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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON *dyh* Speakers Bureau

SUBJECT: SPEAKERS REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event: Veterans Day Ceremonies in North Adams, MA

Date: November 11, 1983

Location: North Adams, MA

Background: See attached correspondence. If this is too small a group to send a rep to, I will decline and send the President's Veterans Day Proclamation to them to read at their ceremonies.

RECOMMEND ACCEPT ☐

RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE STAFF ☐

RECOMMEND REGRET ☐

RECOMMEND CABINET MEMBER ☐

RECOMMEND SUB-CABINET MEMBER ☐

COMMENTS:

Yes, send proclamation.

M. Blackwell

Your response is needed by: ASAP.

October 25, 1983

Dear Mr. Catrabone:

On behalf of the President and Mrs. Reagan, I would like to thank you for inviting them to attend your Veterans Day Ceremonies on November 11, 1983.

Although the President and Mrs. Reagan would like to join you, their heavy schedule precludes their doing so. With regard to your request for a surrogate, I am forwarding your message to the Speakers Bureau and they will be in touch with you regarding the possibility of a representative.

In the meantime, the President and Mrs. Reagan have asked me to express their gratitude for your thoughtfulness in writing and sends their best wishes.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Mike Catrabone
Chairman
Post Office Box 251
North Adams, MA 01247

FJR/JL/lm--10FJRB
cc: w/incoming to Debbie Hutton

*Don't
miss*

#COME MARCH WITH US#

OCT 7, 1983
FRIDAY 500PM

FJC-24A

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN
THE WHITEHOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

DEAR PRESIDENT AND MRS REAGAN.

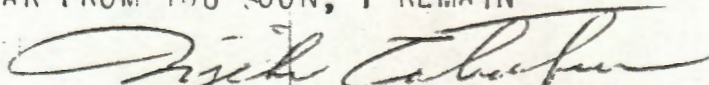
POST 125, AMERICAN LEGION, NORTH ADAMS MASSACHUSETTS WOULD BE
HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS OUR GUEST FOR OUR VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES
ON NOVEMBER 11TH, 1983 -

WE PLAN A MARCH FROM THE LEGION HOME ON AMERICAN LEGION DRIVE
HERE IN NORTH ADAMS AT 1000AM UP THE MAIN STREET TO THE VETERANS
MEMORIAL ON CHURCH STREET.

IMMEDIATELY FOWLOWING THE PARADE WE WILL MARCH BACK TO THE
LEGION HOME FOR A LUNCHEON HONORING ALL VETERANS, BOTH LIVING AND
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

WE OF THE LEGION KNOW YOU ARE A BUSY MAN AND SUCH A SHORT NOTICE
YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE OUR MARCH FOR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES,
IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOU AND MRS REAGAN TO ATTEND DO YOU THINK
YOU CAN SEND A REPRESENTATIVE - THIS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

HOPING TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON, I REMAIN



MIKE CATRABONE - CHAIRMAN

POST 125 AMERICAN LEGION
NO ADAMS MASS 01247

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: DEBBIE HUTTON, *dh* Speakers Bureau

SUBJECT: SPEAKERS REQUEST

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION AND COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Event: Remembrance Ceremony of the POW, MIA and KIAs of the Vietnam War

Date: September 24, 1983

Location: Zanesville, OH

Background: See attached correspondence. I plan to regret for a representative on Sept. 9th unless I get an alternate recommendation from you.

RECOMMEND ACCEPT ☐

RECOMMEND REGRET ☒

RECOMMEND WHITE HOUSE STAFF ☐

RECOMMEND CABINET MEMBER ☐

RECOMMEND SUB-CABINET MEMBER ☐

COMMENTS:

Your response is needed by: ASAP.

Not a major group.

M. Blackwell

September 6, 1983

Dear Mr. Dicks:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for inviting him to participate in the Remembrance Ceremony of the POW, MIA and KIAS of the Vietnam War on the 24th of September.

