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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/23/84

ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: c.o.b. TODAY

SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: UNKNOWN SERVICEMAN CEREMONY AT THE CAPITOL (5/22 - 4:30 p.m.)

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	McFARLANE	☒	☐
MEESE	☐	☒	McMANUS	☐	☒
BAKER	☐	☒	MURPHY	☐	☐
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HERRINGTON	☐	☐	TUTWILER	☒	☐
			WIRTHLIN	☒	☐
			HENKEL	☒	☐
HICKEY	☐	☐	ELLIOTT	☐	☒

REMARKS:

Please provide any comments directly to Ben Elliott, with a copy to my office, by c.o.b. today. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

The NSC concurs with the remarks as written.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
MAY 24 1984

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

(Myer/BE)
May 22, 1984
4:30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: UNKNOWN SERVICEMAN CEREMONY AT THE CAPITOL
FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1984

An American hero has returned home. God bless him.

We may not know of this man's life, but we know of his character. We may not know his name, but we know his courage. He is the heart, the soul and the spirit of America.

Today, a grateful Nation mourns the death of an Unknown Serviceman of the Vietnam Era. This young American understood that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. He may not have wanted to be a hero, but there was a need -- in the Iron Triangle, off Yankee Station, at Khe Sanh, over the Red River Valley.

He accepted his mission and did his duty. And his honest patriotism overwhelms us. We understand the meaning of his sacrifice, and those of his comrades yet to return.

This American hero may not need us. But, surely, we need him. In Longfellow's words,

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

We must not be blind to the light he left behind. Our path must be worthy of his trust. We must not betray his love of country. It is up to us to protect the proud heritage now in our hands, and to live in peace as bravely as he died in war.

On this day, as we honor our Unknown Serviceman, we pray to Almighty God for His mercy. And we pray for the wisdom that this hero be America's last Unknown.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 23, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

SIGNEDFROM: DICK CHILDRESS SUBJECT: Proposed Presidential Remarks - Unknown
Serviceman Ceremony at the Capitol

I have reviewed and concur with the remarks as written.
Request you sign the response block to Darman at Tab I.

Approve ✓

Disapprove _____

Gaston Sigur and Karna Small (telephonically) concur.

Attachments

Tab I Kimmitt/Darman with attachment

cc: G. Sigur
K. Small

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

4210

Childress

Tomb

May 24, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT *Bob*
SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks - Vietnam Unknown
Soldier Entombment

We have reviewed the proposed remarks and made some minor edits and one deletion for policy reasons. We are in a delicate stage with Vietnam at the current time following the February mission to Hanoi on the POW/MIA issue. They have pledged accelerated efforts and the return of eight more sets of remains at the next technical meeting which should be scheduled soon.

The quote by Truong Nhu Tang runs a very high risk of setting us back substantially. We have used the stick before with Vietnam on this issue (severely last year at the ASEAN meeting) and are prepared to do so again, if necessary. However, the timing is wrong now.

Attachment

Tab A Edited Presidential Remarks

cc: Richard Darman

URGENT

4210

4 MAY 23 P 6: 24 WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/23/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON THURSDAY, 5/24/84

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIETNAM UNKNOWN SOLDIER ENTOMBMENT

MONDAY, MAY 28, 1984

ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI		
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	McMANUS	☐	☒
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McFARLANE	☒	☐	ELLIOTT	☐	☒

REMARKS:

Please forward comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 by NOON THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1984, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

Received CS
1984 MAY 23 PM 6:00

(Dolan/BE)
May 23, 1984
5:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: VIETNAM UNKNOWN SOLDIER ENTOMBMENT
MONDAY, MAY 28, 1984

Memorial Day is a day of ceremonies and speeches.
Throughout America today, we honor the dead of our wars. We recall their valor and their sacrifices -- we remember they gave their lives so that others might live. *We are gathered today for a special event, the national funeral for an unknown soldier who will today join the heroes of these other wars.*

When he spoke at a ceremony ~~like this~~ at Gettysburg in 1863, President Lincoln reminded us that -- through their deeds -- the dead had spoken more eloquently for themselves than any of the living ever could, and that we the living could only honor them by rededicating ourselves to the cause for which they so willingly gave a last full measure of devotion.

This is especially so today; for in our minds and hearts is the memory of Vietnam and all that conflict meant for those who sacrificed on the field of battle and for their loved ones who suffered here at home.

