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1. memo (8504865)	Oliver North to Robert McFarlane re: Presidential Phone Call, 2p	6/17/85	P1/F1 P5

RESTRICTION CODES

Presidential Records Act - [44 U.S.C. 2204(a)]

- P-1 National security classified information [(a)(1) of the PRA].
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TO MCFARLANE

FROM NORTH

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DOC DATE 17 JUN 85

MCFARLANE

18 JUN 85

KEYWORDS: HIJACKING
LEBANON

TERRORISM
ISRAEL

STETHEM, ROBERT D

SUBJECT: PRES PHONE CALL TO FAMILY OF SW-2 STETHEM / NAVY SEAL KILLED BY
HIJACKERS OF TWA FLIGHT #847

ACTION: FWD TO PRES FOR INFO

DUE: 19 JUN 85 STATUS C FILES PA

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

MCFARLANE

COMMENTS

REF# LOG NSCIFID (LF HW)

ACTION OFFICER (S) ASSIGNED ACTION REQUIRED DUE COPIES TO

C 6/19 Noted by Pres ONE

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National Security Council
The White House

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	SEQUENCE TO	HAS SEEN	DISPOSITION
Bob Pearson			
Bob Kimmitt	1	wim	
John Poindexter	2	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	
Paul Thompson	3	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	
Wilma Hall			
Bud McFarlane	4	m	A
<i>Martin</i> Bob Kimmitt	5	wim	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
NSC Secretariat	6	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
Situation Room		<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>

I = Information **A = Action** R = Retain D = Dispatch N = No further Action

cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other _____

COMMENTS Should be seen by: ASAP
(Date/Time)

Presidential phone call to Stetham family

The President has seen _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 18, 1985

Received SS

1985 JUN 18 AM 11:52

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Richard (Father), Patricia (Mother), Sherri (Sister), Kenneth and Patrick (Brothers) Stethem (301) 843-1265

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 1985

RECOMMENDED BY: Robert C. McFarlane *RCM*

PURPOSE: To express condolences to the parents of Petty Officer Second Class Robert Stethem, USN, who was murdered by the terrorists aboard TWA Flight #847 on Friday, June 14, 1985.

BACKGROUND: Stethem was apparently beaten and kicked to death by the terrorists who hijacked TWA #847. There is some, as yet unconfirmed information, that Stethem may have attempted to intervene during the initial stages of the takeover and was, therefore, singled out by the hijackers. Stethem's remains will arrive at Andrews AFB June 18, at 7:00 p.m. A brief summary of Petty Officer Stethem's military career is attached at Tab A.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. I am calling to express my sincere condolences at your loss. The tragic death of your son at the hands of these terrorists is indeed a loss to our nation.
2. It is young men like Robert who give of themselves in the service of their country that have make this nation what it is.
3. I am told that your son was returning from work on a construction project in Greece. He well served our country and we are poorer for losing him.
4. I have also ordered that Robert be officially promoted to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class.
5. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. God bless you.

Date of Submission:

Action

Call made.

cc Vice President

SUMMARY OF SW-2 ROBERT STETHEM'S MILITARY CAREER

Robert D. Stethem (Steel Worker (SW) SW-3, Frocked SW-2)
Age: 24
Birth Date: 17 Nov 61
Race: Caucasian
Marital Status: Single
Awards: Two markmanship awards for M-16 rifles

10 Sep 84 - 14 June 85 Underwater Construction Team 1 (UCT-1)
Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek
Norfolk, VA 23521

(There are two Underwater Construction Teams--one on the west coast and one on the east. UCT-1 services the Atlantic, Mediterranean, South Atlantic, and Caribbean. Stethem was part of a detachment detailed to Greece for work on a construction project at our naval communications facility at Nea Makri.

11 May 84 - 06 Jul 84 Naval Construction Training Center
Port Hueneme, CA

(Basic training for underwater construction technician)

18 Jan 84 - 04 May 84 Naval Amphibious Base
Coronado, CA

(Basic diver's training. Navy Enlisted Classification NEC-5343 (same as MOS))

29 May 83 - 13 Jan 84 NMBC-62 Detachment Diego Garcia

23 Sep 81 - 28 May 83 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion
(NMBC-62), Gulfport, Mississippi

04 May 81 - 1 Jul 81 Basic Training, Great Lakes, Michigan

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