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4/30/75

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 28, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached memorandum has been staffed and approved by Buchen, Cannon and Marsh. The letters have been cleared by Paul Theis. Your approval is requested to send the letters which will be signed by the autopen.

Approve MC7

Disapprove _____

Your approval is also requested on the press release at Tab B.

Approve MC7

Disapprove _____

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*orig. of memo and
letters to Bob Linder*



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

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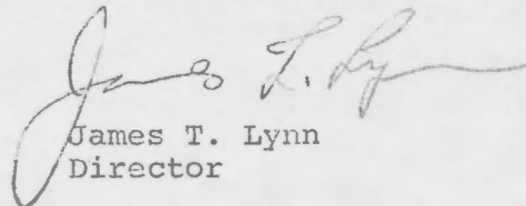
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: 1974 Presidential Management Improvement
Awards

A panel consisting of representatives from the Office of Management and Budget, General Services Administration, and Civil Service Commission has received and reviewed nominations for the Presidential Management Improvement Awards. Twelve individuals and groups, nominated by their agency heads, have been recommended by the panel to receive these awards for their exceptional management contributions to improved operating effectiveness and reduced costs in the Federal Government.

These Presidential awards were established in 1970 at the recommendation of former OMB Director George Shultz to affirm the Administration's interest in the effective and economical management of government programs. The awards were last presented by President Nixon in March 1973 at a 30-minute ceremony in the Oval Office.

I endorse the panel's recommendation of the 12 nominees to receive the award, and recommend that you sign the proposed letters (TAB A) and approve the press release (TAB B).


James T. Lynn
Director

Attachments

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
ROUTE SLIP

To Diana

Take necessary action ☐

Approval or signature ☐

Comment ☐

Prepare reply ☐

Discuss with me ☐

For your information ☐

See remarks below ☐

FROM Jim Jura

DATE 4-17-75

REMARKS

When the President signs this,
would you please notify us before
anything is sent out.

Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Caspar:

I am pleased to inform you that Hugh F. McKenna, Director of the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Administration, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. McKenna is being honored for innovative leadership employing advanced management techniques, which has resulted in sharp reductions in the processing time of payments to beneficiaries and vast improvements in employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within his Bureau. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that Fred Schutzman and the Division of Health Services Financing, of your agency, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing their accomplishments, the selection committee felt that Fred Schutzman's achievement was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Mr. Hugh F. McKenna
Director
Bureau of Retirement and
Survivors Insurance
Social Security Administration
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare

Dear Mr. McKenna:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to managerial improvement have not only produced significant cost savings, but have vastly improved employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within your organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Mr. Hugh F. McKenna
Director
Bureau of Retirement and
Survivors Insurance
Social Security Administration
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare

GRF:ki

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Meyer Lepor, a Physicist in the Naval Undersea Center; Captain John M. Wolff, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California; Sergeant Xavier F. Corlis, of the Air Force Weapons Laboratory; and the Fourteenth Aerospace Force, Department of the Air Force, have been selected to receive 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Lepor is being honored for his perseverance and ingenuity in applying value engineering to the redesign of the acoustic barrier treatment for the SSN 688 Class submarine; Captain Wolff, for dealing successfully with the unparalleled challenges of change confronting the Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, during Fiscal Year 1974; Sergeant Corlis, for outstanding initiative in the procurement of deuterium (D₂), at a cost well below current market rates, for use in the development of chemical lasers; and the Fourteenth Aerospace Force, for vast improvements in the U.S. Air Force's missile warning and space surveillance systems which have nearly doubled the warning time available in the event of attack. I would appreciate it if you would present these Awards and the enclosed letters on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the individuals and groups named on the enclosed list have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing the accomplishments of these individuals, the selection committee felt that Captain William G. Sizemore's achievement was especially noteworthy. You may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the Awards, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

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Sincerely,

Enclosures

Dear Mr. Secretary:

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Sincerely,

The Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

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Dear Mr. Lepor:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding application of value engineering in the redesign of acoustic barriers for submarines has not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a great impact on the design and construction of future vessels.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Mr. Meyer Lepor
Physicist
Naval Undersea Center
Department of the Navy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Meyer Lepor
Physicist
Naval Undersea Center
Department of the Navy

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I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding application of value engineering in the redesign of acoustic barriers for submarines has not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a ~~lasting~~ *great* impact on the design and construction of future vessels.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, ~~and~~ I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear General Moore:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and members of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force to the Nation's missile warning and space surveillance systems have not only produced significant cost savings, but have nearly doubled the warning time in the event of attack.

I commend you and your organization for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

**Major General Otis C. Moore, USAF
Commander
Fourteenth Aerospace Force
Aerospace Defense Command
Department of the Air Force**

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Major General Otis C. Moore
Commander
Fourteenth Aerospace Force
Aerospace Defense Command
Department of the Air Force

Dear General Moore:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and members of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force to the Nation's missile warning and space surveillance systems have not only produced significant cost savings, but have nearly doubled the warning time in the event of attack.

