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Reserve Officers Association of the UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

AMERICAN HERITAGE DIRECTOR

24 June 1982

COL W. E. Thomas, Jr. AUS-Ret
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819
916/455-5340

Sent

*Please
send
me
request*

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

You may not recall our telephone conversations and correspondence of last year until you review enclosed correspondence. Then I am sure you will. I want to thank you for following through and taking the action that resulted in the November 13th "Dear Ed" letter to me from President Reagan. I really treasure that letter from him. I apologize for taking so long to write and thank you for your actions.

Next, I want to discuss the President's address to the United Nations on June 17th. It was magnificent and made me very proud of our country, of our record in so many ways, and of him as our President. It is so timely that he reminded all nations, so forcefully, of the despicable record of aggression, deception, repression and terrorism by the Soviet government over so many years. For us to have a President with the courage to stand up to the Soviets and "tell it like it is" gives me, and I am sure millions of Americans, a tremendous sense of pride and a resurgence of patriotism.

I had hoped there would be a complete transcript of the President's address in the newspapers, but I have not found one. Will you please send me a copy of the transcript. I will appreciate it greatly. Thanks for everything.

Very sincerely,

Ed Thomas

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

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Ltr, April 20, 1981 to Mr Morton Blackwell
News Release, RO A Hdqs, July 17, 1981
Ltr, Nov 13, 1981, The White House-Pres. Reagan



5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

Reserve Officers Association of The United States

April 20, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 1981. In this regard, I enclose a copy of my April 6th letter to General Roberts. I am sure processing of President Reagan's ROA membership is now in good hands and will soon be accomplished.

I have no way of knowing if you or President Reagan ever received my original letter of August 27, 1980 or first follow-up letter to Curtis Mack of October 22nd. Because the August 27th letter contains all the background information, I am enclosing a copy along with the October 22nd letter.

I think you also would want a copy of the checks and applications I made. It is enclosed. This, of course, will be a memorable souvenir for 2nd Lt. Roger Behringer who on March 31st was the newest lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Thanks again for your response. Also, I Thank God for The President's rapid recovery. Please wish him well for me.

Most sincerely,

Ed Thomas

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

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6/24/82
P.S. With my poor "filing system" I have lost track of your Mar 20, 81 letter. If readily available, please send me a copy. Thanks
Ed Thomas



NEWS RELEASE

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Contact: Rhoda M. Messer
Public Relations Director
(202) 479-2258

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PRESIDENT REAGAN ROA LIFE MEMBER

Washington, D.C., July 17 ¹⁹⁸¹ — President Ronald Reagan became a Life Member of the Reserve Officers Association of the United States (ROA) in ceremonies at the White House today.

Presenting the Life Membership was Maj. Gen. Evan L. Hultman, newly elected President of the 128,000 member association, which was chartered by Congress to advise on matters of national security.

The citation conferring ROA Life Membership status on the President recognizes his "demonstrated patriotism, fidelity, and perpetual commitment to the support of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security."

His Life Membership was a gift from Col. W.E. Thomas, Jr. and other members of ROA Chapter 51, Sacramento, CA. The President was a member of that chapter while he was Governor.

President Reagan, ROA member number 0452158, has had a long association with the Army Reserve, going back to 1939 when he was a sports announcer with Radio Station WHO in Des Moines, Iowa. During that time he completed the requirements for commissioning as a second lieutenant, Cavalry Reserve. He actually received the commission in the mail after he moved to Hollywood.

General Hultman, a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, is an attorney in civilian life and an Army Reservist who commands the 103d Corps Support Command (COSCOM) in Des Moines.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 13, 1981

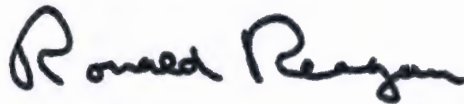
Dear Ed:

I want to express my deep appreciation for your initiating life membership in the Reserve Officers Association for me and the leadership role you took in implementing your idea.

ROA is a fine organization and I have enjoyed my membership in it.

Thank you also for your political assistance and your prayers, both of which we continue to need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ronald Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Colonel W. E. Thomas, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, California 95819

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1981

*Fake
Reserve
Officers
Assoc.*

Dear General Roberts:

Mrs. Dole has asked that I respond to your letter of December 3 concerning the position of the Reserve Officers Association on the level of funding for the Impact Aid program.

