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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 18, 1981

FOR: Morton Blackwell

FROM: Bob Giuffra

SUBJECT: Background Meeting With Veterans Groups On 1983 Budget

On November 18 at 3 PM meeting was held between MCB, Bob Nimmo the VA Administrator, and Don Moran of OMB, and the leaders of twelve major veterans groups. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the impact of the 1983 budget on veterans, and give veterans the opportunity to ask questions and make suggestions before budget-making process is completed.

The following three key points were made by Nimmo & Moran:

1. The 1983 budget for the Veterans Administration would increase in dollar figures from the 1982 budget to nearly match inflation. The Administration is showing a special concern for veterans versus other groups. However, vets must realize need for cuts in all areas.
2. The number #1 priority of this Administration is to provide quality medical care for vets. Decision has been made not to have budget cuts impact on health of vets (Dept. Med. & Surgery).
3. Exact budgetary figures cannot be given at this time because of statutory prohibitions. Nevertheless, want input from vets in terms of budgetary priorities.

Veteran leaders made following points:

- Under Carter Administration, V.A. went from 5% to 3.4% of Federal budget. Reagan Administration much more responsive to vets needs.
- Concern expressed over what new initiatives V.A. making to help vets- housing and medical research.
- Concern expressed over impact of cuts in other programs on vets- Social Security, Unemployment etc.
- Concern expressed over potential changes in means test for medical services- counting of liquid assets.

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The overall tone of this meeting was excellent. Veteran leaders continually compared responsiveness of this administration with that of Carter. They were pleased with positive impact Nimmo was having on budget process at OMB. In addition, leaders complimented Office of Public Liaison for work in facilitating communication between VA, OMB and veterans.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

*View
Briefing
New VA Budget*

To: Officer-in-charge
Appointments Center
Room 060, OEOB

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for Morton Blackwell of Office of Public Liaison
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

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RIGGIN, E. Philip	The American Legion
ASHWORTH, Robert	AMVETS
CURRIER, Peter	AMVETS
HARTNETT, Norman	Disabled American Veterans
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WILLIAMS, Raymond	Catholic War Veterans
SHAW, Steve	Jewish War Veterans
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TERZANO, John	Vietnam Veterans of Amer.
NIMMO, Robert	VA Administrator

MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB

Requested by Morton Blackwell

Room No. 248

Room No. 191 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 3PM

Date of request 11/17


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APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

MEMORANDUM

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November 11, 1981

TO: Elizabeth H. Dole
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 
RE: New VA budget figures

I spoke with Don Moran today about the need to brief veterans leaders on the new VA budget figures.

We are tentatively scheduling to set up such a meeting next Wednesday, November 18. Moran suggests that he and Bob Nimmo be the briefers. If the figures are finalized as Moran believes, he will let me know on Thursday, November 12 and we will proceed to schedule a November 18 briefing.

*Nov 18 - Don Moran & Bob Nimmo
room 248 - 3 PM.*

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