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Veterans
Administration

Office of the Deputy
Administrator
of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

✓ file
October 7, 1981

Morton -

Thank you for including me
in the AWAC's briefing yesterday.

I believe the VA can be helpful
and supportive in some of these
areas. Keep us involved.

Good seeing you again. Best
to Cathy.

Regards,
DUCK
HAGEL

Mr. Morton Blackwell

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*file
Veterans
groups*

April 23, 1981

FOR: SHANNON FAIRBANKS *6722*
FROM: EARL WALKER, OPD STAFF *EW*
SUBJECT: Coordination on Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day

As you suggested this morning, I called Mortin Balckwell's office at 10:45 and left a message for him that I was the OPD contact for the Recognition Day and that should he have any questions he should call me.

I also called Paul Egan at the American Legion and discussed the proposed events with him.

Larry DeMeo the Recognition Day project officer operating out of our offices, was also in contact with Paul today. I advised Paul that the Administration's representative was likely to be either a cabinet officer or a service secretary.

Larry and I have also been contact with LTC Munati in the White House Military Affairs Office, and with public affairs people in the Veterans Administration and in the Defense Department.

cc: Morton Blackwell ✓
Ed Gray

April 23, 1981

Note for Morton: Spoke with Bob Spagnole at the American Legion and cleared the air. Let's all plan to have lunch some day when you are free.

Secretary Verne Orr will be the Administration's speaker on Sunday.

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

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

Please admit the following appointments on May 1, 19 81

for MORTON BLACKWELL of Office of Public Liaison
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

SCHLEE, G. Michael
HUBBARD, James
ULSAMER, Edgar
CURTIS, Esther
FULTON, William B.
NOLAN, Robert
KAMMEIER, C.L.
JACOBS, Bruce
HUMPHREYS, Adolph
BAKER, Warren
MCKINNEY, Charles
JONES, Phelps
HARLOW, Don
GRAHAM, Dan
RICHARDSON, Robert
BRINSKY, Gabe
SHEFFY, John
HENNRICKUS, George
WILSON, Minter, Jr.
LONGWORTH, Nicholas
BAZATA, Douglas

LEHMAN, John F., Secretary of the Navy (Please expedite thru
DEWEY, John clearance, if possible)
PORTER, Russell

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House Requested by Morton C. Blackwell
Room No. Roosevelt Room No. 134 Telephone 2657
Time of Meeting 3 P.M. Date of request April 30, 1981

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APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE - 456-6742

Sven Kraemer

file
Defense
Group

Currently - the ^{civilian} Sr. Staff member on NSC
with Gen. Schweitzer on Defense
Policy issues including arms
Control

Previous
Pres. Pontiac

Sr. defense & foreign affairs
~~special~~ member of Senator
John Tower's Senate Republican
Policy Committee

Formerly

- 9 yrs on Staff of NSC
in Johnson, Nixon and
Ford administrations
- 4 yrs with Office Secretary
of Defense

Education

- Harvard College
 - Univ. of California, Berkeley
- Off The Record

- ① William Schneider, Jr
OMB
Associate Director for
National Security and
International Affairs.
- ② Former Staff Associate,
Subcommittee on Defense,
Committee on Appropriations
US House of Representatives
- ③ ex Professional Staff, Hudson
Institute (New York)
- ④ Author of six books and
numerous monographs and
articles on defense, international
affairs, and economic policy.
- ⑤ Ph.D. economics (1968)
New York University

Roosevelt Room

Vietnam
Briefing

May 1, 1981

May 1, 1981

Defense briefing

Defense Group
Briefing

Lehman - Asked for help in getting pay
raises - 11% increase

14% Social
Security

"We are now ~~losing~~
losing that battle on the Hill"

No one expected \$26 billion
proposed increases - that's
our last chance - if we
lose we'll never recover

We have shortfalls on E₄ - E₉

Key senior people held over
putting out reports

5.3% increase - should be
across the board

ELF - not survivable in
nuclear attack
\$ 1/2 billion
increased survivability

\$25000 tax ~~exclusion~~ exclusion
a big bear trap
will stop 5.3%
unanimous opposition

Recruiter reports to Sen who
rare paria islands

Bill Schneider

84, 85, 86 more heavily invest
in modernization

OMB opposed to \$20,000 exemption!

Defense Dept wants multi-year procurement
OMB supports!