Not long ago, when a memorial was dedicated here in Washington to our Vietnam veterans, the events surrounding that dedication were a stirring reminder of America's resilience, of how our Nation could learn and grow and transcend the tragedies of the past.

During the dedication ceremonies, the rolls of those who died and are still missing were read for 3 days in a candlelight ceremony at the National Cathedral. And the veterans of Vietnam who were never welcomed home with speeches and bands -- but who were never defeated in battle and were heroes as surely as any

who have ever fought in a noble cause -- staged their own parade on Constitution Avenue.

As America watched them, some in wheelchairs, all of them proud, there was a feeling that as a Nation we were coming together again and that we had -- at long last -- welcomed the boys home.

"A lot of healing . . . went on," said one combat veteran who helped organize support for the memorial. And then there was this newspaper account that appeared after the ceremonies. I would like to read it to you:

"Yesterday, crowds returned to the memorial. Among them was Herbie Petit, a machinist and former marine from New Orleans. 'Last night,' he said, standing near the wall, 'I went out to dinner with some other ex-marines. There was also a group of college students in the restaurant. We started talking to each other and before we left they stood up and cheered.'

'The whole week,' Petit said, his eyes red, 'it was worth it just for that.'"

It has been worth it. We Americans have learned to listen to each other and to trust each other again. We have learned that Government owes the people an explanation and needs their support for its actions at home and abroad. And we have learned -- and I pray this time for good -- the most valuable lesson of all: the preciousness of human freedom. It has been a lesson relearned not just by Americans but by all the people of the world. [It is "the stark lesson" that Truong Nhu Tang, one of the founders of the National Liberation Front, a former Viet Cong minister and vice-minister of the postwar government in Vietnam, spoke of recently when he explained why he fled Vietnam for freedom.]

"No previous regime in my country," he wrote about the concentration camps and boat people of Vietnam, "brought such numbers of people to such desperation. Not the military dictators, not the colonialists, not even the ancient Chinese overlords. It is a lesson that my compatriots and I learned through witnessing and through suffering in our own lives the fate of our countrymen. It is a lesson that must eventually move the conscience of the world."

Yet while the experience of Vietnam has given the world a stark lesson that ultimately must move the conscience of the world, we must remember that we cannot today -- as much as ~~[we]~~^{SOME} might want to -- close this chapter in our history.

For the war in Southeast Asia still haunts a small but brave group of Americans, the families of those still missing in the Vietnam conflict. They live day and night with uncertainty, with an emptiness, with a void we cannot fathom. Today, ^{SOME} ~~they~~ sit among you; their feelings are a mixture of pride and fear. They are proud of their sons or husbands who bravely and nobly answered the call of their country, but some of them fear that this ceremony writes a final chapter, leaving those they loved forgotten. Today, then, one way to honor those who served ^{OR MAY STILL BE SERVING} ~~in~~ Vietnam is to gather here and rededicate ourselves to securing the answers for the families of those missing in action. I ask the Members of Congress, the leaders of veterans groups, and the citizens of an entire Nation -- present or listening -- to give these families your help and your support, for they still sacrifice and suffer; Vietnam is not over for them; they cannot rest until they know the fate of those they loved and watched march off to serve their country. Our dedication to their cause must be strengthened with these events today; we write no last chapters, we close no books, we put away no final memories. An

end to America's involvement in Vietnam can not come before we have achieved the fullest possible accounting of those missing in action. This can only happen when their families know with certainty that this Nation discharged her duty to those who served nobly and well. Today, a united people call upon Hanoi with one voice -- heal the sorest wound of this conflict; return our sons to America; end the grief of those who are innocent and undeserving of any retribution.

The unknown soldier who has returned to us today and whom we lay to rest is symbolic of all our missing sons. ^{And we will present him the highest decoration we can bestow, the Congressional Medal of Honor.} About him, we may well wonder as others have: As a child, did he play on some street in a great American city, did he work beside his father on a farm in America's heartland? Did he marry? Did he have children, did he look expectantly to return to a bride? We will never know the answers to these questions about his life. We do know, though, why he died. He saw the horrors of war but bravely faced them, certain his own cause and his country's cause was a noble one; that he was fighting for human dignity, for free men everywhere. Today, we pause, to embrace him and all who served us so well in a war whose end offered no parades, no flags, and so little thanks. We can be worthy of the values and ideals for which our sons sacrificed, worthy of their courage in the face of a fear that few of us will ever experience by honoring their commitment and devotion to duty and country. Many veterans of Vietnam still serve in the Armed Forces, work in our offices, on our farms, in our factories. Most have kept their experiences private, but most have been strengthened by their call to duty.

