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Byron E. Long

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Subject: expresses concern regarding recommendations
of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost
Control re military retirement recommendations

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4 MAR 1983

Military Personnel & Force Management)

Colonel Byron E. Long, USAF (Retired)
South Carolina Council of Chapters
The Retired Officers Association
29 Hunters Forest Drive
Charleston, SC 29407

Dear Colonel Long:

Thank you for your letter of February 11, 1983, to President Reagan concerning recommendations of the Private Sector Survey (PPSS) on the military retirement system and the operation of military commissaries.

The military compensation and benefit system is extremely important in the support of our men and women in uniform. As elements of this system, military retirement and commissaries have operated toward maintaining a force with the age, experience, and skill mix to meet our manpower needs. We believe this is important as we meet our defense commitments.

The compensation and benefit system cannot be stagnant--it must remain responsive to our defense requirements. For this reason, we welcome recommendations for change that will help us to meet our management objectives better. However, we have long held that fundamental changes to our systems should be based on legitimate defense requirements. Toward that end, the President has directed that the Fifth Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation assess the military retirement system in relation to those requirements and recommend appropriate changes. Additionally, the Secretary of Defense has encouraged the Review to accelerate their efforts. I am confident that this review and analysis will result in recommendations for an improved system.

Thank you for your interest and support of our compensation and benefit system.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

R. Dean Tice
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Assistant Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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FEBRUARY 24, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ACTION REQUESTED:

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED FEBRUARY 11, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. BYRON E. LONG
PRESIDENT
THE RETIRED OFFICER ASSOCIATION
29 HUNTERS FOREST DRIVE
CHARLESTON SC 29407

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECTOR SURVEY ON
LOST CONTROL REGARDING MILITARY RETIREMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

29 HUNTERS FOREST DRIVE, CHARLESTON, SC 29407



126358

President Ronald Reagan
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
 Washington, DC 20500

11 February 1983

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of this organization which represents eleven chapters in the state of South Carolina, I wish to respectfully comment on several matters affecting the retired members of the uniformed services.

We have been dismayed to learn of some of the draft recommendations of the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost Control (PPSSCC), whose final report we understand is due to be submitted to you on March 31. While we hope that many of the draft recommendations will be dropped or greatly modified by the time of the final report, we urge the greatest care and consideration in whatever action is taken on the report.

Among the draft recommendations which we find highly distressing are: defer retired pay to age 60 for all military members retiring prior to completion of 30 years service; an offset of 37.5 percent of the Social Security Benefit; a forfeit of one dollar in retired pay for every two dollars earned from other sources; an immediate imposition of the high three rule, including the possibility of recomputing the pay of some who are already retired; the closing of all commissaries in the Continental United States.

When we first heard of the composition of the PPSSCC, we were greatly impressed by the apparent quality of its members. However, it is clear that they have little or no understanding of the damage that their deliberations can produce, virtually all of which are anti-military. The temptation will surely be great to achieve savings in the compensation areas, but I can assure you that a mature, highly motivated career force is absolutely essential for an effective military structure. To accept and support such areas as are mentioned above, would not only be devastating but would also be a failure to honor long-standing commitments to those who have served the United States Government.

In addition to the preceding comments which relate to the shortsightedness of the PPSSCC in its attempt to apply civilian standards without concern for the unique nature of military force management, we note that military retirees have already absorbed more than their fair share of the spending cuts approved by the 97th Congress over the past two years. Although we retirees account for only 3.5 percent of the entitlement portion of the 1983 budget, we sustained a 6 percent loss in benefits, plus other losses such that an average retiree might sustain a 10 percent lifetime reduction.

I have no illusions that you will ever see this letter, but I do hope that a competent staffer with an input to the decision-making process does.

Respectfully,

BYRON E. LONG, COL USAF Retired
 President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1982

As the members of The Retired Officers Association meet to reflect on more than half a century of devoted service to this nation, I am grateful for the opportunity to extend sincere greetings and express appreciation for your organization's contributions to the security of our country.

The Retired Officers Association's two major purposes, as stated in its preamble to its bylaws, are "to inculcate and stimulate love of country and the flag" and "to advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country." These objectives are particularly significant in light of the challenges we must face in the 1980s. I am proud to share with you the national resurgence of patriotism, and I commend your members for their commitment to a strong national defense posture.

I am confident that your organization will continue to give full support to the national effort to seek peace and understanding among nations. Your support in this vital task is appreciated.

As you assemble for your 26th Biennial Convention, you have my best wishes for the continued success of your efforts.