I commend you and your organization for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Captain Wolff:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding managerial efforts in dealing successfully with the complex problems and challenges of change which confronted the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California during Fiscal Year 1974 have not only produced significant cost savings, but also have revitalized your work force and organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Captain John M. Wolff, USN
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Rework Facility
Alameda, California
Department of the Navy

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Captain John M. Wolff
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Rework Facility
Alameda, California
Department of the Navy

Dear Captain Wolff:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding managerial efforts in dealing successfully with the complex problems and challenges of change which confronted the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California during Fiscal Year 1974 have not only produced significant cost savings, but also have revitalized your work force and organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, ~~and~~ I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Sergeant Corlis:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding efforts in the procurement of deuterium for use in the development of chemical lasers have not only produced significant cost savings but also made a valuable contribution to Air Force weapons research.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

SMS Xavier F. Corlis
Advanced Technology Branch
Laser Division
Air Force Weapons Laboratory
Department of the Air Force

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Xavier F. Corlis
Senior Master Sergeant
Advanced Technology Branch
Laser Division
Air Force Weapons Laboratory
Department of the Air Force

Dear Sergeant Corlis:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding efforts in the procurement of deuterium for use in the development of chemical lasers have not only produced significant cost savings, but also made ~~an essential~~ *a valuable* contribution to Air Force weapons research.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, ~~and~~ I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Administrator:

I am pleased to inform you that the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for exceptional innovation in the management of the Mariner Venus-Mercury project, launched November 3, 1973. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the Maintenance and Operations Division, Office of Facilities of your agency has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. In reviewing the accomplishment of this group of employees, the selection committee felt that their contribution was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificate is presented. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

The Honorable James C. Fletcher
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James C. Fletcher
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

Jim
Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

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Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of your team not only produced significant cost savings, but also provided substantial new data to better our understanding of the two planets and the Earth.

I commend you and your staff for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Mr. N. William Cunningham
Program Manager
Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973
Management Team
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Program Manager
Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973
Management Team
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

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I commend you and your staff for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr., a Research Forester in the United States Forest Service, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Dr. Myers is being honored for his exceptional contributions to the science of forest land management through the conception, design, and implementation of computer-assisted forest management procedures at the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that June P. Blair, Kenneth Frick, and Leo G. K. Iverson, of your agency, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing the accomplishments of these individuals, the selection committee felt that June P. Blair's achievement was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D. C. 20250

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Earl:

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr., a Research Forester in the United States Forest Service, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

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Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Dr. Myers:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to the science of forest land management have not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on the Nation's forestry program.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr.
Research Forester
Rocky Mountain Forest and
Range Experiment Station
Forest Service
Department of Agriculture

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr.
Research Forester
Rocky Mountain Forest and
Range Experiment Station
Forest Service
Department of Agriculture

Dear Dr. Myers:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

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Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am pleased to inform you that George G. Ambrose, Frank R. DeLeo, and Benjamin M. Horton of the Bureau of the Mint, have been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Those individuals, who served as members of a team to study the handling and shipping of coins, are being honored for their outstanding achievement in improving the coin distribution system within the Bureau of the Mint which resulted in significant productivity gains. I would appreciate it if you would present this Award and the enclosed letters on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the Internal Revenue Service, Controlled Age Case Study Group and the National Central Bureau, International Criminal Police Organization, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. The Certificates, as well as the award plaques, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals and organizations in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

The Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Bill:

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Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Mr. George G. Ambrose
Assistant Director
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. George G. Ambrose
Assistant Director
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint
Department of the Treasury

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. DeLeo:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Frank R. DeLeo
Head, Federal Reserve
Liaison Division
Office of Public Services
Bureau of the Mint

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Frank R. DeLeo
Head, Federal Reserve Liason
Division
Office of Public Services
Bureau of the Mint

Dear Mr. DeLeo:

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I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, ~~and~~ I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Horton:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Benjamin M. Horton
Traffic Management Specialist
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Benjamin M. Horton
Traffic Management Specialist
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint

Dear Mr. Horton:

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I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Director:

I am very pleased to inform you that Lyle D. Copmann, Assistant Director, Press and Publications Section, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Copmann is being honored for his outstanding efforts in successfully modernizing and streamlining the complex production and distribution network for overseas dissemination of editorial materials about the United States, its people, culture and policies. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

Mr. Copmann's significant achievements in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to him.

Sincerely,

The Honorable James Keogh
Director
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

Enclosure

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James Keogh
Director
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Mr. Keogh:

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Mr. Copmann's significant achievements in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to him.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Copmann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to our Nation's overseas information program have not only produced significant cost savings, but also help promote a better understanding of the United States in other countries of the world.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lyle D. Copmann
Assistant Director
Press and Publications Service
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C.

