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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Joe:

Dinner at the Ritz Carlton was probably more fun for me than those of you who were forced to watch me and listen.

Thanks for your nice note and for extending the invitation to Carolyn and me to join you in California at a future date. We are looking forward to a little free time.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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February 3, 1983 (Dictated 2-2-83)

Thank

Mr. Michael Deaver
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Michael:

Dinner at the Ritz Carlton was a lot of fun. We particularly enjoyed your piano accompaniment of Representative Michel. Should you ever tire of politics, you both have great futures as entertainers!

Victoria joins me in inviting Carolyn and you to Los Angeles where we could offer you some hospitality. Again, our thanks for a most memorable evening.

Gordially,

Joseph R. Bolker *JRB*
Joseph R. Bolker

JRB:m11

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Marion:

I genuinely appreciate your letter regarding the Safire article. You've already given assistance by showing your continued support.

Thanks, too, for the information on the Metropolitan Club. I appreciate it.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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OF COUNSEL
E. EDWARD STEPHENS

February 3, 1983



Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mike:

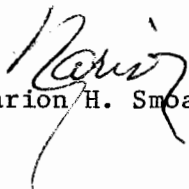
I noticed the Safire article on the subject of your book a couple of days ago and I am just writing to say that if there is anything this office could do to be of assistance to you in this regard, we would be happy to do so.

I have also checked with the Metropolitan Club and they tell me that your name is not in the computer and you should not be receiving any bills from them, that if you happen to have one, please send it to me in order that I can check it out. But there should be no further problem in this regard.

Sorry I missed you at the Eagles dance on Tuesday night, since I was assigned to Paul Laxalt's dinner. Let's have another one.

Best regards,

Sincerely,



Marion H. Smoak

MHS/mc

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Clem:

Thanks for your letter regarding Sally Castleman. I certainly appreciate your input and will keep it in mind when we are ready to make a decision.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Clement E. Conger
Curator
Diplomatic Reception Rooms
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520



THE FINE ARTS COMMITTEE
United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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February 2, 1983

Dear Mike:

I understand that Mrs. Sally Castleman is under consideration for Manager of Blair House. I have known Mrs. Castleman and her family for many many years. I think she would make an excellent hostess-manager at Blair House. She has the maturity and judgment to manage such a complicated place and yet to submerge herself when hostesses of a higher level arrive for special events. I am confident that she can cope with distinguished guests. By her appearance in dress, manner of speaking, etc. she would represent the country well.

It is very important for Blair House to have a Manager and staff of the highest quality. At the moment the staff needs very competent supervision which has been lacking to some degree. There is also a need to search for better employees who can do the required work which I am sure Mrs. Castleman can do.

The Blair House is a great historic house. The ground floor rooms and their furnishings represent American culture of the late 18th and the early 19th century to the world. However, we are well aware the house has to be run like a club which has many guest rooms or as a hotel. The bedrooms and service must reflect this.

I am Curator of Blair House as well as the White House and the Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the State Department. I am confident that Mrs. Castleman, Mrs. Roosevelt and I could work together well for the improvement of Blair House which is so badly needed.

Very sincerely,

Clement E. Conger
Curator

Diplomatic Reception Rooms

The Honorable
Michael K. Deaver,
Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant
to the President,
The White House.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Henry:

Thanks for sending the article from Bangkok Post. I enjoyed it and appreciate your continued support.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. Henry O. Dormann
President & Editor-in-Chief
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LEADERS

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2 February 1983

The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff & Assistant
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

I thought you might like to know that there is someone in the press that consistently says nice things about Ronald Reagan.

Cordially yours,

H. Dormann

HENRY O. DORMANN
President & Editor-in-Chief

ALL ABOUT LEAD

CIMI SUCHONTAN talks to Henry O. Dormann, president & editor of the exclusive *Leaders* magazine.

HIS Majesty the King and Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda were both prominently featured recently in the US-based *Leaders* quarterly magazine which is exclusively read by major economic and political figures.

Leaders Editor-in-Chief Henry Dormann speaking at the Oriental Hotel recently spoke highly of His Majesty and Gen Prem whom he personally interviewed.

"Our interview with His Majesty has been very well received all over the world," Dormann said of the article published in *Leaders*' Summer issue last year. Gen Prem himself wrote to congratulate *Leaders* on what he called a "magnificent" coverage of His Majesty the King.