RONALD REAGAN

Sent to:

Lt. Colonel M.L. Lien, USAF, Ret.
Executive Editor
The Retired Officer Magazine
201 North Washington Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Enclosure: 8x10 glossy photo

RR:Livingston:ck

cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/E.Hickey/M.Blackwell/CF

DUE: ASAP

EVENT: NOV. 17-20 (Orlando)

Draft information provided by DOD.

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Ronald Reagan

To _____

Date _____ Time _____

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 29, 1982

TO: Dodie Livingston

FROM: Maiselle Shortley

Attached are two different requests
for letters from the President.

Will you let me know if you are able
to do them?

Thanks for your help

col

*Talked with Claudia
re these letters 10/22
NCOA was sent to
Ann Higgins for
action. Retired
Officers are being prepared
by DOD & should be here
by the 25th*

*Called Col Lien 10/20
& reported status of letters
(Retired Officers)*

*10/25
Per Claudia
By TUES PM
Called Col Lien*



NATIONAL CAPITAL OFFICE

NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

STRENGTH IN UNITY

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Box 43
Washington, D.C. 20002

Telephone (202) 546-7891
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July 9, 1982

Morton Blackwell
The White House
Office of Public Liaison
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

I have a belated request concerning Proclamation 4950 of June 30, 1982, "National NCO/Petty Officer Week, 1982," signed by the President on June 30 last.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association of the USA (NCOA) was singularly responsible for having the original resolution introduced in the United States Senate by the Honorable Strom Thurmond of South Carolina. A copy of the resolution is attached.

You may note that on page 2 of S.J. RES. 161, the fifth paragraph references the NCOA's 21st International Convention that was held during the same period covered by the resolution. Subsequently, that part was deleted on instructions from the House oversight committee.

Since it played the major role in having the resolution introduced in Congress and obtaining the necessary cosponsors to move the bills through the Senate and House, the Association will be honored if the President would prepare and sign a letter to the Association's president relative to the proclamation and having attached thereto a copy of same and a Presidential pen. The three items would then be framed and displayed at the Association's International Headquarters in San Antonio, Texas. A suggested format for the letter is attached.

For your information and records, the newly elected president of the Association is Fleet Master Chief Franklin A. Lister USN, replacing MCPO Robert Walker who has been acting president following the resignation of Mr. Normand Gonsauls on January 14, 1982.

The Executive Vice President for the 1982-83 year is Mr. Robert Frisbie, U.S. Army Retired, currently on The White House administrative staff.



International Headquarters
NCO ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 33610
San Antonio, Texas 78233
(512) 653-6161



Mr. Morton Blackwell

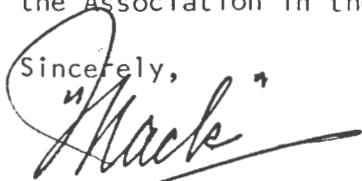
July 9, 1982

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My title has been changed from Sr. Vice President to Executive Director for Government Affairs. After serving nearly 12 years on the Board of Directors, I decided not to seek réélection.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter and continue to be grateful for the interest you have offered my office and the Association in the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mack", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C.A. "Mack" McKinney

Executive Director for Government Affairs

"P.S.— The National Capital Office, NCOA, will move to its new location on July 15, 1982. The new address and telephone no. will be as follows:

219 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314
(703) 549-0311"

SUGGESTED FORMAT

FMC Frank Lister USN, President
NCO Association of USA
National Capital Office
219 N. Washington Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Fleet Master Chief Lister:

It was my privilege, June 30, 1982, to attach my signature to Proclamation 4950, "National NCO/Petty Officer Week, 1982."

The proclamation, of which a copy is attached, is long overdue. I am pleased that it was during my Presidency that I could call upon all Americans to join together in honoring the Noncommissioned and Petty Officers of the Armed Forces of the United States.

I commend your association for taking the lead in having a resolution enacted in Congress that culminated in the attached proclamation.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

Item 272

II

Calendar No. 539

97TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. J. RES. 161

To designate the week commencing with the fourth Monday in June 1982 as
"National NCO/Petty Officer Week".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1982

Mr. THURMOND (for himself, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. EXON, Mr. FORD, Mr. GORTON, Mr. COHEN, Mr. STENNIS, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GARN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. DURENBERGER, Mr. MATTINGLY, Mr. BURDICK, Mr. NUNN, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. TOWER, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. HARRY F. BYRD, JR., Mr. DOLE, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. QUAYLE, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. DENTON, Mrs. HAWKINS, and Mr. MATHIAS) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 5 (legislative day, APRIL 13), 1982

Reported by Mr. THURMOND, without amendment

JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate the week commencing with the fourth Monday in
June 1982 as "National NCO/Petty Officer Week".