A grateful Nation opens her heart today in gratitude for their sacrifice, for their courage and their noble service. Let us, if we must, debate the lessons learned at some other time; today we simply say with pride: Thank you, dear son; and may God cradle you in His loving arms.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 24, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

SIGNED

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS 

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks - Vietnam Unknown
Soldier Entombment

I have been working this with Tony Dolan and believe we have a good product with the final edits shown. I discussed the major deletion I'm making with Tony yesterday. He indicated he would be flexible, but we must hold the line on this one.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to Ben Elliott. (I will bootleg copy direct to Tony Dolan.)

Approve K

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Kimmitt/Elliott
Tab A Edited Remarks

cc: Gaston Sigur
Karna Small

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5/22/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON TOMORROW, 5/23

SUBJECT: H.R. 5515 - MEDAL OF HONOR FOR THE VIETNAM UNKNOWN SOLDIER

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	McFARLANE	☒	☐
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HERRINGTON	☐	☐		☐	☐
HICKEY	☒	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

please provide any comment/recommendation by noon tomorrow, Wednesday, May 23rd.

May 23, 1984

RESPONSE: The NSC fully supports HR 5515.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 23, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS 

SUBJECT: HR 5515 - Medal of Honor for the Vietnam
Unknown Soldier

I have reviewed and fully support HR 5515. Request you sign the response block to Darman at Tab I.

Approve K Disapprove

 Gaston Sigur and Paul Thompson (telephonically) concur.

Attachments

Tab I Kimmitt/Darman with attachment

cc: Gaston Sigur
Paul Thompson



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Received SS
1984 MAY 22 PM 3:41

MAY 22 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 5515 - Medal of Honor for the Vietnam
Unknown Soldier
Sponsors - Representatives Price (D) Illinois and
Dickinson (R) Alabama

Last Day for Action

As soon as possible and before May 25, 1984.

Purpose

Authorizes the President to award the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Defense	Approval

Discussion

H.R. 5515 authorizes the President, on behalf of the Congress, to award the Medal of Honor to the unknown American who lost his life while serving in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era and who will be buried in the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28, as authorized by the National Cemeteries Act of 1973. His remains will lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda beginning May 25.

This proposal is similar to the acts passed after World War I, World War II and the Korean Conflict, which authorized the bestowal of the Medal of Honor upon the Unknown Servicemen from those conflicts.

As Defense notes in its enrolled bill views letter, "The enactment of this measure is recommended because award of the Medal of Honor will recognize the gallantry and sacrifice of those members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served during the Vietnam era, particularly those who made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of freedom."

The enrolled bill passed the House and Senate by voice vote.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 22, 1984

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

TO: FREDERICK J. RYAN, Director
Presidential Appointments and Scheduling

FROM: [REDACTED] T Boh

REQUEST: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PURPOSE: Honor Vietnam veterans during the Memorial Day week at the first national Memorial honoring Vietnam veterans.

BACKGROUND: Memorial was built entirely out of private funds and was dedicated in 1982. Recognizing the Memorial during the week of interment of a Vietnam Unknown would be viewed as a healing act. In addition, it should finally silence the last remnants of controversy that surrounded the design.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Low-key visit in 1983, no wreath laying.

DATE AND TIME: Any time [REDACTED] while unknown is in state at the Rotunda or just after the interment ceremonies at Arlington on the 28th. DURATION: 15 minutes.

LOCATION: Vietnam Veterans Memorial off Constitution Avenue, N. W.

PARTICIPANTS: President and immediate party. Should more visibility be needed, perhaps representatives of JCS and/or Cabinet could accompany.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS: Either brief visit and view or wreath laying. Brief acknowledgment and handshake with the POW/MIA 24-hour vigil group would also be recommended.

REMARKS REQUIRED: None.

MEDIA COVERAGE: Press corps.

RECOMMENDED BY: NSC.

OPPOSED BY: None known.

