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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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ACTION

April 10, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR HERBERT E. ELLINGWOOD
Deputy Counsel to the President

JOHN McCLAUGHRY
Senior Policy Advisor

MICHAEL UHLMANN
Special Assistant to the President

FROM: THOMAS W. PAUKEN
Director-Designate, ACTION

SUBJECT: Volunteerism

Action is unique among federal agencies, because its sole purpose is to reduce the role of government in American life by expanding the opportunity for, and effectiveness of, private volunteer activity in the resolution of social problems. Under the Administration, in support of the initiatives of President Reagan, ACTION has begun to pursue a number of new approaches to address social problems through expansion of profit and non-profit private sector volunteer activity and through increased use of mediating structures such as churches, neighborhood groups and ethnic and civic associations. At a time when federal support for many social programs is being reduced or withdrawn, the Administration has a significant opportunity, with ACTION's help, to demonstrate the extraordinary, historic American genius for helping others, independently of massive governmental intervention.

Among the initiatives ACTION proposes to take shortly are the expansion of its older American programs, which are proven successes, and the introduction of a focus on the problems of youth. These problems - drug abuse, running away, illiteracy, unemployment - are not only susceptible to solution through volunteer action, they are most appropriately resolved in this fashion, through the intimate knowledge, technical know-how, and generous spirit of those in close touch with the young people of their own communities. ACTION has the capacity, and the intention, to offer its extensive nationwide resources for technical assistance to those who wish to help, whether small entrepreneurs, large corporations, churches or private voluntary associations.

Specifically to recognize and challenge the spirit of volunteerism, ACTION is exploring the idea of coordinating a Presidentially-convened national forum in volunteerism -- "America At Its Best." The conference could be held in Chicago or another mid-western city over a two-day period in the fall of 1981, during the week, so as not to interfere with weekend religious observances which might reduce participation by religious leaders. There are two options for conference participation which ACTION is considering:

- Participants from every state who represent successful non-governmental programs designed to target the problems of the young, including business associations, professional groups, service organizations, and perhaps as a major component, religious groups.
- Participants representing the strong volunteer segments associated with churches and synagogues across the nation, again with an emphasis on successful efforts which ought to be shared.

The agenda for the conference might include:

- A Presidential address to set the tone.
- A Governor's address, including a welcome and examples of the state's church or private sector involvement in volunteer activity.
- An address by a business sector or church leader.
- Working sessions by subject area (drug abuse, runaway youth, crime prevention), each group to be addressed by a person associated with successful programs and approaches.
- Closing dinner with inspirational address.

The outcome of such a forum would include:

- Publications containing descriptions of success stories in volunteer activity reported to the conference.
- Commissioned papers on subjects such as tax advantages to businesses supporting volunteer activities or opportunities and constraints affecting church-secular interaction.

Funding would be provided by foundations with diverse constituencies. Participants would provide their own transportation and lodging.

It is my belief that such a conference would be reflective of ACTION's commitment to the social and economic goals of the Administration. More importantly, it would offer Americans a forum in which to share their ideas with respect to the implementation of those goals. The time is ripe, it seems to me, to tell each other about "America At Its Best."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM

TO: Don Moran and Ann Fairbanks

FROM: Thomas W. Pauken, Director-Designate (ACTION) *Tom Pauken*

SUBJECT: Vietnam Veterans Volunteer Program

Recently a number of articles have attacked the Administration for the proposed cuts of \$21 million from the Vietnam Veterans counseling program. I would anticipate an escalation of criticism as Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day approaches.

I believe that we can diffuse much of the criticism in a relatively simple manner. As a Vietnam Veteran, I have worked on this issue in the past. ACTION is the federal agency for volunteerism.

Working closely with the veterans organizations, ACTION can set up a voluntary network run from and by Vietnam Veterans to assist veterans in areas of counseling, vocational education, and employment. We would make extensive use of Vietnam Veterans as volunteers to help their fellow veterans. We can start the program up within 90 days of the approval date.

The project would cover 50 geographical areas (urban centers and areas with a high concentration of Vietnam Veterans) at a cost of approximately \$2 million. (This is less than 10 percent of the cost of the Vietnam Veterans Counseling Centers). ACTION would handle the entire administrative burden out of our existing budget, and we would rely on extensive volunteer participation. I would propose getting the \$2 million out of unexpended funds from the Department of Labor, Education, HHS, or Veterans Administration.

ACTION is prepared to assume the responsibility of organizing and coordinating this project, as well as recruiting the volunteers necessary to make it work. Philosophically, it is fully consistent with the President's belief in working with the private voluntary sector to solve social problems.

The White House could announce this new initiative for Vietnam Veterans on Sunday, April 26, 1981, which is the day honoring Vietnam Veterans.



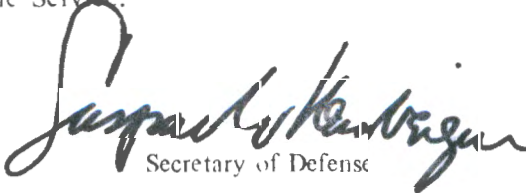
To

Donald E. Mowery

for outstanding service to the Department of Defense and to the nation as the Executive Director, Youth Service USA, Inc., from its founding in 1968 to the present. In the aftermath of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Father Mowery established Youth Service USA, a program designed to provide underprivileged young Americans with the opportunity to serve and to learn about the United States and the benefits and responsibilities of citizenship.

Through his creativity and innovation, tireless energy, and selfless devotion, Father Mowery expanded the benefits of his organization from a pilot program at a single military installation to an operation involving almost a hundred installations serving nearly 300,000 youths. He has immutably linked the available resources of the Department of Defense to the fostering of a spirit of citizenship, democracy, and respect for the principles of freedom among America's underprivileged.

In recognition of his distinctive accomplishments, extraordinary achievements, and dedication to American ideals, I take great personal pleasure in awarding to Donald E. Mowery the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service.