Increase 1st term 6 years

15-20% retention for NCO

Less burden on training base

20% of cost of Army is training

Our big weakness is absence of
flexible reserve system

Conscription - Pres considering
draft only in extreme system
classification needed

Compensation problem

in 2 years 150,000 people
making gloves

PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN ON ARMS CONTROL & SOVIET BEHAVIOR

THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE OF JANUARY 29, 1981

STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION

Q. Mr. President, you campaigned rather vociferously against the SALT II treaty, saying it was slightly toward the Soviet Union. Yet I noticed your Secretary of State, Mr. Haig, now seems to suggest that for the time being, at least, the United States will abide by the limits of the SALT II treaty and he hopes the Soviet Union will, too. How long do you intend that the United States should abide by the terms of a SALT agreement which you consider inequitable, and what do you consider its greatest inequities to be?

THE PRESIDENT. Well, the SALT treaty, first of all, I think, permits a continued buildup on both sides of strategic nuclear weapons but, in the main thing, authorizes an immediate increase in large numbers of Soviet warheads. There is no verification as to the number of warheads on the missile, no method for us to do this.

I don't think that a treaty—SALT means strategic arms limitation—that actually permits a buildup, on both sides, of strategic nuclear weapons can properly be called that. And I have said that when we can—and I am willing for our people to go in to negotiate or, let me say, discussions leading to negotiations—that we should start negotiating on the basis of trying to effect an actual reduction in the numbers of nuclear weapons. That would then be real strategic arms limitation.

And I happen to believe, also, that you can't sit down at a table and just negotiate that unless you take into account, in consideration at that table all the other things that are going on. In other words, I believe in linkage.

—Sam [Sam Donaldson, ABC News].

GOALS OF THE SOVIET UNION

Q. Mr. President, what do you see as the long-range intentions of the Soviet Union? Do you think, for instance, the Kremlin is bent on world domination that might lead to a continuation of the cold war, or do you think that under other circumstances détente is possible?

THE PRESIDENT. Well, so far détente's been a one-way street that the Soviet Union has used to pursue its own aims. I don't have to think of an answer as to what I think their intentions are: they have repeated it. I know of no leader of the Soviet Union since the revolution, and including the present leadership, that has not more than once repeated in the various Communist congresses they hold their determination that their goal must be the promotion of world revolution and a one-world Socialist or Communist state, whichever word you want to use.

Now, as long as they do that and as long as they, at the same time, have openly and publicly declared that the only morality they recognize is what will further their cause, meaning they reserve unto themselves the right to commit any crime, to lie, to cheat, in order to attain that, and that is moral, not immoral, and we operate on a different set of standards. I think when you do business with them, even at a détente, you keep that in mind.

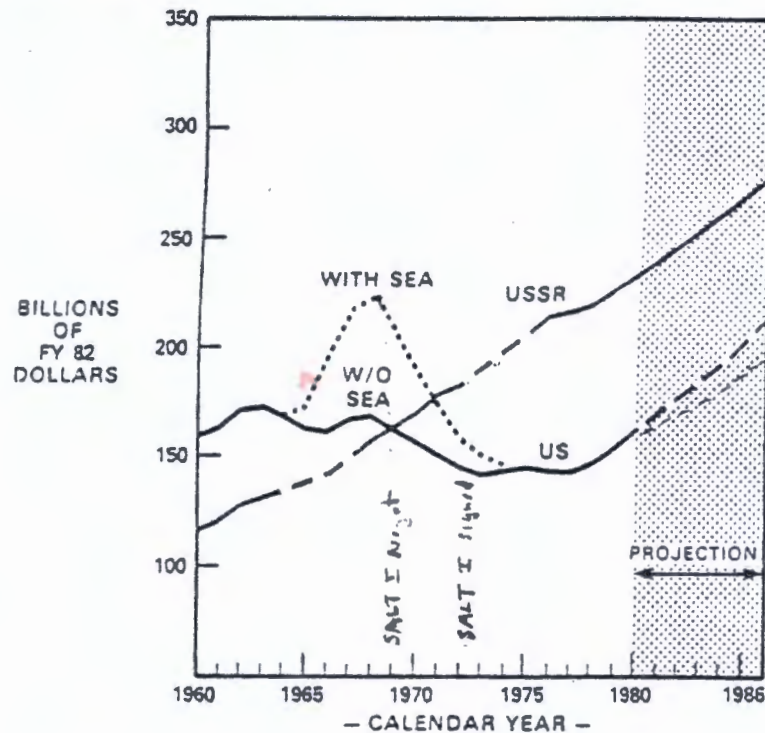
PRESIDENT REAGAN: NEGOTIATIONS AND LINKAGE -- April 30, 1981