Decisions to reduce Federal spending are always difficult. But, as I am sure you and your association appreciate, we believe that it is essential to bring Federal expenditures under control. In doing so, there is no intent to cause harm to any one segment of the population.

The President is vitally concerned with promoting the national defense, and is doing everything possible to accomplish that end. But the Impact Aid program must be viewed in a larger perspective than as an adjunct to our military preparedness. While children of the military comprise a substantial portion of federally connected children, the Impact Aid program does serve children who live on Indian lands, children who live in public housing, and children whose parents work on other kinds of tax exempt Federal property.

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Policy makers here continue to believe that when final decisions are made about the level of Impact Aid funding for 1982, all federally connected children will continue to have access to quality education programs.

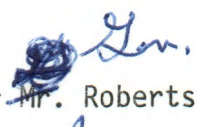
Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

General J. Milnor Roberts
Reserve Officers Association
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- 1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

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Morton C. Blackwell
Special Asst to the Pres



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

DATE: 15 Dec 1981

TO: Morton C. Blackwell
FROM: Donald W. Moran *[Red mark]*
Subj: Impact Aid Funds
J. Milnor Roberts' ltr dtd
3 Dec 1981

Attached is draft for your signature
as requested.

Draft A.K. please type

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Rm 262

Barrie Martin
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Date *12/4/81*

To: *Don Moran*
From: Morton C. Blackwell *[Signature]*

____ Please respond on behalf of
the President

____ Please prepare draft for
Elizabeth Dole's signature

[Checkmark] ____ Please prepare draft for
my signature

____ FYI

[Checkmark] ____ Let's discuss

Can I have this
by 12/8/81? *Thanks*
AD-969

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *MORTON*
FROM: Diana Lozano
SUBJECT:

The attached is for your:

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| ☐ Information | ☐ Review & Comment |
| ☒ Direct Response | ☐ Appropriate Action |
| ☐ EHD Draft Letter | ☐ Signature |
| ☐ File | ☐ Other |

Comments: _____

please respond by

12/9/81



Reserve Officers Association of the United States



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DIRECTOR'S
CORRESPONDENCE UNIT

3 December 1981

The Honorable David L. Stockman
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Stockman:

I invite your attention to the enclosed statement which sets forth the position of the Reserve Officers Association on Federal Impact Aid funds.

On behalf of the members of this association, I would appreciate your reconsideration of any reduction in this aid. The men and women of our Armed Forces deserve the assurance that their children will have equal access to public education, whether they reside on military installations or in civilian communities.

Sincerely,

J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS (Ret.)
Executive Director

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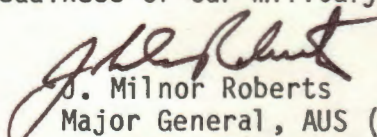
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Reserve Officers Association of the United States

The Reserve Officers Association of the United States views with considerable concern the effect that reduced Impact Aid funds will have on the military families involved. Not only are the service members facing potential adverse economic impact, but, once again, will find another reason to question the wisdom of their continued military service.

Military service is recognized as a unique way of life with unique considerations. Any action which is perceived to jeopardize that way of life will negatively affect the service members' morale, dedication to duty and faith in the justness of his/her military service. Thus, actions which cause an adverse psychological impact on our military families cannot be ignored. Children of military members living on military installations should not be deprived of equal education as provided for in the Constitution of the United States, nor should their parents have to pay tuition to send their children to public schools.

Our 126,000 member organization, which is committed to a strong and viable national defense, urges that appropriate action be taken to insure the uninterrupted access of military dependent children to quality public education regardless of where they are domiciled. We believe that to fail to do so will have an obvious impact on retention and readiness of our military forces.


J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS (Ret.)
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W. BRUCE SPIHER
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3 December 1981

The Honorable Elizabeth H. Dole
Assistant to the President for Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole:

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CONCURRENCE TAB

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Morton C. Blackwell

cc:

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Mr. Martin

Mr. White

Mr. Blackwell

Mr. Moran

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Mr. Sefton

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 18, 1981

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24 November 1981

Morton —

Greetings.....