Secretary of Defense

May 1981

TALK MADE BY GENERAL DAVID C. JONES, USAF
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
DURING PRESENTATION OF SECRETARY
OF DEFENSE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING
PUBLIC SERVICE, MAY 20, 1981

First, I would like to thank the Washington Chapter (ADPA) the honor they bestowed on me, Charles Tisdale, and Roger Kelley today, and particularly on Don Mowery, because it wouldn't be a Youth Service Program without Don Mowery.

In 1969 I returned from Viet Nam and saw some of the strife that Roger Kelley talked about. We had the guidance of his office to have programs, and we had programs at some of our bases and I went around and looked at some of them and to a great extent, they were bodycount programs. People came in the front gate going out the back gate and got credit for somebody involved in the program, and about that time Don Mowery came by. I was very impressed with what he was able to accomplish. One thing that I will make sure he understands. This is what the program is NOT: It is not a recruiting program. It is not a program to try to get people to come into the military because a very large percentage of these young men and now women are troubled young people. There are some who are successful who are still in school and want to mix. So it's not an attempt to recruit, it's an attempt to motivate. But there are many who are in trouble, and those who were in trouble before they joined the program, not as many were troubled when they left. And so it's been a great honor and a great satisfaction for me to be involved with Don Mowery over these many, many years, and we appreciate the ADPA for hosting the luncheon today and presenting the awards, and the Labor Department for their support.

This is a typical program, not typical, it's typical of what this country can do in the private sector in dealing with young people as opposed to a government program and in my judgement, we had a better return out of the few dollars that we put into Youth Service than any Youth Program I know in this country. In fact, a few weeks ago in Memphis, they had an evaluation of human programs, not just with youth, but the programs that dealt with youth, dozens and dozens of programs and there only 2 programs that were sited and delivered a 100% of what they promised, and Youth Service is one of those. Youth Service delivered in their analysis 112% of what was promised and all the other agencies averaged about 40%, and I think that is a fine testimonial to Don Mowery and all of the fine people involved with Youth Service.

Not only in the Memphis area, but throughout this country more than 300,000 youth have been touched, and there are many, many success stories. Don Mowery and Youth Service have been recognized 13 times by the Freedoms Foundation and recieved many other recognitions, but we in the military have been a little derelict. We haven't given Don Mowery adequate recognition throughout the years, and we'd like to retify that now. Major Flynn would you read the citation please.

May 5, 1981

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PROGRAM PROPOSAL

TO: Ann Fairbanks
Morton Blackwell
Don Moran
Members, Veterans Coordinating Group

FROM: Tom Pauken, *Tom Pauken*
Director-Designate, ACTION

SUBJECT: Increasing the Volunteer Support of Federal
Programs that Aid Vietnam Veterans

This responds to the request of Ann Fairbanks at the Coordinating Group's meeting on May 1, 1981, that a draft program proposal be made available for comment among the group.

THE NEW RESOURCE

Now, ten years after the peak of the Vietnam war, and six years after the fall of Saigon, there appears to be available a potential major new resource for adding to the effectiveness of federal programs that aid Vietnam veterans: the resource is Vietnam veterans themselves, especially the many able, vigorous and successful men and women who returned from military service. Their military service lent to them a mark of self-giving, commitment, and sacrifice. Through it they grew in maturity and in wisdom. They are now assuming leadership roles in their home communities. This resource has naturally taken time to ripen, since even a two-year hitch in the service interrupted a man's (or woman's) life for three or more years, given the disruptions of preparing for service and then reentering civilian life. But, the consensus among experienced observers is that the new potential leadership is now available to be tapped.

The key is that there is strong allegiance among those who wore the uniform in the Vietnam era. There is a ready and powerful communicative energy when they meet, especially among

those who were in the war zone, and in combat. These Americans cared for each other: the typical act of valor in Vietnam was not assaulting the foe; it was saving a friend's life. They still care for each other, as do their parents and spouses, and this caring is a significant volunteer resource to be tapped.

THE NEED

Many veterans of the Vietnam War continue to encounter serious personal difficulties. These problems range from drug abuse to obstacles in finding employment. Also, Vietnam veterans tend, to some extent, to be viewed popularly as victims, instead of as potential leaders, who have much to offer their country. In addition, the wartime service has been to some extent a taboo subject, especially in the sense of affirming the integrity and honor of military service in the war. Even among the strongest, emerging young American leaders who served in the Vietnam War, there is reticence about discussing the war and claiming pride for serving their country.

The need is (1) to assure effective help for Vietnam veterans who need such help as drug counselling or finding a job, (2) to demonstrate the leadership potential of the Vietnam veteran, and (3) to encourage the Vietnam veterans to step forward, meet and help their brothers and sisters who served, and claim the pride in service that is rightfully theirs.

THE CONCEPT

The concept is to use ACTION's resources to go into a community and stimulate the Vietnam veterans who are among the community leadership to join a volunteer effort to meet these needs. The volunteers would do this by taking steps in their communities that complement and reinforce the present federal and volunteer programs for veterans. The key is to bring the new resource to bear as a source of volunteers.

ILLUSTRATIVE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

The volunteers in each community would:

- encourage use of and membership in Veterans Administration volunteer programs (such as Veterans

Administration Volunteer Services).

- aid and support (and when and if appropriate, attend) the Veterans Administration Vietnam veteran counselling centers.
- encourage and help Vietnam veterans to make full use of all volunteer activities that support them, especially the veterans' membership organizations.
- encourage and help Vietnam veterans to make full use of all federal, state, and community government activities that support them (for example, programs of HHS, D o L, and D.Ed).
- help arrange for donation of needed office or counselling space.
- investigate and inventory all local resources which might be available to the Vietnam veteran.
- persuade local institutions to make more resources available to the solution of veterans' problems.
- establish contacts and lines of communication with local businesses.
- assure (with D o L) that there is available a full inventory of the local employment opportunities for Vietnam veterans.
- assure successful referral of veterans to other existing programs which can help them.
- establish good relations with local representatives of veterans membership organizations in order to encourage use of their resources by Vietnam veterans.
- publicize the existence of all these services for Vietnam veterans.

PILOT PHASE AND OPERATIONAL PHASE

This program will begin with a pilot phase in some four or five test communities. The purpose will be to take "baby steps"

to learn which approaches appear to work and which do not. The pilot phase may last up to twelve months, including start-up time (thus extending perhaps to May 1982, though preferably sooner). Assuming that the pilot phase is successful, the operational phase in some 50 communities would proceed.