Although he would like to join you, the President's heavy schedule precludes his doing so. With regard to your request for a surrogate, I am forwarding your message to the Speakers Bureau and they will be in touch with you regarding the possibility of a representative.

In the meantime, the President has asked me to express his gratitude for your thoughtfulness in writing and sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director, Presidential
Appointments and Scheduling

Mr. Robert J. Dicks
Chapter 42
Vietnam Veterans of America
334 Shinnick Street
Zanesville, OH 43701

cc: w/inc copy to Judy Pond

FJR:SM:jzf
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J. J. Dicks
Dear President Reagan,

I am writing you this letter to inform you that we the Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter 42 here in Zanesville Ohio are having a rememberebce Ceremony for the POW MIA and KIAS of the Viet Nam War on the 24th. of September at the Greenwood Cemetery .

We will have a Wreath Ceremony and we are planning a Rifle salute with hopefully Congressman Clarence Miller, the Mayor Cam Aggan and a few other political people we are hoping to attend.

This Ceremony hopefully will show the people of this area that We still remember these men. Sir, we have 2 MIAs from the Zanesville area that are presumed Missing in Action and we don't forget them.

There are 129 men missing from ohio and I think that we can show a great tribute to these men. I reolise that you have a very busy scheguel and I know that you probably will not be able to attend but we wish to invite you. It would be an Honor to have you here.

We would like for you to be the one that raises the Flag to half mast and do the honors of leading us in the Salute and have you Pray a small Prayre for these men. Hopefully you can attend and if you are not able to attend maybe you could have one of your representatives here. This is very Important to us and I hope to see you or at least recieve a reply from you. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Dicks

Robert J. Dicks
Office Coordinator
Viet Nam Veterans of Amer
Chapter # 42
334 Shinnick St.
Zanesville, Ohio

43701
1 (614) 455-3683

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISONDATE: SEP 6 1983ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 83/09/13SUBJECT: Veteran's Day 1983

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REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

O.K.
M. Blackwell
10/7/83

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2270

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 31, 1983 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: COB: SeptemberSUBJECT: VETERANS DAY, 1983

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	☐	☐	HARPER	☒	☐
MEESE	☐	☐	HERRINGTON	☐	☐
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FULLER	☒	☐	ROGERS	☐	☐
GERGEN	☐	☐	_____	☐	☐

REMARKS: Attached for your consideration, the proposed draft proclamation designating November 11, 1983 as Veterans Day.

The document was slightly edited in the Special Messages Office.

Many thanks.

RESPONSE:

Randy
 Randy Hodge,
 direction from
 Dodie Livingston
 (for) Richard G. Darmstadter
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2941



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

August 29, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MICHAEL J. HOROWITZ ^{JFL}
COUNSEL TO THE DIRECTOR ^{10/15/83}

SUBJECT: VETERANS DAY, 1983

Enclosed is the annual proposed proclamation for Veterans Day, 1983.

Although there is no statute which specifically calls for a Veterans Day proclamation, one has been issued each year since 1954.

The Administrator, Veterans Administration, in his capacity as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee, requests issuance of this proclamation in early September in order to permit timely distribution of materials to schools, State Chairpersons, etc., who are arranging this year's observance.

The proposed proclamation, which was submitted at our request by the Veterans Administration, has been retyped in this office to reflect minor editorial changes and as to format.

The proposed proclamation has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Enclosure

VETERANS DAY, 1983

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

None among us deserve more respect than the millions of patriotic men and women who have worn our Nation's uniform to preserve America's freedom and world peace.

Our Armed Forces veterans have earned a special day in which you and I may focus on their heroic accomplishments. For their unselfish devotion to duty, Congress established Veterans Day as a national expression of gratitude. On this historic occasion, our hearts and minds should be with our living veterans and their deceased comrades who have contributed so much to the defense of our country's ideals.

From the freezing cold of Valley Forge when our Nation was in its infancy, to the Vietnam conflict where our soldiers fought and died for the human rights of others, through war and peace, these valiant citizens have answered the call to service with honor and dignity. They are indeed worthy of a formal tribute from a grateful nation. Special consideration is due to those veterans who are sick and disabled. There is no better tangible expression of our affection than by remembering to visit them at home or in our hospitals.

