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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JUNE 30, 1981

TO: MORTON

RE: STATUS OF OUR SCHEDULE PROPOSALS AND BRIEFINGS

I. SCHEDULE PROPOSALS REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT

1. Veterans groups - all the groups wish to present something to the President - AMVETS, VFW, AL, ROA, and Blinded Vets (?)  
25 minutes  
MUST BE IN EARLY JULY  
waiting for word from Red
2. Economic Newsletter Editors  
July 9th  
Maiselle working on this -  
No speakers have been requested until word from Pres.  
List is large and from all over country, so some notice is needed.
3. Pro-Family Activists  
last date listed is July 14th  
Kathy working on this  
No speakers have been requested until word from Pres.  
List of people to be invited is large and from all over country,  
so some notice is needed.
4. Legion of Valor -  
Date open, want to present their highest honor to the two men  
shot with the President and want the President to be there
- Not Submitted* 5. POW/MIA Recognition Day  
July 17 and 18 - they are requesting the President to speak  
at their ceremony or at their banquet
6. American Legion Convention - Honolulu - Sept.  
We have submitted this to the President.
7. Boys Nation, American Legion- week of July 20 -  
THE PRESIDENT has turned this down

II. BRIEFINGS:

1. FAMILY PROTECTION ACT - July 16 or 17 Kathy working on this  
After checking with Max F's office, memo will be sent to all  
parties setting this up ✓
2. RELIGIOUS BRIEFING - *no room big enough* week of July 20 - Kathy working on this
3. Veterans/Military Tax Proposal - before Aug. 1st - Maiselle working on
4. Church Auditing - IRS - they want a briefing - through John Whitehead and Orrin Briggs  
*waiting for list*

Morton

briefing page

1 hr. - ? E#D opens -

True  
20 min. -

Ninno? VA or ? - briefing  
What Pres. is doing for vets -

Dickallen  
VP

→ Defense / Foreign affairs -  
Tax - ? -

20 min. - Pres. -  
no big present.

~~X~~

bad groups -

~~Keep out - ? -~~

book a room - Cabinet Room

time - ? - Diana -

~~↓ Diana X~~

Telegram →

Diana telegram for Jack

VA - pre prep kit - plus name tags -

~~Bill  
Remmel -~~

MEMORANDUM OF CALL

TO:

Cathy

YOU WERE CALLED BY—  YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Helen Donaldson

OF (Organization)

x 7560

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT.  FTS

WILL CALL AGAIN  IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL  WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Mr. Newell said it is okay to use cabinet room at 9:30 the day the President is meeting with them -

RECEIVED BY

Ann

DATE

7/14

TIME

4:55

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TO:

Cathy

YOU WERE CALLED BY—  YOU WERE VISITED BY—

John Kelly

OF (Organization)

PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. 566-8191  FTS

WILL CALL AGAIN  IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

RETURNED YOUR CALL  WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

Cindy Powell

566-9075

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DATE

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TIME

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

VETERANS and MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS = Briefing  
Cabinet Room July 17, 1981 Elizabeth Dole and Morton Blackwell

IDENTIFICATION OF PEOPLE IN THE PICTURES:

PICTURE 1:

Starting from President Reagan

1. Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
2. Michael Kogutek, American Legion
3. Major General Evan Hultman, Reserve Officers Association
4. Dr. George Stocking, Blinded Veterans Association
5. Norman Hartnett, Disabled American Veterans
6. Walter W. Stachacz, Catholic War Veterans
7. Robert Cocklin, Association of U.S. Army
8. Ernest F. Pitochelli, AMVETS
9. Irvin Steinberg, Jewish War Veterans
10. Dr. Norman Ture, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (Speaker)
11. Dr. Norman Bailey, National Security Council (Speaker)
12. Major Paul Hastings, Marine Corps League
13. Frederick L. Jones, National Black Veterans Organization
14. Robert Muller, Vietnam Veterans of America
15. James Neal, Fleet Reserve Association
16. Arthur Fellwock, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Seated on right behind the President:

1. Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
2. Tom Pauken, Director of A.C.T.I.O.N.
3. Jack Stein, Special Advisor to the President for Public Liaison

Seated in rear: (From right to left)

1. Major General Francis S. Greenlief, National Guard Association
2. Jerry Searles, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Seated on left: (from rear to front)

1. William G. Fisher, Veterans of World War I
2. Jan Scruggs, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc.
3. CMSAF Donald L. Harlow, Air Force Sergeants Association
4. Victor Kregel, Air Force Association

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

IDENTIFICATION OF PEOPLE IN THE PICTURES: (Continued)

PICTURE # 2: the majority of the people were identified in Picture # 1, but these are the additional people who did not appear in other

Right seated: (from front to rear)

1. Vice Admiral Charles Minter, Retired Officers Association
2. Lt. General Carlos M. Talbott, Military Order of the World Wars

Seated at table:

beginning after Robert Muller, in rear

1. Michael Delaney, Paralyzed Veterans of America
2. Colonel Charles W. Davis, Congressional Medal of Honor Society
3. Robert Nimmo, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration

Seated rear: (from right to left)