PLANNING AND COORDINATION

Detailed planning for these two phases is under way. The purpose is to make full use of other experiences in use of volunteers to help Vietnam veterans (for example, the "Vetreach" experience in FY 1974). The planning is in the form of a draft Operations Plan which will be fully coordinated with all concerned federal agencies and veterans organizations. A rough draft plan (which will then be full circulated) is aimed for completion by May 25, 1981 (Memorial Day). This plan will be a draft only, subject to revision in coordination.

ACTION'S INPUT

ACTION would recruit volunteers, especially other Vietnam veterans who have made a successful transition to civilian life, to assist in their assigned area on a part-time basis in carrying out the activities for Vietnam veterans. ACTION would utilize its experience and national administrative network to find and to stimulate these volunteers. ACTION would employ in its offices in Washington a National project director, who would be a Vietnam veteran. The national project director would supervise full-time project directors in each community served by the project. These also would be Vietnam veterans. It is to be stressed that the work of these directors is to stimulate volunteer resources that directly aid the work of and report to existing federal and volunteer programs. The ACTION employees' work is to bring ACTION's unique capability to bear in providing new volunteers.

ACTION brings to these tasks its expertise in community relations, knowledge of local resources, strong tradition of volunteer service, data on many thousands of non-governmental institutions, and skill in mobilizing volunteers. ACTION would

use its network of regional and state offices, the Office of Voluntary Citizen Participation in the offices of many governors, and contacts in the operations of many nonprofit organizations.

TRAINING

A key factor in the planning and pilot phase will be to identify any special training or needs of the community project directors. The directors, for example, will have to be familiar with the capabilities and needs of the major federal programs for veterans (such as those in the VA and DOL) and also the programs of veterans' membership organizations.

AN EFFECT ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

This program will affect national defense in a perhaps modest, but direct, way. By meeting the needs of affirming the integrity of military service during the Vietnam War, the program will serve to repair the national perception that military service is an honorable call. There is a consensus that a major (perhaps the major) military problem faced by our country is finding enough good recruits, especially in the volunteer mode. By affirming the role and lifetime value of military service, this ACTION program can help (modestly but importantly) to create a national mood in which young and able military recruits will be more forthcoming to meet national defense needs.

COST

The pilot phase is estimated to cost under \$200,000.00 and is now funded by ACTION. The operational phase, with 50 communities, is estimated at \$2 million a year. The cost is low, because this is a voluntarism approach. The key resources to be employed by ACTION -- technical expertise in community relations and voluntary action, data on community organizations -- already exist. Local resources mobilized to assist in the program would provide another major factor reducing the costs of this program.

The \$2 million a year operational phase cost would be funded by direct budget authority and appropriation to ACTION, and also by transfer from other agencies having an interest in veterans, such as the Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, Education, and the Veterans Administration. The program would be administered by ACTION under its present statutory authority, and no special authorization would be required. ACTION would aim to undertake a highly effective program at minimal cost.

CRITERIA FOR SUCCESS

In the pilot phase, success would be defined by:

- (1) arousing strong volunteer interest among the identified new resource.
- (2) bringing more Vietnam veterans into existing programs of federal and local governments.
- (3) bringing more Vietnam veterans into existing programs of veterans' membership organizations.
- (4) significant learning as to the feasibility of the operational phase.
- (5) approval by Vietnam veterans in the test communities.
- (6) effective communication among VA, DOEd, DOL, ACTION, veterans' membership organizations, and state and community governments and institutions.

In the operational phase, success would be further defined by:

- (7) continued small and well-controlled costs for the total program.
- (8) steady flow of able and enthusiastic volunteers.
- (9) continued support of Vietnam veterans and all veterans.
- (10) integration of Vietnam veterans into the existing federal programs (especially VA) and the activities of veterans' membership organizations.

- (11) evidence of pride and a sense of honor among Vietnam veterans for having served their country.
- (12) enhanced popular national perception that Vietnam veterans have much to offer their country as a source of leadership.

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ACTION DIRECTOR THOMAS PAUKEN AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
BREAKFAST, MAY 27, 1981

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(BY HENRY DAVID ROSSO)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE REVIEWING "QUESTIONABLE" FEDERALLY FUNDED VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS TO DETERMINE IF THEY SHOULD BE SUSPENDED FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, ACTION DIRECTOR THOMAS PAUKEN SAID TODAY.

*Sent to
Dolan, Weyrich,
Phillips +
Feulner*

PAUKEN ALSO TOLD REPORTERS AT A NATIONAL PRESS CLUB BREAKFAST THAT ACTION, WHICH OVERSEES FEDERAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS, IS AIMING FOR MORE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVEMENT, A VIETNAM VETERANS SELF-HELP PROGRAM AND THE END OF VISTA IN 1983.

PAUKEN SAID THE MAIN THRUST OF THE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS THAT FALL UNDER ACTION'S UMBRELLA WILL BE THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM, A FAVORITE OF FIRST LADY NANCY REAGAN, ILLITERACY, DRUG ABUSE AND RUNAWAY YOUTH.

PAUKEN DISTRIBUTED A LIST OF 32 VISTA PROJECTS HE SAID ACTION "CONSIDERS QUESTIONABLE FUNDING PROJECTS."

"WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT CERTAIN PROJECTS" TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, HE SAID, AND IF THEY ARE THEY COULD BE SUSPENDED.

"I DON'T THINK FEDERAL DOLLARS SHOULD BE USED TO PROMOTE PARTICULAR LEGISLATION...OR TAKE BASICALLY PARTISAN POLITICAL POSTURES," HE SAID.

THE LIST OF 32 LOCAL PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW INCLUDES SEVERAL LEGAL AID OFFICES, AND ADVOCACY GROUPS REPRESENTING TENANTS, WOMEN, CONSUMERS, WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND THE ELDERLY. THE LIST COVERS 1979-80 PROJECTS IN MORE THAN A DOZEN STATES.