GRF:kir

ON

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Lyle D. Copmann
Assistant Director
Press and Publications Service
United States Information Agency

Dear Mr. Copmann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to our Nation's overseas information program have not only produced significant cost savings, but also ~~have a lasting impact by promoting~~ *help* a better understanding of the United States in other countries of the world.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Administrator:

I am pleased to inform you that Gerald E. Neumann, Director of Program Control and Analysis Staff, Office of Construction has been selected to receive one of the **twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards**. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Neumann **is** being honored for his outstanding work on the development and implementation of a computer based management information system which monitors **Veterans Administration** construction projects, thus helping to provide modern, vitally needed patient care **for our Nation's veterans**. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure **in** informing you that James T. Taaff, Jr., of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be **forwarded** under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational **effectiveness** set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Richard L. Roudebush
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

Enclosure

GRF:rgv

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Richard L. Roudebush
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

Am:
Dear Mr. ~~Roudebush~~:

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Mr. Neumann is being honored for his outstanding work on the development and implementation of a computer based management information system which monitors Veterans Administration construction projects, thus helping to provide modern, vitally needed patient care for our Nation's veterans. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that James T. Taaff, Jr., of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

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Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Neumann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution to the development and implementation of a computer-based management information system to monitor Veterans Administration construction projects has produced significant cost savings and helped to provide vitally needed patient care facilities for our Nation's veterans.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

**Mr. Gerald E. Neumann
Director
Program Control and Analysis Staff
Office of Construction
Veterans Administration**

GRF:kir

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Gerald E. Neumann
Director, Program Control and
Analysis Staff
Office of Construction
Veterans Administration

Dear Mr. Neumann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution to the development and implementation of a computer-based management information system to monitor Veterans Administration construction projects has produced significant cost savings and helped to provide vitally needed patient care facilities for our Nation's veterans.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear Mr. Administrator:

I am pleased to inform you that the Administrative Management Team, National Environmental Research Center, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for effecting improvements within the National Environmental Research Center which, through the systematic application of management techniques, have made the Center a model within the Agency. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

**The Honorable Russell E. Train
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460**

Enclosure

GRF:kir

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Honorable Russell E. Train
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

I am pleased to inform you that the Administrative Management Team, National Environmental Research Center, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for effecting improvements within the National Environmental Research Center which, through the systematic application of management techniques, have made the Center a model within the Agency. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Benoit:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Administrative Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of your team in improving administrative management have not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on management within the Environmental Protection Agency.

I commend you and your staff for your efforts, which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you all to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Mr. William J. Benoit
Director
Office of Administration
National Environmental Research
Center
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C.

GRF:plr

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

OK

Mr. William J. Benoit
Director
Office of Administration
National Environmental Research
Center
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. Benoit:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Administrative Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

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I commend you and your staff for your efforts, which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, ~~and~~ I urge you ^{ALL} ~~to~~ ^{TO} continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Dear General Parfitt:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Donald R. Brayton, Deputy Director of the Transportation and Terminals Bureau within the Panama Canal Company, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Brayton is being honored for his dynamic leadership, as Manager of the Panama Railroad, in moving the railroad from a condition of financial and operational crisis to a safe, successful, and reliable means of transportation. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that Frank A. Lee, of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the Award, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your organization. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Major General Harold R. Parfitt, USA
Governor of the Canal Zone
President of the Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Enclosure

GRF:ckb

Major General Harold R. Parfitt, USA
Governor of the Canal Zone
President of the Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Dear General Parfitt:

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable David S. Parker
Governor of the Canal Zone
President of the Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Donald R. Brayton, Deputy Director of the Transportation and Terminals Bureau within the Panama Canal Company, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

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Sincerely,

Enclosure

Dear Mr. Brayton:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions in reshaping the Railroad Division of the Panama Canal Company have not only produced significant cost savings, but also provided Panama with its only effective means of mass transit for moving people and supplies across the Isthmus.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees. I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald R. Brayton
Deputy Director
Transportation and Terminals Bureau
Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

GRF:plr

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

PH

Mr. Donald R. Brayton
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Transportation and Terminals Bureau
Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

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Sincerely,

STAFFING

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: April 17, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION: Phil Bucher
Jim Cannon
Jack Marsh
Paul Theis

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

Tuesday, April 22, 1975

Time:

10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT:

Lynn memo (4/16/75) re: 1974 Presidential
Management Improvement Awards

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

4/22 - Called Cannon & Marsh
Cannon ok
4/28 - w/p

PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

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REMARKS:

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OK
m.f.
4/22/75

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REMARKS:

No objection.

Rod Hills

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Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

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

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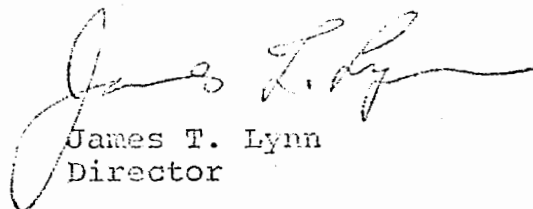
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: 1974 Presidential Management Improvement
Awards

A panel consisting of representatives from the Office of Management and Budget, General Services Administration, and Civil Service Commission has received and reviewed nominations for the Presidential Management Improvement Awards. Twelve individuals and groups, nominated by their agency heads, have been recommended by the panel to receive these awards for their exceptional management contributions to improved operating effectiveness and reduced costs in the Federal Government.

These Presidential awards were established in 1970 at the recommendation of former OMB Director George Shultz to affirm the Administration's interest in the effective and economical management of government programs. The awards were last presented by President Nixon in March 1973 at a 30-minute ceremony in the Oval Office.

I endorse the panel's recommendation of the 12 nominees to receive the award, and recommend that you sign the proposed letters (TAB A) and approve the press release (TAB B).