In order that we pay meaningful tribute to the efforts of these valiant men and women of our Armed Forces, Congress has provided (5 U.S.C. 6103(a)) that November 11 shall be set aside each year as a national holiday to honor America's veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare Friday, November 11, 1983, as Veterans Day. In recognition of their valor, I urge all Americans to join with me in a fitting salute to our veterans, and I call upon Federal, State and local government officials to mark Veterans Day by displaying the flag of the United States, and I ask those Government

officials to support fully and personally its observance by appropriate ceremonies throughout the country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of _____, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and
eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America
the two hundred and eighth.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

DATE: AUG 1 1983ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 8/3/83/11SUBJECT: Pres. to address VFW

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MELOY	☐	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

No action Required

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2270

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

7/29/83

MEMORANDUM

TO: WILLIAM HENKEL (Coordinate with Fuller & Whittlesey;
Fuller to do briefing paper)

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

SUBJ: APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING: Address Convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars

DATE: August 15, 1983

TIME: 10:00 am

DURATION: To be determined

LOCATION: New Orleans, Louisiana

REMARKS REQUIRED: Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE: Coordinate with Press Office

FIRST LADY
PARTICIPATION: No

NOTE: PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST

cc: A. Bakshian	J. Rosebush	F. Whittlesey
R. Darman	B. Shaddix	J. Vipond
R. Deprospero	W. Sittmann	
K. Duberstein	L. Speakes	
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISONDATE: JUL 27 1983ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 83/07/29 - 11:00 A.M.SUBJECT: C.O. Military Benefits

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REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

OK to sign.



2/28/83

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2270

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 27 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: NOON FRIDAY, JULY 29SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS
TO SURVIVORS OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN OR AS A RESULT OF
MILITARY SERVICE"

	ACTION FYI			ACTION FYI	
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GERGEN	☒	☐		☐	☐

REMARKS:

Please provide any comments/recommendations by Noon, Friday,
July 29th.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

Received SS

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July 26, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: DAVID A. STOCKMAN

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN OR AS A RESULT OF MILITARY SERVICE"

SUMMARY. This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed Executive order which would provide for the restoration of certain benefits to the surviving spouses and children of certain persons who died in or as a result of military service.

BACKGROUND. Section 156 of Public Law 97-377 provided for the restoration of certain social security-type benefits to the survivors of certain military personnel. These benefits had been eliminated by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The proposed order would implement the new, freestanding benefit mechanism established by Section 156.

The proposal would designate the Veterans Administration as the agency responsible for administering the program. Pursuant to Section 156, the benefits and the expenses incurred in administering the program will be paid by transferring funds from the Department of Defense to the Veterans Administration. The Department of Health and Human Services will provide the Veterans Administration such information and technical assistance as it shall require to implement the benefits program.

None of the commenting agencies has objected to the proposed order, as revised by this Office. The Veterans Administration expressed concern regarding the scope of its legal responsibility under Section 156. That question has now been conclusively resolved by a comprehensive opinion issued by the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice, and its conclusions are reflected in the proposed order.

RECOMMENDATION. I recommend that you sign the proposed Executive order.



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the
Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUL 27 1983

The President,

The White House,

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed Executive order entitled "Payment of Certain Benefits to Survivors of Persons Who Died in or as a Result of Military Service."

This proposed order was submitted by the Veterans Administration. It has been forwarded for the consideration of this Department as to form and legality by the Office of Management and Budget with the approval of the Director. A minor technical correction was made by the Office of Management and Budget at the suggestion of this Office.

Respectfully,

Theodore B. Olson
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the
Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUL 27 1983

MEMORANDUM

Re: Proposed Executive order entitled
"Payment of Certain Benefits to
Survivors of Persons who Died in
or as a Result of Military Service"

The attached proposed Executive order was submitted by the Veterans Administration. It has been forwarded for the consideration of this Department as to form and legality by the Office of Management and Budget with the approval of the Director. A minor technical correction was made by the Office of Management and Budget at the suggestion of this Office.