"His Majesty is an exceptional leader, he has true warmth and a great knowledge of many subjects. We spoke for an hour longer than the scheduled time discussing world affairs," said Dormann who meets world leaders every two months. He was to see Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila the next day and Sri Lankan President J.R. Jaywardene later that afternoon.

His Majesty so impressed the editor that he promptly printed Thailand's "Tenfold Practice of Kingship" which the King strictly observes.

"I was taken by the way he views his position. Instead of the usual pyramidal hierarchy structure with the ruler at the top, His Majesty prefers to invert the pyramid with himself at the bottom. He feels that this better shows his relationship with his people — that he serves them rather than the other way around," Dormann explained.

"The King is among the very few heads of states with whom I've

come out of a meeting and feel he really lives for his country.

"In other cases you come out feeling the leader lives for his country and himself. And yet others you come out feeling he lives for himself and the country."

Leaders which has a circulation of 25,000 copies, "is not for sale, you cannot buy it. Ninety per cent of our readers are chairmen and presidents of multi-national corporations. Ten per cent are presidents, prime ministers and heads-

"I've known every President since Harry Truman and anyone of them over Jimmy Carter is a plus."

of-states," he disclosed. "The lowest income bracket among our readers is US\$1 million (23 million baht) a year."

Dormann cheerfully noted that this had been a very good year for him in Thailand compared with his past experiences.

"Seven years ago, I interviewed the man who was then Thailand's Prime Minister. When I had completed the interview and flew to Manila I read in the papers when I arrived that he had been deposed.

"So we had to cancel the story and arrange for a new one with his successor.

"I returned to interview the new Prime Minister but on the day we published, he resigned," Dormann laughed.

The deposed Prime Minister, he revealed, was Tanin Kraivixien. Tanin's successor was Gen Kriangsak Chomanan.

"Therefore when I met Gen Prem," he said with a chuckle, "I warned him about the incidents." The Premier was unperturbed but

went ahead and did the interview which was published in the Spring 1983 issue.

"I found Prime Minister Prem charming, very quiet, very handsome and he possesses a very strong character," the editor commented.

"I felt after visiting Thailand many times that he had many qualities of my friends here. One of them was grace. Gen Prem was not someone that we'd think of as a general. Generals are often thought to be boisterous, commanding and loud."

"I was most surprised by his quietness and perhaps even his shyness. There was a calm feeling that everything was organized about him. You had a feeling of stability," he observed.

Dormann also gave his views of other world leaders which include President Reagan. "On television he comes across as being an outgoing, charming and charismatic person, but he has more inner strength than he appears to have. When he truly believes in something he will get up and fight for it. And I don't mean that in the militaristic sense.

"He is also charismatic in private life too. Even though he spent the earlier part of his life as an actor, he is very sharp and he knows exactly what he is doing.

"As with his economic plan, he believes in it and sticks with it. I think the economy will improve in 1984. Reagan has inherited serious economic and foreign policy problems. It takes a long time to improve the situation. I think he will succeed in doing that in the second half of his term."

Asked who he thought was America's most able President, Dormann pondered momentarily and answered, "I've known every President since Harry Truman and

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tor- in-chief

anyone of them over Jimmy Carter is a plus."

Concerning his party affiliation, Dormann said, "I'm neither a Republican nor a Democrat. Like my colleagues in the Press, I believe journalists should remain independent (of parties).

"But I have voted in every election," he added.

He called former President Carter "one of the great disasters." "He is a dedicated, honest born-again Christian but knew nothing of foreign policy. He meant well but he came as an aftermath of Nixon when people wanted a holier-than-thou person. Which was exactly what people got — a holier-than-thou person but he did not know his job."

On Richard Nixon, Dormann said "Nixon is still very respected today for his foreign policy. In the US, he is still looked upon with disfavour but history will show that despite Watergate, Nixon was an exceptional leader," said Dormann who regards Nixon whom he

"I don't think President Marcos and Mrs Marcos have been given enough credit for what they have done."

had known for for 20 years as a "friend."

On Asian leaders, Dormann had this to say:

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew — "I found him to be among the most brilliant leaders of the world and one of the most able. He can predict what will happen years ahead, not only for Singapore but for Southeast Asia and the world.