James T. Lynn
Director

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Caspar:

I am pleased to inform you that Hugh F. McKenna, Director of the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Administration, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. McKenna is being honored for innovative leadership employing advanced management techniques, which has resulted in sharp reductions in the processing time of payments to beneficiaries and vast improvements in employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within his Bureau. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that Fred Schutzman and the Division of Health Services Financing, of your agency, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing their accomplishments the selection committee felt that Fred Schutzman's achievement was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Hugh F. McKenna
Director
Bureau of Retirement and
Survivors Insurance
Social Security Administration
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare

Dear Mr. McKenna:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to managerial improvement have not only produced significant cost savings, but have vastly improved employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within your organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Meyer Lepor, a Physicist in the Naval Undersea Center; Captain John M. Wolff, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California; Sergeant Xavier F. Corlis, of the Air Force Weapons Laboratory; and the Fourteenth Aerospace Force, Department of the Air Force, have been selected to receive 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Lepor is being honored for his perseverance and ingenuity in applying value engineering to the redesign of the acoustic barrier treatment for the SSN 688 Class submarine; Captain Wolff, for dealing successfully with the unparalleled challenges of change confronting the Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, during Fiscal Year 1974; Sergeant Corlis, for outstanding initiative in the procurement of deuterium (D_2), at a cost well below current market rates, for use in the development of chemical lasers; and the Fourteenth Aerospace Force, for vast improvements in the U.S. Air Force's missile warning and space surveillance systems which have nearly doubled the warning time available in the event of attack. I would appreciate it if you would present these Awards and the enclosed letters on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the individuals and groups named on the enclosed list have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing the accomplishments of these individuals, the selection committee felt that Captain William G. Sizemore's achievement was especially noteworthy. You may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the Awards, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals and groups in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

ARMY

Individuals

H. Poe Bradbury
Willie V. Canaday
John J. Franco
Charles M. Holt
Raymond H. Latta
LTC Robert A. Mulvey

Frank L. Panuzio
Rocco G. Santilli
John Shada
Raymond J. Unrath
Jerome A. Waliszewski
Harry G. Wampler

Groups

Roy K. Kino
Kaei Kakazu
Zenkichi Higa

Donald V. Mathusz
Anthony G. Kassos, Jr.

Edward W. Bradshaw, Jr.
Carmelo Aliano, Jr.

Major Daniel I. Quinlan
Captain Willie R. Jacobs
Oliver M. Smith

Elmer E. Huizenga
Franklin F. Wehrle

William D. Barnes
John C. Golden, Jr.
Lindsay L. Lapole
David W. Kern
Robert E. Yost, Jr.

Herman Gray
Euclid C. Moore
J. William Hund
Harry T. Glenn, Jr.
William A. Darden

Organizations

Systems Effectiveness Branch

Aviation Logistics Office

NAVY

Individuals

Walter H. Fitzgerald, Jr.
Joseph Mignogna
Captain William G. Sizemore
Captain Eugene F. Shine, Jr.

AIR FORCE

Individuals

Robert E. Larson
SSgt Walter F. Manahan
Herman G. Nelson
Major William J. Walker, Jr.
Captain Philip D. Wilder

Organizations

Twenty-Second Air Force
Sheppard Air Force Base
Air Force Contract Management Division

DEFENSE SUPPLY AGENCY

Individuals

Thomas E. Cahill
Kennard R. Duren
Thomas W. Ricks

Group

DESC-Military Parts Control Advisory Group

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Meyer Lepor
Physicist
Naval Undersea Center
Department of the Navy

Dear Mr. Lepor:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding application of value engineering in the redesign of acoustic barriers for submarines has not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on the design and construction of future vessels.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Major General Otis C. Moore
Commander
Fourteenth Aerospace Force
Aerospace Defense Command
Department of the Air Force

Dear General Moore:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and members of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force to the Nation's missile warning and space surveillance systems have not only produced significant cost savings, but have nearly doubled the warning time in the event of attack.

I commend you and your organization for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Captain John M. Wolff
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Rework Facility
Alameda, California
Department of the Navy

Dear Captain Wolff:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding managerial efforts in dealing successfully with the complex problems and challenges of change which confronted the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California during Fiscal Year 1974 have not only produced significant cost savings, but also have revitalized your work force and organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Xavier F. Corlis
Senior Master Sergeant
Advanced Technology Branch
Laser Division
Air Force Weapons Laboratory
Department of the Air Force

Dear Sergeant Corlis:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding efforts in the procurement of deuterium for use in the development of chemical lasers have not only produced significant cost savings, but also made an essential contribution to Air Force weapons research.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James C. Fletcher
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for exceptional innovation in the management of the Mariner Venus-Mercury project, launched November 3, 1973. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the Maintenance and Operations Division, Office of Facilities of your agency has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. In reviewing the accomplishment of this group of employees, the selection committee felt that their contribution was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificate is presented. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. N. William Cunningham
Program Manager
Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973
Management Team
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of your team not only produced significant cost savings, but also provided substantial new data to better our understanding of the two planets and the Earth.

