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Jack Flynt

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Commander of

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OCT 19 1981

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

Dear Mrs. Dole:

I write to support the request of the American Legion for their new National Commander, Jack Flynt of Texas, to see the President prior to his trip overseas. Commander Flynt also wishes to present to the President a copy of the Legion's 1981-82 Resolutions.

There is a long tradition of the President of the United States receiving the Legion's National Commander before he leaves on his annual overseas trip to visit America's military installations and organizations. Commander Flynt leaves November 1 and would be available to meet with President Reagan anytime from October 26-October 29.

In light of this tradition and the Legion's recent action supporting the President's AWAC's position, it would be entirely appropriate and timely for this brief visit. The VA's Deputy Administrator Designate, Chuck Hagel, has discussed this matter with your Deputy, Red Cavaney.

Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated. I believe arranging this meeting would be particularly helpful to the President at this difficult time when he needs the enthusiastic support and understanding of all Americans, but especially veterans because of the national security issues at stake.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

ROBERT P. NIMMO
Administrator

CHAGEL:cw/10/19/81

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Copies to EHD
Red

Morton Blackwell

Diana Lozano File

Charlotte/Martha

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

1/11/82

TO: ELIZABETH DOLE
FROM: GREGORY *J.* NEWELL
SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

PLEASE IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING AND NOTIFY AND CLEAR ALL PARTICIPANTS. THE BRIEFING PAPER AND REMARKS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO RICHARD DARMAN BY 3 P.M. OF THE PRECEDING DAY.

MEETING: Courtesy call by Jack Flynt, National Commander, The American Legion

DATE: February 16, 1982

TIME: 11:45 am

DURATION: 5 minutes

LOCATION: Oval Office

REMARKS REQUIRED: To be included in briefing paper

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Photographer

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: No *Netta*

cc: A. Bakshian
M. Brandon
R. Darman
R. DeProspero
K. Duberstein
D. Fischer
C. Fuller
C. Gerrard
E. Hickey
L. Nofziger
B. Shaddix
L. Speakes
S. Studdert
N. Wormser
WHCA Audio/Visual
WHCA Operations
A. Wrobleski

The American Legion

★ WASHINGTON OFFICE ★ 1608 'K' STREET, N. W. ★ WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 ★
(202) 861-2711 ★



OFFICE OF THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*file ~~both~~ copies
in both Am. Leg
and Volunteerism files*

February 18, 1982

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison
Room 191
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Thank you for all your help in arranging the visit for the National Commander to see the President of the United States. As you well know, National Commander Flynt had a productive visit with the President and on behalf of our entire membership I wish to thank you.

Enclosed is a copy of the volunteerism statement that was presented to the President which you requested.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mylio S. Kraja".

Mylio S. Kraja
Executive Director

Enclosure

The American Legion--one of the world's largest non-profit, voluntary organizations--applauds the Administration's efforts at controlling federal spending through increased reliance upon volunteerism and community service. We believe the efficient use of volunteers and voluntary organizations is a potent alternative to inappropriate or unnecessary federal dollars. And we share the Administration's belief that the United States--more than any other country--is the land of private, voluntary initiatives for the public good.

This belief is reinforced by statistics which reveal fully three people in ten are presently engaged in volunteer activities--more than 40 million Americans. This translates into a work force of over 3.5 million persons working full time for a year. If these volunteers were to be paid for these efforts, one would be faced with a \$36 billion annual payroll.

The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary have made an important contribution to the Nation's volunteer effort. In the last year alone, many of the Legion/Auxiliary's 3.5 million members achieved the following through their volunteer efforts:

- *2,237,256 hours of volunteer service at Veterans Administration Hospitals
- *281,732 pints of blood donated to The American Red Cross
- *5,606,713 hours of volunteer service to the community
- *33,785 unemployed veterans successfully aided in finding jobs

Since The American Legion and its Auxiliary first began assisting American's children, they have expended almost \$500 million in direct assistance, plus support of 1,500 scouting units, Special Olympics Program, Legion Baseball, Boys & Girls State, Oratorical Contests and a host of others. In 1981, the Legion expended more than \$21 million to support these programs.

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members have always been among the first to volunteer for the good of their Nation. We know that such service to our country will continue. We also feel that, if we are to succeed in increasing the impact of volunteerism on this Nation, some areas of federal policy will

require restructuring and renewed study.

As presently administered, many of the tax reforms realized in the Economic Recovery Program effect only individual contributors and do not address the tax-relief needs of large non-profit organizations whose primary objective is generating volunteer activities. We feel money raised by non-profit, volunteer oriented groups like ourselves should be considered for certain exemptions from the IRS, such as removal of severe restrictions on "unrelated business income" resulting from legitimate fund raising for community service projects. Taxation policies should also recognize expenses incurred by individual volunteers by allowing increased mileage deductions (at least as much as for business activities), deduction of membership dues, etc.