Remarks at White House Ceremony
Commemorating the Holocaust

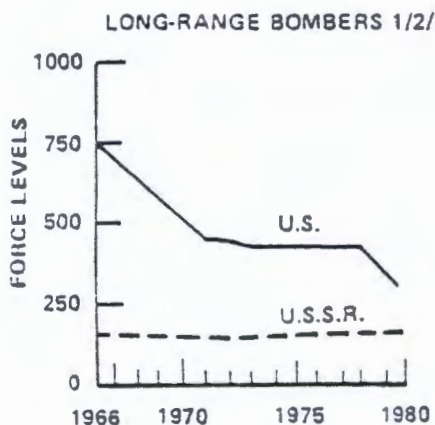
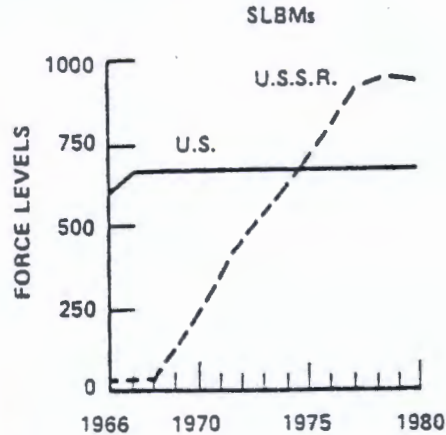
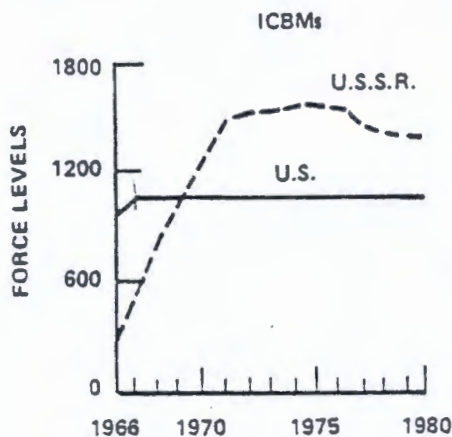
"Theodore Roosevelt said that the presidency was a bully pulpit. Well, I, for one, intend that this bully pulpit shall be used on every occasion, where it is appropriate, to point a finger of shame at even the ugliness of graffiti, and certainly wherever it takes place in the world, the act of violence or terrorism, and that even at the negotiating table, never shall it be forgotten for a moment that wherever it is taking place in the world, the persecution of people, for whatever reason -- persecution of people for their religious belief -- that is a matter to be on that negotiating table or the United States does not belong at that table."

COMPARISON OF U.S. DEFENSE OUTLAYS AND ESTIMATED DOLLAR COST OF SOVIET DEFENSE PROGRAMS

DOD REPORT
Sec Def BROWN
Jan 1980



CHANGES IN U.S./U.S.S.R. STRATEGIC LEVELS



U.S. AND SOVIET STRATEGIC FORCE LEVELS

	1 JANUARY 1980		1 JANUARY 1981	
	U.S.	USSR	U.S.	USSR
OFFENSIVE OPERATIONAL ICBM LAUNCHERS 1/2/	1,054	1,398	1,054	1,398
OPERATIONAL SLBM LAUNCHERS 1/3/	656	950	576	950
LONG-RANGE BOMBERS (TAI) 4/	348	156	347	156
OPERATIONAL 5/ OTHERS 6/	225		223	
FORCE LOADINGS 7/ WEAPONS	9,200	6,000	9,000	7,000
DEFENSIVE 8/				
AIR DEFENSE SURVEILLANCE RADARS	88	7,000	31	7,000
INTERCEPTOR AIRCRAFT (TAI)	327	2,500	312	2,500
SAM LAUNCHERS	0	10,000	0	10,000
ABM DEFENSE LAUNCHERS	0	64	0	32



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

OFFICE OF
THE DIRECTOR

April 23, 1981

Honorable G. V. Montgomery
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sonny:

In response to your inquiry concerning the Administration's commitment to the Budget Authority figure for function 700, Veterans Benefits and Services, in the Reagan Bipartisan budget resolution, I want to assure you that we do not intend to support any amendment, on the House floor, to lower that or any other figure.