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The month of December welcomes us with a variety of holiday festivities. In keeping with this spirit, ROA will host its annual Holiday "Recess" luncheon for Congressional staffers and other friends on 10 December. We hope you will be able to attend.

Guests are welcome at 11:30 A.M. with the opening of the bar (holiday eggnog, wine, and soft drinks will be available). Our food bar begins at 12:15 and closes in time for us to make sure everyone can return to work by 1:30.

You may be interested in the special display of oil paintings which tells the story of the U.S. Navy in World War II now on exhibit in our Fifth Floor Congressional Hall where the luncheon will be held.

We hope you will be able to join us.

R.S.V.P. Grace White
479-2222
No later than 4 December please.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mike—

I think the symbolism
of RR joining the
reserve officers would
be very good —

Ln

~~Scheduled~~
~~Meeting~~

every
Raymond
right
away.
↑ MKO

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Col Ed Thomas
would like you to
call him regarding
the attached letters
That is all he will tell
me.

He has called at
least 3 times recently
916-455-5340

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM

17 MARCH 1981

TO: RED CAVANEY
VIA: GREGORY J. NEWELL
FROM: PATRICIA A.E. RODGERS *TR*
SUBJ: ROA MEMBERSHIP.

Per our telephone conversation, the request for the President to renew his membership in the Reserve Officers Association is forwarded for your office's implementation.

Thank you.

3/15

MEMORANDUM

17 MARCH 1981

TO: LYN NOFZIGER
VIA: GREGORY J. NEWELL
FROM: PATRICIA A. E. RODGERS
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Your recommendation that the President renew his membership in the Reserve Officers Association has been approved, and has been forwarded to Red Cavaney for implementation.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

14 MARCH 1981

TO: RED CAVANEY
VIA: GREGORY ~~JO~~ NEWELL
FROM: PATRICIA A.E. RODGERS
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Lyn Nofziger has recommended the President renew his membership in the Reserve Officers Association.

Please provide your comments.

Thank you.

3/16

Concur. Think it would be a
idea for him to join again.

APPROVE

Date

3/17

GM

Pat

TR:
lets implement

W. E. Thomas, Jr. (Ed)

5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

January 31, 1981

Mr. Lyn Nofziger
Assistant to the President for Political Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Nofziger:

Please note enclosed correspondence dated August 27th, September 17th and October 22, 1980. It is very discouraging to me that I have received no acknowledgment at all. Because of the time pressures on Candidate, and now President Reagan, I have tried to be patient.

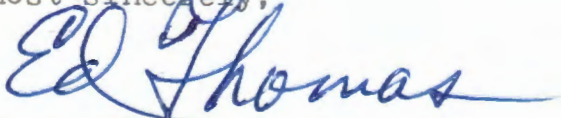
Over the two or three years you were Director of CFTR, we corresponded on a couple of matters and I have been a regular contributor from the beginning. In 1980, I made 76 contributions to Republican causes, including three to CFTR.

You probably know that President and Mrs. Reagan's picture is on the front cover of the January 1981 Officer Magazine published by the Reserve Officers Association, but not a word about him again becoming a member in his own right as a World **W** II Officer. General Milnor Roberts, Executive Director of ROA whom I know well, will gladly handle details. There is no stronger group support for National Defense than the 120,000 member ROA.

Please follow through on this. I would greatly appreciate a letter from President Reagan for whom I worked very hard. Thank God he won.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ed" and last name "Thomas" clearly legible.

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

August 27, 1980

Governor Ronald Reagan
(Pacific Palisades
California 90272)

*Mailed to Heyford Estate
Virginia.*

APPROVE

Date 8/17

Dear Governor Reagan:

Shortly after you became Governor of California, our Sacramento Chapter 51, Reserve Officers Association of the U. S., voted to present you with a paid 5-year membership in the ROA. It was my pleasant assignment to present you with your membership card in your office. I enclose a copy of the envelope in which I received your card and the note from Col. John Carlton, who was Executive Director of our National Office at that time.

I also met with you earlier when you signed a proclamation in recognition of the 60th Anniversary of the U. S. Army Reserve (copy enclosed), and later on when you signed National Defense week proclamations, and when you were our featured speaker at the Eagle Scout Recognition banquet March 28, 1974 at the Woodlake Inn.

