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Sumner Vale	Blinded Veterans Assoc.	347-4010
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Raymond J. Williams	Catholic War Veterans	
Herbert J. Sweet	Fleet Reserve Assoc.	785-2768
Joan Alpert	Jewish War Veterans	265-6280
Lt. Gen. C.M. Talbott	Military Order of the World Wars	296-3923
Frank Feeney	Regular Veterans Assoc.	362-6925
Mylio Kraja	American Legion	861-2711
June Willenz	American Veterans Comm.	293-4890
Col. George F. Hennrikus	Retired Officers Assoc.	549-2311
Gen. Milnor Roberts	Reserve Officers Assoc.	479-2200
Capt. Robert Beskind	Naval Reserve Assoc.	548-5800
Ann Griffiths or Carol Bates	National League of Families	223-6846
Col John Sheffey	National Assoc. for Uniformed Services	750-1342
Col. Erik Johnson	Assoc. of the U.S. Army	841-4300
Earl Marshall	Air Force Sergeants Assoc.	899-3500
James A. McDonnell Jr.	Air Force Association	637-3300
Cooper Holt	Veterans of Foreign Wars	543-2239
Norman Hartnett	Disabled American Veterans	554-3506
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November 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR RED CAVANEY

FROM MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Meeting of Veterans with Harry Walters

As I reported to you yesterday our meeting for twenty-seven veterans leaders with Harry Walters was a success. They like him, as the press reports have indicated.

Administrator Nimmo may have done us a parting favor, however, with his somewhat maladroit recent criticism of waste at the VA. There was a general recognition that truly wasteful spending ought not be defended. This was the first time in almost two years of meetings with veteran group leaders that I have heard an admission that economies may be justifiable at the VA.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

November 22, 1982

The President today announced his intention to nominate Harry N. Walters to be Administrator of Veterans Affairs. He would succeed Robert P. Nimmo.

He has been serving as Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of Defense, since June 1981. Mr. Walters was President and Chief Executive Officer of Potsdam Paper Corporation in Potsdam, New York, in 1977-1981; Management Consultant, Howard Paper Mills Inc., Dayton, Ohio, in 1976-1977; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Standard Paper Manufacturing Company, Richmond, Virginia, in 1975-1976; National Sales and Marketing Manager, Plainwell Paper Company in 1971-1973; and Accounts Manager for Publication Papers, Kimberly Clark Corporation in 1969-1971.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York (B.S., 1959) where he was fullback on the last undefeated Army football team and received Honorable Mention, All-American Honors. He served in the United States Army from 1959-1962; from 1960-1962, he served in Hawaii and Thailand with the First Battle Group, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserves from November 1962-April 1968; in 1963-1964 he served in the U.S. Army Reserves Special Forces, the remainder of his tenure in the Army Reserves was spent in Ready Reserves.

He is married, has two children and resides in McLean, Virginia. He was born July 4, 1936.

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WALTERS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER AND RESERVE
AFFAIRS). WE BELIEVE HE WOULD BE A THOROUGHLY CAPABLE ADMINISTRATOR
FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND ARE PLEASED TO RECOMMEND HIM
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT F COCKLIN EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT ASSOCIATION
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Meeting to introduce Everett Alvarez to veterans organization leaders -- Thursday, July 8, 1982, 10 a.m., *Indian Treaty Room 474*

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 Blinded Veterans Assoc. - Sumner Vale 347-4010
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 - J. Elliot Williams
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 - E.J. Newbold *Newbold*
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 - Arthur Kilchowski

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Air Force Sergeants Assoc. - Earl Marshall, Jr. 899-3500

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National Assoc. for Uniformed Services - Col. John P. Sheffey 750-1342

National Assoc. of State Directors of Veterans Affairs A. Leo Anderson 737-5050

~~National Black Veterans Org.~~ - ~~Frederick L. Jones~~ 842-2900

National League of Families - Ann Griffiths 223-6846

Naval Reserve Assoc. - RADM James E. Forrest 548-5800

Reserve Officers Assoc. - Maj. Gen J. Milnor Roberts 479-2200

Retired Officers Assoc. - Lt. Gen. LeRoy J. Manor 549-2311

~~Vietnam Veterans Foundation~~ - ~~Tom Wincek~~ 751-3797

~~Vietnam Veterans Memorial~~

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 4, 1982

TO: Ramona Smith

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

Thank you for scheduling the Family Theater for Friday, November 5, from 2:30 to 3:30. The meeting will be with 30 top leaders of various veterans organizations. My staff will take care of the clearance list as soon as we have all the acceptances.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 29, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: ELIZABETH DOLE
THROUGH: HELENE VON DAMM
FROM: MARYANN URBAN *MALUrban*
SUBJECT: Meetings with Veterans' Organizations