The proposed Executive order would designate the Administrator of Veterans Affairs as the head of the agency charged with administering the provision of benefits under Section 156 of the 1983 Continuing Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 97-377, 96 Stat. 1830, 1920 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 402 note). This section authorizes the payment of benefits to the survivors of persons who died in or as a result of military service. Before the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-35, 95 Stat. 842, such benefits were provided under §§ 202(d) and 202(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 402(d), (g), by the Social Security Administration, but were terminated by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act. The 1983 Continuing Appropriations Act restored these benefits and permitted the President to vest administrative authority over their payment in "the head of [one] department or agency[,]" as the President shall designate." § 156(i)(1), 96 Stat. 1922.

In addition to designating the Administrator of Veterans Affairs as the head of the agency charged with administering this program, the proposed Executive order would also require the Secretary of Defense, as set forth in § 156(g)(1), 96 Stat. 1922, to transfer to the Veterans Administration such funds

as the Administrator reasonably determines are necessary to pay the benefits and the administrative expenses of the program. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is also directed to provide to the Administrator, on a reimbursable basis, such information and technical assistance as the Administrator may reasonably require to discharge his responsibilities under § 156. See § 156(d)(1), 96 Stat. 1921. A July 15, 1983 opinion of the Office of Legal Counsel analyzing certain legal issues raised by the program is attached.

The proposed Executive order is acceptable as to form and legality.

Theodore B. Olson
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF PERSONS
WHO DIED IN OR AS A RESULT OF MILITARY SERVICE

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including Section 156 of Public Law 97-377 (96 Stat. 1920; 42 U.S.C. 402 note), in order to provide certain benefits to the surviving spouses and children of certain persons who died in or as a result of military service, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The Administrator of Veterans Affairs is designated to administer the provisions of Section 156 of Public Law 97-377.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs such information and such technical assistance as the Administrator may reasonably require to discharge his responsibilities under Section 156. The Administrator of Veterans Affairs shall reimburse the Department of Health and Human Services for all expenses it incurs in providing such information and technical assistance to the Veterans Administration. Such expenses shall be paid from the Veterans Administration account described in Section 3 of this Order.

Sec. 3. During fiscal year 1983 and each succeeding fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall transfer, from time to time, from the "Retired Pay, Defense" account of the Department of Defense to an account established in the Veterans Administration, such amounts as the Administrator of Veterans Affairs determines to be necessary to pay the benefits authorized by Section 156 during fiscal year 1983 and each succeeding fiscal year, and the expenses incurred by the Veterans Administration in paying such benefits during fiscal year 1983 and each succeeding fiscal year. Such transfers shall, to the extent feasible, be made in advance

of the payment of benefits and expenses by the Veterans
Administration.

Sec. 4. This Order shall be effective as of January 1, 1983.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

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REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

OK to sign.

MB

2/28/83

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2270

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FROM: DAVID A. STOCKMAN

SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF PERSONS WHO DIED IN OR AS A RESULT OF MILITARY SERVICE"

SUMMARY. This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed Executive order which would provide for the restoration of certain benefits to the surviving spouses and children of certain persons who died in or as a result of military service.

BACKGROUND. Section 156 of Public Law 97-377 provided for the restoration of certain social security-type benefits to the survivors of certain military personnel. These benefits had been eliminated by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The proposed order would implement the new, freestanding benefit mechanism established by Section 156.

The proposal would designate the Veterans Administration as the agency responsible for administering the program. Pursuant to Section 156, the benefits and the expenses incurred in administering the program will be paid by transferring funds from the Department of Defense to the Veterans Administration. The Department of Health and Human Services will provide the Veterans Administration such information and technical assistance as it shall require to implement the benefits program.

None of the commenting agencies has objected to the proposed order, as revised by this Office. The Veterans Administration expressed concern regarding the scope of its legal responsibility under Section 156. That question has now been conclusively resolved by a comprehensive opinion issued by the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice, and its conclusions are reflected in the proposed order.