I commend you and your staff for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Earl:

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr., a Research Forester in the United States Forest Service, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Dr. Myers is being honored for his exceptional contributions to the science of forest land management through the conception, design, and implementation of computer-assisted forest management procedures at the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that June P. Blair, Kenneth Frick, and Leo G. K. Iverson, of your agency, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing the accomplishments of these individuals, the selection committee felt that June P. Blair's achievement was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr.
Research Forester
Rocky Mountain Forest and
Range Experiment Station
Forest Service
Department of Agriculture

Dear Dr. Myers:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to the science of forest land management have not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on the Nation's forestry program.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Bill:

I am pleased to inform you that George G. Ambrose, Frank R. DeLeo, and Benjamin M. Horton of the Bureau of the Mint, have been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Those individuals, who served as members of a team to study the handling and shipping of coins, are being honored for their outstanding achievement in improving the coin distribution system within the Bureau of the Mint which resulted in significant productivity gains. I would appreciate it if you would present this Award and the enclosed letters on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the Internal Revenue Service, Controlled Age Case Study Group and the National Central Bureau, International Criminal Police Organization, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. The Certificates, as well as the award plaques, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals and organizations in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. George G. Ambrose
Assistant Director
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint
Department of the Treasury

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Frank R. DeLeo
Head, Federal Reserve Liason
Division
Office of Public Services
Bureau of the Mint

Dear Mr. DeLeo:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Benjamin M. Horton
Traffic Management Specialist
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint

Dear Mr. Horton:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James Keogh
Director
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Mr. Keogh:

I am very pleased to inform you that Lyle D. Copmann, Assistant Director, Press and Publications Section, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Copmann is being honored for his outstanding efforts in successfully modernizing and streamlining the complex production and distribution network for overseas dissemination of editorial materials about the United States, its people, culture and policies. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

Mr. Copmann's significant achievements in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to him.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Lyle D. Copmann
Assistant Director
Press and Publications Service
United States Information Agency

Dear Mr. Copmann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to our Nation's overseas information program have not only produced significant cost savings, but also have a lasting impact by promoting a better understanding of the United States in other countries of the world.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Richard L. Roudebush
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Roudebush:

I am pleased to inform you that Gerald E. Neumann, Director of Program Control and Analysis Staff, Office of Construction has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Neumann is being honored for his outstanding work on the development and implementation of a computer based management information system which monitors Veterans Administration construction projects, thus helping to provide modern, vitally needed patient care for our Nation's veterans. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that James T. Taaff, Jr., of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Gerald E. Neumann
Director, Program Control and
Analysis Staff
Office of Construction
Veterans Administration

Dear Mr. Neumann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution to the development and implementation of a computer-based management information system to monitor Veterans Administration construction projects has produced significant cost savings and helped to provide vitally needed patient care facilities for our Nation's veterans.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Russell E. Train
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

I am pleased to inform you that the Administrative Management Team, National Environmental Research Center, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for effecting improvements within the National Environmental Research Center which, through the systematic application of management techniques, have made the Center a model within the Agency. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. William J. Benoit
Director
Office of Administration
National Environmental Research
Center
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. Benoit:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Administrative Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of your team in improving administrative management have not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on management within the Environmental Protection Agency.

I commend you and your staff for your efforts, which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable David S. Parker
Governor of the Canal Zone
President of the Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Donald R. Brayton, Deputy Director of the Transportation and Terminals Bureau within the Panama Canal Company, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Brayton is being honored for his dynamic leadership, as Manager of the Panama Railroad, in moving the railroad from a condition of financial and operational crisis to a safe, successful, and reliable means of transportation. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that Frank A. Lee, of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the Award, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your organization. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Donald R. Brayton
Deputy Director
Transportation and Terminals Bureau
Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Brayton:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions in reshaping the Railroad Division of the Panama Canal Company have not only produced significant cost savings, but also provided Panama with its only effective means of mass transit for moving people and supplies across the Isthmus.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President announced today the names of individuals who have been selected to receive the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. The Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Recipients will receive engraved plaques and a personal letter of congratulations and appreciation from President Ford. The presentations will be made by Agency Heads on behalf of the President.

The award winners are:

DONALD R. BRAYTON of Marguerita, Canal Zone, Deputy Director, Transportation and Terminals Bureau, Panama Canal Company, for dynamic leadership, as Manager of the Panama Railroad, in moving the railroad from a condition of financial and operational crisis to a safe, successful, and reliable means of transportation. In his dedicated efforts to reshape the Railroad Division into a more effective and efficient unit, Mr. Brayton replaced outdated rolling stock at a savings of \$4,825,000, reduced personnel by 20%, and implemented a systematic preventive maintenance program. As a result of his efforts, passenger and freight schedules were increased substantially and Panama was provided with its only effective means of mass transit for moving people and supplies across the Isthmus.

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LYLE D. COPMANN of McLean, Virginia, Assistant Director, Press and Publications Service, United States Information Agency, for successfully modernizing and streamlining the complex production and distribution network for overseas dissemination of editorial materials about the United States, its people, culture, and policies. Under Mr. Copmann's leadership, the number of magazines published by the United States Information Agency was reduced from 56 to 16 with a consequent savings of \$1 million per year, the daily transmission total for the Wireless File dropped from 22 1/2 hours to 18 1/2 hours resulting in a savings of \$60,400 per year, and 51 positions were eliminated representing an annual savings of \$816,000. Through all of these changes, Mr. Copmann's orderly, cohesive style of management has molded one of the Agency's largest, most diversely specialized staffs into a tightly-knit, highly professional team.

