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## VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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(Dolan/AB) June 24, 1983 2:30 p.m. > PR

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RETURN TO:

Craig L. Fuller
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#### OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

24 JUN 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR: Aram Bakshian, Jr.

FROM:

John Cogan

SUBJECT:

Comments on Draft Presidential Taping: Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program

We have no substantive problems with the language of the draft. We have proposed two editorial changes, shown on the attached copy.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

#### WASHINGTON

TO: TONY

FROM: KIM

RE: VIETNAM VETERANS LEADERSHIP TAPING

I spoke with ACTION this morning and the memo from Tom Pauken covers all points for a  $l^{\frac{1}{2}}$  minute speech.

The taping will get nation-wide t.v. coverage on 4 July prior to the Atlanta Braves game.

55,000 people will be present.

(John Fales--254-7264--ACTION)

### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

6/17/83

MEMORANDUM

ARAM BAKSHIAN/MARK GOODE

-FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. 1416

SUBJ:

APPROVED PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITY

MEETING:

Taping Session:

1. Vietman Veterans Leadership Program (Coyne/Coor-

dinate with Fuller)

2. Audio tape for All Star Baseball Game (Gergen)

DATE:

June 27, 1983

TIME:

1:00 pm

DURATION:

15 minutes

LOCATION:

Diplomatic Reception Room

REMARKS REQUIRED:

Yes

MEDIA COVERAGE:

No

FIRST LADY

PARTICIPATION:

No

PROJECT OFFICER, SEE ATTACHED CHECKLIST NOTE:

cc:

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WASHINGTON

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SCHEDULING OFFICE

#### Schedule Proposal

TO:

FRED RYAN, DIRECTOR

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM:

JAMES K. COYNE, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE

PRESIDENT, PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

REQUEST:

Presidential taping complimenting the Wiet Nam Veterans Leadership Program for their

volunteer activities

DATE:

July 4, 1983

BACKGROUND:

Film will be shown at an Atlanta Braves

baseball team home game on July 4th honoring the Vietnam Veterans Program. CNN will also

play the tape as a PSA on its network.

For more information see attached memorandum from Tom Pauken, Director of Action





OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 3, 1983

#### MEMORANDUM

To:

James Coyne, Special Assistant to the President for Private Sector Initiatives

From:

Tom Pauken, Director, ACTION

Message from President Reagan

## BACKGROUND:

- The Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program (VVLP) is a federal initiative administered by ACTION, the national volunteer agency. The program encourages successful Vietnam veterans nationwide to volunteer their time, effort and creative leadership to help solve the problems still faced by some of their fellow veterans, especially in the areas of employment and under employment. It was launched by President Reagan in a White House Rose Garden ceremony on November 10, 1981.
- o In March, 1983, one of the most recent VVLP's was established in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Due to the recommendation of Ron Miller, the Georgia VVLP project director, Ted Turner and the Atlanta Braves have agreed to dedicate the July 4th Baseball game to Vietnam veterans.
- o Each fan in attendance will receive an American Flag. In addition, there will be a spectacular fireworks display.
- Representatives of Mr. Turner and the Georgia VVLP have requested that President Reagan record a 90-second to two-minute videotaped message on 3/4" videotape to be shown on the score-board prior to the game which begins at 7:40 p.m. The message will be aired simultaneously throughout the nation on Mr. Turner's Cable TV network.

#### RECOMMENDED SUBJECT MATTER TO BE INCLUDED:

- o Thank you to Ted Turner and the Atlanta Braves baseball team for honoring America's Vietnam veterans.
- In Washington, D.C., and throughout the country, memorials honoring Vietnam veterans have been and are being built, but there is no greater contribution Americans can make than to insure that the Vietnam veteran has an opportunity to obtain meaningful employment. I am, therefore, taking this opportunity to ask employers to join with the Georgia and other Vietnam Veterans Leadership Programs throughout our nation to give the Vietnam Veterans a living memorial -- a job!

cc: Chris Rizzuto
Staff Assistant to
the Director of Public Affairs