RECOMMENDATION. I recommend that you sign the proposed Executive order.



U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the
Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUL 27 1983

The President,

The White House,

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed Executive order entitled "Payment of Certain Benefits to Survivors of Persons Who Died in or as a Result of Military Service."

This proposed order was submitted by the Veterans Administration. It has been forwarded for the consideration of this Department as to form and legality by the Office of Management and Budget with the approval of the Director. A minor technical correction was made by the Office of Management and Budget at the suggestion of this Office.

Respectfully,

Theodore B. Olson
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel



U.S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D.C. 20530

JUL 27 1983

MEMORANDUM

Re: Proposed Executive order entitled
"Payment of Certain Benefits to
Survivors of Persons who Died in
or as a Result of Military Service"

The attached proposed Executive order was submitted by the Veterans Administration. It has been forwarded for the consideration of this Department as to form and legality by the Office of Management and Budget with the approval of the Director. A minor technical correction was made by the Office of Management and Budget at the suggestion of this Office.

The proposed Executive order would designate the Administrator of Veterans Affairs as the head of the agency charged with administering the provision of benefits under Section 156 of the 1983 Continuing Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 97-377, 96 Stat. 1830, 1920 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 402 note). This section authorizes the payment of benefits to the survivors of persons who died in or as a result of military service. Before the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1981, Pub. L. No. 97-35, 95 Stat. 842, such benefits were provided under §§ 202(d) and 202(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 402(d), (g), by the Social Security Administration, but were terminated by the Omnibus Reconciliation Act. The 1983 Continuing Appropriations Act restored these benefits and permitted the President to vest administrative authority over their payment in "the head of [one] department or agency[,] as the President shall designate." § 156(i)(1), 96 Stat. 1922.

In addition to designating the Administrator of Veterans Affairs as the head of the agency charged with administering this program, the proposed Executive order would also require the Secretary of Defense, as set forth in § 156(g)(1), 96 Stat. 1922, to transfer to the Veterans Administration such funds

as the Administator reasonably determines are necessary to pay the benefits and the administrative expenses of the program. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is also directed to provide to the Administrator, on a reimbursable basis, such information and technical assistance as the Administrator may reasonably require to discharge his responsibilities under § 156. See § 156(d)(1), 96 Stat. 1921. A July 15, 1983 opinion of the Office of Legal Counsel analyzing certain legal issues raised by the program is attached.

The proposed Executive order is acceptable as to form and legality.

Theodore B. Olson
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BENEFITS TO SURVIVORS OF PERSONS
WHO DIED IN OR AS A RESULT OF MILITARY SERVICE

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including Section 156 of Public Law 97-377 (96 Stat. 1920; 42 U.S.C. 402 note), in order to provide certain benefits to the surviving spouses and children of certain persons who died in or as a result of military service, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The Administrator of Veterans Affairs is designated to administer the provisions of Section 156 of Public Law 97-377.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs such information and such technical assistance as the Administrator may reasonably require to discharge his responsibilities under Section 156. The Administrator of Veterans Affairs shall reimburse the Department of Health and Human Services for all expenses it incurs in providing such information and technical assistance to the Veterans Administration. Such expenses shall be paid from the Veterans Administration account described in Section 3 of this Order.

Sec. 3. During fiscal year 1983 and each succeeding fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall transfer, from time to time, from the "Retired Pay, Defense" account of the Department of Defense to an account established in the Veterans Administration, such amounts as the Administrator of Veterans Affairs determines to be necessary to pay the benefits authorized by Section 156 during fiscal year 1983 and each succeeding fiscal year, and the expenses incurred by the Veterans Administration in paying such benefits during fiscal year 1983 and each succeeding fiscal year. Such transfers shall, to the extent feasible, be made in advance

of the payment of benefits and expenses by the Veterans Administration.