PROJECT OFFICER: Richard T. Childress/Robert M. Kimmitt

Attachments

Tab A Congressman Bonior Letter to James Baker, dated 4/25/84
Tab B J. Scruggs Letter to The President, dated 4/27/84

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 21, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS  **SIGNED**

SUBJECT: Presidential Stop at Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Per your request, attached is a Schedule Proposal and the letter requests at Tabs A and B.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the Schedule Proposal at Tab I to Ryan.

Approve K Disapprove

Attachments

Tab I Kimmitt/Ryan Schedule Proposal

 Tab A Congressman Bonior Letter to James Baker,
 dated 4/25/84

 Tab B J. Scruggs Letter to The President,
 dated 4/27/84

cc: W. Martin
 G. Sigur

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

April 25, 1984

The Honorable James Baker
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

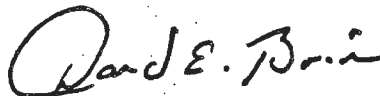
On May 28, 1984 the inclusion of an Unknown Soldier will occur at Arlington National Cemetery. This is certainly long overdue, and we all look forward to the day when this meaningful event will take place.

As you know, in November 1982, a group of Vietnam veterans dedicated the national Memorial on the Mall in Washington, D.C. The Memorial was built with contributions from the American people to honor all who served in Vietnam.

President Reagan did not attend the ceremonies to dedicate the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial. It is my hope, however, that on this special occasion when an unknown soldier is placed in Arlington that the President will not forget to pay his respects at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Memorial which has done so very much to honor the veterans and to heal the nation's wounds after a bitterly divisive era should not be neglected by the President on this upcoming Memorial Day.

In closing, let me express my personal gratitude to the Administration for honoring Vietnam veterans at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Sincerely,



David E. Bonior
Member of Congress

DEB/scm



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

April 27, 1984

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purposes of identification only.

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500
Attn: Fred Ryan

Dear President Reagan:

This Memorial Day will be a very special time for all who served in Vietnam and for the country as a whole. At long last, a Vietnam casualty will be interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

As you know, in 1982 the National Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on the Mall in Washington, D.C. We would like to invite you to lay a wreath or to pay a visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial during the period at which the Unknown Soldier is in the Capitol Rotunda. A visit by you to this most significant national Memorial that has done so much to heal the nations wounds after that divisive era would be a great honor to all those who served their nation in Vietnam. We would be especially pleased if you would lay a wreath on Memorial Day.

Our organization, which erected the Memorial with no government funding, would be honored if you would accept our offer. During these significant days upcoming in May, it would be unfortunate if the national Memorial that first honored America's Vietnam veterans was not recognized.

We stand ready to cooperate in any way.

My Highest Regard,

Jan C. Scruggs
President

JCS/caj

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(5/18/84)

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Al

This is great stuff. The only problem is no mention of the theme. As a follow-up to the P letter, we had told the families that each event that took place, it would be highlighted. Mom. Foley did it in Hawaii yesterday. I suggest an insert as noted that would be enough and retain the theme.

Great stuff.

Dick

(Myer/BE)
May 16, 1984
12:00 noon

REMARKS: UNKNOWN SERVICEMAN CEREMONY AT THE CAPITOL
FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1984

An American hero has returned home. God bless him.

We may not know of this man's life, but we know of his character. We may not know his name, but we know his courage. He is the heart, the soul and the spirit of America.

Today, a grateful Nation mourns the death of an Unknown Serviceman of the Vietnam Era. This young American understood that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. He may not have wanted to be a hero, but there was a need -- in the Plain of Reeds, off Yankee Station, at Khe Sanh, over the Red River Valley.

He accepted his mission and did his duty. And his honest patriotism overwhelms us. We understand the meaning of his sacrifice.

This American hero may not need us. But, surely, we need him. In Longfellow's words,

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

We must not be blind to the light he left behind. Our path must be worthy of his trust. We must not betray his love of country. It is up to us to protect the proud heritage now in our hands, and to live in peace as bravely as he died in war.

On this day, as we honor our Unknown Serviceman, we pray to Almighty God for His mercy. And we pray for the wisdom that this hero be America's last Unknown.