As you know, the Reagan Bipartisan resolution was developed with the advice of Members of Congress who are strongly committed to the Veterans program. The Administration believes that this bipartisan resolution must be approved in its totality and without change.

Sincerely,

DAVID A. STOCKMAN
Director

DAS:gh

*for Mrs. Dale sent copy
5/11/81
File Veterans*

DRAFT

TIME SENSITIVE: White House wants to print
list of supportive groups --
including the Legion -- at
5:00 p.m. today.

TO: Sonny Montgomery

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As you know, the Reagan Bipartisan resolution was developed with the advice of members of Congress who are strongly committed to maintaining its numbers for function 700. The Administration shares that commitment and will oppose any reduction in function 700 beyond the level of the Reagan Bipartisan resolution.

N.B.

If this is approved by Stockman, it would be advisable for us to read the text, while the letter itself is being prepared, to Montgomery's office (and directly to the American Legion), so that the Legion's name can be added to the White House's publicized list of supporters. (And so that the Legion's clout can be added immediately to our efforts on the Hill.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Vet
groups

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

April 21, 1981

From: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

Today I hosted a meeting in my office with three officers of the American Legion:

Michael Kogutek, national commander
Robert Spanogle, Executive director of Washington office
Mylio Kraja, director national legislative commission

Also present was Bill Gribbin, deputy director of Congressional Relations.

The Legion representatives expressed concern that, if they came out and endorsed the President's economic package, they might lose out even if the Reagan bipartisan bill (Gramm-Latta) passed the House intact. (They are for Gramm-Latta because they get back most of they originally proposed V.A. cuts under the new proposal.)

They wanted assurances that the President would fight in the House-Senate conference for the V.A. provisions of Gramm-Latta, thereby assuring that GOP Senate conferees would not push for Senate-passed provisions which cut the V.A. as per the original OMB proposals.

The strategy devised at our meeting was that the Legion would contact Rep. Sonny Montgomery and ask him to call the President and ask him to write a note to Montgomery assuring that the Administration would support the V.A. provisions of Gramm-Latta in the House-Senate conference. Gribbin would alert Max Friedersdorf that a request would be coming from Montgomery.

The above request from the Legion was the single matter left to be resolved before the Legion would come on board in support of the economic package. During the meeting we solved their other major concern: I got Don Moran on the phone with Spanogle and me. The Legion was worried that V.A. has in the works a Reduction in Force (RIF) in accord with the original OMB proposals. Moran agreed to immediately phone Acting V.A. administrator Rufus Wilson and direct him to cease internal moves to implement the cut of 1648 positions which the Gramm-Latta Reagan bipartisan proposal would restore from the cuts anticipated in the original OMB proposal.

American Legion Commander Kogutek agreed to keep in touch with me and make his endorsement when Rep. Montgomery gets the requested note from the President.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 28, 1981

Sent to

TO: Elizabeth H. Dole
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*
RE: Defense Organization Briefing

Per our previous discussions we have scheduled a meeting to brief the defense experts from the veterans and military organizations about the President's program for military preparedness.

The attached list of invitees has been cleared through Phelps Jones of the VFW, Bob Spanogle of the American Legion, and Nick Longworth at the Veterans Administration.

The confirmed speakers are:

1. Dr. William Schneider, Associate Director for National Security and International Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget
2. Dave Sullivan, Director of Policy Planning and Counselor to the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

The Secretary of the Navy, John Lehman, has also been invited to speak and we are awaiting his answer.