During your second term, I made at least six attempts to get through your staff to discuss continuing your membership in ROA. You are fully entitled to membership in ROA and it was my thought that you would want to continue and pay your own dues. Five year membership dues at that time were \$40. On at least two occasions, I left a memorandum for you making this proposal. I was unsuccessful in all of my attempts and became frustrated by one of your staff members to the point I discontinued my attempts.

Now, I want to make another proposal and relate it to your campaign for the presidency. Let me first tell you that I am one of the early members and continuous supporters of your Citizens for the Republic and furthermore, that this year alone, I have made 57 cash contributions to Republican organizations or individuals. I am one of those who is "putting his money where his mouth is". Also, I want you to know there are nearly 120,000 members in ROA nationally, of which 13,200 are in California. Most members are community and business leaders with families, so we are talking about, in the range of 500,000 voters.

I do not want to see you get an ROA membership from National Headquarters after you are elected president, the way Carter did. Therefore, I propose that you apply for a life membership now. All dues will be increased on October 1st, so it is a good time. Then I will match that amount with a contribution for your campaign, to CFTR, to Jesse Helm's Americans for Reagan, to the Republican National Committee, or one you indicate will do the most good.

As you and I are nearly the same age, I know which bracket you fit into for a Life Membership. The 66-70 bracket is now \$96 and goes up to \$128 on October 1st. Dues are tax deductible as a professional organization. I enclose application blanks.

I sincerely trust that you will take the action I propose. It will be good campaign strategy and very timely. Please advise me of the action you take.

Most sincerely,

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

Ph. 916-455-5340

FAMILY.....WORK.....NEIGHBORHOOD.....FREEDOM.....PEACE

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
1 Constitution Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C. 20002



Colonel W. E. Thomas Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, California 95819



Memo

FROM THE DESK OF

COLONEL JOHN T. CARLTON
USAR

Governor Reagan's membership card.

Executive Director
RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
of the UNITED STATES
1 Constitution Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D. C. 20002

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Citizens^{for}the Republic

1253-7th Street, Suite 200
Santa Monica, California 90401
213/451-8548

September 17, 1980

Mr. W. E. Thomas
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Answering your recent letter with regard to the many requests for donations, we at CFTR believe there is strength in diversity as far as conservative organizations are concerned. Democrats have been winning elections for years through many different liberal organizations, i.e., COPE, Committee for an Effective Congress, Common Cause, and many individual union activities.

With a proliferation of conservative groups there is a clear sign that conservatism remains a healthy movement, and therefore, I think it is good for our cause.

I feel that the many grass roots conservative organizations complement one another more than they overlap. Also, with the current contribution limit in federal campaigns (Federal election law limits each group to a maximum contribution of \$5,000 per candidate), the existence of several legitimate conservative organizations means more opportunities for financial support of good candidates.

Obviously, most people cannot support every conservative group and must decide which, if any, they wish to support. I do think that for those of us who are concerned about our country, support of one of them, whichever one you choose, is essential.

Sincerely,


CURTIS MACK
Executive Director

P.S. Many thanks for your recent donation. Sure glad you chose us. The address of the National Reagan Bush Committee is: 901 South Highland, Arlington, VA 22204. Send your material there.

Citizens for the Republic - Lyn Nofziger, Chairman; Arthur Dellinger, Treasurer
A copy of our report is filed with and available for purchase from the Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C. 20463

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

October 22, 1980

Mr. Curtis Mack
Executive Director
Citizens for the Republic
1253 - 7th Street, Suite 200
Santa Monica, California 90401

Dear Mr. Mack:

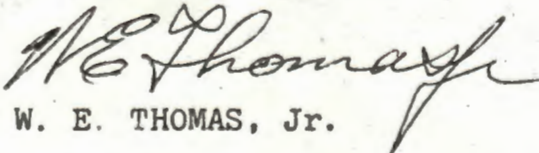
Thank you for your comprehensive reply of September 17th to my letter. I appreciate the points you made. As for choosing one organization, that is rather difficult for me. You may be interested to know that in 1980, I have supported 38 Republican organizations or individuals. I enclose another contribution to CFTR. This is my third one to CFTR and number 70 for the year. I also am working one afternoon a week in the Sacramento Reagan Headquarters.

