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# United States Senate

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

*VA  
Administrative*

November 4, 1982

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to second the recommendation of Alan Simpson, Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, that you nominate Thomas E. Harvey, Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Committee to be Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

As a member of the Committee, I have had an opportunity to see Tom operate in a range of different environments during the more than a year that he has served in his present position. He is an able administrator with broad experience. He has a singular ability to deal effectively with others whose views may differ from his own. I commend him to you for this important position without reservation.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

*Robert T. Stafford*  
Robert T. Stafford  
United States Senator

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# United States Senate

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

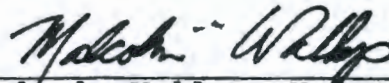
His tenure as Chief Counsel and Staff Director of the Committee gives him a particularly keen insight into the needs of our nations' veterans. His dealings with the professional staffs of the major veterans' organizations during his tenure should assure them that he would, in fact, be an effective spokesman 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.

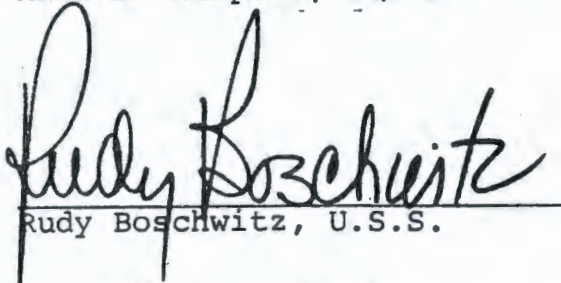
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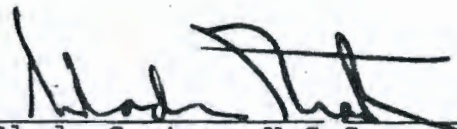
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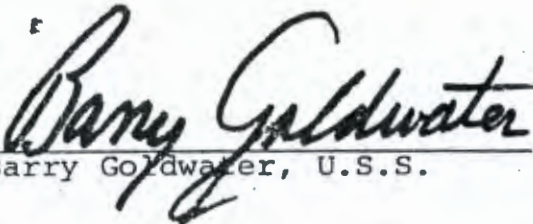
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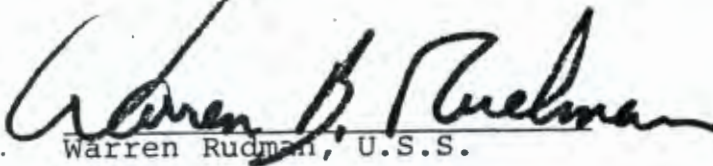
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