★ We must return his missing comrades also -- he would expect no less.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

5/15/84

TO: WILLIAM HENKEL/ED HICKEY

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FR*

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Participate in ceremonies for Entombment of Vietnam Unknown Soldier

DATE: May 28, 1984

TIME: 1:30 pm

DURATION: To be determined

LOCATION: Arlington National Cemetery

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY PARTICIPATION: Yes

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: R. Darman
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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 30, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN

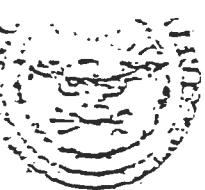
FROM:

Paul B. Thompson for
ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT:

Ceremonies for Unknown Serviceman of
Vietnam Era

The Vice President's Office has informed us that the Vice President is scheduled to be out of town on May 25 when the Rotunda Ceremony of the subject event takes place. By appropriateness and precedence, the President or the Vice President needs to be at the Capitol Ceremony.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS US ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR
WASHINGTON, DC 20319

ATTENTION OF

ANCOSE

MEMORANDUM THRU EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.

FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN

SUBJECT: Ceremonies for the Unknown Serviceman of Vietnam

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OTB

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Chickadee

30 March 1984

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Thank

R
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1. The President should arrive at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda at 2:35 p.m. on
25 May 1984.

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SUBJECT: Ceremonies for the Unknown Serviceman of Vietnam

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Director
Ceremonies and Special Events

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FOR THE SECRETARY

THE STATE FUNERAL PLAN FOR THE INTERMENT

OF THE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1984

Dear Mrs. Hart:

I very much appreciate hearing the League's views on the interment of an Unknown Serviceman from the Vietnam Era. Throughout our deliberations, we have maintained that our first obligation was to the families themselves. We resisted Congressional and veterans group pressure to rush the process, thus ensuring integrity for the families.

Our commitment to the issue of American servicemen prisoner or missing in Vietnam will not be diminished, but will be strengthened by the interment mandated by Congressional law. We fully intend the ceremony to be one that not only honors our brave men who served in Southeast Asia, but addresses the haunting unknown question -- the fate of our men still missing.

I hope the League will find it is in their interest, as I believe it is, to join us in an act of national unity that will spark greater public awareness that the Vietnam War is not behind us without the fullest possible accounting for our men.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Mrs. Anne Hart
Vice Chairman
National League of Families
of American Prisoners and
Missing in Southeast Asia
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

National Security Council
The White House

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cc: VP Meese Baker Deaver Other

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SIGNED

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *RCM*

SUBJECT: Letter to the National League of Families on the
Interment of a Vietnam Unknown

Issue

To sign a letter to the National League of Families in response to their letter at Tab B.

Facts

We successfully resisted Congressional and veterans group pressure to inter an unknown prematurely for the past two years in order to assure ourselves that the remains to be interred are truly unidentifiable. We brought Ann Griffiths, the Executive Director of the League in Washington, into the technical process and she is satisfied in this regard. The Secretary of the Army spoke to the Chairman of the Board of the League prior to the public announcement. He approved and believed that the Board would also approve. Subsequently, the Board itself led by Anne Hart voted by a majority to oppose interment and sent the letter at Tab B.

Discussion

This reaction is emotional and due to many years of apathy towards the POW/MIA issue by prior Administrations. The fear expressed is that interment will close the book on Vietnam and in the public eye the POW/MIA issue. One of my staff members spoke to the Western Regional Meeting of the League last week. He explained the procedures and the Congressional law and assured them that, rather than closing the book on this issue, it will be used to highlight the true unknown question of the Vietnam War -- the fate of almost 2,500 missing Americans. After the presentation, the families voted almost 2 to 1 in favor of proceeding. Your remarks at the scheduled ceremony will be tailored appropriately. Your suggested response to the League Vice Chairman will reinforce the message given to the general membership by the League Executive Director and appeal for unity.

RecommendationOK No

✓ OR That you sign the letter at Tab A to Mrs. Hart, Vice Chairman of the Board.

cc Vice President

Attachments

Tab A Presidential Letter for Signature
Tab B National League of Families Letter, dated 4/18/84

Prepared by:
Richard Childress



NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES
OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006 (202) 223-6846

April 18, 1984

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Mr. President:

Although the National League of Families has not previously taken a formal position concerning the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, we have long opposed interment of a Vietnam era unknown until every possible effort has been made to resolve the POW/MIA issue.

Your personal and public commitment to our men has given us hope that this nation will make every effort to secure the release of those who may still be held captive, achieve the fullest possible accounting for those still missing and return of their remains as soon as possible.