1. Red Cavaney, Special Assistant to Mrs. Dole
2. Brigadier General Robert Gaynor, Legion of Valor of the U.S.A.
3. John M. Fisher, American Security Council

Seated left: (From rear to front)

1. Maiselle Shortley, Special Assistant to Morton Blackwell
2. Nick Longworth, Deputy Administrator of Veterans Affairs to Robert Nimmo
3. Kathy Christiansen, Special Assistant to Morton Blackwell
4. Pam Collins, Special Assistant to Dr. Norman Ture of Treasury

Michael J. Kogutec ✓ X  
National Commander  
American Legion

Arthur J. Fellwock ✓ X  
Commander-in-Chief  
Veterans of Foreign Wars

Major General Evan Hultman USAFR ✓ X  
National President  
Reserve Officers Association

Ernest F. Pitochelli, Sr. ✓ X  
National Commander  
AMVETS

Dr. George E. Stocking ✓ X  
National President  
Blinded Veterans Association

Jerry L. Searles ✓ X  
National Commander  
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Brigadier General Robert M. Gaynor ✓ X  
National Historian  
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Norman B. Hartnett ✓ X  
National Director of Services  
Disabled American Veterans

Michael F. Delaney ✓ X  
National President  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

MAY 26, 1981

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

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

REQUEST: Meeting with Leaders of Veterans Organizations

PURPOSE: To solicit support for the tax portion of the President's economic package and general support for the Administration.

BACKGROUND: The veterans, natural constituents of the Presidents, have yet to have a Presidential meeting. This, coupled with the delay in naming the VA Administrator and the lack of consultation prior to budget cuts, gave the veterans the earlier impression that the administration took them for granted. Subsequent events and the hope of meeting with the President have changed this earlier view to the extent that three of the four largest veteran's organizations have endorsed the President's economic recovery program. Their active involvement on behalf of the President will be increased significantly as a result of this gesture by the President. It also provides a clear, fresh start for Bob Nimmo in managing one of our nation's largest public organizations.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: NONE

DATE: Mid-July after swearing-in of VA Administrator-designate Robert Nimmo

LOCATION: Cabinet Room

PARTICIPATION: Leaders of major veteran's organizations, not to exceed 20  
List will be provided.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Elizabeth Dole -- Opens meeting, welcomes.  
Norman B. Ture -- Economic briefing  
Dick Allen -- Foreign Policy briefing  
President Reagan -- 15 minutes, remarks and photos

REMARKS REQUIRED: Talking points

MEDIA COVERAGE: Press photo pool

RECOMMENDED BY: James A. Baker III, David Gergen, Elizabeth Dole, Lyn Nofziger, Dick Darman

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

WASHINGTON

July 17, 1981

MEETING WITH: Heads of Major Veterans Groups  
and Military Associations

LOCATION: Cabinet Room  
TIME: 10:30 AM - 10:50AM

FROM: Elizabeth H. Dole

PURPOSE: To meet with leaders of the Veterans and Military association community to discuss Administration policy of interest to these groups.

BACKGROUND: Most members of these groups were strongly supportive of your Presidential campaign. Most of the major Veterans groups were active supporters of the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution in the U.S. House. This is your first meeting as President with a group of heads of these organizations.

PARTICIPANTS: See attached sheet.

PRESS PLAN: Press corps photo opportunity.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

9:30 AM Meeting begins with briefing on Reagan economic program by Dr. Norman Ture, Under Secretary of the Treasury.

9:50 AM Briefing by the Vice-President on foreign policy and military preparedness. *For 2+A, Dr. Norman Bailey from N.S.C. came in because the V.P. had to leave*

10:10 AM Announcement by Administrator of Veterans Affairs Robert Nimmo of the decision to open 42 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach centers.

10:15 AM Question and answer period.

10:30 AM You will join the meeting and make brief remarks.

10:35 AM Press corps photo opportunity.

10:40 AM Press exits and you respond to questions from guests.

10:45 AM You are photographed separately with each of the <sup>group</sup> original heads. You receive the following presentations:

1. From the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Lladro porcelain sculpture of elephants.
2. From the American Legion, a bound volume of resolutions adapted at their 62nd Convention.
3. From Reserve Officers Association, a certificate renewing your membership in ROA.
4. From Blinded Veterans Association, a specially designed sculpted plaque.

10:50 AM On completion of photographs with all guests, you depart.

ATTACHED: List of participants and talking points.

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July 14, 1981

TO: Jennifer Fitzgerald

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

On Friday morning, July 17, from 9:30 to 10:30 there will be a briefing in the Cabinet Room for the heads of the major veterans and military organizations.

We have invited Norman Ture, Under Secretary of the Treasury, to speak from 9:30 to 9:50 on the economic package. Via this memo I would like to invite the Vice President to speak from 9:50 to 10:10. After the Vice President there will be a twenty minute question and answer session.

At 10:30 the President will make a short address to this group.

After the President speaks, leaders of five of these groups will make presentations to him. The schedule proposals for these different groups are attached for your information.

If it is possible for the Vice President to address this meeting please confirm it with Maiselle Shortley, ext. 2657.