DESCRIBING THE PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW, THE LIST QUOTES GOALS SUCH AS "BRING ABOUT SOCIAL CHANGE," "EDUCATE LOW INCOME PEOPLE ABOUT THE INADEQUACY OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEM," "ORGANIZING ELDERLY INTO AN EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS THEM TO HAVE AN ASSERTIVE VOICE IN LEGISLATIVE OR POLICY DECISIONS," AND "WORK ON CLASS ACTION LITIGATION."

PAUKEN SAID ACTION ALSO HOPES TO INVOLVE VIETNAM VETERANS IN A VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROJECT WITH TEST PROJECTS IN FIVE CITIES, NOT YET ANNOUNCED, AND EVENTUALLY TO BE EXPANDED TO ALL 50 STATES.

"WE ARE NOT LOOKING FOR A 10-YEAR PROJECT," HE SAID OF THE PROGRAM. "WE ARE LOOKING AT TWO YEARS" AFTER WHICH, THE PROGRAM "HOPEFULLY WILL SELF-DESTRUCT" BECAUSE IT WILL NOT BE NEEDED.

THE PROGRAM WILL EMPHASIZE PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT AID, GOVERNMENT JOBS, GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING, HE SAID.

PAUKEN SAID MRS. REAGAN HAS FILMED FOUR PUBLIC SERVICE SPOTS PROMOTING THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM, IN WHICH LOW-INCOME ELDERLY PEOPLE PROVIDE COMPANIONSHIP AND GUIDANCE TO MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY OR EMOTIONALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

AS FOR VISTA -- VOLUNTEERS IN SERVICE TO AMERICA, THE DOMESTIC PEACE CORPS -- PAUKEN SAID THE PROGRAM WOULD BE REPLACED "WITH A SERIES OF PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH...THAT WOULD INVOLVE FEWER DOLLARS AND FEWER PAID VOLUNTEERS."

HE SAID IT IS PROPOSED THAT VISTA BE PHASED OUT BY THE END OF FISCAL YEAR 1983. HE SAID THE PROGRAM IS AUTHORIZED THROUGH THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR AND A REAUTHORIZATION BILL WILL BE FOR THREE YEARS.

ASKED WHY, IF VISTA HAD PERFORMED SUFFICIENTLY IN THE PAST, IT IS BEING REPLACED WITH OTHER PROGRAMS, PAUKEN REPLIED: "WHY ARE WE NOT PERMITTED TO TRY A DIFFERENT APPROACH?...WHY ARE WE LOCKED IN TO A PROGRAM THAT STARTED IN THE GREAT SOCIETY?"

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**SECOND NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**
OF FORMER **PEACE CORPS**
VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

Sponsored by
Peace Corps
Peace Corps Institute
National Council of Returned
Peace Corps Volunteers

June 19-20, 1981
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

**PEACE
CORPS**

CONFERENCE

Twenty years ago the first Peace Corps Volunteers set out to promote world peace and friendship by sharing knowledge and practical skills with people in developing countries, and by helping them to understand American people. Today, more than ever, there is a critical need for the 80,000 women and men who served in the Peace Corps to help Americans in their own communities understand people in the Third World.

The Peace Corps, the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the Peace Corps Institute are co-sponsoring this national conference, and we are inviting the 30,000 former volunteers and staff that are on the current mailing lists. We hope that you will pass the word to other former volunteers and staff in your community.

By late March, several thousand former Peace Corps volunteers and staff had expressed interest in participating in the conference at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Conference co-sponsors and host countries are already planning individual country seminars and embassy gatherings.

African, Asian, and Latin American leaders will speak about current Third World needs and expectations of the United States' role in development. Subsequent seminars on global issues such as hunger, population, refugees, and environment will bring together prominent experts—including many former volunteers and staff—in each field to discuss the problems, potential solutions, and practical steps which former volunteers and staff can take to help create a climate for problem-solving.

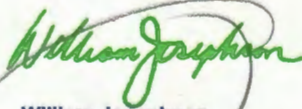
We will also be offering Experiential Workshops for those of you who are involved in community activities. And, for the first time in many years, you will have the opportunity, in a group setting, to learn about and speak out on current and proposed Peace Corps policies.

At a time when many Americans are concerned with the complexities of global issues and interdependencies, you and the other former volunteers and staff who are now making this nation's institutions work are uniquely qualified to bridge the gap in understanding between citizens in our communities and Third World countries.

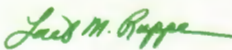
We hope that you will come to the conference, eager to see old friends, share your special perspectives, and gain fresh knowledge about global issues, volunteer networks, and development activities. We hope you will go home with renewed commitment and ideas for helping people in your community understand the critical need to develop human resources in Third World countries.

Gathering for a Peace Corps past worthy of celebration, presents powerful opportunities to shape a Peace Corps future which effectively confronts 21st century problems. We hope to see you on June 19.

Sincerely,



William Josephson
President
Peace Corps Institute



Loret M. Ruppe
Director-Designate
Peace Corps



Fred Thompson
President
National Council of
Returned Peace Corps
Volunteers

Program Notes

Friday, June 19, 1981

Opening Plenary

Convenor: Donna Shalala (RPCV Iran)
President, Hunter College

Co-Sponsors: Fred Thompson (RPCV Turkey)
*President, National Council of Returned Peace Corps
Volunteers*

Thomas Scanlon (RPCV Chile)
Director, Peace Corps Institute

An Agenda for the 80's

Loret M. Ruppe
Director-Designate of the Peace Corps

Expectations of America in the Next Twenty Years

* Speakers: Robert Mugabe
Prime Minister of Zimbabwe

Quett Masire
President of Botswana

The U.S. Stake in World Development

Peter McPherson (RPCV Peru)
Administrator, Agency for International Development

A Latin American Perspective on the United States' Role in Development

* Speakers: Edward Seaga
Prime Minister of Jamaica

Fernando Belaunde Terry
President of Peru

Individual Country Seminars by Country of Service

• Overall Development Situation of Each Country

Economic trends—energy outlook, agricultural production and distribution

Development policies—population, social services, domestic
investment priorities, trade, North-South dialogue issues

Political trends and their impact on development

Social/cultural trends and their impact on development—women in
development, religious revivalism

• Special Issues

Labor migration, refugees, regional concerns

• Relationship of Country with the U.S.