XAVIER F. CORLIS of Hartford, Connecticut, Senior Master Sergeant, Laser Division, Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Department of the Air Force, for outstanding initiative in the procurement of deuterium (D_2), at a cost well below current market rates, for use in the development of chemical lasers, an essential part of Air Force weapons research. Acting on his own, SMSgt. Corlis purchased heavy water (D_2O), from the Atomic Energy Commission, isolated the deuterium at AEC's hydrogen-conversion plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, used surplus gas cylinders and trailers to store and transport the gas, and ordered the deuterium in large enough quantities to reduce the cost substantially. Documented savings from this low cost method of purchase were in excess of \$2.9 million during fiscal years 1973 and 1974.

MEYER LEPOR of San Diego, California, Physicist, Naval Undersea Center, Department of the Navy, for his perseverance and ingenuity in applying value engineering to the redesign of the acoustic barrier treatment for the SSN 688 Class submarine. Following a thorough study of the excessive sound levels generated by active sonar on submarines, Mr. Lepor discovered that substantial cost savings could be realized by reducing the barrier thickness one inch, altering the composition of the binder between layers, and changing the method of attachment, while retaining a satisfactory level of transmission loss. First year measurable savings, as validated by the Navy Cost Reduction Program Office, were \$7,656,040.

HUGH F. MCKENNA of Lutherville, Maryland, Director, Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, for innovative leadership, employing advanced management techniques, which has resulted in sharp reductions in the processing time of payments to beneficiaries and vast improvements in employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance. Significant among his managerial improvement efforts were the use of team building and participative management, a broad decentralization of program responsibility, and the initiation of building and office landscaping programs which were essential from an operational standpoint and supportive of his organizational restructuring.

CLIFFORD A. MYERS, JR. of Fort Collins, Colorado, Research Forester, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, for exceptional contributions to the science of forest land management through the conception, design, and implementation of computer-assisted forest management procedures. Using Dr. Myers' computer simulation processes, forest managers can, at any time, examine how various management decisions would effect long-term forest growth, yield, and monetary return, in view of current economic considerations and unexpected natural factors affecting forest growth. As a result of Dr. Myers' outstanding efforts, timber management reports are now being produced with 60% cost savings and these reports can be updated realizing 90% savings as compared to previous procedures.

GERALD E. NEUMANN of Falls Church, Virginia, Director, Program Control and Analysis Staff, Office of Construction, Veterans Administration, for the development and implementation of a computer-based Management Information System to monitor all Veterans Administration construction projects from inception to completion, and, in so doing, to provide modern, vitally needed patient care for our Nation's veterans. The introduction of this system, following several years of streamlining and reorganizing, has aided immensely the management and control of project costs and schedules and provided better developmental planning for construction, particularly on modernization projects involving the movement of patients. Additional benefits to the Veterans Administration include the ability to validate contractor claims, the establishment of a common data base for construction information, and the consolidation of computer services.

CAPTAIN JOHN M. WOLFF of Danville, California, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, California, Department of the Navy, for dealing successfully with the unparalleled challenges of change confronting the Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, during Fiscal Year 1974. At the beginning of the year, every facet of the Facility's operations and relations with the various components of the fleet was undergoing tremendous change. Captain Wolff instituted management improvements which revitalized the work force and the organization, while, at the same time, surpassing Federal, Naval, and self-imposed performance standards and goals in every segment of the Facility's complex operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM of Cincinnati, Ohio, National Environmental Research Center, Environmental Protection Agency, for effecting a quiet revolution in administrative management at the National Environmental Research Center; from fragmentation and disarray to unification and order. Over a two year period this team systematically applied management techniques to eliminate outmoded and unnecessary functions, improve operating methods and procedures, and consolidate organizational functions, which placed the Office of Administration in full service partnership with the operating technical and scientific components of the Center. Many of the innovative techniques employed by this team are now being used throughout the Environmental Protection Agency with excellent results.

FOURTEENTH AEROSPACE FORCE, Aerospace Defense Command, Department of the Air Force, for vast improvements in the U.S. Air Force's missile warning and space surveillance systems which have nearly doubled the warning time available in the event of attack. Command and control procedures were developed and implemented which assure the nation's decision makers almost instantaneous warning of land and sea-launched missile attacks on a global basis. Total validated Resources Conservation Program savings were \$1,263,300, which represents 294% of the assigned goal, and 60 manpower spaces were eliminated with an additional cost savings of \$532,000.

MEMBERS OF A TEAM TO STUDY HANDLING AND SHIPPING OF COINS, Bureau of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, for achieving substantial productivity gains in the handling and distribution of coins. To avoid problems inherent in the use of wooden pallets, which were inefficient because they required hand loading and unloading, members of the team devised a method of using easily stacked and transported steel pallets at the Philadelphia Mint. Over the past five years, the number of coins disbursed per manhour at Philadelphia has increased dramatically, from 114,930 in 1969 to 255,160 in 1973. The use of the steel pallets within U.S. Mints and Federal Reserve Banks has also greatly enhanced the efficiency of space utilization, sharply reduced loading and unloading time, and led to a decrease in transportation costs.

