First, I want to tell you again how much we enjoyed our visit last week and what a pleasure it was to meet you.

Next, as my husband explained to you, an elderly friend of his, Mr. Walter Manning, has a gravesite reserved in the National Cemetery in Baton Rouge, and Mr. Manning wishes to have "Made in U.S.A." added to his tombstone; apparently this addition requires an executive order. You were kind enough to say your office could handle this request, so I am forwarding to you Mr. Manning's letter.

Thanks so much for all of your assistance.

Very truly yours,



Marlene C. Stubbs,  
Secretary to Judge Wesley W. Steen

/mcs  
enclosure



Baton Rouge, La  
October 28, 1987

Subject of request  
of

Cpl. Walter T. Manning  
To:

Senator J. Bennett Johnston:

Dear Senator:

I Walter T. Manning Cpl. World War II  
Veteran - Honorable Discharge - 38376499  
VA C # 9571356 S.S. # 739-09-3386  
would like to obtain an Executive Order  
from the Hon. Vice President George Bush  
to have Made in U.S.A. added to the  
Military Marking on my grave stone.

This requires Executive Order

Stone Marking  
Grave 5-205C  
VA National Cemetery  
Florida 1976 St.  
Baton Rouge, La 70806

Cpl. Walter T. Manning  
U.S. G. F. A. T. C.  
U.S. & C. B. I.  
1942-46  
Born Apr. 29-1919  
Died

Made in U.S.A.  
Mrs. Manning my beloved wife of 33 years is  
now there - May the blessings of Almighty God  
be with you and upon you - your family, our Country  
Walter T. Manning