Economic and political

Peace Corps program

Areas where country feels further U.S. action is desired to enhance
prospects for development

* Invited, but not yet confirmed



Saturday, June 20, 1981

Convenor: A prominent RPCV

Broader Implications of Development: Middle-Income Needs

* Speakers: Cardinal Kim
South Korea

Sanee Pramote
Former Prime Minister of Thailand

An Overseas Agenda: How Former Volunteers Can Have an Impact on Development in the 80's

Paul Tsongas (RPCV Ethiopia)
United States Senator

Development Issues Seminars

- Hunger
- Health
- Shelter
- Income Generation
- Energy
- Environment
- World Refugee Considerations
- Women in Development
- International Economic System
- Population

A Domestic Agenda: What RPCV's Can Expect To Do in the U.S. in the 80's

Speech by a prominent RPCV
Presentations by national RPCV groups

Experiential Workshops

Series I: RPCV's and Community Action Skills

- Building the Former Volunteer Group: Organizational Skills
- Building the Former Volunteer Group: Networking
- Utilizing the Media
- Fundraising: Grassroots and Private Sector Strategies
- Building Coalitions

Series II: Current and Future Peace Corps Policies

- Recruitment



- Placement
- Training
- Program Development
- Volunteer Support
- Minorities and the Peace Corps
- Women and the Peace Corps
- Peace Corps and Older Americans
- Peace Corps and the Former Volunteer
- Program Evaluation
- The Peace Corps and its Role in International Development

Series III: RPCV's and Their Relationship to Other Activities in the U.S.

- Peace Corps Partnership Programs
- Peace Corps Institute
- Global Education for Community Awareness
- Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.
- Government-Sponsored Development Education:
The Canadian Model
- Working with International Private Voluntary Organizations
- Galvanizing the Resources of Higher Education
- A Creative Approach to Career Planning

Closing Plenary

Reports and Recommendations from Participants

The Challenge of the Decade

Sargent Shriver

Embassy Programs by Country of Service

On-Going Activities

- Private voluntary agency display booths
- Films on development and Peace Corps
- Exhibits
- Winning photographs from the Peace Corps 20th Anniversary Photo Contest
- Annual general meeting of the National Council of RPCV's, Sunday, June 21 at Howard University



Conference Registration Form

Register me for the 2nd National Conference of Former Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff. Enclosed is my reservation fee of:

- \$25.00 per person (if postmarked on or before June 1)
- \$35.00 per person (if postmarked after June 1)

Please make check or money order payable to Peace Corps Institute and mail to:

Hager, Sharp and Abramson, Inc.
1725 K Street, N.W. #1003
Washington, D.C. 20006

Name: _____
Last First Maiden or Middle

Address: _____

City/State/Zip

Daytime Phone No: _____

Birth Date:* _____
Month/day/year

Social Security #:* _____

Country & Years of PC Service: _____

The following Development Issue Seminar on the morning of June 20 interests me the most: _____

The following 2 Experiential Workshops on the afternoon of June 20 interest me the most: _____

*This information is necessary for clearance at possible White House reception and will be used solely for that purpose.

This form must be received at the above address by June 12, 1981.

Hotel and Housing Reservation Form

Name: _____
Last First Initial

Address: _____

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Hold for Late Arrival:¹ _____

yes no

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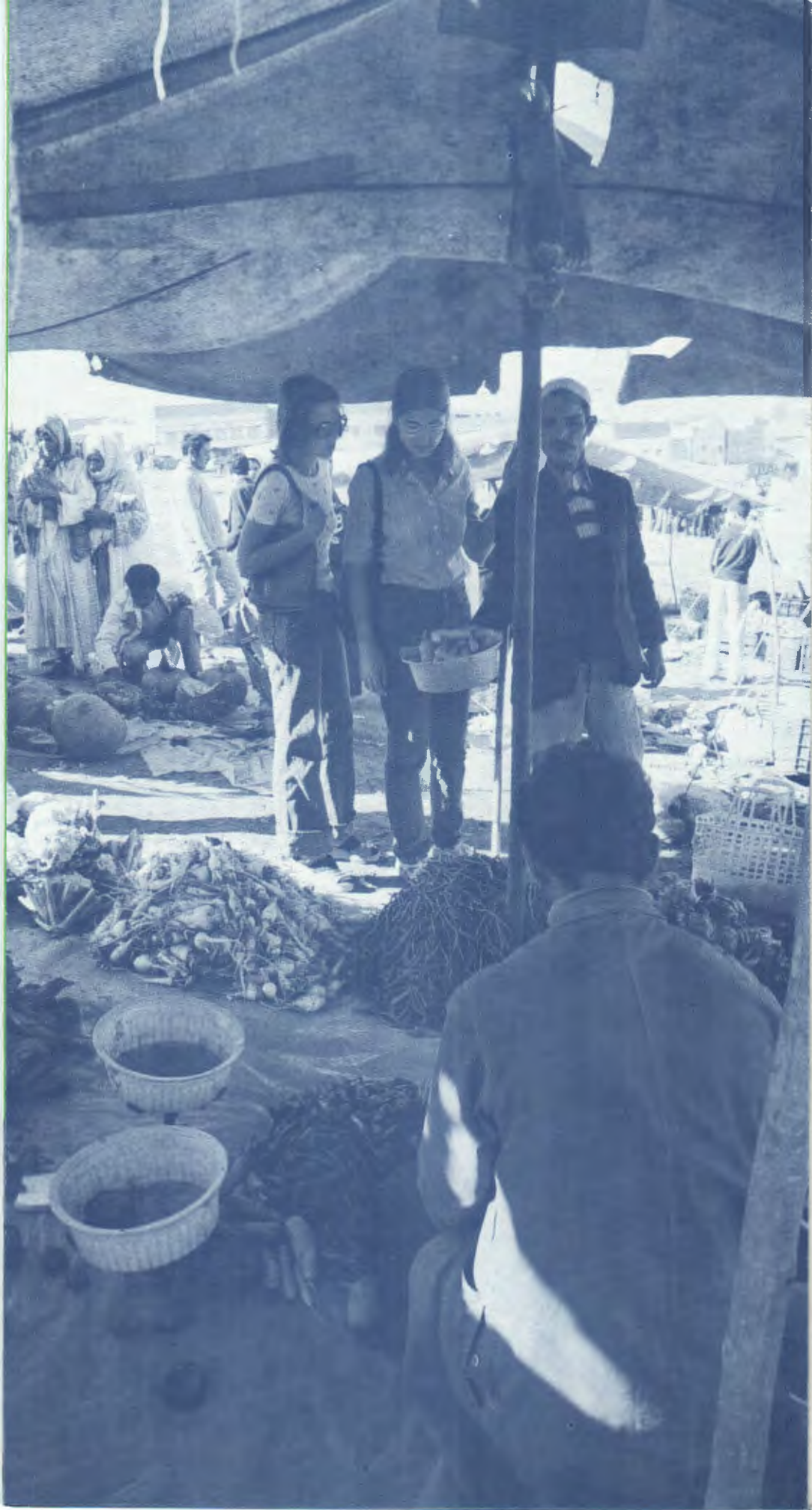
Require Free Housing:³ _____
yes # of persons