MARINER VENUS-MERCURY 1973 MANAGEMENT TEAM, NASA Headquarters and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, for exceptional innovation in the management of the Mariner Venus-Mercury project, launched November 3, 1973. The success of this flight, which operated under severe cost restraints, was highlighted by the first utilization of a gravity-assist concept to permit a single spacecraft to go to more than one planet and the development of effective cost control techniques, now being used on other NASA projects. The scientific benefits accruing from this mission are extensive; particularly the addition of new data to better our understanding of the two planets and the Earth.

All Federal departments and agencies were invited to submit nominations for this honorary award. A committee composed of representatives from the Office of Management and Budget, the General Services Administration, and the Civil Service Commission advised the President on final selection. The twelve most exceptional contributions toward reducing costs and improving operating practices in the Federal Government were selected.

The Presidential Management Improvement Awards are in the form of plaques with the following citation:

"For achievement of outstanding improvements
in Government operations.

Your innovative skills and dedication
exemplify the qualities which have made
this Country strong"

/s/ Gerald R. Ford

In addition to this award, Presidential Management Improvement Certificates will be granted to 64 individuals and groups for their achievements.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: APR 18 1975

Date: April 17, 1975

Time:

FOR ACTION: Phil Buchen
Jim Cannon
✓ Jack Marsh
Paul Theis

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date:

Tuesday, April 22, 1975

Time:

10:00 a.m.

SUBJECT:

Lynn memo (4/16/75) re: 1974 Presidential
Management Improvement Awards

ACTION REQUESTED:

☐ For Necessary Action☒ For Your Recommendations☐ Prepare Agenda and Brief☐ Draft Reply☒ For Your Comments☐ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a
delay in submitting the required material, please
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jerry H. Jones
Staff Secretary

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

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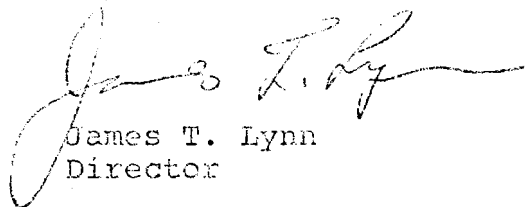
MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: 1974 Presidential Management Improvement
Awards

A panel consisting of representatives from the Office of Management and Budget, General Services Administration, and Civil Service Commission has received and reviewed nominations for the Presidential Management Improvement Awards. Twelve individuals and groups, nominated by their agency heads, have been recommended by the panel to receive these awards for their exceptional management contributions to improved operating effectiveness and reduced costs in the Federal Government.

These Presidential awards were established in 1970 at the recommendation of former OMB Director George Shultz to affirm the Administration's interest in the effective and economical management of government programs. The awards were last presented by President Nixon in March 1973 at a 30-minute ceremony in the Oval Office.

I endorse the panel's recommendation of the 12 nominees to receive the award, and recommend that you sign the proposed letters (TAB A) and approve the press release (TAB B).


James T. Lynn
Director

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
Secretary of Health, Education,
and Welfare
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Caspar:

I am pleased to inform you that Hugh F. McKenna, Director of the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Administration, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. McKenna is being honored for innovative leadership employing advanced management techniques, which has resulted in sharp reductions in the processing time of payments to beneficiaries and vast improvements in employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within his Bureau. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that Fred Schutzman and the Division of Health Services Financing, of your agency, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing their accomplishments the selection committee felt that Fred Schutzman's achievement was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Hugh F. McKenna
Director
Bureau of Retirement and
Survivors Insurance
Social Security Administration
Department of Health, Education,
and Welfare

Dear Mr. McKenna:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to managerial improvement have not only produced significant cost savings, but have vastly improved employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within your organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Meyer Lepor, a Physicist in the Naval Undersea Center; Captain John M. Wolff, Commanding Officer of the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California; Sergeant Xavier F. Corlis, of the Air Force Weapons Laboratory; and the Fourteenth Aerospace Force, Department of the Air Force, have been selected to receive 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Lepor is being honored for his perseverance and ingenuity in applying value engineering to the redesign of the acoustic barrier treatment for the SSN 688 Class submarine; Captain Wolff, for dealing successfully with the unparalleled challenges of change confronting the Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, during Fiscal Year 1974; Sergeant Corlis, for outstanding initiative in the procurement of deuterium (D₂), at a cost well below current market rates, for use in the development of chemical lasers; and the Fourteenth Aerospace Force, for vast improvements in the U.S. Air Force's missile warning and space surveillance systems which have nearly doubled the warning time available in the event of attack. I would appreciate it if you would present these Awards and the enclosed letters on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the individuals and groups named on the enclosed list have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing the accomplishments of these individuals, the selection committee felt that Captain William G. Sizemore's achievement was especially noteworthy. You may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the Awards, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals and groups in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosures

ARMY

Individuals

H. Poe Bradbury
Willie V. Canaday
John J. Franco
Charles M. Holt
Raymond H. Latta
LTC Robert A. Mulvey

Frank L. Panuzio
Rocco G. Santilli
John Shada
Raymond J. Unrath
Jerome A. Waliszewski
Harry G. Wampler

Groups

Roy K. Kino
Kaei Kakazu
Zenkichi Higa

Donald V. Mathusz
Anthony G. Kassos, Jr.

Edward W. Bradshaw, Jr.
Carmelo Aliano, Jr.