The individuals with whom I met this past Wednesday to discuss potential candidates for the Administrator of Veterans Affairs were the following:

Cooper Hohlt
Executive Director
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Mylio Kraja
Executive Director
American Legion

Norman (Gabby) B. Hartnett
National Director for Services
Disabled American Veterans

I indicated to them that we would be setting up follow-up meetings with them when we had narrowed our choice. I understand from Red Cavaney that the follow-up meeting may be set for Tuesday, November 2, 1982. I would be most pleased to assist in any way possible.

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Morton -
Let's set up a
meeting, say on
follow up with
ones you may want to
include. 11/3, as a
Also, let's talk
about when we should
talk about new selection
prog. I'll call*

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Honorable Ronald Reagan
 The White House
 Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

My colleague, Alan K. Simpson, Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and other members of the Senate have asked that you nominate the Committee's Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Thomas E. Harvey, to become the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. I heartily endorse this proposed nomination.

I personally have worked directly with Tom Harvey in addressing any number of issues of special concern to veterans. He brings to his work a professionalism, an understanding of the veterans constituency, and a familiarity in dealing with the Hill that would serve you well.

In addition, Tom Harvey has an impressive Vietnam combat record. I consider it an important qualification for this position that the Administrator have wartime service. That he is highly decorated, as is Tom, can only further enhance his dealings with this nation's veterans on issues of importance to them.

As Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Tom has had an opportunity to work with all the major veterans' organizations. I am sure I need not emphasize to you the importance of such a working relationship with the veterans' national service organizations.

Sincerely,


 G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY
 Chairman

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI
ALASKA

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The President
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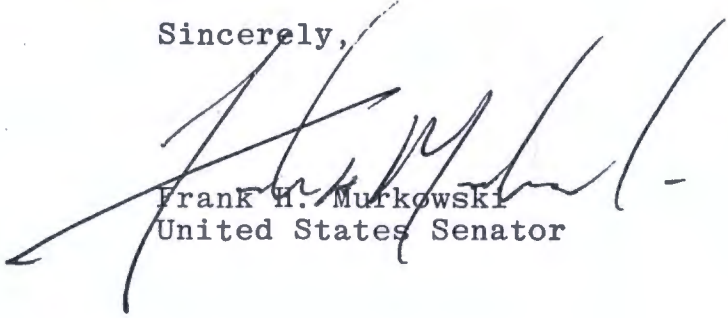
Mr. President:

I am writing in reference to the position of Administrator of the Veterans Administration (VA) which will be vacated by the resignation of Mr. Nimmo at the end of this year.

It is my understanding that you received a letter yesterday from 17 other Senators expressing their hope that a selection for this opening would be made as rapidly as possible and that you would select Mr. Tom Harvey, Staff Director of the Senate Veterans Committee, for the position. I want to join with my fellow colleagues and express my concurrence with the views expressed in this letter. I have a high regard for Tom after having worked with him on the Committee, and I believe he should be considered for this appointment.

With best regards.

Sincerely,



Frank H. Murkowski
United States Senator

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THOMAS E. HARVEY
CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 8, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

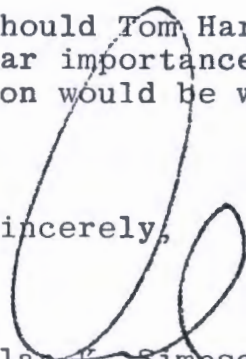
On November 5th, several of my colleagues joined me in writing to you to urge the appointment of Tom Harvey as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Since that time, several others have asked that their names be added to that request.

I have every confidence that, should Tom Harvey be nominated to this position of singular importance to this Nation's veterans, your Administration would be well served.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



Alan K. Simpson
United States Senator

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

November 5, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Since the announced resignation of Robert Nimmo as Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, you have been urged by several of our colleagues to appoint a highly qualified successor at the earliest possible time. This is absolutely essential given the fact that it is during this period that the budget for the Veterans' Administration is being formulated. Without an active and articulate spokesman for programs of particular importance to veterans, we are concerned that those programs could be in jeopardy.