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# News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The popular Vet Center counseling service for Vietnam Era veterans will be expanded by 50 percent, Veterans Administration chief Robert P. Nimmo announced today.

Nimmo, who took the oath of office July 15 as Administrator of Veterans Affairs, said 42 new counseling facilities will be added to the program under terms of the Reagan Bipartisan Budget Resolution.

The 42 new facilities will bring to 133 the number of "storefront" counseling facilities available to Vietnam Era veterans who may be suffering readjustment problems following military service during the Vietnam War.

As he had during his confirmation hearings before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee July 9, Nimmo stressed the fact that "while the vast majority of our Vietnam veterans have successfully returned to our working society, a substantial number still suffer various degrees of readjustment difficulty."

It is those veterans, he said, "whom we will continue to reach out to through this expanded Vet Center program."

Nimmo said the centers typically have staffs of three to five persons who operate on an informal, person-to-person basis with Vietnam Era veterans experiencing emotional and other readjustment problems.

"We hope to have all of the new centers in operation within three to four months," Nimmo said. Some are almost ready to begin operations and others will be opened as suitable space can be arranged and personnel recruited.

Since the Vet Center program began operation early in 1980, approximately 72,000 Vietnam Era veterans have been counseled. Nimmo said VA officials believe the new centers will be much more efficient than the original ones because contacting and counseling efficiency have been improved.

The expectation, he said, is that the new center teams will be able to provide assistance to approximately 12,000 Vietnam Era veterans in their first year of operation.

The Vet Center program has a budget of \$29,580,000 for fiscal year 1982.

New facilities to be opened in the Northeast are: Nassau/Suffolk County, Albany, and Westchester County, N.Y.; Springfield, Mass.; Windsor, Vt.; Bangor, Me.; Trenton, N.J.; Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Harrisburg, Pa.

In the Southeast will be: Orlando, and Tampa, Fla.; Charlotte, N.C.; Greenville, S.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Mobile, Ala.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lexington, Ky.; Richmond, Va.; and Morgantown, W. Va.

New Vet Centers in the Central states will be located at Chicago Heights, and Peoria, Ill.; Evansville, Ind.; Sioux City, Ia.; Tulsa, Okla.; Lincoln, Neb.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Minot, N.D.; Rapid City, S.D.; and Madison, Wisc.

In the West will be: Contra Costa County, Fresno, and Riverside, Calif.; Eugene, Ore.; Spokane, Wash.; Fort Worth, and San Antonio, Tex.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Window Rock, N.M.; and Fairbanks, Alaska.

These are in addition to facilities in Reno, Nev., and Tucson, Ariz., which opened recently.

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July 21, 1981

TO: LOU GERIG

FROM: MORTON BLACKWELL X. 2657

Enclosed is a list of veterans publications and the talking points of the President from our briefing on Friday, July 17.

I would be happy to meet with you on Wednesday morning, if this is necessary.

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BRIEFING -

HEADS OF MAJOR VETERANS GROUPS

AND MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS

I want to thank you all for coming for this briefing on national policy. I understand that my office of Public Liaison has previously conducted other briefings in matters of special interest to you.

A strong national economy and strong national defense go hand in hand, and I want to thank you for the efforts of your organizations in helping to build public support for our program to strengthen our country in both areas.

I am pleased that you were here for the announcement by our new VA Administrator Robert Nimmo that we have decided to open up 41 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach Centers and satellite centers. We are committed to economy in all areas of government but my budget which is working its way through Congress will permit the Veterans Administration to:

1. operate with no reductions in personnel in the Department of Medicine and Surgery,
2. operate with no reductions in Veterans services.

We are giving special consideration to the concerns of Vietnam Veterans over Agent Orange. In addition to the VA's epidemiological study and the Air Force Ranch Hand Study, we have reestablished an expanded Interagency Work Group as the Agent Orange Work Group.

Yesterday, we raised its status to Cabinet Council level.



TALKING POINTS FOR MEETING WITH VETERANS AND MILITARY ASSOCIATION LEADERS

- I know many of you have participated in several earlier briefings conducted under the auspices of Elizabeth's office, and I am very pleased to have the chance to meet with you today.
- I'm particularly proud of Bob Nimmo's announcement regarding the opening of 41 new Vietnam Veterans Outreach Centers. My administration is committed to economy, efficiency and assistance for those who risked their lives in defense of the values we so dearly cherish. As you are aware, our FY '82 budget contains increases for veterans and will enable the VA to operate with no reductions in veterans' services.
- As you are aware, we are giving special consideration to the concerns of Vietnam veterans over Agent Orange. Our FY '82 budget will contain a large increase in funding for the continued study of Agent Orange. In addition to the VA's epidemiological study and the Air Force Ranch Hand Study, we have re-established an expanded Inter-agency Work Group as the Agent Orange Work Group and, yesterday, we raised its status to Cabinet Council level.
- A strong national defense is not possible without a strong, vital economy. We need your help in re-establishing America's role of pre-eminence in the world. I hope I can count on your active support over the next few critical weeks as my tax proposal moves to a vote. This tax proposal is very key and a necessary element of my Economic Recovery Program.