Malaysian Premier Dr Mohamad Mahathir — "A young and dynamic leader and a very sharp fellow. And don't forget the 'Doctor.' His policies have proven to be beneficial for Malaysians who are riding an optimistic curve. They are building up tremendously. Malaysia will be one of the few areas in our lifetime in which we can see great expansion and development. Southeast Asia is where it is all going to happen."

Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos — "To me, Marcos has achieved tremendous success in the building of the Philippines. It saddens me that the Press in the US attacks him unjustly, and without understanding. I don't think President Marcos and Mrs Marcos have been given enough credit for what they have done."

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi — "I found her fascinating.

Before meeting her I've had briefings from Indian officials and ambassadors. They said 'She may be in a bad mood and may not do the interview at all. You mustn't joke with her because she is a very serious person. You must observe protocol or she will ask you to leave.'

"So when I met her I was surprised at how friendly she was. She said hello and had prepared herself for the interview. She answered all my questions and nothing was held back at all. When we were saying goodbye I told her 'I'm only sorry you are Prime Minister otherwise I would come around and give you a big hug and a kiss.'

"She laughed and said 'If you did that, it'll appear on the front page of every newspaper tomorrow.'

"No, I did not give her a hug nor a kiss but parted with a warm handshake and a very big laugh."

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Charles:

I have sent your request for Ron and Lois Roskens to attend a State dinner to the Social Office, where their names will be put on the list and considered for a future function.

Congratulations on the formation of the Thone & Stenberg law firm. My best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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February 1, 1983

*add'l send to
muffin*

Mr. Michael Deaver
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Here I go again, asking for a special favor.

The President of the University of Nebraska combined system is Ron Roskens. His wife is Lois. They are exceptionally gifted and dynamic people. Both, naturally, are good Republicans.

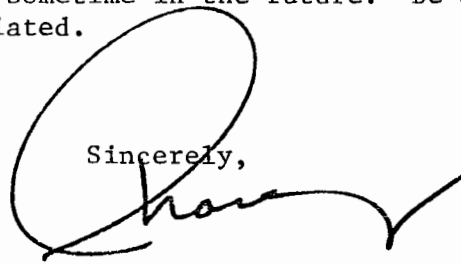
They have never been to a White House State Dinner. This is one of their very special desires.

As a matter of interest, the University has taken the lead in international programs featuring China, Germany and Great Britain. I'll spare you the details in this letter, but there has been considerable programming and activity with each of these countries.

Mike, is there any way that these two most deserving people could be included on the dinner list sometime in the future. Be assured that this would be very much appreciated.

Most cordial regards.

Sincerely,



Charles Thone

MIKE

Thanks for your special election

help. - (lost by 7,000 votes.)

C.T.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Allen:

Thanks for your informative letter about the outcome of the annual meeting of the AMC last week. I appreciate the information and am pleased for your continued support.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to Mr. Red Cavaney who is Acting Assistant to the President for Public Liaison.

Thanks again for the input.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. J. Allen Overton, Jr.
President
American Mining Congress
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By NARA KPB Date 1/17/07

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February 7, 1983

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The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Thanks & tell
them we have
sent their letter
to Ely's office.*

Dear Mike:

It is with much pleasure that I advise you that at its Annual Meeting last week, Ralph E. Bailey, chairman of Conoco Inc., was elected chairman of the American Mining Congress.

At the same time, Robert H. Quenon, president of Peabody Holding Company, was named chairman of the AMC Coal Policy Council, a group composed of coal producing members of the AMC; and N. T. Camicia, chairman of The Pittston Company, was reelected a member of the Board.

These three men -- all of whom are active on the Coal Industry Advisory Board of the International Energy Agency -- hold key leadership positions in Mining Congress affairs, and are in the forefront of AMC efforts in support of the President and the Administration.

I am also pleased to advise that my recuperation from a hepatitis infection is in its last stages, and my doctors tell me I will be back on the job in two to three weeks. I am eager and enthusiastic to return to duty and to make common cause with you to advance the President's program.

In the meantime, my staff stands ready should there be any way in which we might be of assistance to you and your colleagues. The enclosed copy of the new American Mining Congress Journal will give you some idea of the range of our current concerns.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,



J. Allen Overton, Jr.
President

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Miss Volas:

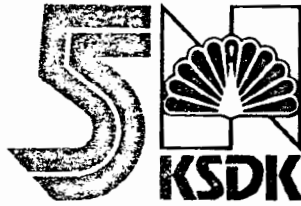
Thank you for your complimentary letter regarding Rocky Kuonen for his work in the President's visit to St. Louis. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in letting us know of your approval, and am taking the liberty of sharing it with Bill Henkel, who heads our Advance Office.