Please see my note at the bottom of the October 10th letter from Senator Jepson.

One more item. I enclose a copy of my August 27, 1980 letter to Governor Reagan. I mailed the original of this letter with enclosures about August 29th, the week Governor and Mrs. Reagan moved into the Wexford Estate. (According to the press). This was a most sincere effort on my part, to be really helpful to the campaign. I have not received any acknowledgement. This is a great disappointment to me.

I ask you to follow up for me. You will know how to get through the "barricades". I have had correspondence with Lyn Nofziger in past years. Perhaps he would be the best point of contact. Thanks very much. Please advise me of your actions.

Sincerely,


W. E. THOMAS, Jr.

3 Encls

916-455-5340

November 14, 1980



Official CFTR Photograph from Portraits by Merrett

Dear Friend:

I want to take a moment to thank those who we count on so much during the year. You are one of those special people.

It's your continued contributions to CFTR that make Ronald Reagan's goals get closer and closer. It is with people like you our great country can and will turn around.

The good things we did in 1980 in helping 241 conservatives running for election were all done because of your help!

Without becoming melancholy, let me close by just saying thank you from the bottom of my heart for your understanding and financial support.

From all of CFTR's conservatives . . . "Have a very happy Thanksgiving."

Best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curtis Mack".

Curtis Mack

Executive Director CFTR

P.S. I thought you would
enjoy this.

Ed Thomas
2/1/81



Jan. 24, 1981
Sacramento Union



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13 March 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Morton:

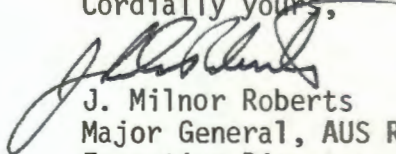
During the Johnson, Nixon and Ford Administrations, arrangements were made for a brief meeting in the Oval Office involving the President and the senior leaders of ROA. Appropriate photographs were taken at these times.

In view of President Reagan's profound commitment to national defense, we are hopeful that he would agree to a meeting with five of the senior people in ROA as an indication of his interest in the Total Force, including the Reserve.

Our National President and three National Vice Presidents (one representing each major Service) will be in Washington April 3 and 4. I would hope that a few minutes might be allocated in the President's schedule for such a meeting, which I would also attend, either of those two days, although an alternate date would be agreeable with us.

With best personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,


J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS Ret.
Executive Director

JMR/gw



Reserve Officers Association of The United States

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

April 20, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The Sacramento Union of April 16th contains the UPI article that states, "President Reagan has pardoned W. Mark Felt and Edward Miller, two top former FBI officials". In this regard, I believe the President would want to know about the Resolution that was in process by the Reserve Officers Association. I enclose copies of:

a. My March 4, 1981 letter to Maj. Gen. Roberts including copies of the Fremont Post 52 American Legion Resolution.

b. General Roberts March 11th letter in response to my letter.

c. The ROA Resolution, dated March 31, 1981, submitted by me and approved by Chapter 51 officers, LTC Douglas Sinclair, President and Col. Charles K. Fellows, Secretary.

During the past few days, I was developing supporting facts and status information on the Felt-Miller case in order to be able to present the Resolution properly at the Dept. of California Convention April 24-26 in Los Angeles. This would have led to its presentation at the National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, 8-11 July 1981.

Now, none of our final efforts will be necessary. However, I believe the President should know these Resolutions were in process and they may even be of some value when related to the controversy which could arise over the President's pardons of Messrs. Felt and Miller.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ed Thomas".

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

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cc: Maj. Gen. Milnor Roberts, Jr.
Executive Director, ROA



Reserve Officers Association of The United States

W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

March 4, 1981

Major General Milnor Roberts, Jr.
Executive Director
Reserve Officers Assn. of the United States
1 Constitution Ave., N.W.
Washington D.C. 20002

Dear General Roberts:

Thank you for your kind and encouraging words in your 3 September 1980 letter to me. Yes, I did work hard during 1979-80 showing the SALT Syndrome film. My final report totals are 154 showings to 6400 people in 27 cities and 3 TV showings (audience unknown) all in California. I think these showings had a significant impact on the SALT II subject and the election in California. And, Thank God for the election results and the opportunities now before us, appalling as they are.