- 1) Reservations held until 6:00 p.m., unless request for late arrival is made.
- 2) A one night's deposit is required with this form. Be sure to include your check.
- 3) Please be sure to provide details of your needs.

Please mail this form with your deposit to one of the hotels listed in this brochure.

This form and your deposit must be received by the appropriate hotel or Ms. Miller by May 25, 1981.





Conference Registration Information

The conference will be held at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium, 2400 6th St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

The registration fee is \$35.00 per person. If your registration form is postmarked on or before June 1, the fee is \$25.00 per person. **Conference registration forms must be received by June 12.**

Programs, name tags and conference materials can be picked up on:

- Thursday evening, June 18. A reception with check-in will be held at the Parish House of St. John's Church on Lafayette Square, 1525 H St., N.W., from 5-9:00 p.m.
- Friday morning, June 19. Check-in will be on the 2nd floor of the Blackburn Center of Howard University from 8-9:30 a.m.
- Emergency messages during conference hours only, can be left at (202) 636-7198.

Hotel Accommodations and Housing

Each participant is responsible for his/her own lodging and meal arrangements. Rooms have been reserved in the hotels listed below. **A card for hotel reservations is included in this brochure and must be mailed back to the appropriate hotel with one night's deposit by May 25.**

If you make your hotel reservation by phone, indicate that you are attending the Conference of Former Peace Corps Volunteers and Staff, to qualify for the special rates.

Limited free housing can be arranged for special cases on a first-come, first-served basis. To help place you in free housing, send a note indicating your country and years of service, smoking habits, any disabilities or special needs. Attach note to hotel and housing information card and mail to:

Lynn Miller
Former Volunteer Services
ACTION/Room M-903
806 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20525

Hotels

	No. of Rooms Held	Rates
Howard Inn 2225 Georgia Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 462-5400 (This hotel is closest to Howard University.)	125	Sgl. \$35 Dbl. \$40
International Hotel 10 Thomas Circle, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 842-1300	125	Sgl. \$46 Dbl. \$59
Shoreham-Americana 2500 Calvert Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 (202) 234-0700	100	Sgl. \$45 Dbl. \$50
Anthony House 1823 'L' St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 223-4320	75	Sgl. \$44 Dbl. \$48
Normandy Inn 2118 Wyoming Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008 (202) 483-1350	50	Sgl. \$45 Dbl. \$56
DuPont Plaza 1500 N. Hampshire Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 483-6000	150	Sgl. \$55 \$60/65 Dbl. \$60 \$65/70
Gramercy Inn 1616 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 347-9550 (Full prepayment is required by 5/25/81)	100	Sgl. \$50 Dbl. \$60
Washington Marriott Hotel 1221 22nd St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 872-1500	100	Sgl. \$49 Dbl. \$49
Howard Johnson's 2601 Virginia Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 965-2708	30	Sgl. \$52 Dbl. \$60
Embassy Row 2015 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 265-1600	100	Sgl. \$65 Dbl. \$75

“The Peace Corps is the finest living expression of the purpose and the meaning of America that has ever been put to the field and the test. It really exemplifies the qualities of first-class citizenship.”

Hubert H. Humphrey, 1967

“If they mean to have peace, let it begin here.”

Jack Hood Vaughn, 1969

“For the last twenty years, more than 80,000 volunteers have fought, and often conquered, illiteracy, hunger, poverty and illness in more than 90 countries. Their efforts, dedicated to world peace through international goodwill, have done much to replace fear and mistrust with mutual understanding.

These Americans are past and present Peace Corps volunteers. On this anniversary, and on behalf of all their countrymen, I commend them today for their personal contributions to international friendship and peace.”

Ronald Reagan, 1981

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June 5, 1981

Honorable Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Elizabeth:

Sorry you had to be bothered with another memo--I know how busy you are.

The ACTION General Counsel seems to be very good at sending memos-- I was rather surprised to receive mine detailing the alleged incident and being informed via the memo that copies had already gone to OMB, the White House, etc. This was all done prior to our being notified of the reported telephone conversation so we could take appropriate action immediately. Between the date of the memo and the date of the report to Director Stockman, the ACTION General Counsel met with Peace Corps General Counsel and never raised the issue.

On May 20, the date of the Antosh memo, Mr. LaForge's resignation had already been accepted, and he was due to leave the agency on June 5. Upon my receipt of the Antosh memo on May 26, he was immediately relieved of all responsibilities at the Peace Corps.

Under our reorganization the Peace Corps General Counsel is responsible for Congressional Relations. Al Cook, who served on the Republican staff of the House Judiciary Committee and was recommended to us by Senator Thurmond and Max Friedersdorf among others, has been our new General Counsel since mid-April.

I trust that you appreciate my concern and distress about Mr. Antosh's allegations, and I am particularly grateful to you for your interest in Peace Corps.