This meeting will take place on May 1 from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. in either the Roosevelt Room of the White House or room 132 in the OEOB.

cc: Richard V. Allen

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bypass this one -
unless Norton has
told them I'd
be there EHO
may want to drop;
consider a drop;
although some not
heavy. Would be done
as a gesture only.
Does not directly
involve security.
P*

APR 30 REC'D

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 28, 1981

Attendees:

G. Michael Schlee, James Hubbard
Edgar Ulsamer, Benjamin Catlin
William B. Fulton
Bob Nolan
C. L. Kammeier
Fran Greenlief
Adolph Humphreys
Warren Baker
Charles "Mack" McKinney
Phelps Jones
Don Harlow
Dan Graham, Bob Richardson
Gabe Brinsky
John Sheffy
George Hennrikus, Minter Wilson, Jr.
Nick Longworth, Douglas Bazata

American Legion
Air Force Association
Association of the U.S. Army
Fleet Reserve Association
Marine Corps League
National Guard Association
Reserve Officer's Association
Navy League of the U.S.
Non-Commissioned Officers Assoc.
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Air Force Sergeants Association
American Security Council
AMVETS
National Assoc. of Uniformed Servs.
Retired Officers Association
Veterans Administration

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS

Veterans Group
File *Malingo*

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

Please admit the following appointments on May 1, 19 81

for MORTON BLACKWELL of Office of Public Liaison
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

- ✓ SCHLEE, G. Michael *American Legion*
- ✓ HUBBARD, James *American Legion*
- ✓ ULSAMER, Edgar *Air Force Assoc.*
- ✓ CURTIS, Esther
- ✓ FULTON, William B. *Assoc of U. S. Army*
- ✓ NOLAN, Robert *Fleet Reserve*
- ✓ KAMMEIER, C.L. *Marine Corps League*
- ✓ JACOBS, Bruce *Natl. Guard Assoc.*
- ✓ HUMPHREYS, Adolph *Reserve Officers Assoc.*
- ✓ BAKER, Warren *Navy League*
- ✓ MCKINNEY, Charles *Nav Commis. officers*
- ✓ JONES, Phelps *FW*
- ✓ HARLOW, Don *Air Force Sgts Assoc*
- GRAHAM, Dan *Amer. Sec. Council*
- RICHARDSON, Robert *Am. S. C.*
- BRINSKY, Gabe *Amvets*
- ✓ SHEFFY, John *Natl Assoc of Uniformed Serv.*
- ✓ HENNIKUS, George *Retired Officers Assoc*
- ✓ WILSON, Minter, Jr. *V.A.*
- ✓ LONGWORTH, Nicholas
- ✓ BAZATA, Douglas
- ASHWORTH, BOB - *AMVETS*
- ✓ EDMISTON, Stephen L. - *DAV.*

- ✓ LEHMAN, John F., Secretary of the Navy (Please expedite thru clearance, if possible)
- ✓ DEWEY, John *- with Lehman*
- ~~PORTER, Russell~~
Sven Kraemer - NSC Senior Staff Member

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House

Requested by Morton C. Blackwell

Room No. Roosevelt

Room No. 134 Telephone 2657

Time of Meeting 3 P.M.

Date of request April 30, 1981

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

APPOINTMENTS CENTER: SIG/OEOB - 395-6046 or WHITE HOUSE 456-6742

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR
OF THE UNITED STATES
FOUNDED 1899



OFFICE OF
DIRECTOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

V. F. W. MEMORIAL BUILDING
200 MARYLAND AVENUE, N. E.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20002

April 1, 1981

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

Dear Morton:

As per our conversation this morning, here follows "defense specialists" of major veteran/fraternal/patriotic groups with local offices:

1. The American Legion, G. Michael Schlee (861-2700) *James Hubbard
Capt Air Natl Sec*
2. The Air Force Association, General Russ Dougherty, USAF (Ret.) and
Edgar Ulsamer (637-3300) *(out of time) Mrs Ellen Curtis
Asst Dir for Policy*
3. Air Force Sergeants Association, Don Harlow (899-3500) ?
4. American Security Council, Lt. Gen. Dan Graham and Brig. Gen. Bob Richardson
(484-1677) ?
5. AMVETS, Gabe Brinsky *459-9600* (223-9550) ?
6. Association of Retired Intelligence Officers, General Dick Stilwell, USA (Ret.)
(484-1677) - ? *790-1750 Lt William B*
7. Association of the U. S. Army (AUSA), *(out of the country) Gen Fulton* Major General Bob Cocklin (841-4300) *yes*.
8. Fleet Reserve Association, Bob Nolan (785-2768) - *yes -*
9. Marine Corps League (524-1137) *C. L. Kammerer - yes*
10. National Association for Uniformed Services, John Sheffy (750-1342) *no and call back*
11. National Guard Association (NGA), Major General Fran Greenlief (789-0031) *yes -*
12. Reserve Officers' Association, Major General J. Milnor Roberts (479-2200) *yes*, *Admiral Humphrey*
13. Navy League of the U. S., Captain Vincent C. Thomas (298-9282) *(MO)*
Warren Baker - yes