By far the greatest hindrance to The American Legion's altruistic mission are ever increasing, inconsistent postal rates; the effect of which reduces the ability of all non-profit, volunteer oriented organizations to communicate with their members. Continuous communication is vital to improving volunteerism; with skyrocketing costs, including postal service increases, our ability to communicate with our volunteers is seriously hampered.

Further, copyright (royalty) laws which require the payment of fees for the playing of music at local Legion posts reduces the funds proportionately that the Local Post would use in its community service projects. This is another example of federal laws which discourage non-profit, volunteer oriented organizations from filling the void left by federal budget cuts.


The 3.5 million members of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary represent a wealth of expertise on volunteerism that we believe can be of invaluable assistance. For we know, better than most, that the continued review of policies affecting volunteerism is essential if this Administration hopes to revitalize the ethics of fellowship and charity. The American Legion pledges its support and offers its assistance to the Administration's new direction on volunteerism in America.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID FISCHER

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Gifts from the Reserve Officers Association
and the American Legion

Here is the information on the gifts presented by the two veterans groups to the President this morning:

Major General Evan Hultman of the Reserve Officers Association gave the President four ROA mugs, two of which read "The President" and two of which read "Nancy". His address is:

Reserve Officers Association of the United States
Minute Man Memorial Building
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

National Commander Jack Flynt of the American Legion presented the President with a bound copy of the resolutions from the 1981 National Convention of the American Legion in Hawaii. His address is:

The American Legion
1608 "K" Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Commander Flynt of the American Legion also spoke to the President about taxation of unrelated income for Legion auxiliaries and about increasing the mileage allotment from 9¢ a mile to 20¢ a mile for Legionnaires involved in private sector initiatives. The Legion officers will send me more information on these two issues, and I will work up through channels an appropriate draft response from the President to Commander Flynt.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

January 8, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE *EHD*

REQUEST: To introduce the new American Legion Commander.

PURPOSE: To introduce the new National Commander of the largest veterans organization to the President, present the resolutions of the American Legion Annual Convention to the President, and to discuss matters of national security concern.

BACKGROUND: The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is the largest and best known veterans' group. They actively supported the passage of the President's Bipartisan Budget Resolution, the tax cut package, and the AWACS sale.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. He was unable to attend the 1981 American Legion Annual Convention in Hawaii and has not met with the new National Commander.

DATE: February 15, 16, 17, or 18, 1982.

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 10 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: National Commander Jack Flynt
Executive Director Mylio Kraja
Aide to National Commander, Jack Tancred

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President greets the new National Commander, receives a bound copy of the resolutions from the American Legion's annual convention.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Welcome and thanks for support.

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer.

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Ken Duberstein, Lyn Nofziger, Ed Hickey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Sent to
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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 21, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: To introduce the new American Legion Commander.

PURPOSE: To have the new National Commander of the largest veterans organization meet the President, present the resolutions from the American Legion annual convention to the President, and to discuss matters of national security concern.

BACKGROUND: The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is by far the largest and best known Veterans group. They actively supported the passage of the President's Bipartisan Budget Resolution, the tax cut package, and the AWACS sale.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. He was unable to attend the 1981 American Legion Annual Convention in Hawaii and has not met with the new National Commander.

DATE: February 15, 16, 17, or 18 in 1982.

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 15 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: National Commander Jack Flynt
Executive Director Mylio Kraja
Aide to National Commander, Jack Tancred

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President greets the new National Commander, receives a bound copy of the resolutions from the American Legion's annual convention.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Max Friedersdorf, Lyn Nofziger,

OPPOSED BY: *Ed Hickey*

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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BACKGROUND: The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is by far the largest and best known Veterans group. They actively supported the passage of the President's Bipartisan Budget Resolution and have been very supportive and cooperative. *The Tax cut package and the AWACs sale.*

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. He was unable to attend the 1981 American Legion Annual Convention in Hawaii and has not met with the new National Commander.

DATE: February 15, 16, 17, or 18 in 1982.

LOCATION: Oval Office

DURATION: 15 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: National Commander Jack Flynt
Executive Director Mylio Kraja
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MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 2, 1981

TO: Red

FROM: Morton

We checked with Gregg Newell's office and they asked for us to send them another schedule proposal with the new dates.

Mylio Kraja keeps calling from the American Legion and really hopes that the President can meet with their National Commander before the Commander leaves on his trip to the Far East.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/04/81

Morton,

Red got a call regretting this
invitation last night.

It wouldn't fly because the
veterans groups have just recently
met with the President.