With warm wishes,

Sincerely,

Lois Miller Reppe
Director

cc: Honorable Max L. Friedersdorf
Honorable Franklyn C. Kufziger
Honorable David A. Stockman
✓ Mr. Morton C. Flanagan



ACTION Memorandum

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20525

Arthur Fergenson
File

TO : Harriet Lancaster

DATE: July 15, 1981

FROM : Arthur F. Fergenson
Acting General Counsel

Arthur F. Fergenson

SUBJECT: Peace Corps History

While I give ACTION General Counsel clearance, I have the following serious caveat. Although it is true that the Peace Corps was begun under a Democratic Administration, and administered under Democrats for its first eight years, the Peace Corps has long prided itself on the bipartisan support for its mission. The Peace Corps is a particularly valuable tool for any Administration in the conduct of its foreign policy, which is to be "best served by" the Peace Corps programs. Sec. 4(b)(3). The Secretary of State is, in fact, obligated to continuously supervise the Peace Corps, to control the general direction of the Peace Corps programs, and to exercise control by coordinating the operations of the Peace Corps in each country through the State Department's chief representative in the country. Secs. 4(b)(3) and (2). Republicans as well as Democrats have seen the practical value in being able to use the Peace Corps, as they are obligated by law to do, to further the immediate foreign policy aims of the United States. I am therefore puzzled at the relative anonymity of Republicans in the history. Mentioned infrequently, and when mentioned not in memorable terms, the many Republicans who have played crucial roles in the history Peace Corps, are the missing people in the history. The Democrats are conspicuously present in the History. Sargent Shriver is described in a burst of adulation as "intelligent, eloquent and charismatic," a man able "to impart the Peace Corps spirit to everyone he met." p.14. The extensive treatment given to the founding of Peace Corps in the Kennedy Administration, includes a rather overwrought dramatic rendition of the moment when Kennedy urged PC creation. This is followed by a long quote from Democratic Senator Tsongas. Between the two is sandwiched a tribute to the Peace Corps from President Reagan. Senator Robert Kennedy is quoted on p. 5-6, John Kenneth Galbraith on p.9, Robert McNamara as head of the World Bank on pp. 9-10, and John Kennedy again on p.10. Robert McNamara, now as Secretary of Defense, reappears on p.19, Lyndon Johnson is quoted on p.22, Robert Kennedy again on p.23, Jack Vaughn is discussed at p.23 and 24 (along with Shriver again), and quoted at p.25.

Apart from the p.2 quote from President Reagan, the Republicans are not heard from until p.26, where the years 1970-76 are discussed. Blatchford is quoted on p.26. The ACTION Directors are merely listed on p.28, with a statement that President Nixon created ACTION. The Peace Corps Directors of the period are merely listed on the next page. On that page an appearance by Blatchford is balanced by quotes from Shriver and Sam Brown, the latter being the single worst Director of ACTION. A favorable reference to Nixon, attributed to Blatchford (no direct praise allowed), appears on p.30. So ends the Republican era.

The return of the Democrats to Washington under Jimmy Carter is heralded on p.33, in a burst of enthusiasm, and a gaggle of references to prominent Democrats: a quote from Edward Kennedy, and a prominent mention of Jimmy Carter and his mother, Mz. Lillian. No mere list of ACTION Directors accompanies the account of these years. A glowing reference to "Samuel" Brown on p.34 is enhanced by a self-serving quote of his that goes on in embarrassing length. Payton and Celeste are also favorably mentioned. Payton and Ruppe are listed as women on p.38. While Ruppe is quoted as praising President Reagan on p.40, the history characteristically ends on p.41 with a quote from Richard Celeste citing the principles of John Kennedy.

Even if this history was commissioned by the prior regime at Peace Corps, its author was, or should have been aware, that the United States engages in quadrennial elections for the President and Vice President. Ronald Reagan won the election. This account of the history of the Peace Corps is so dramatically and partisanly skewed to the Democratic Party that it should not be published. It should not have been published by the Democrats, and I fail to see why we should either.

cc: Winnie Pizzano
Sam Schulhof
Terry Landolt
Everett Alvarez

ACTION

Congress of the United States
Committee on Foreign Affairs

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

September 4, 1981

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Mr. Thomas Pauken
Director, ACTION
806 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20525

Dear Mr. Pauken:

It has come to my attention that you are planning to travel to Latin America in the near future. While it is my understanding that you will be a member of an Organization of American States delegation on the Inter-American Children's Foundation, the association which will undoubtedly be made with official representation of the Peace Corps is troubling to me.

As you know, the role of the ACTION agency in representing, or appearing to represent the Peace Corps abroad, has been questioned by the Congress for some time. In an effort to limit the role of ACTION personnel in representing the Peace Corps abroad, the conference report on H.R. 3324, the International Development Cooperation Act of 1979, stated specifically that the Director of the Peace Corps should determine what Peace Corps personnel will represent the Peace Corps abroad. Further, it is my understanding that in your confirmation hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, you gave assurances that you would not be directly involved in Peace Corps activities.

Your proposed trip raises several specific questions: Who is funding your trip? Are any Peace Corps funds being used to cover any portion of your expenses? What government officials are you scheduled to meet with, and what are the anticipated subjects of your discussions? Do you plan to meet with Peace Corps staff or volunteers?

In conclusion, I must strongly question your judgment in electing to travel abroad, as it is clearly difficult to separate yourself and your activities from appearance of representing the Peace Corps. I hope you will reconsider your decision.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Chairman

ACTION



Moulton -
Barbara Wyatt from ↗
dropped these notes
off this morning.
She said it was quite
an interesting meeting.
The notes are
fascinating!

September 8, 1981

→ Barbara Hyatt
Meeting with Veterans
Advisory Council - Sacramento
hosted by Assemblyman
Patrick Nolan
Program Discussed full program - see notes
attached

Notes from discussion with the people
on the attached list.