In addition to our colleagues' expressions of concern, this same concern has been expressed by the major veterans' organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans and AMVETS. The National Executive Committee of the American Legion recently adopted a resolution encouraging you to immediately nominate a replacement for Administrator Nimmo. The Legion's resolution specifically urges the nomination of "a wartime veteran who has demonstrated compassion for his fellow veterans, who has demonstrated a clear understanding of the needs of those veterans, whose background clearly suggests that he will be a willing and effective spokesman for veterans..."

In this regard, we urge you to closely consider the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, whose nomination was proposed to you on October 14 by Committee Chairman, Senator Alan K. Simpson. Tom Harvey is a wartime veteran, having served two and one-half years in Vietnam as an infantry officer. He is highly decorated, having received both the Silver Star and the Purple Heart during that service.

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The President

His tenure as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Committee gives him a particularly keen insight into the needs of our nation's veterans. His dealings with the professional staffs of the major veterans' organizations during his tenure should assure them that he would, in fact, be an effective spokesman for their concerns. Our knowledge of him assures us that with Tom in that position, your programs would be effectively and loyally carried out.

We urge you at the earliest possible time to nominate Thomas E. Harvey for the position of Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

Most sincerely,

/S/ Al Simpson
Alan K. Simpson, U.S.S.

/S/ Malcolm Wallop
Malcolm Wallop, U.S.S.

/S/ Rudy Boschwitz
Rudy Boschwitz, U.S.S.

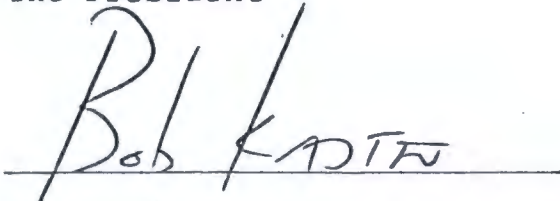
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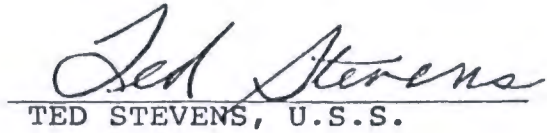
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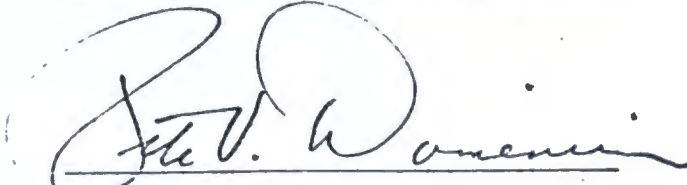
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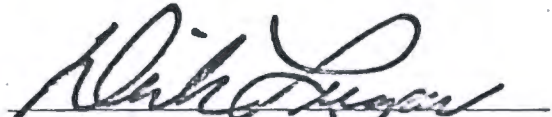
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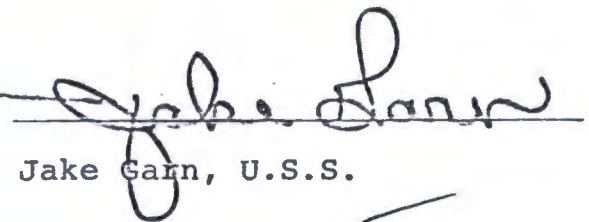
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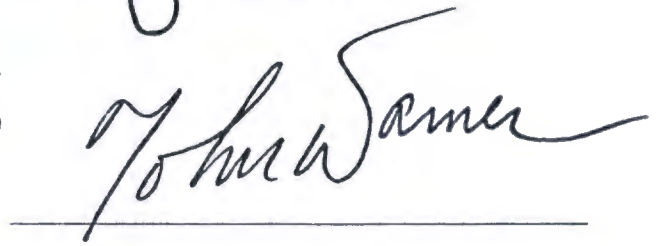
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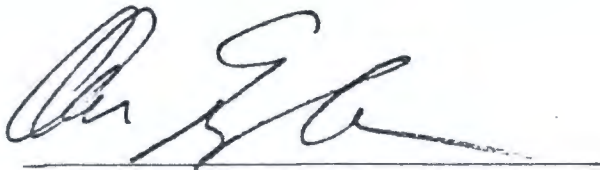
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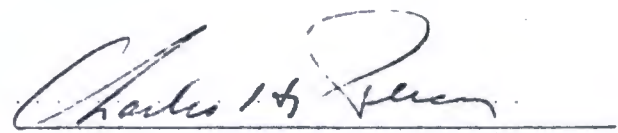
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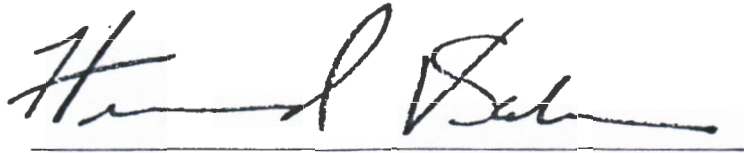