Thanks again for taking the time to share this information with us.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Miss Leigh Anne Volas
News Director
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*Thanks & send
to B. Henkel.*

February 2, 1983

Mr. Michael Deaver
Assistant to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

This letter is to compliment Rocky Kuonen on the advance work he did for President Reagan's visit to St. Louis yesterday.

This is the second Presidential visit on which Rocky and I have worked. He has been unfailingly courteous, competent and has made every effort to accommodate our needs under most trying conditions.

We appreciate his help and thought you would appreciate knowing what a good job he did.

Sincerely,

Leigh Anne Volas
Leigh Anne Volas
News Director

LAV/gm

cc: William Henkel
Assistant Presential's Advance Office





MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Ben

I hope the Post gives just the same treatment to the Queens visit as you gave the Newsweek anniversary party.

Cheers.

Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Benjamin Bradlee
The Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20071

February 9, 1983

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for the birthday cards. They are lovely, and I enjoyed your artwork.

I also enjoyed reading your comments. Since so many of you mentioned helping the poor, I thought you might be interested to know that this Administration provides 95 million meals each day for the needy. We, too, are concerned about poor people and we are helping them.

You also mentioned nuclear weapons so I wanted you to know that we are doing everything we can to negotiate an arms control agreement with the Soviet Union so eventually we can stop the building of nuclear weapons.

Thank you all again for your thoughtfulness. I appreciate it so much. You know, I still remember the day when you came down to visit me at the White House.

Sincerely,

/s/ RONALD REAGAN

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cc: K.Osborne/M.Deaver/D.Livingston/CF
(Requested by Mr. Deaver)



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Dear Michael

It was very good to hear from you.
I was sorry to hear from your mother
that your great grandmother passed away.
I know that was sad but she was very
old and had a very happy life at least
as I knew her. I understand that
your mother and father may be visiting
Washington. Tell them to let me know
when I can set aside some time. Thank
you for writing and say hello to all. Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Michael Pierce
7675 Pleides Avenue
Citrus Heights, CA 95610

Dear Michael Deavee,

I am sorry I haven't written you in a long time. There is no exclamation for it, it was totaly stupid! How was your Christmas and New Year, ours was very good. Before you get out of the white house I would like very much to have your address so we can keep on writing each other. How is the weather over there? Over here it is very wet and cold. Every body is pretty well and good. I have not been able to play any soccer lately because every time we have a game ~~over the~~ scheduled it either gets called of when we are playing or it gets ~~called~~ called off because ~~to~~ the field is under water. Sometimes it is so bad that the soccer ball floats. Megan is as cute as can be, Ryan is very smart he can read at the age of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, Julie is ~~getting~~ getting good grades, and Mom and Dad are working hard for us.

P.S.

If you are not too busy write back.

Love,
Michael



MICHAEL K. DEEVER

Pete

Thanks for taking the time
to have lunch with me.

As soon as Paul Lapslet gets
back - I'd like to arrange another
meeting. I'll be back to you.
Cheers. Mike

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

The Honorable Pierre S. du Pont
Governor of the State of Delaware
Legislative Hall
Dover, Delaware 19901



STATE OF DELAWARE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 4, 1983

do a note

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Deputy Chief
of Staff
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

I very much enjoyed our lunch yesterday, and the chance to talk about a variety of issues.

I look forward to future discussions, and if there is anything I can do to be of help in the meantime, please let me know.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "PSduP".

Pierre S. du Pont

PSduP/ds

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear Mr. DiBuonaventuro:

I am enclosing the mat personally signed by the President. He was pleased to do it for you.

Thanks again for being able to deliver the albums in February, 1981.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

Mr. John P. DiBuonaventuro
Purolator Courier Corp.
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To John P. DiBenedictis - With appreciation, very best wishes
& Regards.