Last year, during the Memorial Day ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery, two plaques were dedicated. The center plaque reads, "The crypt for the unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War lies empty as the nation continues to identify those American dead who have been recovered from Southeast Asia." Those words are still valid.

The efforts and dedication of your administration ensure that more Americans will be recovered and identified. We believe the crypt for the unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War should remain empty until the fullest possible accounting has been achieved. The greatest tribute to those who served this country is the effort to ensure that there are no unknowns.

It is our hope that you, as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces and President of the United States, will intervene to stop this ceremony until our uncertainty has been resolved and this nation can honor all Vietnam veterans, knowing we have done our very best.

Respectfully,

Anne M. Hart

Anne M. Hart
Acting Chairman of the Board

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cc: Board of Directors
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 3, 1984

ACTION

SIGNED

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: RICHARD CHILDRESS

SUBJECT: Response to National League of Families
Letter - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Despite our work to ensure the interment process was done correctly, Ann Griffiths' lobbying of the League Board and Secretary Marsh's call to the Board Chairman, Earl Hopper (who agreed it was fine), the Board voted by a majority to register opposition.

The letter to the President from Anne Hart, Vice Chairman of the Board, is at Tab B.

At the Western Regional Meeting which I addressed, the families voted by a 2-1 margin in favor of proceeding with the interment if the event was also used to flag the real unknown question, the fate of their men. They were assured that this would be done.

We need the President's response to them as quickly as possible to influence them further towards supporting this.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward the memorandum at Tab I to the President.

Approve ☒Disapprove ☐

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum McFarlane/President
Tab A Presidential Letter for Signature
Tab B National League of Families Letter,
dated 4/18/84

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL



May 7, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL HOROWITZ

FROM: ROBERT M. KIMMITT 

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation - Vietnam Unknown

Request expeditious action to issue the Presidential Proclamation at Tab A to support the scheduled interment ceremonies for the Vietnam Unknown. DOD requires this around 10 May 1984 to be in sufficient time to precede the first ceremony.

Attachment

Tab A Presidential Proclamation

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On this Memorial Day, May 28, 1984, in the National Cemetery at Arlington, the remains of an Unknown American who gave his life in service overseas during the Vietnam era will be interred at the Tomb of the Unknowns to join the Unknown National heroes of previous wars.

This Unknown American represents almost two thousand five hundred Americans still missing from the Vietnam era whose fate has yet to be resolved. He also represents the commitment and sacrifices of those fine Americans who, placing duty to their country above all else, served, fought and died in Southeast Asia.

The casket will arrive in the City of Washington on May 25, 1984, to lie in state in the rotunda of the United States Capitol until final interment:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby direct that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels of the Federal Government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, and at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations, when customarily flown, on May 25, May 26, May 27, and May 28, 1984.

As a sign of our national gratitude and concern, I also urge my fellow citizens to display our country's flag at half-staff at their homes and other appropriate places during this period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this _____ day of May
in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty four,
and of the Independence of the United States of America
the two hundred and eighth.

RONALD REAGAN

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

May 7, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

SIGNEDFROM: RICHARD CHILDRESS 

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation re: Vietnam Unknown

Cap Weinberger has proposed a Presidential Proclamation in a letter to the President (Tab II). In addition, he asks that it be published around 10 May 1984. The wording is fine (Tab A) and it is sensitive to the concerns of the POW/MIA families.


Gaston Sigur concurs.RECOMMENDATION

That you authorize Bob Kimmitt to sign the memorandum at Tab I transmitting the draft to Horowitz.

Approve 

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum Kimmitt/Horowitz
Tab A Presidential Proclamation
Tab II Weinberger Memorandum dated 5/3/84

cc: Gaston Sigur



WASHINGTON, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Proclamation on the Vietnam
Unknown

On April 13, 1984, we announced the decision to inter an Unknown Serviceman from the Vietnam Era at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984. Before interring previous Unknowns the President declared a period of mourning while the Unknown lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda. For the Vietnam Unknown this will be the period May 25 to May 28, 1984.

Enclosed at Tab A is a proposed proclamation which is similar to the one used for the World War II and Korean Unknowns (Tab B). The proclamation states our intention to inter the Vietnam Unknown on Memorial Day and directs that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff at all Federal facilities in the United States and abroad and on all Naval vessels for the period May 25 through May 28, 1984. Private citizens are also urged to display the flag at half-staff during this period.