Next, please note the enclosed correspondence and resolution sent to me by Col. George F. Moynahan, Jr. I share their views, but must confess my sentiments are based upon sparse knowledge and large amounts of patriotic emotion. Conversely you are "close to the scene" and no doubt very knowledgeable on the Felt and Miller case.

I would like to know what you think the reception would be in ROA National Headquarters to an ROA Chapter and Dept. of California Resolution along the same lines as the Fremont Post 52 American Legion Resolution. Also, would such a resolution coming from California in late April be timely?

Please advise me at your earliest convenience.

My best cordial regards to you.

Sincerely,

W E THOMAS, Jr.
Col. USAR - Ret.

cc: Col. George F. Moynahan, Jr.
U.S. Army - Ret.

133 Piazza Way
San Jose, California 95127
13 February 1981

Colonel W. E. Thomas, Jr.
5742¹/₂ Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, California 95819

Dear Ed:

The material enclosed may be of interest to you. I don't get involved in crusades to the extent that you do but did become enthusiastic and active in "bird-dogging" this one. *

The matter was brought to our attention by my friend and fellow Legion member, Colonel Won Loy (Charlie Chan) who was on our staff in the jungles of Burma. At the close of WWII, Charlie went with CIA where he spent 28 years, and so he is well aware of situations such as the one involving agents FELT and MILLER.

Besides the fact that I thought you might be interested in what we have done, it occurred to me that this might trigger you to start similar action by one or more of the patriotic groups of which you are a member.

Charlie, I, and the other members of our Legion Post are incensed at the fact that the radical left has managed to stain the reputation of these two men with a record of felony convictions and we believe that it is the duty of patriotic citizens to remove the stain.

Rosalie and I would like very much to have you drop by again when you are en route to the San Luis Area or at any other time, for that matter. It seems that on the rare occasions when we get to Sacramento either you are away or we get so tied up at my brother's place or her sister's that we don't get around to seeing you. Our intentions are the best, however.

Best regards,

George
Col. George F. Moynahan Jr.
U.S. Army - Retired

* Charlie started the action. General Smith did an initial re-write job. Then I rewrote it again, ^{and} did the necessary arm-twisting to get our cautious Legion Commander and Adjutant to sign on the dotted line.



Fremont Post 52 The American Legion

P.O. BOX 1542

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

11 February 1981

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of the F.B.I. and Its Agents

TO: Michael J. Kogutek, National Commander

THRU: The Commander, The Department of California

1. At a meeting held in Palo Alto, California on 30 January 1981, the members of Fremont Post 52, The American Legion, by unanimous action resolved to petition The President of The United States and the Congress for support of the F.B.I. and its agents.

2. A specific point of our resolution is recommendation of presidential pardons for agents W. MARK FELT and EDWARD S. MILLER, two highly honorable and patriotic men who were indicted and convicted of felonies for actions which they took against enemies of our country, while operating under orders of their superiors.

3. Copies of our resolution are enclosed. We urge that the body of The American Legion join us in this crusade.

For the Commander

Arvid W. Frank
Adjutant

Enclosures.



Fremont Post 52 The American Legion

P.O. BOX 1542

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

President Ronald Reagan
Washington, D.C.

11 February 1981

Sir:

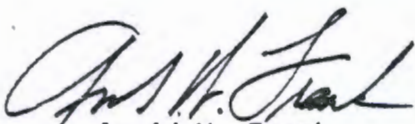
The members of Fremont Post 52, The American Legion, consider the Federal Bureau of Investigation vital to the protection of the American system and to our way of life.

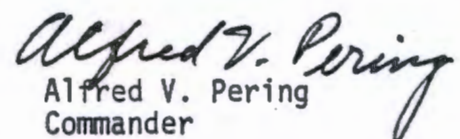
We applaud the F.B.I. agents' devotion to duty, and we salute their long record of distinguished service in the protection of individual rights and a free society.

