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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We have been advised that Mr. Arthur Fellwock, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has requested an appointment with the President in order to present him with a porcelain elephant sculpture.

As you know, Mr. Fellwock was a strong personal supporter of the President during the campaign and presently represents the Veterans of Foreign Wars which for the first time in its long history took a position in support of a Presidential candidate.

We think this offers a splendid opportunity for the President to recognize the support of Mr. Fellwock and, through him, the support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars during the campaign. This support has carried forward and was notable in the recent successful effort to obtain Congressional approval of the Gramm-Latta compromise.

We strongly urge that Mr. Fellwock's request be honored if the President's schedule will permit.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. CUSTIS, M.D.
Acting Administrator

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PMS MR MORTON BLACKWELL SPECIAL ASST TO THE PRESIDENT

VETERANS OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

WHITE HOUSE DC

DEAR MR BLACKWELL:

ART FELLWOCK, NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE 1.9 MILLION MEMBERS OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S. WILL BE IN OUR NATIONS CAPITAL JUNE 2 AND JUNE 4. HE HAS REQUESTED THAT I TRY TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM TO VISIT WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF PRESENTING TO HIM A LLADRO PORCELANA SCULPTURE/ELEPHANTS.

I AM SURE, MORTON, YOU WILL WANT TO ADVISE THE PRESIDENT'S

APPOINTMENT SECRETARY THAT OUR ORGANIZATION IS THE ONLY VETERANS ORGANIZATION WITH A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE-- ONE WHICH SUPPORTED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES LAST JULY --AND ALSO THAT WE ARE THE ONE VETERANS ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTED STRONGLY THE GRAMM-LATTA AMENDMENT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

YOUR USUAL FINE COOPERATION REGARDING THIS REQUEST WILL CERTAINLY BE APPRECIATED
PLEASE PHONE YOUR REPLY TO ME AT 543-2239.

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