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The President

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Howard Baker, U.S.S.

MACK MATTINGLY
GEORGIA



UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

November 10, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I join with my fellow colleagues in their support of Mr. Thomas E. Harvey as Administrator of Veteran's Affairs.

I appreciate your consideration of Mr. Harvey's nomination.

Sincerely,

Mack Mattingly



Republican National Committee

December 7, 1982

Vets meetings

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

accept if I can
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[Signature]

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The next two years will challenge the Republican Party to communicate new ideas and reaffirm some common beliefs with friendly voter groups. Historically, the Republican National Committee has established programs to communicate with ethnic groups, religious groups and other groups ranging in age from Teenage Republicans to senior citizens. Never, has the party had a formalized program to communicate with Veterans.

To explore such a program, we are bringing together a group of people who are either veterans themselves or who have been active on behalf of veterans. We will hold an informal brainstorming session to discuss ideas about how the Republican National Committee might compliment and support work being done by and for veterans.

The list of invitees is enclosed. Our open discussion will begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 15, 1982. The discussion will be held in the Conference room on the fourth floor of the Republican National Committee. If you think of someone who might be helpful in our mission please bring him/her along. Please let us know if you will or will not be attending: phone number 484-6569. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Lee Edwards

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Director of Working Partners

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Robert Martin
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1982-1983

November 5, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. President:

I read of the expected naming of Harvey N. Walters as the new Administrator of Veterans Affairs in today's Washington Post. While AMVETS was informed of the meeting held yesterday at the White House with veterans organization representatives after the meeting, we were not invited and had to read the Washington Post to discover the positions taken by "the nation's three largest veterans' groups".

Kindly be advised that AMVETS is, to say the least, less than enthusiastic about the pending nomination of Mr. Walters and would have made this opinion known had we been invited to the veterans' organizations meeting with your staff.

In reviewing the Washington Post article on Mr. Walters' background, which is all we have ever seen on him, we find little or nothing that would indicate he will be an effective VA Administrator.

This nomination is rather amazing as far as AMVETS is concerned. At one time you enjoyed tremendous popularity among the nation's organized veterans. This has since eroded. The causes of your loss of support are many and varied, yet two things do stand out; your attempt to cut the VA budget for Fiscal Year 1983 and the ill-advised public statements and comments of your VA Administrator, Robert P. Nimmo.

AMVETS, and perhaps all veterans' groups, anticipate another attempt to cut the VA budget for fiscal 1984. Furthermore, all the nations veterans groups were in agreement that Mr. Nimmo's replacement should be an individual who had professional

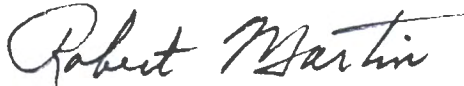
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experience in national-level veterans affairs and who would be a Vietnam veteran in order to reassure the 30 million voters who happen to be veterans that you have not wavered in your support of their benefits and programs. Your nomination of Mr. Walters cannot be interpreted in any way as the support for veterans which we expected.

AMVETS would have been happy to inform your staff of this had we been invited to the White House meeting.

We cannot support you on the nomination of Mr. Harry N. Walters for VA Administrator. We will of course try to work with him if he clears the Senate process, but his apparent lack of qualifications in the area of national veterans affairs, his limited peacetime military service and the abundance of other highly qualified candidates precludes our support for this nomination.