Therefore, at our regular meeting, held 30 January 1981 in Palo Alto California, we resolved by unanimous vote to urge you, The President, and the Congress to take necessary action to end efforts that have been and are now being made to weaken the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Further, we strongly urge and recommend that you, The President, grant full pardons to agents W. MARK FELT and EDWARD S. MILLER and so remove the stigma of felony convictions from the records of these two patriotic and honorable men.

Most respectfully yours,


Arvid W. Frank
Adjutant


Alfred V. Pering
Commander



Fremont Post 52 The American Legion

P.O. BOX 1542

PALO ALTO, CA 94301

30 January 1981

RESOLUTION

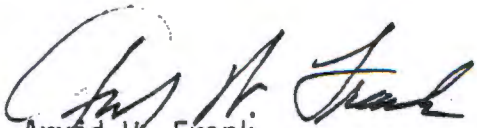
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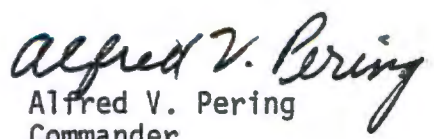
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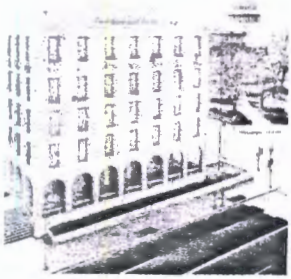
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WHEREAS, the members of Fremont Post 52, The American Legion, by unanimous action, at a meeting held 30 January 1981, voted to urge The President of the United States to support the activities of the F.B.I. and petitioned him to grant full pardons to agents W. MARK FELT and EDWARD S. MILLER so as to remove from their records the stigma of felony convictions, be it

RESOLVED, that The American Legion collectively and each of its posts individually join in the petition to the President to support the F.B.I. and to grant full pardons to agents W. MARK FELT and EDWARD S. MILLER.


Arvid W. Frank
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March 11, 1981

Col. W.E. Thomas, Jr.
5742 Monalee Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95819

Dear Colonel Thomas: || |

I think you would find a favorable attitude in ROA with the resolution you forwarded pertaining to the FBI agents who were penalized for carrying out their orders.

So, I would recommend that you take it up with the leadership in your Chapter, and ask them to adopt it and then forward it to the California Department (Bud Sparks) in time for the Department Convention 24-26 April in Los Angeles. If the California Department approves, it can be sent to National for consideration by the National Resolutions Committee, and then by the National Convention in Albuquerque 8-11 July.

Many of our members feel that the Intelligence Community in general has been damaged severely during the past few years, and the decision by the Court on FELT and MILLER just adds insult to injury.

Cordially yours,

J. Milnor Roberts
Major General, AUS (Retired)
Executive Director

JMR:bc



Reserve Officers Association of The United States

31 March 1981

RESOLUTION

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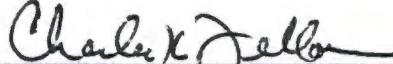
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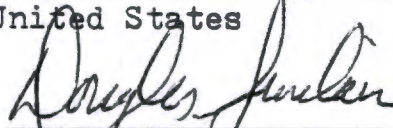
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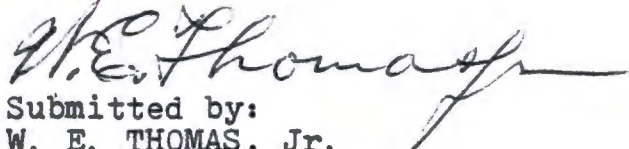
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APPROVED 8 April 1981 by Sacramento Chapter 51,
Department of California Reserve Officers
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Secretary


DOUGLAS SINCLAIR
LTC USAR
President


Submitted by:
W. E. THOMAS, Jr.
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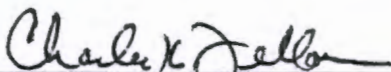
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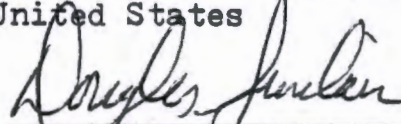
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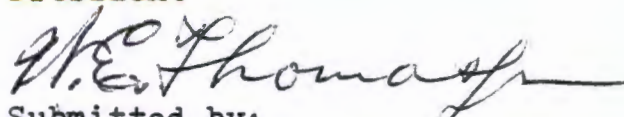
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