Page 2 -- Mr. Blackwell
April 1, 1981

- Charles*
14. Non-Commissioned Officers Association, "Mack" McKinney (546-7891) *yes -*
15. Retired Officers Association, Lt. Gen. Leroy Manor (549-2311) *Geo Hennrichus; Hunter Wilson Jr. means call back*
16. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., Phelps Jones (543-2239) *yes*

Of all the foregoing, the Legion, V.F.W., American Security Council, AUSA, NGA, ROA, and Navy League people constitute the "short list" for a more intimate setting.

As you know about the Heritage, Weyrich, Phillips, Vigerie operations, I have not included these fine groups.

Attached, FYI, as per our conversation.

See you on April 14 at 10 A.M., at ROA, if not before.

Be brave and keep the faith.

Cordially,

Phelps
Phelps Jones

PJ/mmt
Attachment

FRANK PHELPS JONES
OFFICE: 202/543-2239
HOME: 703/521-6659

Here follows individuals and groups who are supportive of my effort to become Under Secretary, United States Army:

The Heritage Foundation

Senator Gordon Humphrey, New Hampshire

Senator Jake Garn, Utah

Senator Paul Laxalt, Nevada

Senator John Warner, Virginia

Senator Jerry Denton, Alabama

Senator Strom Thurmond, South Carolina

Senator Bob Dole, Kansas

Senator Harry F. Byrd, Virginia

Senator John Tower, Texas

Congressman Robin Beard, Tennessee

Congressman Sonny Montgomery, Mississippi

Congressman Phil Crane, Illinois

Congresswoman Marjorie Holt, Maryland

Congressman Tom Evans, Delaware

Former Congressman Bob Wilson, California

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig, Jr.

Dr. Ernest Lefever, Department of State

General Richard Stilwell, USA (Ret.)

Rich Williamson, White House

Howie Phillips, Conservative Caucus

Major General F. L. Greenlief, National Guard Association

Major General J. Milnor Roberts, Reserve Officers Association

Major General Bob Cocklin, Association of the U. S. Army

Sven Kraemer, NSC Staff

John Fisher, President, American Security Council

FRANK PHELPS JONES, DIRECTOR
NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Phelps Jones retired from the United States Army as a colonel of infantry and was appointed to his present position by then Commander-in-Chief Joseph L. Viscites on March 10, 1972.

Born in Stamford, Connecticut, Jones attended local schools and the Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire. He enlisted in the infantry in December, 1941, and following graduation from Officers Candidate School in 1942, served in the 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, throughout the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. Phelps Jones was granted an honorable discharge in November, 1945 as a captain.

He served briefly as a reporter on the Stamford (Conn.) Advocate before entering Yale College from which he graduated in 1948. There followed a year of graduate study at Yale (International Relations) and two years in New York as assistant advertising manager of Simtex Mills, a division of the Simmons Company.

Recalled to active duty in June, 1951 for the Korean emergency, Colonel (then Captain) Jones was competitively selected for the Regular Army and served therein until his early and voluntary retirement.

Military duties included: instructor at the Infantry School; Korean service with the 40th Infantry Division; aide-de-camp to General Maxwell Taylor; service on the Army General Staff; Associate Professor of Social Science at West Point; battalion and brigade commander in Germany; sole U. S. Army selectee for Canada's National Defence College; Military Assistant to General Earle G. Wheeler, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; service with the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam; and, service in the office of the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army.

Phelps Jones is listed in the Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia.

During his lengthening association with the V.F.W., Phelps Jones has advanced the security program of the V.F.W. both within and outside the organization, before successive Administrations and Congresses. He has made numerous appearances on local and national media to further a wide variety of V.F.W.-mandated positions.

Jones' decorations include: the Silver Star; Legion of Merit (3); Bronze Star (3); Purple Heart; Chung Mu (Korea); Croix de Guerre (France); Cross of Gallantry (Vietnam); and, the U. S. and Korean Presidential Unit Citations.

