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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Vietnam Veterans Event

5:00 p.m.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

RECEPTION
Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program
Thursday, March 1, 1984

TIME:

4:30 p.m.

LOCATION:

East Room/State Dining Room

FROM:

Gahl L. Hodges

4:30 p.m.

Guests depart the Old Executive Office Building and are escorted to the North Portico by Tour Detail and proceed to the East Room via the Grand Foyer and the Cross Hall.

5:10 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN arrive the State Floor via elevator and proceed to the Green Room via the Cross Hall for photo opportunity with Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program Directors and Chairmen (15).

15 people

dais guest proceed to East Room take places on dais.

Following the photo opportunity, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the Green Room enroute the East Room via the Cross Hall.

Announcement.

5:15 p.m.

THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN enter the East Room and proceed to the dais.

Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program Directors and Chairmen (10) will be on dais. *10 people + Faith Whittlesy*

Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

At the conclusion of his remarks, THE PRESIDENT is presented with a Scroll from Tom Pauken, Director of ACTION (creator of Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program).

Thank-you remarks by Mr. Pauken.

5:25 p.m.

At the conclusion of remarks, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the East Room enroute the elevator.

5:30 p.m.

Guests proceed to the State Dining Room.

Refreshments will be served in the State Dining Room.

6:30 p.m.

Guests depart the Residence via the North Portico and are escorted to the Northwest Gate.

*in audience
4 wheelchairs
225 guests*

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Introductions will be made by Mr. Ken Moorefield, Deputy Director of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program.

After photo opportunity, Green Room participants enter the East Room via the south door of the Green Room.

Following the photo opportunity, THE PRESIDENT and MRS. REAGAN depart the Green Room enroute the East Room via the Cross Hall.

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Remarks by THE PRESIDENT.

At the conclusion of remarks, THE PRESIDENT is presented with a Plaque from Tom Pauken, Director of ACTION (creator of Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program), proclaiming THE PRESIDENT as an Honorary Vietnam Veteran, and thanking THE PRESIDENT for his support.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

1984 FEB 28 PM 6:05

DATE: 2/28/84 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY, 2/29SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1984

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REMARKS:

Please forward any comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott in room 100 EOB by 10:00 a.m. TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, with an information copy to my office.

Thank you.

RESPONSE:

Richard G. Darman
Assistant to the President
Ext. 2702

Received SS
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(Dolan/BE)
February 28, 1984
4:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: RECEPTION FOR VIETNAM VETERANS
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1984

First of all I want to say we're delighted to have you here at the White House and to thank you for your efforts in the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program. You know, this is the third time I've addressed you and each time your numbers have grown. That's just one of the signs of success brought about by your dedication and selflessness.

Forgive me if I sound a little proud, but you know we started with little more than an idea nearly 3 years ago. And now I'm proud to note that there are 50 Vietnam Veterans Leadership Programs with more than 4,500 V.V.L.P. volunteers who have donated more than 250,000 hours to helping their fellow veterans. The V.V.L.P.'s have directly placed over 2,000 veterans in jobs, counseled thousands more, and developed close to 7,000 job opportunities. In addition, the programs have counseled hundreds of veterans on small business opportunities, helping many of them realize the American dream of owning and operating their own business.

Now as you know, this is a pivotal conference for the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program. You're focusing on your role after the end of this fiscal year when the Federal Government's involvement will end. Through ACTION, the Federal volunteer agency, we sought to play only a catalytic role; the idea was to develop a network of programs independent of bureaucracy that would realize successful veterans as volunteers.

In 3 years, this goal has been accomplished, and now this fall your programs will be on their own. You should be immensely proud of this; it's a testimony to your energy, resourcefulness, and spirit of independence. Please be assured you will have my support in urging all Americans to support the Leadership Program's initiatives in the years ahead.

Through service to the Nation during the Vietnam War and through ongoing volunteer efforts like this one, you are, as Vietnam veterans, working to build a stronger America. Believe me, your ideal of service, of giving of one's self for the good of all, is both respected and encouraged.

In closing, I'd like to return to something I said when this program was inaugurated in November of 1981. At that time I said, "A Nation's future is only as certain as the dedication of its defenders, and the Nation must be loyal to them as they are to the Nation."

Over a decade ago when battle raged across Vietnam, many of you here in this room were fighting -- steadfast and loyal -- for your country and the principles for which it stands. Today, once again, you have stepped forward when your country called, demonstrating that same loyalty and sense of commitment. On behalf of your fellow veterans and all Americans, I want to thank you.

God bless you all.