The ceremonies for the Vietnam Unknown begin with the designation ceremony on May 17, 1984. If you agree, please issue this Proclamation around May 10, 1984, so it will sufficiently precede the first ceremony and allow time for implementation.

Enclosures

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation—
“WHEREAS on this Memorial Day, in the National Cemetery at Arlington, the remains of two unknown Americans who gave their lives in service overseas during the Second World War and during the Korean conflict, will be interred; and

“WHEREAS these two Unknown Americans represent almost eighty thousand Americans killed in the Second World War and more than eight thousand Americans killed in the Korean conflict whose bodies lie unidentified in resting places abroad; and

“WHEREAS their two caskets will arrive in the City of Washington on May 28, 1958, to lie in state in the rotunda of the United States Capitol until final interment:

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“IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

“DONE at the City of Washington this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty eight, and of
[SEAL] the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-second.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

By the President:
JOHN FOSTER DULLES,
Secretary of State.”

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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April 30, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR FREDERICK J. RYAN

FROM: *Paul D. Thompson for*
ROBERT M. KIMMITT

SUBJECT: Ceremonies for Unknown Serviceman of
Vietnam Era

The Vice President's Office has informed us that the Vice President is scheduled to be out of town on May 25 when the Rotunda Ceremony of the subject event takes place. By appropriateness and precedence, the President or the Vice President needs to be at the Capitol Ceremony.

MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 30, 1984

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR BOB KIMMITT

FROM: DICK CHILDRESS 
SUBJECT: Ceremonies for Unknown Serviceman of
Vietnam Era

Recommend you send the memorandum at Tab I to Ryan.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Attachments

Tab I Memorandum Kimmitt/Ryan
Tab II O/VP Memorandum dated 4/17/84 with buckslips and
previous staff submission - 2898

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. MCFARLANE

FROM: JENNIFER A. FITZGERALD

SUBJECT: . . ATTACHED REQUEST

Bud, regarding the attached memo, the Vice President is scheduled to be out of the city and will be unable to participate in the Ceremonies for the Unknown Serviceman of Vietnam Era which is scheduled for May 28.

Thanks.

cc: Fred Ryan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 4-10-84

TO: *Jennifer Fitzgerald*

FROM: **FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.**
Director
Presidential Appointments and
Scheduling

☐ Information

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To VP
You are
scheduled
for 10-port 5/85
Please note the
V.P. event on
May 25. Thanks,
Frd

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bill Henkel

TO:

FROM: **BILL SITTMANN**
Special Assistant to the President
and Special Assistant to the
Deputy Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Attached

I've spoken to Ed Hickey and we
don't have to do both of these.
Para. 3 is the one we will do.

☐ Information

☐ Action

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: BOB KIMMITT

FROM: **WILLIAM HENKEL**
Deputy Assistant to the President
Director of Presidential Advance

☐ Information

☐ Action

PER YOUR REQUEST.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1984

MEMO TO FRED RYAN

FROM: BILL SITTMANN

Please schedule POTUS for
the May 28th event and have
the VP do May 25th, Kimmitt
has the Action.

Thanks.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1984

*Regent
out of town*

MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEEVER

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *Rud*

SUBJECT: Ceremonies for the Unknown Serviceman of
Vietnam Era, May 28, 1984

We have received the Military District of Washington (MDW) memorandum sent directly to Ed Hickey, which we just obtained (Tab A).

MDW recommends Presidential participation at two points. The first on Friday, May 25, 1984, at the Capitol Rotunda where he would deliver the eulogy and lay a wreath. The second on Monday, May 28, 1984, at Arlington National Cemetery for the funeral service, rendering of honors, brief Presidential remarks and the presentation of the Medal of Honor.

During the WWII/Korean Unknown Ceremonies, Vice President Nixon handled the Rotunda event and President Eisenhower attended the Arlington Ceremonies. With this historic precedent, we would recommend the same participation.

Attachment

Tab A MDW Memorandum dated 3/30/84



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS US ARMY MILITARY DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR
WASHINGTON, DC 20319

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

ANC&SE

30 March 1984

MEMORANDUM THRU EDWARD V. HICKEY, JR.

FOR WILLIAM F. SITTMANN /MICHAEL K. DEEVER

SUBJECT: Ceremonies for the Unknown Serviceman of Vietnam

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Director
Ceremonies and Special Events

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