Sincerely,



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October 18, 1982

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Anne Higgins
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the President and
Director of Correspondence
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Anne:

I received your letter today. My office has been trying to get in touch with the President for approximately four (4) months. Your letter helped the morale of my office a great deal, but Anne I hope that you could understand a country boy like me working for the veterans. I need to hear from the President.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter that was written on August 14, 1982, also a copy of some names of Ex-POW's that I am working with. Anne I am not a radical. I would like for you to check my references with John J. Duncan, Congressman for the 2nd District of Tennessee, Congresswoman Marilyn Lloyd Bouquard, and also with David Gaither, Assitant Commissioner Tennessee Division Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1639 Nashville, TN 37202. Mr. Gaither's phone number is (615) 741-1863.

Anne would it be something that someone like me dreams about or would it be possible for somebody such as me to meet with the President.

Sincerely,

"Red" Swanson

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Veterans Affairs Service Officer

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August 14, 1982

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you in regards to a recent reunion of Ex-POW's from the Korean Conflict, which was held in Louisville, KY at the Holiday Convention Center, August 6th, 7th, and 8th 1982.

Mr. President I have never witnessed such a experience as this was, 80% of our Ex-POW's was not drawing any benefits at all. I spoke to the Ex-POW's there and they were starving for help as far as some one to help them with their paper work and how to get started on their claims.

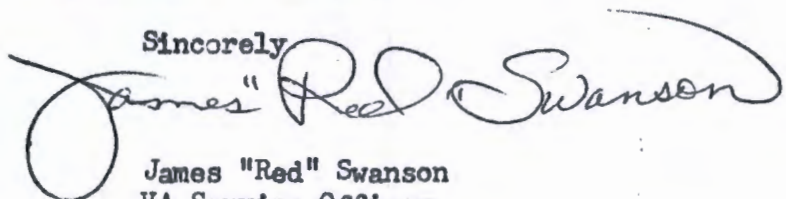
Since returning to my office in the state of Tennessee where I work as a Veterans Affairs, Service Officer, I have received letters from all over the United States from the Ex-POW's at the reunion.

Mr. President I know that you have helped the veterana so much since you were elected. One of the most important things I feel that you have done for the Ex-POW's is when you approved the law PL 97-37 on August 14, 1981.

Mr. President I could go on and on, but what I would like to do is get to the point. The Ex-POW's WWII, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam Era needs some one to represent them full time, and I know that you are the only one that can help us in this situation. Please check with Congressman John J. Duncan, from our great state of Tennessee who has been a great help to my office, also Mr. President one man in our state that I would like you have your staff check with is Mr. David Gaither, Assistant Commissioner, P.O. Box 1639, Nashville, TN 37202, phone (615) 741-1863.

Through all of our efforts and hard work we have not lost a case under the law you approved PL 97-37 in our state, but their are so many VA Officers that do not under stand the law you approved in the other 49 states. I will close with a word I very seldom use and that word is PLEASE HELP our Ex-POW's that we have throughout our 50 states.

Sincerely



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September 1, 1982

Dear Friends:

The best way I can describe the 1982 reunion at Louisville is to say "It was the greatest ever", and I am certain that those of you who attended will fully agree. Each year as we attempt to organize the event, I must admit that we often have doubts that we can "top" the previous years excitement, but once things are "under way" you people make things begin to happen and this year was no exception; but this should be no surprise. After all, some of you characters even found means to interject humor into an impossible situation during those "trying times" and some people never change, right Lessman!

A special "thank you" goes out to all of you who contributed in so many ways to the success of the 1982 event. To those of you who "stood by" to greet our people at the desk, we thank you, and the help at the registration table was greatly appreciated. A special thanks goes out to Gail Perry and all those who participated in the fashion show. I am advised this was a great success and very entertaining. Our two guest speakers, Veterans Service Officers, Hank Hammond and James Swanson make the banquet function a great success in spite of the less than commendable meal that was served. These two individuals are sincere when they "tell it like it is". The veterans in their areas are fortunate to have such dedicated representation, and all are likewise fortunate to have these two individuals on our side. Elliott and Sandy Sortello were responsible for the band that performed this year, and I have heard nothing but favorable comments regarding the music. Our thanks to the Sortellos for a job well done. I am certain the sight of Howard Ripple performing the polka across the dance floor in his wheel chair is a memory we will all cherish throughout the remainder of our lives. Well, I am sorry to report that we'll have to settle for that memory, as Howard passed away soon after returning to his home. If our teachings are correct, Howard has now been relieved of his handicap and must no longer suffer the physical and mental pain he has endured for such a long period of time. Long live America was the sincere wish of Howard Ripple; long live the memory of Howard Ripple is our pledge to his family. The memorial service conducted on Sunday morning by Shorty Estabrook and friends was by far the most touching and appropriate service that I have witnessed. While this is the most difficult assignment to perform, Shorty accepted the task and planned a memorial service that will long be remembered by all those in attendance. The religious service conducted on Sunday morning by Chaplain, Norman Hale, was likewise fitting and enjoyed by those of us in attendance. Norman has expressed his willingness and desire to extend spiritual help to anyone in need throughout the year. He can be contacted at the address shown on the roster. While it is impossible to mention the efforts of everyone, your input did not go unnoticed and we appreciate each of you.

