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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 19, 1983

Dear Mr. McDermott:

Your request for a representative from the Administration to speak at the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors on either October 13th or 14th has been under consideration.

Unfortunately, I truly regret to have to inform you that due to the extremely heavy scheduling commitments of our speakers for those dates, I have been unable to secure an appropriate member of the Administration to speak before your fall conference.

Thank you for your interest and your kind understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Hutton
Acting Director
Speakers Bureau

Mr. John H. McDermott, Sr.
President
Michigan Association of
County Veterans Counselors
820 East Grand River
Howell, MI 48843

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON, Speakers Bureau

SUBJECT: SPEAKERS REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event: Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors' Annual Fall Conference

Date: October 13 and 14, 1983

Location: Howell, MI

Background: See attached correspondence.

RECOMMEND ACCEPT

RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE STAFF

RECOMMEND REGRET

RECOMMEND CABINET MEMBER

RECOMMEND SUB-CABINET MEMBER

COMMENTS:

Your response is needed by: September 1, 1983.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 26, 1983

Dear Mr. McDermott:

Your request for a representative from the Administration to attend the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors' Fall Conference on October 12-13, 1983, has been forwarded to this office.

Your request is being considered, and I will be in touch with you shortly to discuss the possibility of obtaining a member of the Administration to speak before your conference.

Thank you for your interest, and I look forward to working with you on this event.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Hutton
Acting Director
Speakers Bureau

Mr. John H. McDermott, Sr.
President
Michigan Association of
County Veterans Counselors
820 East Grand River
Howell, MI 48843

August 24, 1983

Dear Mr. McDermott:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for inviting him to attend the annual Fall Conference of the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors scheduled to be held, October 13th and 14th.

Although he would like to join you, the President's heavy schedule precludes his going so. With regard to your request for a surrogate, I am forwarding your message to the Spokesman Bureau and they will be in touch with you regarding the possibility of a representative.

In the meantime, the President has asked me to express his gratitude for your thoughtfulness in writing and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. John H. McDermott, Sr.
President
Michigan Association of
County Veterans Counselors
820 East Grand River
Howell, MI 48843

cc: w/inc copy to Judy Ford

FJR:SM:plr
FJR-24A

Scheduled
Oct (13-14)

Michigan Association
of
County Veterans Counselors



820 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843
(517) 546-6338
August 11, 1983

FJR-241A

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

This letter is written to invite the President or his representative to attend our annual Fall Conference. The Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Howell, Michigan on the 13th and 14th of October, 1983.

The Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors is comprised of directors and counselors of veterans affairs throughout our Great State. We are dedicated and determined to better serve those who served. We are the ones who meet the veteran and his family on a "one to one" basis. We endeavor to alleviate some of the problems engendered when dealing with a huge bureaucracy like the Veterans Administration. They are our friends and neighbors, therefore a fine rapport is established.

Mr. President, this invitation is not forwarded with a false sense of egomania. I fully realize I am writing to the man who has the most responsible position on this earth and to whom even seconds are priceless. For me to expect this man would be able to attend would certainly be an exercise in fantasy.

Mr. President, this letter is submitted at this time primarily to express the confidence and support the President has from our organization. This feeling is prevalent among veterans. The President, I know, is aware of the support the Veterans of America gave to him in 1980. Mr. Reagon was the candidate that spoke to, for and of those who had served to protect this Great America. The rehabilitation and restoration of our Armed Forces is a feat that will linger long in our memories.

Mr. President, stay strong. Keep the country strong and respected. The vermin that slink about the world infecting nations with their communist bacteria must be crushed. When compared to Communism, Attila the Hun stands as a choir boy.

Mr. President, thank you for this visit, and I thank God for the America that permits "John Doe" private citizen to write to the President. To serve this great America is a priviledge and an honor. I spent over twenty years in the U.S. Marine Corps. My son served in the Corps and now my grandson is a member of the Marine Unit in Lebanon.

May you continue in excellent health with God's blessing and may the wind be always to your back, I remain

Respectfully,


John H. McDermott, Sr.

President

Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors

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