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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1983

MEETING WITH: J. Thomas Burch, Jr., Vietnam Veteran Coordinator
David Carter, Chairman, Oklahoma Agent
Orange Foundation
David Christian
James O'Sheay
Alfred Reynolds, Motorcade Coordinator
Robert Sniffen, Washington Coordinator
Gary Thomas, Vice President of the Vietnam
Veteran Brotherhood
Thomas Wincek, Washington Coordinator
Robert Jordan
Gary Thomas

10:00 - Greetings - Morton C. Blackwell,
Special Assistant to the President
for Public Liaison

10:05 - Mr. Jeffrey Crandall, Department of Labor
Mr. Vincent B. Pagano, Department of Labor

10:15 - Mr. Robert Lahnlier, Small Business Administration
Mr. Robert Santy, Small Business Administration

ROOM: #191 - OEOB

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

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

Please admit the following appointments on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 19 83

for MORTON C. BLACKWELL of OPL
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

BURCH, J. Thomas
CARTER, David
CHRISTIAN, David
O'SHEAY, James
REYNOLDS, Alfred
SCRUGGS, Jan
SNIFFEN, Robert
WINCEK, Thomas

*Thomas, Gary
Jordan, Robert*

CRANDALL, Jeffrey *7* - DOL
LAHNLIER, Robert - SBA
PAGANO, Vincent B. - DOL
SANTY, Robert - SBA

MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB

Room No. 191

Time of Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Requested by JOYCE THOMANN

Room No. 191 Telephone 2657

Date of request 9/22/83

Additions and/or changes made by telephone should be limited to three (3) names or less.

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September 22, 1983

MEMORANDUM TO: PETE ROUSSEL

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell

SUBJECT: Vietnam Veterans Delegation

I had a meeting in my office this morning for approximately two hours with the delegation organized by J. Thomas Burch, Jr., Vietnam Veteran Coordinator.

I brought in representatives of the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration and moderated a discussion of some intensity.

A number of constructive things came out of the meeting. Specifically, they agreed to request that Secretary Donovan appoint a designee of the group to his Veterans' Advisory Board and they agreed to contact Assistant Secretary of Labor William Plowden to set up a regular schedule of liaison meetings with him relating to veterans' employment programs.

They told me that they would have a press conference at 2 o'clock this afternoon during which they said they would release statements on veterans' issues from each of the Democratic Presidential contenders.

As you know, the President has many times spoken out strongly in favor of Vietnam Veterans and recognizes their service to our country. He has initiated, through the Action Agency, the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program which is helping many Vietnam era veterans.

I thought you should have details on this White House meeting this morning in case the media comes to the White House Press Office asking for our reaction to any criticism from the veterans' press conference this afternoon.

MCB:jet

cc: Mrs. Faith Ryan Whittlesey

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

9/20/83

MEMO TO:

Morton B.

FROM:

PETE ROUSSEL

Morton:

Believe this
should go to you.

Pete

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September 20, 1983

Mr. Peter Rousell
Press Office
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Vietnam Veterans

Dear Mr. Rousell:

Thurs.
The Vietnam veterans limited leadership are having a joint Press Conference at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, September 22, 1983 in the South Carolina Room of the Mayflower Hotel. We have been assured that all major TV networks, UPI and AP as well as other national media will be in attendance.

The groups sponsoring the press conference are the Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans; the United Vietnam Veterans Organization; the Vietnam Veterans Foundation; the Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation; the American Foundation for the Accountability of MIA's and POW's; the National Forget-Me-Not Association; the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and others including Senator Pressler.

Each of the Democratic Presidential contenders, i.e. Senators Glenn and Hart, Governor Hollins and former Vice President Mondale are issuing statements in support of various issues of concern to Vietnam veterans. We would also like to receive a press release from the White House.

Enclosed is a resolution endorsed by the various Vietnam Veterans Organizations listing eight (8) points of primary concern to them. Since the administration doesn't necessarily support all the points, all of them would not have to be addressed. I do think, however, that the President would certainly be willing to endorse a strong statement in support of recognition of the service of Vietnam veterans and the return of our POW's and accountability of our MIA's.

