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## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 4, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ALEXANDER M. HAIG, JR.

SUBJECT:

Recommended Telephone Call

to Mrs. Abrams

You may wish to call Mrs. Abrams this morning and offer your condolence on the death of her husband, General Creighton Abrams.

Mrs. Abrams first name is Julie. There are six children; Mrs. William L. Bradley (Noel) 36 years old, Major Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. 33 years old, Captain John N. Abrams 28 years old, Miss Jeanne R. Abrams 20 years old, Miss Elizabeth H. Abrams 18 years old, and Robert Bruce Abrams 13 years old.

Some suggested talking points you may wish to make are as follows:

- --Tell Mrs. Abrams that this is a sad day not only for the United States Army but for all Americans.
- --Tell Mrs. Abrams that you are deeply regretful over the loss of one of America's greatest military leaders.
- --Finally, tell Mrs. Abrams that the resources of the White House are available to assist her in any way.

The tentative funeral plans for General Abrams include an 11:00 a.m. Service at the Fort Meyer Chapel with internment at Arlington Cemetery.

It is recommended that flags be flown at half staff from today until day of internment.

M \_\_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove