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WASHINGTON

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Ad. White House  
Eugene J. Devine  
June 2

BRIEFING, ROOM 474, June 2, 1981

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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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BRIEFING

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
AND  
OMB STAFF

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell, Office of  
Public Liaison

JUNE 2, 1981 TUESDAY

11 AM

Room 474

TOPICS: Social Security and how it has an impact  
on military people and their retirement

Morton will greet and introduce three OMB staff.

DAVE KELINBERG, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR - HEALTH AND  
INCOME MAINTAINENCE

Dave will speak first on social security

TOM STANNERS, CHIEF OF PERSONNEL POLICY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL  
SECURITY DIVISION

Tom will speak second on military retirement

RICHARD KUZMACK, BUDGET EXAMINER

Richard will speak last and tie the whole thing together

Then there will be questions and answers.

The OMB staff have to leave at 11:40 , so you must begin promptly at 11:00 AM. The Ad Hoc Committee members have all been cleared and told to arrive a few minutes before 11 and to go directly to Room 474.



# Ad Hoc Committee

## SPEAKERS

- Tom Stanners -

military compensation business

~~for~~ ~~for~~ many years

- OMB since 1962 -

every study of military

involved with

Pres. Lonn. on Military

Compensation

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- Dave Kleinberg -

- OMB - Bureau of the Budget

OMB - since 1968

involved in Social Security

for 5 years

Jim Land  
Neal Nixon

3627-

- Rich Kuzmack -

Analyst with Defense  
Manpower Commission -  
worked with Mathematic on  
military manpower issues

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BRIEFING, ROOM 474, June 2, 1981

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Ad Hoc Committee

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(Veterans group)  
12 May 1987

- Mike Schlee
- Jim Hubbard
- E. H. Cooke, Jr.
- M. J. P. Pitcher
- Annie H. Allen
- Ray Moody
- Bob Moore
- EDWARD J. LAND JR
- Isaac G. Keaton, Jr.
- George Wange
- C. A. MACK MCKINNEY
- WARREN P. BAKER
- E. J. Hammer
- Halley Smith
- Phil Stevens
- Robert Richardson, Sr.
- Frank Conaty, Jr.
- M. L. Lien
- G. F. VENNIKUS
- John P. Shetty
- Phelps Jones

The American Legion  
The American Legion

- American Logistics
- ROA
- ROA
- NATIONAL RIFLE ASS'N
- E. A. N. G. U. S.
- NE RA
- NCO ASSN.
- NAVY LEAGUE
- Marine Corps League
- REA
- AUSA
- ASC.
- AUSA
- TROA
- TROA
- NAV'S
- VEUS



*Ad Hoc  
Comm*

*Cooke & Phillips International*  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNSELORS  
1629 K STREET, N.W., SUITE 306  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006  
(202) 293-1322 | 296-2520

October 7, 1982

BY HAND

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mort:

In constant communication now with Carolyn in your office. It looks as if we can wrap it all up to your liking. The lunch will be at 12:15 on Tuesday, 12 October. We plan to come to your office in the Executive Office Building. You might clear us through the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance. The following names are listed for clearance:

Erle Cocke, Jr.  
Eunice Lesser, Mayor, Junction City  
James Smothers, former Mayor, now Commissioner  
Richard A. Pinaire, City Attorney  
John F. Higgins, City Manager

The Mayor and Mr. Smothers and you and I will actually be the four to eat. We can drop out the City Attorney or the City Manager and let them eat at another location after they have paid a courtesy call on you.

I appreciate the imposition that this will cause, but I think it will be a most satisfactory conversation and a very fine fact finding experience for you.

Sincerely yours,

*Erle*  
Erle Cocke, Jr.

EC:ahm



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October 4, 1982

*Call & arrange  
lunch elsewhere*

*Called -  
will have  
2 guests  
w/ cl with  
names*

BY HAND

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mort:

Through the efficiency of your staff I have already blocked Tuesday, October 12th, for lunch. I hope this date holds up in your very tight schedule.

You once mentioned to me that you would like to have some additional political contacts in Kansas. Cocke & Phillips International has had the honor to represent the City of Junction City, Kansas for a number of years. Because of its proximity to Fort Riley, Kansas, we have been able to help them from time to time.

The mayor, commissioners, city manager, will be in town that day. They make a pilgrimage to Washington at the time of the annual meeting of the Association of the United States Army as well as at the time of the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.

What I propose to do, subject to your confirmation, would be to bring them by your office a few minutes before lunch and then let you host a luncheon at the White House Mess. I will be glad to furnish for you names, titles, Social Security numbers, and birthdays, if they are needed. There are six of them, myself, and of course you or some member of your staff. A table for eight I don't think should be too hard to reserve. The Junction City party can of course eat at the 12:00 o'clock sitting or the 1:00 o'clock sitting, depending on your schedule.

This will afford you an opportunity to talk to a lady mayor and her commissioners. This would give you a good sounding board just before the election. The commissioners of course would be delighted to speak to Mrs. Elizabeth Dole, but they basically want to have lunch at the White House.

Letter to Morton C. Blackwell  
October 4, 1982  
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Mort, you can rest assured that this will be of no expense to you. We just need your sponsorship. This of course is a tremendous prestige item for Junction City and it may afford you the opportunity of some Kansas contacts that you previously had spoken to me about.

Please feel free to designate one of your staff members to maintain liaison over the next week.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erle", written in dark ink.

Erle Cocke, Jr.

EC:ahm



MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL *MB*

Enclosed are copies of the proclamation for National POW/MIA Recognition Day, 1981 and the remarks of the President when he signed this proclamation last week.

I do hope you will use your channels to distribute copies of these properly, since the annual recognition day is coming up on July 17, 1981.

Thank you.

*Sent 6/22*



THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 12, 1981

NATIONAL P.O.W.-M.I.A. RECOGNITION DAY, 1981

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Throughout American history our prisoners of war have been called upon to make uncommon sacrifices. In fulfilling their duty as citizens of the United States they have defended American ideals while suffering unimaginable indignities under the absolute control of the enemy. They remained steadfast even while their treatment contravened international understandings and violated elementary considerations of compassion and morality.

All Americans ought to recognize the special debt we owe to our fellow citizens who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom that we might enjoy the blessings of peace and liberty. Likewise, we must remember the unresolved casualties of war -- our servicemen who are still missing. The pain and bitterness of war endure for their families, relatives and friends -- and for all of us. Our Nation will continue to seek answers to the many questions that remain about their fate.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, July 17, 1981, as National P.O.W.-M.I.A. Recognition Day, a day dedicated to all former American prisoners of war, to those still missing, and to their families. I urge all Americans to join in honoring those who made the uncommon sacrifice of being held captive in war, and to honor as well their loved ones who have also suffered valiantly and patiently. I also call on appropriate officials of the Federal, State and local governments, as well as private organizations, to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fifth.

RONALD REAGAN

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## Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

June 12, 1981

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT  
AT THE NATIONAL POW/MIA  
RECOGNITION DAY PROCLAMATION  
SIGNING CEREMONY

The Rose Garden

3:02 P.M. EDT

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to what I think is a very important and worthwhile signing ceremony here in the Rose Garden. I am pleased that I am going to sign a joint resolution and a proclamation designating July 17th, 1981 National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Brave men and women who have fought for our country should all know that America does remember. It's grateful and we'll always be proud of their courage and honor on the battlefield. And it's fitting that we pay this special tribute to those who so heroically endured the hardships and torture of enemy captivity -- unusual in any war in our history, because it was the longest period that American fighting men have ever been held in captivity. Just the thought of the terrible pain that they suffered and endured should be seared in our memories forever. And let us remember too, that six years after American involvement in Vietnam in the war, we still don't have a full accounting of our missing service men from that conflict -- an accounting that was guaranteed in the Paris Peace Accords that brought the fighting there to an end -- an agreement which has been violated.

Recently, there have been reports that Americans are still being held captive in Indo-China. None of these reports, I'm sorry to say, have been verified, but the world should know that this administration continues to attach the highest priority to the problem of those missing in action. We intend to seek the fullest possible account from the governments involved.

I'm grateful that we have with us here today, one of America's outstanding heroes from the Vietnam war, one of the former prisoners of war and now the Senator from Alabama, Jeremiah Denton, accompanied by his lovely wife Jane. July 17th, it is just 16 years or will be to the day that he was shot down over South East Asia. Now, lest someone think that there's a little confusion there, he was shot down on July 18th, 1965, but when it was the 18th there, on this side of the dateline, it was the 17th. Jeremiah Denton. Who will ever forget on that first night in the first plane that arrived at Clark Field in the Phillipines and he was the first man we saw come down the ramp from the plane, salute our flag, ask God's blessing on America and then thank us for bringing them home.

They're joined here by leaders of the House and Senate, many of their colleagues, Cap Hollenbeck and Bob Dornan, John LeBoutillier and Bill Herndon and John Paul Hammerschmidt and Tom Lantos from the House, and Senator Dennis DeConcini and Bob Dole along with Senator Jeremiah Denton. And now, I'm going to have the happy task of signing the proclamation and the bill.

END

3:06 P.M. EDT

ERLE COCKE, JR.  
*Management Consultant*

SUITE 306  
1629 K STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006  
(202) 293-1322

March 9, 1981

*File  
Ad Hoc Comm*

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Executive Office Building - Room 128  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

It certainly was a pleasure to call on you last Friday. Delighted to see a clear division of authority relative to veterans being set up so early in the Reagan Administration. I was most anxious to make this contact and avail you of the many organizations that would like to be in communication with you.

I am located two blocks away and will be delighted to respond whenever I can be of some assistance to you. I do feel that at an early date you might like to meet with the Ad Hoc Committee so that they will know you and you will know them. These gentlemen seem to be well posted on what's happening, and in the past have been a tremendous source of information on Capitol Hill. Their services are available only for the asking. It generally becomes a very fine 2-way street and eliminates lots of confusion.

I personally would appreciate being put on your mailing list and your invitation list. I have found this to be helpful in the past. I can't make all of the forums but will make as many as possible. The information becomes quite accumulative and allows you to be up-to-date when a request for support comes. This applies not only to the veterans community but to the business community as well.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Erle Cocke, Jr.*

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EC:ahm