Jones is married to the former Dorothy Isobel Moore of Chester, Pennsylvania. Phelps and Dorothy have two children: a son, Carter, a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army; and, a daughter, Page, a college senior (1980-81). The family resides in Arlington, Virginia.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 30, 1981

TO: Richard V. Allen
FROM: Morton C. Blackwell 
RE: Briefing of veterans organizations and pro-defense groups

We have scheduled tomorrow afternoon a briefing of the attached list of pro-defense supporters of the President. Our briefers were to be:

Dr. William Schneider
Secretary of the Navy John Lehman
Dave Sullivan

Schneider will discuss the President's increases in the defense budget. We have asked Secretary Lehman to discuss the President's policy for military preparedness. Dave Sullivan was to address the President's arms control philosophy.

Bill Schneider, Secretary Lehman and Dave Sullivan all accepted, but now Sullivan would clearly be inappropriate.

These leaders whom we are briefing all have substantial networks which can be motivated to support actively the President's legislative program.

No doubt they have all read this mornings paper regarding Dave Sullivan's abrupt departure. We urgently need another well qualified Administration spokesman. Because I have had previous very successful dealings with Sven Kraemer, I would like to request that you designate him to give our meeting tomorrow a briefing on the President's arms control philosophy. If you prefer, his remarks will be off the record.

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X 637-3300	Edgar Ulsamer, Benjamin Catlin <i>Mrs Esther</i>	Air Force Association
X 841-4300	William B. Fulton <i>Gen.</i>	Association of the U.S. Army
X 786-2768	Bob Nolan	Fleet Reserve Association
X 524-1137	C. L. Kammeier	Marine Corps League
X 789-0031	Fran Greenlief <i>Gen Bruce Jacobs</i>	National Guard Association
X 479-2200	Adolph Humphreys <i>Col.</i>	Reserve Officer's Association
X 298-9282	Warren Baker-	Navy League of the U.S.
X 546-7891	Charles "Mack" McKinney	Non-Commissioned Officers Assoc.
X 543-2239	Phelps Jones <i>Col</i>	Veterans of Foreign Wars
X 899-3500	Don Harlow	Air Force Sergeants Association
X 484-1677	Dan Graham, Bob Richardson	American Security Council
X 459-9600	Gabe Brinsky	AMVETS
X 750-1342	John Sheffy	National Assoc. of Uniformed Servs.
X 549-2311	George Hennrikus, Minter Wilson, Jr.	Retired Officers Association
X 389-2267	Nick Longworth, Douglas Bazata	Veterans Administration

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for Elizabeth Dole of White House:
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

SEE ATTACHED LIST.

MEETING LOCATION

Building White House
Room No. Roosevelt Room
Time of Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Requested by Wayne Valis
Room No. 128 Telephone 6297
Date of request 2/13/81

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Group 2
Veterans Organization Leaders

February 14, 1981

- In his announcement last week, the President listed Veterans Administration compensation and pension benefits were among the seven program areas where significant budgets cuts must not be made.
- Our overall economic situation, however, is grim. It was in the interest of the previous administration to make things appear as rosy as possible, but many things are much worse than most of us realized.
- In order for the government to be able to continue to meet its obligations to veterans, to afford an adequate national defense, and to provide for the other necessary functions of government, we must turn this country's economy around. That means a new era of restraint of government programs which burden productive taxpayers. That means fighting inflation by cutting government. To do that we need your help.
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(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

Brinsky, Gabriel - National Service & Legislative Director, AMVETS
Lyngh, Robert - American Legion
Hartnett, Norman - Disabled American Veterans
Juarde, Fred - Director of National Veterans Service, VFW
Schwab, Donald - Director of National Legislative Service, VFW
Spanogle, Robert - American Legion

MEETING LOCATION

Building OEOB Requested by Morton Blackwell
Room No. 132 Room No. 128 Telephone 456-6246
Time of Meeting 10:00 A.M. Date of request 3/6/81

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Harper will post
Moran to work with
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TO: Ed Harper

FROM: Elizabeth Dole

SUBJECT: Briefing of Major Veterans Groups

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As you know, the veterans organizations were supportive of the campaign last year. Because of delays and disagreement regarding the filling of the position of VA Administrator, there has developed a certain sense of uneasiness in the veterans groups about the Administration's policies towards veterans.

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If such a briefing is possible, please ask Don Moran to work out the details with Morton Blackwell of our office.

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