BURCH, WILHELM & McDONALD, P.C.

If possible I would like to receive the statement by the close of Wednesday in order to be able to include it in the press release.

Please feel free to contact me or Bob Sniffen if we can work with you further on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BURCH, WILHELM & McDONALD, P.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Thomas Burch, Jr.", written in dark ink.

J. Thomas Burch, Jr.

Enclosure

JTB/njb

UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION
RESOLUTION ON
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SMALL BUSINESS

Loans to Vietnam Veterans . . .
 Defense Data . . . Accountants

THE \$25 MILLION that Congress appropriated for business loans to Vietnam veterans this fiscal year has hardly been touched—\$22 million is left. The Small Business Administration has made only 50 loans totaling some \$3 million, and the fiscal year ends in two weeks.

The White House prefers private-sector programs, such as bank loans guaranteed against default by the SBA, and opposed the direct-loan program. When Congress enacted the \$25 million program anyway, the administration tried to shift the money to another use at the SBA. Congress blocked that maneuver.

However, agencies like the SBA, which listen more to the White House—which appoints their administrators—than to Congress, have the last word. "We can't tell them to approve loans," says an aide to the House Small Business Committee, which supported the loan program. The staff member says he isn't accusing the SBA of ignoring the will of Congress, but, he asserts, "SBA hasn't been very aggressive about telling vets about the program."



Few loans have been made, an SBA spokesman says, because "we got such awful applicants" that most were turned down. Also, a veteran can't apply for a direct loan until a bank refuses to make a guaranteed loan.

So much money remains that the SBA plans to continue the program until Dec. 31. And Congress may renew it for all of fiscal 1984.



VIETNAM VETERANS FOUNDATION

July 28, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing you by direction of the Board of Directors of the Vietnam Veterans Foundation. Incorporated in 1979, the VVF is a national non profit organization dedicated to providing small business opportunities and economic development programs to this nation's Vietnam veterans. I was a member of the SBA's Task Force on Special Consideration for Veterans and co-chair the SBA's Task Force Subcommittee on loans and other financial assistance.

My purpose in writing you is to inform you that the Small Business Administration's Office of Veteran's Affairs and its Director, Mr. Steven Mollett are failing to carry out the mandates of Congress. He is resistant to create any meaningful program to assist disabled and Vietnam veterans in spite of Public Laws calling for such aid.

The current Director of Veterans Affairs is both incompetent and attitudinally inept. Mr. Mollett is not qualified nor experienced to head up a multi-million dollar program nor has he done so in the past. He has not only failed to carry out Congressional mandates but has taken actions that we believe to be otherwise improper. Mr. Mollett's lack of leadership and programatic experience over the past year now causes this organization to ask you to remove this individual from this vital post. Further, we request the appointment of a qualified and sensitive Director of Veteran's Affairs in the SBA.

The Director of Veteran's Affairs, Mr. Mollett, has been responsible for the following failures and improprieties:

- Failure to design a program of outreach and technical services for Vietnam veterans that would result in the full expenditure of \$3 million dollars allocated by the Congress

under P.L. 93-237. Though on the books since 1974, P.L. 93-237 was allocated these first time funds on December 21, 1982 and are due to expire on September 30, 1983. Once again, SBA publicly committed before Congress to fully expend these funds. Yet, Mr. Mollett immediately took actions that will result in actual spending amounting to less than half of the allocated funds before the close of FY 1983. Mr. Mollett's attitude is that SBA could not properly spend these funds eventhough ten months were left in FY 1983 to design and fund a program as called for by Congress and committed to by SBA. This one individual has caused Vietnam veteran business aid funds to be cut in half in spite of the legislative process and Congressional will. His actions have hindered rather than helped Vietnam veterans.