Done

OCT 19 1981



**Veterans
Administration**

October 19, 1981

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



Dear Mrs. Dole:

I write to support the request of the American Legion for their new National Commander, Jack Flynt of Texas, to see the President prior to his trip overseas. Commander Flynt also wishes to present to the President a copy of the Legion's 1981-82 Resolutions.

There is a long tradition of the President of the United States receiving the Legion's National Commander before he leaves on his annual overseas trip to visit America's military installations and organizations. Commander Flynt leaves November 1 and would be available to meet with President Reagan anytime from October 26-October 29.

In light of this tradition and the Legion's recent action supporting the President's AWAC's position, it would be entirely appropriate and timely for this brief visit. The VA's Deputy Administrator Designate, Chuck Hagel, has discussed this matter with your Deputy, Red Cavaney.

Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated. I believe arranging this meeting would be particularly helpful to the President at this difficult time when he needs the enthusiastic support and understanding of all Americans, but especially veterans because of the national security issues at stake.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Bob Nimmo'.

ROBERT P. NIMMO
Administrator

*Request
6:55a
11/3/81*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

October 23, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: To introduce the new American Legion Commander.

PURPOSE: To have the new National Commander of the largest veterans organization meet the President, present the resolutions from the American Legion annual convention to the President, and to discuss with the President a trip that the National Commander is making to the Far East in November, 1981.

BACKGROUND: The American Legion, with 2.7 million members, is by far the largest and best known veterans group. They actively supported the passage of the President's Bipartisan Budget Resolution and have been very supportive and cooperative.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: The President is a life member of the American Legion. He was unable to attend the 1981 American Legion annual convention in Hawaii and has not met the new National Commander.

DATE: November 4, 5, or 6.

LOCATION: Oval Office

DURATION: 10 minutes

PARTICIPANTS: National Commander Jack Flynt
Executive Director Mylio Kraja
Aide to National Commander, Jack Tancred

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: The President greets the new National Commander, receives a bound copy of the resolutions from the American Legion's annual convention.

REMARKS REQUIRED: Welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Lyn Nofziger, Robert Nimmo

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 6, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal of American Legion Commander

Because of the problems relating to the American Legion which I discussed in my memo to you yesterday, I would appreciate you forwarding on to Greg Newell the attached memo to him.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 6, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR GREGORY NEWELL

THRU: ELIZABETH DOLE

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL

SUBJECT: Schedule Proposal of American Legion Commander

Attached is a copy of the schedule proposal we submitted to you last month regarding a meeting between the President and the new National Commander of the American Legion, Jack Flynt.

As you can see from the attached memo to Mrs. Dole, we have had some difficulty meeting the request of the American Legion for a slot on the Presidential Commission, American Battle Monuments.

This does not amount to much in the great scope of world events, but it has endangered our very carefully cultivated relationship with this 2.7 million member organization.

As you know, the Legion broke all past precedent by actively campaigning in behalf of the President's economic recovery bill last year. Many members of the Congress are very responsive to the infrequent requests they get from this massive grass-roots organization. There will undoubtedly be times this year when the Legion will need to make decisions whether or not to support the President's program.

I think it very much in the President's interest that we accomodate their request for a mid-February meeting of their new National Commander with the President.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 21, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

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DATE: February 15, 16, 17, or 18 in 1982.

LOCATION: Oval Office DURATION: 15 minutes

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Welcome and thanks for support

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House photographer

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole , Max Friedersdorf, Lyn Nofziger,
Ed Hickey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 5, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ELIZABETH H. DOLE

THRU: DIANA LOZANO

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: American Legion and V.F.W. Problems

I received a call today from Mylio Kraja asking about appointments to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

You will recall that I forwarded through you the names of Mylio Kraja of the American Legion and Cooper Holt of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both of whom had this commission as their first choice when I contacted them about boards and commissions per your request.

We received today, after my call from Mylio Kraja, the attached list of the eleven appointees who will fill this board. Neither Kraja or Holt is on the list.

This morning Kraja told me that it had been traditional for the Legion and other veterans groups to be represented on this commission. The previous American Legion representative was informed recently of his termination.

The failure of this office to obtain board or commission appointments for any of the people we recommend through channels is made more conspicuous because we asked supporters in our constituency groups for their preferences.

This situation is exacerbated by the fact that we have just bumped off the commission the past National Commander of the American Legion, Alfred P. Chamie. Chamie was first appointed in November of 1971. I am told that he was chief counsel to the movie industry. He was also next door neighbor to the Reagans in California.