There has been lots of excitement around this household since returning from the reunion, as we have been attempting to put the pieces together and determine the exact number of people that attended the event. We had great hopes of surpassing the 215 that attended last year but strange as it may seem, we can account for only 215 again this year. I feel certain there were others attending that failed to register. If you know of someone who we failed to get on the list, please let us know. It would be great to report that our attendance has increased each of the seven years the association has been in existence.

Once again I was overwhelmed by your generosity when the "hat was passed". To me, this is the true test of your interest and, considering the large amount of contributions the interest increases each year. The total amount of contributions verified and certified correct by Gordan Madison and myself was \$2,138.00. This

amount is somewhat less than the unconfirmed amount announced at our meeting, but is an amount we feel quite adequate to suit our needs throughout the coming year. We thank you for your support.

Now, on to the 1983 reunion. As was announced, the 1983 event will be at Dayton, Ohio during the weekend of July 22, 23 and 24th. The location selected is the Holiday Inn Holidome, 7999 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, Ohio (Suburb of Dayton). All the particulars, including reservation applications, will be provided at a later date.

We are very excited about the 1983 reunion and we hope to plan something of interest to everyone. Since the National Ex-POW convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio during the week dates of July 20th - 22nd, it was felt that the following weekend dates (July 22nd - 24th) would allow many of us attending the National to also attend our reunion. More details concerning this matter will follow at a later date.

In the near future we will be appointing a reunion site selection committee and charging this committee with the responsibility of securing suitable proposals and recommendations for future reunion sites. You will be notified of the committee members names in order that you may participate in selecting future sites. Other committees are also being formed. Therefore, as your name comes up, you will be notified.

We are enclosing a complete list of current board members for your use. Feel free to contact any or all of these individuals at any time in regards to matters concerning our Association.

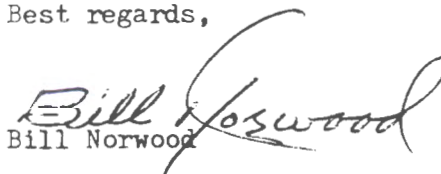
As a reminder, please check your receipt of payment from the Louisville Holiday Inn to assure that you received credit for the \$25.00 deposit. We are informed that some parties did not receive this credit. We have requested an audit by Holiday Inn, but each person should also check their own receipt. If you should encounter difficulties in obtaining this credit, please let us know.

Missing are the three Association photo albums, one each of colors brown, beige and blue. These items were last seen in the Hospitality room on Friday night August 6th. Anyone who may have picked up these items by mistake or for safe keeping, should notify us at once. It's imperative that these albums be recovered as they contain photos that can never be replaced.

We are again requesting help from each of you in contacting those friends who may not know that our group exist and encouraging them to meet with us in 1983. This is the responsibility of each member and should be given serious consideration. As we have all witnessed, "the next year may be too late". Send all contacts to us in order that we may include them on the mailing list.

In closing, on behalf of Liz, Paula and myself, I would like to say that the 1982 reunion was an enjoyable and exciting event that will remain a highlight in our lives, which can only be matched by an even greater and exciting occasion when we have the opportunity to fellowship with all of you again in 1983. We love you all.

Best regards,


Bill Norwood

P.S. Gordon Madson will be in contact with everyone at a later date regarding the upcoming return visit to Korea.

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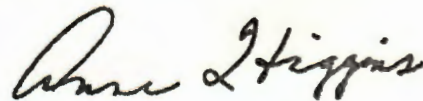
I regret that you have not received a response to your original correspondence. Unfortunately, we have no record of your message in the file system at the White House.

If you would care to write again and inform us about your concerns, we will be certain to see that your message receives the proper attention.

Please enclose this letter or a copy of it when you write again so that we can be alerted to your letter as it comes in.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



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