Sincerely
Ronald Reagan

Purolator

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John P. DiBuonaventuro
District Manager

8 February 1983

Mr. Michael Deaver
Assistant to the President/
Deputy Chief of Staff
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

In February of 1981, a request from a member of the White House Staff came to Mr. David Matthias, President of Penn Photo Mounts, ~~for the preparation of the Presidential Inaugural Photo Albums.~~ I was fortunate to be given the responsibility of expediting transportation and making certain that these albums arrived at the White House the following morning. I am pleased to say that the albums had arrived in plenty of time to prepare the inauguration pictures for the President's review that afternoon.

In acknowledgement of a job well done, several photographs of the President and the first lady on inauguration day were sent to Mr. Matthias and myself. The original photograph, (copy enclosed), has since been framed and awaits to be hung proudly in our newly renovated facility located in Harrisburg, PA.

Being an active Republican since my 18th birthday, and a loyal supporter of the President, ~~it would be a great honor to have the President acknowledge this rare opportunity with his personal signature on the enclosed matting.~~ I can simply say it would bring great pride to myself, my company and the 250 employees assigned here to have the President's personal acknowledgement on display.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Administration for giving us this rare opportunity. And knowing the plenitude of duties your schedule requires, please accept my personal appreciation for the time and assistance you have given this request.

With undoubted loyalty and support, I am

Very Truly Yours,


John P. DiBuonaventuro

JPD/kas
Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

Dear J.D.

What a surprise to come back from a meeting and find a jar of oysters on my desk. Thanks so much for being so thoughtful, but neither Carolyn nor I are extremely fond of them. I can assure you, though, they didn't go to waste.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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February 8, 1983

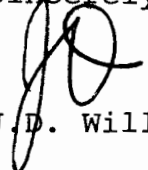
The Honorable Michael K. Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff and
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mike:

I thought you might enjoy having some fresh oysters which were caught in the Honga River right off my property.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,


J.D. Williams

Contrary to the norm
I had a terrific
clam or duck & geese.
I have been "intending" to
invite you to shoot for
two years so consider
yourself invited this fall
if White House rules
permit. By the way
these oysters
are delicious.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: CRAIG L. FULLER

SUBJECT: VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

As you undoubtedly know by now, Secretary Watt sent a letter to the Commission on Fine Arts last week forwarding for consideration three proposed plans for placement of the flag pole and sculpture addition. The Commission met February 8 to review these plans and make a final determination. Attached are draft responses for each of the letters you received regarding this issue should you wish to respond.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1983

Dear Jack:

Thank you for your phone call of January 31st regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As you undoubtedly know by now, the Secretary of the Interior did forward three proposed plans for the placement of the flag pole and sculpture additions at the memorial site. The Commission on Fine Arts considered each of these recommendations at a meeting on February 8th and made its decision. The National Capital Planning Commission meets on March 3rd to review the recommendation.

Thank you for your continuing interest and concern with regard to this issue.

Sincerely,



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Morgan S. Ruph
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 31, 1983

Mr. Michael Deaver
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Deaver:

The purpose of this communication is to call your attention to the delaying tactics used by Secretary of the Interior James G. Watt to forestall completion of the nation's Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

For more than a month now, Secretary Watt has withheld his final approval of plans to locate the flagpole and sculpture additions at the memorial site. Without the approval of Secretary Watt, the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts cannot make a final determination of the esthetic values of these additions.

The position of the nation's major veterans groups on this matter is clear: We want the Vietnam Veterans Memorial completed. I have enclosed a letter the National Commander of AMVETS wrote to Secretary Watt in December which adequately states the point of view of this 200,000 member organization on the matter of the statue and flagpole additions.

We would ask that you use whatever influence you may have with Secretary Watt to have him approve the three location plans now before him so that the U.S. Commission on Fine Arts may finally be allowed to act on this long delayed matter.

Sincerely,



Morgan S. Ruph
National Executive Director

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cc James G. Watt
Secretary of the Interior



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Robert Martin
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1982-1983

December 15, 1982

The Honorable James Watt
The Secretary of the Interior
18th & C Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is the understanding of the American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam (AMVETS) that at your intercession the U.S. Fine Arts Commission postponed a scheduled December 14 hearing on the proposed statue and flagpole additions to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Your action, we understand, was predicated on a perception that the scheduled hearing could arouse another tempest due to competing ideas over the location of these additions.

Inasmuch as the 200,000 members of AMVETS have supported the Vietnam Veterans Memorial since its inception and have contributed more than \$37,000 to its construction, we feel the time has come to complete the total concept of this memorial.