I am taking it upon myself to have Mike Farrell recommend an appropriate commission now for Chamie. Farrell had offered a slot on an advisory commission to the VA Administrator but Chamie was not interested.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary
(Los Angeles, California)

For Immediate Release

December 29, 1981

The President today announced his intention to appoint the following individuals to be Members of the American Battle Monuments Commission:

FRANCIS J. BAGNELL, is Resident Manager of Fahnestock & Company (investment bankers) in Dala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. He was Senior Vice President, New York Stock Exchange, in 1967-70.

ESTHER "KITTY" BRADLEY, is an author and television writer. She is the widow of former General of the Army Omar N. Bradley. She resides in Los Angeles, California.

GENERAL MARK WAYNE CLARK, U.S. Army (Retired). He is President Emeritus of The Citadel Military College and was Commanding General of U.S. Armed Forces in the Far East in 1949-52. He resides in Charleston, South Carolina.

AUBREY O. COOKMAN, was formerly Director of Public Affairs, Universal Oil Products Company, Des Plaines, Illinois. He is currently retired and resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

REXFORD C. EARLY, is Secretary-Treasurer, Mid-States Engineering Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. He resides in Indianapolis, Indiana.

WILLIAM E. HICKEY, is an attorney in Quincy, Massachusetts, specializing in Real Estate Law and Estate Planning and Probate Law. He resides in Quincy, Massachusetts.

ARHISTEAD JONES MAUPIN, is Senior Partner, Maupin, Taylor & Ellis (attorneys) in Raleigh, North Carolina. He resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.

JOHN C. McDONALD, is Senior Partner, McDonald, Keller & Brown (attorneys) in Dallas Center, Iowa. He resides in Dallas Center, Iowa.

FREDA J. POUNDSTONE, is a homemaker in Englewood, Colorado. She is an active Republican and was involved in the Reagan for President Campaign in 1980.

MAJOR GENERAL EDWIN BLISS WHEELER, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired). He was Deputy Secretary of Health and Welfare, State of California, in 1972-74. He resides in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

LAURENCE A. WRIGHT, is Senior Partner, Gravel, Shea & Wright, Ltd. in Burlington, Vermont. He resides in South Burlington, Vermont.

NAME

POSITION APPLIED FOR

STATUS

BACKGROUND

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D. C.

American Battle Monuments;
Air and Space Museum;
Intelligence Oversight Board
Advisory Board

Executive Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the largest of all the veterans' organizations and supporter of the President during the campaign. He issued a formal endorsement of the budget resolution and worked actively on its passage and has been supportive of the tax package.

Mylio
D. C.

American Battle Monuments;
Armed Forces Museum Advisory Bd.;
Air & Space Museum Advisory Bd.

Should be read

Executive Director of the Washington office of the American Legion, one of the largest of the veterans organizations. He issued a formal endorsement of the budget resolution and worked actively on its passage and has been supportive of the tax package. He has been very cooperative & testified in favor of the VA Administrator, R. Nimmo.

Daniel C.
Gen'l
D. C.

Strategy Council

Heads a PAC and works with American Security Council, the largest pro-defense lobby. Former head of Defense Intelligence Agency.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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add
Robert Spanogle,
National Adjutant

January 26, 1982

Dear Morton:

Here is the information concerning our visit to the Oval Office.

If there is any further instructions please call me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Mylio".

MYLIO S. KRAJA
Executive Director

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to Mrs. Dole
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500


Morton
Blackwell

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 12, 1982

MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION

DATE: February 16, 1982
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 11:50 A.M. - 11:55 A.M.
FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole 

I. PURPOSE

To greet the new National Commander of the American Legion, Jack Flynt, and to receive the resolutions from the Legion's 1981 annual convention.

II. BACKGROUND

The American Legion with 2.6 million members is the largest veterans group. They actively supported your Administration's economic program and the AWACS sale.

You are a life member of the American Legion.

III. PARTICIPANTS

Jack Flynt, National Commander
Robert Spangle, National Adjutant
Mylio Kraja, Executive Director
Jack Tancred, Aide to National Commander

IV: PRESS PLAN

White House photographer.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 11:50 A.M. You greet your guests and exchange brief remarks.
- 11:53 A.M. You receive the resolutions from the Legion's convention from Jack Flynt, and pose for pictures in front of the fireplace.
- 11:55 A.M. Your guests depart.

Attachment: Talking Points

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH
THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

- Congratulations on your election as National Commander of the American Legion.

- I want to thank you for the Legion's active support of my Administration's economic program and the AWACS sale.

- Please extend my best wishes to your 2.6 million members. Our country is deeply indebted to them. I can assure you my Administration is committed to maintaining high quality health care for veterans.

- We have proposed an increase of \$530 million in the medical care budget for veterans in 1983. We have suggested the addition of 1259 new employees. These increases will provide for the activation of two new replacement hospitals, a new outpatient clinic and four new nursing homes.