- much insensitivity in the VA to all
veterans, need improvement in communication
between the two
- symptoms of Agent Orange criticized by people
in the Eld Hospital
no follow up after the initial forms
strictly book work
need decent medical treatment
- many are destitute
- many are dependant
- supervisors in business and government
say - do not get involved in veterans problems
- can't get life or health insurance
- vets who have made it have everything to lose
- if advocating Vietnam veterans one is liable to
lose ones job if a government employee; the
same is happening in the Reserves
- many are concerned, but will not get
involved

- great feeling against the Vietnam Memorial
Vietnam does not appear on the
monument
' architect - Chinese - not a veteran as had
been hoped
disgusted with the comment "It was
a project, I don't know much about
the Vietnam War and would not know
a Vietnam veteran if I met one."
- implied contract - government + VA would
help if they would really serve the Vietnam

- young people are watching what is happening to the veteran of Vietnam, why serve the country, if the veterans are left to make it on their own
 - my kids are not going to war, they must leave the country
- program after program has been devised for those who went AWOL and to Canada
- the government must be concerned about the mentally and physically wounded
- don't judge those who served, judge the politician
- not all need to be rehabilitated - don't lump all veterans
 - bureaucracy - stereotypic view
- do something WITH, not FOR or TO
 - no more junk programs
- call them Vietnam combat veteran, not Vietnam era veterans
- no cop/cvn's at most VA hospitals to assist the woman veterans
- a black, woman veteran found it better to say she was an ex-felon rather than a veteran in applying for jobs
- those who are most impacted are not the ones usually queried
- three VA hospitals in Oakland/SF/Sacramento area do not address the real problems
- the VA offered to buy The Viet House for \$35,000 to silence them
- housing problems - real estate people are not attuned to the veteran
 - don't want to bother with a CHL-VET or VA loan
 - can rent, but not buy because they say that those with disability remuneration are not steadily employed

- major problem - enlisted + officers cannot establish a rapport
- enlisted men need to be heard - have good ideas
- many leadership problems in Vietnam
- class feeling - officers - upper middle class
- communication vital
- trouble getting veterans out of the woodwork because there is deep polarization in jobs and housing
- Hollywood - recurrent theme - Vietnam veterans - bad guy

post traumatic stress } used as
Agent Orange } the reason
for bad guy
behaviors

- the quiet groups have been told to yell and scream if they want media attention
- bring people together as veterans, not rank conscious, but for the common cause - America - the general veteran
- when a RIF is faced the Vietnam veteran will be the first to go since they were the last hired
- Cranston amendment to hiring practices was beneficial - 30% ^{or more} disabled must be notified within 15 days for reason of turndown, then veterans were hired in blocks
- not crybabies, just want a fair opportunity in this land they were called to defend

- most real estate people do not want the paper work
- this appears to be a regional problem
- VRA specifically excludes non-^{citizen} US veterans who served with the American forces 20-30,000 fit this category. This is an inequity.
- constantly helping the best people
 - 200,00 more per month, than a 100% disabled American veteran in the grades E4-E7
- 7500 refugees in Sacramento
- some buses going to Reno for gambling are accepting food stamps as payment
- taxpayer money of refugees being put into money orders to Bank of Hong Kong. Injured marines who are serving in the postal department are seeing large sums sent overseas.
- all postal department employees must tell of their disability and then are discharged from their jobs - some kind of behind the scenes operation in underway to fire veterans
 - Sec. 504 Rehabilitation Act - own govt in violation of this provision of law
- 42% of the veterans who go into Viet House ask "point blank" are you fronting for the VA?"
- don't continue to make a wedge between the Vietnam veteran and other veterans
- should have an advisory council within VA hospitals
- Dr. Curtis - Chief Med. Dir. VA. Info circulated, political document, paternalistic attitude for VA
- If one is on active duty, there is an agreement between that person and the govt. The govt must not break that



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OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

November 3, 1981

Mr. Robert B. Carleson
Special Assistant to the President
for Policy Development
Office of Policy Development
208 - OEOB
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Bob:

In response to the President's call for increased emphasis on private sector initiatives and voluntarism, we have decided to re-activate the Working Group on Voluntarism. I will serve as Chairman of the Working Group and will report our results to the Human Resources Secretariat. The Working Group will identify opportunities to use volunteer components in various programs and will examine regulations which inhibit or prohibit the use of volunteers. I ask each of you to identify a representative from your Department to participate in this Working Group and submit their name to me by November 10. The first meeting of the Working Group will be on Tuesday, November 17, at 11:00 in Room 330 Old Executive Office Building.

*Are we
on
this?*

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Pauken,
Director

*this is
what he sent us ?*

cc: Shannon Fairbanks
Gary Bauer

bcc: Morton Blackwell

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11/3/81

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/03/81

Morton -
May I have your
thoughts?

Diana

Due to Charlotte

11/3/81

Received by MB 11/4.
Okay, but not crucial.

INVITATION CHECKLIST

EVENT: ACTION/Conference on Voluntarism in San Francisco

REQUESTED DATE: December 8, 1981

Type of Participation

Keynote Speech ✓
Formal Speech _____
Informal Speech _____
Drop-by _____
Briefing _____
Reception _____
Panel Participation _____
Attend Only _____
Other (specify) _____

Type of Organization

Major National _____
National ✓
Regional _____
State _____
Local _____
Other (specify) _____

Required Travel

Local D.C. _____
D.C. Metro Area _____
In-and-out _____
Overnight ✓
Regional Swing _____

Support In Favor of Event

Personal (EDH/Senator) ✓
White House (_____) _____
Admin. (_____) _____
RNC (_____) _____
Other _____

Travel Budget

White House ✓
RNC _____
Federal Agency _____
N/A _____

Recommendation

ACCEPTANCE:
Top Priority _____
Okay, but not crucial ✓
Personal Preference _____

REGRET:

OPL Surrogate _____
WH Speakers Bureau _____
Presidential Message _____
Thank You _____

Comments:

EHD: _____
ACCEPT: _____
DECLINE: _____



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20525

OCT 30 1981

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Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
Assistant to the President for
Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. *Elizabeth* Dole:

As you know, the White House and ACTION will be co-sponsoring a conference on voluntarism which will be held the 8th of December, 1981, at the Lone Mountain Campus of the San Francisco State University.

We would be honored if you would be a keynote speaker at the conference on December 8th. Please let us know as soon as possible if your schedule will allow you to be with us on that date.

We look forward to your participation.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Pauken
Director