Whereas the noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps and the petty officers of the Navy and the Coast Guard have been regarded as the backbone of the Armed Forces of the United States for more than two hundred years;

Whereas noncommissioned officers and petty officers continue to be the recruiters, trainers, and noncommissioned leaders of the men and women who join the Armed Forces of the United States;

Whereas the noncommissioned officers' and petty officers' spirit and devotion to duty is epitomized in the long list of recipients of the Medal of Honor and other decorations of personal valor;

Whereas noncommissioned officers and petty officers have made great sacrifices during their service to this Nation;

Whereas the recent shortage of such officers serving on active duty has highlighted their value to the Nation and its military forces;

Whereas the Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA), with a representative membership of active, retired, Reserve, National Guard, and former noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, will hold its twenty-first international convention in the final week of June 1982; and

Whereas it is fitting and proper to recognize the significant contributions made by all noncommissioned officers and petty officers of the Armed Forces of the United States to the freedom and defense of this Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
 3 That the week commencing with the fourth Monday in June
 4 1982 is designated as "National NCO/Petty Officer Week",
 5 and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proc-
 6 lamation calling upon the people of the United States and

1 interested groups and organizations to set aside that week to
2 honor past and present noncommissioned officers and petty
3 officers of the Armed Forces of the United States in an ap-
4 propriate manner.



THE
**RETIRED
OFFICER**
MAGAZINE

September 24, 1982

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

The Retired Officers Association will hold its Twenty-Sixth Biennial Convention in Orlando, Fla., November 17-20, and we'd appreciate ~~a letter from the President for inclusion in the program~~. Our current estimate is that more than 1,200 people will attend the convention.

For your information, our membership currently stands at 312,000, drawn from the seven Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and the commissioned officer corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration).

The Association was formed in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1929, and moved to Washington, D.C., in 1944. Two of our major purposes, as stated in the Preamble to our Bylaws, are "to inculcate and stimulate love of our country and the flag," and "to advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country."

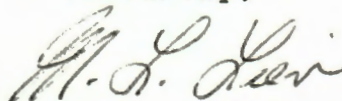
Enclosed is a draft letter for your consideration, along with copies of Presidential letters from our 1976, 1978 and 1980 conventions.

We anticipate this year's program will ~~go on press the week of October 25~~. We would appreciate receiving the letter from ~~President Reagan far enough in advance of that date~~ so we can get it to the printer in Florida in a timely manner. We will also need a current black and white photo of the President.

If your office will advise us when the letter has been signed, we will arrange for pickup to eliminate any possibility of delay or damage.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. L. Lien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

M. L. LIEN
LCol, USAF, Retired
Executive Editor

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Enc.

DRAFT LETTER FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN

My warmest greetings to the members of The Retired Officers Association as you hold your Twenty-Sixty Biennial Convention.

As Americans who gave of themselves to protect our freedom and independence, you, more than most other groups in our great nation, recognize that peace is maintained through strength. Along with other local and national leaders, we must assure that our country remains militarily strong. Your support in this vital task is appreciated.

I am pleased to note that your association was originally formed in California and then moved to our nation's capital so that it could better carry out the purposes of your organization. It is a road that is familiar to me. It signals recognition that while our roots and strengths are at the community level, we must have a voice at the national level if our views are to be heard. Like a national political party, your Association represents the melding of diverse views of citizens living in our 50 states and many foreign countries into a common purpose. It is such dedication to the common good that is the priceless heritage of our great nation.

Your continuing devotion to peace has established the benchmark for all who will follow you. I applaud the dedication to your nation and your fellow citizens that you have carried

over into civilian life, to the benefit of communities across this nation. My best wishes for a rewarding and memorable meeting.

Ronald W. Reagan

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 4, 1980

I send warmest greetings to the delegates at this Twenty-Fifth Biennial Convention of The Retired Officers Association.

During my active military duty as a Naval Officer, I had the opportunity to know and share experiences on a day-to-day basis with men and women who are now members of your organization. I know of your lofty standards and goals and of your high caliber.

I salute your love of our country and our flag, your defense of our freedoms and our way of life and your advocacy of military forces adequate to serve the security needs of our country.

I also applaud the devotion to your fellow citizens that you have carried over into civilian life and the contributions you have made to the communities of this nation.

May you have a pleasant and memorable reunion.