On November 13, 1982, this memorial was dedicated before some 200,000 people completing a four-day celebration where the nation paid its respect to its veterans of the Vietnam War. A spirit of good feelings prevailed throughout.

Is it not time to put aside the mundane aspects of competitive ideas over the location of a statue and flagpole and allow this spirit to continue for the

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Vietnam veteran? We think it is, and the AMVETS ask you to call on the U.S. Fine Arts Commission to reschedule this hearing expeditiously and offer the full support of the Department of the Interior for the location proposal developed by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Sincerely;

Robert Martin
National Commander

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cc Mr. J. Carter Brown
Chairman
U.S. Fine Arts Commission

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of ...*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 4, 1983

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Thank you very much for letting me know the outcome over the deadlock that developed over the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

I am pleased to know that it has been resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEAVER
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Deputy Chief of Staff

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February 2, 1983

Mr. Michael K. Deaver
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Deaver:

On January 26, 1983, I wrote to you to request an appointment in order to discuss the need to resolve the deadlock that had developed over the additions to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

I am happy to report that the Secretary of the Interior has decided to put the final decisions on siting the memorial's additional elements into the hands of the agencies specified under Public Law 96-297. This course of action, I feel, is certainly in the best interests of the veterans community and the Administration.

I would, however, like to thank you for your attention to this important matter and hope that the memorial in its entirety can be completed soon. In the meantime, it is my pleasure to offer you a personal tour of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at your convenience.

My highest regard,

Sincerely,

Jan C. Scruggs
President

JCS/rm

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Craig Fuller*

FROM: MICHAEL K. DEEVER
Assistant to the President
Deputy Chief of Staff

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CHARLES M^oC. MATHIAS, JR.
UNITED STATES SENATE

Dear Mike -

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What are we
on this?

Supplementing our conversation,
I enclose a copy of the letter
that John Warner and I sent
to Secretary Watt concerning
the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial.

As ever,

Mac

Mr. Deaver

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 11, 1983

The Honorable James G. Watt
Secretary
Department of the Interior
18th and C Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We appreciate your meeting with us recently regarding the addition of the sculpture and flag staff to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

As we discussed, it is in the best interest of all parties, including the Administration, the Veterans community, the arts community, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, to resolve this matter as expeditiously as possible. One course of action suggested in our meeting -- to submit a number of options to the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) for consideration -- appears to be reasonable and advantageous for all. In this regard, we have requested the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) to forward to you two proposals, in addition to that of December 8th, for locating the sculpture and the flag staff. VVMF has indicated its willingness to comply with our request and we understand that the two additional options will be forwarded to you shortly.

One of the two additional options will be that proposed by former Congressman Donald Bailey and his associates. The second option will be one suggested and supported by the American Institute of Architects. The VVMF proposal of December 8th is, we are advised, supported by the major veterans' organizations who helped raise the funds for the Memorial.

It is inevitable that on matters of aesthetics reasonable persons may disagree, which is the situation at hand. There is general consensus, however, on the appropriateness of adding the sculpture and flag staff to the memorial site; we strongly support this consensus. The three proposals represent a range of opinions as to the most appropriate locations for these elements. We believe that consideration of all three options by the Commission on Fine Arts, one of the governmental entities mandated to consider these matters, in an open public meeting is the best way for all opinions to be heard. Our support for this course of action is conditional on your approving and forwarding to the Commission on Fine Arts all three VVMF proposals as a set of options.

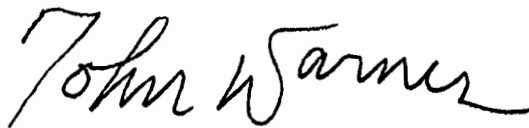
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The process established for determining appropriate designs and locations for public monuments has worked well over the years. The experience of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has shown the strength and adequacy of that process. We are confident that it will expeditiously resolve the difficult questions before us.

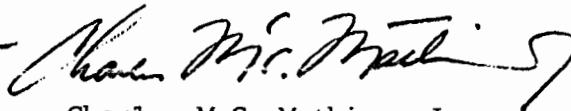
It was deeply moving to see the positive response of the American people to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial during the National Salute to Vietnam Veterans and the dedication ceremony. It is incumbent upon us to put these remaining questions to rest so that all the good feeling engendered by these events will not be diminished.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



John W. Warner
United States Senator



Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
United States Senator