Sec. 4. This Order shall be effective as of January 1, 1983.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

DATE: JUL 27 1983ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: COB - 7/27SUBJECT: Proclamation - Nat. Paralyzed Vets
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REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

This is OK
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 Note: When signed,
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Faith Ryan Whittlesey
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2270

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7-26-83 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: COB 7-27-83

SUBJECT: Draft proclamation designating August 3, 1983
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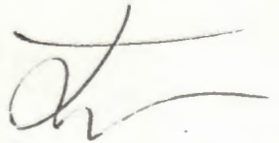
REMARKS: Draft proclamation as noted above.

Draft submitted by the Veterans Administration
and edited in this office.

Please comment as appropriate.

NOTE: Requires immediate attention.

RESPONSE: OMB has approved, but no memo boxes available


 Jack Wells
 for
 Dodie Livingston
 (for) Richard G. Darman
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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
A PROCLAMATION

The people of this great Nation owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who have fought to preserve America's freedom and independence. National Paralyzed Veterans Recognition Day offers us an opportunity to express our appreciation to a very special group of our veterans -- those who suffer the disability of paralysis.

On this day of tribute to these dedicated citizens, we honor them for the great sacrifice they made for their country, and praise them for the courage, determination, and perseverance they have demonstrated in facing the difficult challenges of their disabilities. The strong will and spirit which they demonstrate in fighting the limitations of their paralysis serves as an inspiring display of the American drive to achieve, build, and advance which kept this country strong for the past two centuries. Each of us are heartened by the knowledge that this Nation's paralyzed veterans lead active, productive lives which enrich us all. It is indeed appropriate that we set aside a special day upon which to thank them for their past and continuing contributions to this country.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
day of , in the year of our Lord
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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF PUBLIC LIAISON

DATE: JUL 26 1983ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 83/01/27

SUBJECT:

Sch. Recm. Pres to meet Calif. Veterans
Thrup re: POW/MIA's

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REMARKS:

RESPONSE:

A pres. meeting not necessary.
They got good treatment here,
met with me & later with Dick
& Childress *FR* *7/27/83*

Faith Ryan Whittlesey
 Assistant to the President
 Ext. 2270

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

JULY 25, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: ✓ FAITH WHITTLESEY - ED. ROLLINS - CRAIG FULLER

FROM: FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., DIRECTOR
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING RECOMMENDATION

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION ON THE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULING REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION:

EVENT: Meeting with California veterans group
regarding POW/MIA's

DATE: During ^atrip to California

LOCATION: California

BACKGROUND: See attached

YOUR RECOMMENDATION:

Accept___ Regret___ Surrogate___ Message___ Other___
Priority___
Routine___

IF RECOMMENDATION IS TO ACCEPT, PLEASE CITE REASONS:

RESPONSE DUE 7-28-83

TO

Sarah Long

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JOSEPH A. VIOLANTE
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
101 MOODY COURT
THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA 91360
805/496-8333

June 23, 1983

Richard T. Childress
Staff Member, National Security Council
Room 303
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Dick:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our veterans group to discuss what actions our government is taking with respect to our POW/MIA's.

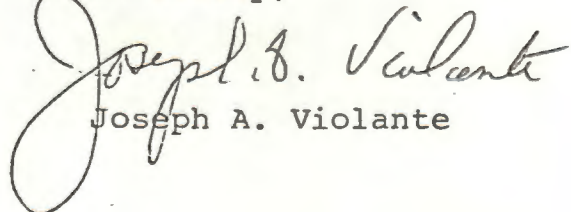
As you are aware, we came to Washington believing that nothing was being done to resolve the fate of our POW/MIA's. However, we returned to California with the belief that the present administration is doing something and with the confidence that this issue will be resolved in the near future.

Our sole motivation is the fate of our POW's and an accounting of our MIA's, and it is to this end that we are dedicated. For our part, we intend to continue to keep this issue in front of the public and our elected officials, and we hope that you will keep us advised on recent developments pertaining to the POW/MIA situation.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could assist us in arranging a meeting with President Reagan in California, during one of his trips back here.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to brief us on the issue of our POW/MIA's. Please feel free to call on us if we can be of any assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,


Joseph A. Violante

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