• Foregoing an SBA policy that has brought about the failure of P.L. 97-72 (signed by you on November 3, 1981) which created a Small Business Act for Vietnam and disabled veterans. As President, you signed appropriation legislation for this program on December 2, 1982. The law calls for the spending of 25 million in direct loans. Congressman Sonny (G.V.) Montgomery insisted that this 25 million be above and beyond direct loan levels received by this group in preceeding fiscal years. In FY 1981 Vietnam veterans received \$24.8 million in direct loan funding. It was and is Congressional intent that approximately \$50 million in direct loan funds be expended in FY 1983 for Vietnam veterans. On March 23, 1983 SBA officials agreed to this mandate before the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight. Yet, Mr. Mollett has implemented a program that circumvents Congressional intent. Mr. Mollett's actions in reference to P.L. 97-72 represents a total failure to implement this act of Congress..

• Providing misleading information to Maryland state officials on the implementation of Public Law 97-72. In a meeting with a staff member of the Maryland Community Economic Development Program. Mr. Mollett labled P.L. 97-72 "a phantom program" that would be eliminated by an OMB deferral request when he knew the Congress would override OMB's request for deferral. He also told this state offical that any Maryland state effort to provide business aid would be a "duplication of effort". Fortunately, Maryland did not heed Mr. Mollett's discouraging and disparaging remarks. On May 10, 1983, the Governor of Maryland signed legislation that makes Maryland the first state to create a Counsel appointed by the Governor to assist disabled and Vietnam veteran owned businesses. Mr. Mollett's attitude and reluctance to cooperate almost destroyed a program for Maryland's 177,000 Vietnam Veterans. Documentation of Mollett's actions in this matter is available.

● Attempted to create an illegal "cash" award system for SBA Veterans Affairs Officers outside of the normal civil service merit systems. This action has been reported to the Inspector General of the SBA for investigation.

● Circumvention of the competition for the Veterans Business Advocate Award. The Office of Veterans Affairs under Mr. Mollett failed to conduct state competitions in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In spite of nomination and selection procedures, the SBA Office of Veteran's Affairs selected its own illegal method for this activity. This action has also been reported to the Inspector General of the SBA for investigation.

● Statements threatening to withhold Federal funds from certain cities where the VVF is involved. These statements can be verified by individuals in Dallas, Texas.

● Conducting a personal vendetta against a non governmental organization based on philosophical and/or policy differences. Mr. Mollett has sought to illegally remove the VVF from the SBA Veterans Task Force and has personally slandered the VVF and its leadership on many occasions.

● Politicalization of the Office of Veterans Affairs. While the Director of Veterans Affairs position is held by a career employee, Mr. Mollett is conducting his affairs as if he were a Schedule C appointed by the President to forge Administration policy.

Mr. President, this one man is rapidly becoming a "lightning rod" for all that is wrong in Government. He is another potential embarrassment to you and your Administration. In an effort to resolve this matter, we have met with senior SBA officials who have taken a defensive posture. We have also briefed V.A. Administrator Harry Walters on the above matters and other compelling problems surrounding this individual who is neither acceptable nor worthy of holding this challenging post.

Now, our organization is attempting to bring this situation to your attention. We are most interested in meeting with you or your appointed representative in an effort to resolve this matter on behalf of those Vietnam veterans who earned their small business entitlements by way of military service.

Mr. President, I implore you to look very closely into this request for removal of the current Director of Veterans Affairs and to replace him with a competent and sensitive Director.

The current situation is similar in nature to the causes and effects of the resignation of former V.A. Administrator Robert Nimmo.

Please contact me as to when our organization's representatives can meet with you or other White House officials to discuss this explosive problem further. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Thomas J. Wincek
Thomas Wincek,
Chairman.

cc: J. Thomas Burch, Jr. VVF General Counsel
Robert Sniffen, VVF Executive Vice Chairman

NEWS

from:

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Parren J. Mitchell, Chairman

U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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FOR RELEASE: September 16, 1983

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VETERANS DENIED SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE, MITCHELL CHARGES

"The Reagan administration continues to display insensitivity to the needs of veterans and the will of Congress in refusing to approve loans under the U.S. Small Business Administration direct loan program for Vietnam-era and disabled veterans," Rep. Parren J. Mitchell (D-Md) charged today. Mitchell is chairman of the House Committee on Small Business.