Jimmy Carter



President Jimmy Carter

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 25, 1978

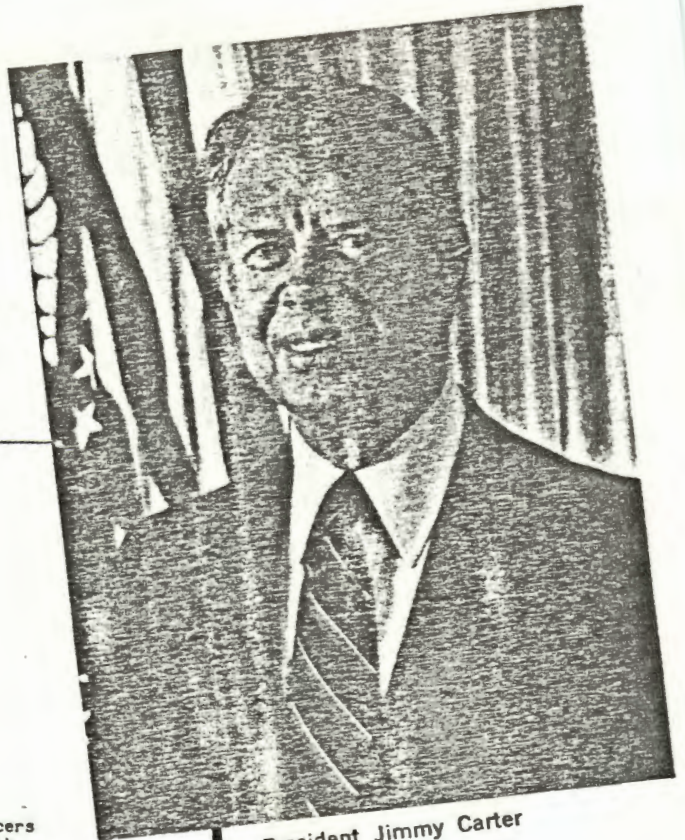
I congratulate the members of The Retired Officers Association as you observe the historic fiftieth anniversary of your founding.

The American people hold in highest esteem those who have led our Armed Forces during trying and hazardous times and who, during the past two decades, have helped this nation and the world avoid a nuclear holocaust.

My schooling at the Naval Academy and subsequent active duty made clear to me the mental and physical discipline required of those who serve in our nation's defense. I know from personal experience the high moral standards observed by this nation's officer corps and the personal sacrifices they and their families must make in the national interest.

I know, too, that when officers end their military careers their devotion to country does not end. They continue to use their knowledge and experience in civilian pursuits to the benefit of our communities and our way of life.

It is, therefore, a great pleasure for me to salute each of you at this half-century mark in your Association's distinguished public service. May you have a most stimulating and successful session.



President Jimmy Carter



President Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1976

My warmest greetings to the members of the Retired Officers Association as you hold your Twenty-Third Biennial Convention.

The celebration of our nation's Bicentennial gives us a unique opportunity to look back with pride on two hundred years of freedom and independence. As Americans who gave of themselves to protect and preserve the cherished heritage we honor during this observance, you have special cause to rejoice and derive satisfaction from your accomplishments.

Your fellow countrymen salute your valor and draw strength and inspiration from the patriotism that has marked both your military and civilian service. On their behalf, I hope that this will be a particularly happy and memorable reunion for each of you.

Gerald R. Ford



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THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

201 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314 (703) 549-2311

Office of the National President

November 10, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Many thanks for the President's proclamation for Veterans Day, 1981.

We value our White House contacts and hope we may always maintain this relationship through your good offices.

Sincerely,

Charles S. Minter, Jr.
C. S. MINTER, JR.
Vice Admiral, USN, Retired

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**The
Retired
Officers
Association**

June 3, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Public Liaison Office
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Thanks very much for inviting us to
attend the OMB Briefing, June 2nd.
It afforded us added insight as to
the rationale behind the Social Security
proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George F. Hennrikus, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

GEORGE F. HENNRİKUS, JR.
Colonel, USAF, Retired
Chief Legislative Counsel

GFHJr:clb

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Alexandria, Va. 22314 (703) 549-2311



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**The
Retired
Officers
Association**

May 4, 1981

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Mint Wilson and I are most appreciative of the opportunity to meet with you and key members of The Administration on Friday, May 1st.

Such meetings have great value for all the participants and we hope they will continue to be scheduled, periodically. In the meantime, this Association stands ready to assist, in any way possible, for the good of the Nation.

Sincerely,

GEORGE H. HENNRİKUS, Jr.
Colonel, USAF, Retired
Chief Legislative Counsel

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