Mitchell's charge comes less than one month from the end of the fiscal year, when only \$3.2 million (12.8%) of the \$25 million available for SBA small business loans to veterans has been spent.

"With only weeks left in the fiscal year," Mitchell said, "it is obvious that most funds will remain unused for new direct loans to Vietnam-era and disabled veterans."

Public Law 97-377 (approved Dec. 21, 1982) established and funded a specialized SBA business loan program for Vietnam-era and disabled veterans. Loan requirements under the veterans program are basically the same as those under SBA's general business loan program, but funds are specially reserved for the exclusive use of veterans. Also, according to a policy statement issued by SBA Administrator James C. Sanders, "...veterans receive higher priority in the processing and funding of loan applications, with particular attention to be given the handicapped and Vietnam-era veterans."

Creation of a new business loan program within the Veterans Administration was opposed by the Reagan administration, but Congress, over the administration's objections, provided \$25 million for small business loans to veterans under the existing SBA business loan program.

"Shortly after this appropriation was made, the administration requested approval to divert these funds for other uses," Mitchell said, "but the House denied this request in March, and SBA has been foot-dragging ever since.

"Veterans groups have fought for years for the creation of specialized veterans assistance programs at SBA as well as for a veterans business loan program at the Veterans Administration," Mitchell continued.

"These groups hailed creation of the SBA program as a victory in their struggle for recognition of the special problems and needs of veterans. However, this administration, through its failure to make loans at the level authorized by Congress, has achieved the same result it sought in its earlier request for deferral of the SBA program," Mitchell said.

"It is, indeed, regrettable that funds which the Congress specifically intended for veterans programs at SBA will soon lapse, but I intend to do everything possible to continue these programs in Fiscal 1984."

To Joyce
 Date 9/22 Time 8:50

WHILE YOU WERE OUT
 M Alice Parvin
 of _____
 Phone 653-6227
 Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED	PLEASE CALL	
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Message _____

MR
 Operator

To Morton
 Date 9/20/83 Time 12:50

WHILE YOU WERE OUT
 M Colette Jablonski
 of _____
 Phone 833-8400
 Area Code Number Extension

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RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message Re: Your meeting with the Vietnam Veterans group

Joyce
 Operator

To Joyce
 Date 9.15.83 Time _____

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 M Cecelia TIEK
 of Apts. 4
 Phone 7560
 Area Code Number Extension

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D.O. Labor

565,000 dropped out
800,000 unemployed

implementation criteria
what is a growth industry?
~~we~~ want a liberal definition.

Answer: growth industry not required

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Administration not asked for \$150 million yet

SBA

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~~5.8 million~~

Went statement

3 senate confirmations 11

7 under contract

over

HA 1961 Senate Bill for Larry Pressler

Walters & Simpson - want 2 more years
of study

We are definitely
inward w/ Agent Orange -
pass word to agencies to have
special concern of Agent Orange

probable cause -
early detection

3BA

2 million
2 million

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What statement
3 seats
1 chair center

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Morton Blackwell
Assistant to the President
of Veterans Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Re: Vietnam Veterans
Request for Meeting

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

On August 6, 1983, a group of Vietnam veterans left Houston, Texas on a cross country motorcade to generate support for pending Agent Orange legislation. The group will culminate its motorcade on Friday, September 16, 1983 in Washington, D.C. and will conduct a rally on the Capitol grounds starting at 2:30 p.m. On Saturday, September 17th at 11:00 a.m. the Vietnam veterans are conducting a rally at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in support of the return of POW's and accountability of MIA's. The following week, the week of September 19th, the Vietnam veteran leaders would like to meet with certain government officials including yourself.

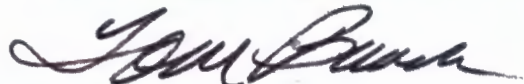
I have been asked to write you on their behalf to arrange a meeting with you and them during the week of September 19th. We would prefer a time either on the 19th, 21st or the morning of the 22nd. The meeting would be with myself, (General Counsel of U.V.V.O. and Vietnam Veterans Foundation), Dan Jordan, (National Commander, United Vietnam Veterans Organization), Gary Thomas, (Vice President of the Vietnam Veteran Brotherhood), Al Reynolds, (Motorcade coordinator), David Carter, (Chairman of the Oklahoma Agent Orange Foundation), and Glenn St. Clair of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

The veterans desire a 30 to 45 minute meeting and I can assure you of a useful meeting with responsible leadership. If you could make some of your valuable time available for such a meeting, I feel it would prove beneficial both to you, the Vietnam Veteran leadership, and the Reagan Administration.

Your thoughtful consideration of this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Asst. BURCH, WILHELM & McDONALD, P.C.



J. Thomas Burch, Jr.
Vietnam Veteran Coordinator

Would like SBA rep. (but not Steve Molette) would like to meet with Mr. Marshall, SBA Administrator (re: VA jobs bill) Affirmative action program

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UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION
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ATTENTION: VIETNAM VETERANS

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT FOR DUTY IN SUPPORT OF YOUR FELLOW VETERANS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM THE DREADFUL SCOURGE OF AGENT ORANGE AND THOSE P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s WHO REMAIN UNACCOUNTED FOR SINCE THE WAR ENDED ALMOST A DECADE AGO.



ATTEND THIS WEEKEND'S
★ VIETNAM VETERANS RALLIES ★
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1983
2:00 P.M.

WEST STEPS OF
UNITED STATES CAPITOL

RALLY IN SUPPORT OF PENDING
AGENT ORANGE LEGISLATION
(HR: 1961)

THE VIETNAM VETERANS
AGENT ORANGE RELIEF ACT
and

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1983
11:00 A.M.

WEST SIDE VIETNAM VETERANS
MEMORIAL

21st Street and Constitution Avenue

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND
RALLY IN SUPPORT OF
RETURN AND ACCOUNTABILITY
OF
P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s

ALL VIETNAM VETERANS, THEIR FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF OUR COUNTRY'S VIETNAM VETERANS. ALL CARING AMERICANS SHOULD WRITE PRESIDENT REAGAN, THEIR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS IN SUPPORT OF THESE TWO VITAL UNSOLVED ISSUES.

SPONSORED BY:

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UNITED VIETNAM VETERANS ORGANIZATION,
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FOR POW-MIA's, INC.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE
UNITED STATES

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J. THOMAS BURCH, JR.

Thomas Wineck
Charles M. Eatley
Robert Sniffen

Motorcade coordinator:

Albert Reynolds—(Houston, Texas)
Dwight Scaffinger, Jr. (USMC)—Albuquerque,
New Mexico
Dan Jordan—Austin, Texas
Gary Thomas—Houston, Texas

The Brotherhood of Vietnam Veterans wishes to express their thanks to the following persons and organizations scattered throughout the United States of America for their support, love, and concern for the Vietnam Veterans of America who are sick and dying from exposure to the killer dioxins in Agent Orange while serving their country in Vietnam. The United Vietnam Veterans Organizations of this country have united to save their brothers through HR 1961, THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGENT ORANGE RELIEF ACT. The Vietnam Veterans Foundation has been firmly laid for solving the remaining issues from the Vietnam War:

FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF VIETNAM VETERANS:

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Carolyn Kapke, Ex. Assistant, U.S. Sen. Dennis DeConch

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Tony Diamond, Vietnam veteran
Ann Hannah—Ray, Berkeley
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COLORADO

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Richard Beckler
Bob Brown

FLORIDA

Alan Fox, Vietnam Veteran
Vic Burd, Ph.D.
John Hart, Vietnam veteran
Maurie Skura, DAY Chapter #142, Lauderdale Lakes, FL.
Pat Knight, Parents of Agent Orange Children, Ft. Lauderdale 305-973-2493

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