Major Daniel J. Quinlan
Captain Willie R. Jacobs
Oliver M. Smith

Elmer E. Huizenga
Franklin F. Wehrle

William D. Barnes
John C. Golden, Jr.
Lindsay L. Lapole
David W. Kern
Robert E. Yost, Jr.

Herman Gray
Euclid C. Moore
J. William Hund
Harry T. Glenn, Jr.
William A. Darden

Organizations

Systems Effectiveness Branch

Aviation Logistics Office

NAVY

Individuals

Walter H. Fitzgerald, Jr.
Joseph Mignogna
Captain William G. Sizemore
Captain Eugene F. Shine, Jr.

AIR FORCE

Individuals

Robert E. Larson
SSgt Walter F. Manahan
Herman G. Nelson
Major William J. Walker, Jr.
Captain Philip D. Wilder

Organizations

Twenty-Second Air Force
Sheppard Air Force Base
Air Force Contract Management Division

DEFENSE SUPPLY AGENCY

Individuals

Thomas E. Cahill
Kennard R. Duren
Thomas W. Ricks

Group

DESC-Military Parts Control Advisory Group

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Meyer Lepor
Physicist
Naval Undersea Center
Department of the Navy

Dear Mr. Lepor:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding application of value engineering in the redesign of acoustic barriers for submarines has not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on the design and construction of future vessels.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Major General Otis C. Moore
Commander
Fourteenth Aerospace Force
Aerospace Defense Command
Department of the Air Force

Dear General Moore:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and members of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force to the Nation's missile warning and space surveillance systems have not only produced significant cost savings, but have nearly doubled the warning time in the event of attack.

I commend you and your organization for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Captain John M. Wolff
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Rework Facility
Alameda, California
Department of the Navy

Dear Captain Wolff:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding managerial efforts in dealing successfully with the complex problems and challenges of change which confronted the Naval Air Rework Facility in Alameda, California during Fiscal Year 1974 have not only produced significant cost savings, but also have revitalized your work force and organization.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Xavier F. Corlis
Senior Master Sergeant
Advanced Technology Branch
Laser Division
Air Force Weapons Laboratory
Department of the Air Force

Dear Sergeant Corlis:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding efforts in the procurement of deuterium for use in the development of chemical lasers have not only produced significant cost savings, but also made an essential contribution to Air Force weapons research.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James C. Fletcher
Administrator
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Washington, D.C. 20546

Dear Jim:

I am pleased to inform you that the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for exceptional innovation in the management of the Mariner Venus-Mercury project, launched November 3, 1973. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the Maintenance and Operations Division, Office of Facilities of your agency has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. In reviewing the accomplishment of this group of employees, the selection committee felt that their contribution was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificate is presented. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. N. William Cunningham
Program Manager
Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973
Management Team
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Mariner Venus-Mercury 1973 Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of your team not only produced significant cost savings, but also provided substantial new data to better our understanding of the two planets and the Earth.

I commend you and your staff for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Earl L. Butz
Secretary of Agriculture
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Earl:

I am pleased to inform you that Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr., a Research Forester in the United States Forest Service, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Dr. Myers is being honored for his exceptional contributions to the science of forest land management through the conception, design, and implementation of computer-assisted forest management procedures at the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that June P. Blair, Kenneth Frick, and Leo G. K. Iverson, of your agency, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. In reviewing the accomplishments of these individuals, the selection committee felt that June P. Blair's achievement was especially noteworthy. Accordingly, you may wish to emphasize this at the time the Certificates are presented. The Certificates, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dr. Clifford A. Myers, Jr.
Research Forester
Rocky Mountain Forest and
Range Experiment Station
Forest Service
Department of Agriculture

Dear Dr. Myers:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to the science of forest land management have not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on the Nation's forestry program.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Bill:

I am pleased to inform you that George G. Ambrose, Frank R. DeLeo, and Benjamin M. Horton of the Bureau of the Mint, have been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Those individuals, who served as members of a team to study the handling and shipping of coins, are being honored for their outstanding achievement in improving the coin distribution system within the Bureau of the Mint which resulted in significant productivity gains. I would appreciate it if you would present this Award and the enclosed letters on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that the Internal Revenue Service, Controlled Age Case Study Group and the National Central Bureau, International Criminal Police Organization, have been selected to receive Presidential Management Improvement Certificates. The Certificates, as well as the award plaques, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals and organizations in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Department. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. George G. Ambrose
Assistant Director
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint
Department of the Treasury

Dear Mr. Ambrose:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Frank R. DeLeo
Head, Federal Reserve Liason
Division
Office of Public Services
Bureau of the Mint

Dear Mr. DeLeo:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Benjamin M. Horton
Traffic Management Specialist
Office of Production
Bureau of the Mint

Dear Mr. Horton:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution as a member of the team to study the handling and shipping of coins produced significant improvements in the coin distribution system within the United States which have resulted in substantial productivity gains.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable James Keogh
Director
United States Information Agency
Washington, D.C. 20547

Dear Mr. Keogh:

I am very pleased to inform you that Lyle D. Copmann, Assistant Director, Press and Publications Section, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Copmann is being honored for his outstanding efforts in successfully modernizing and streamlining the complex production and distribution network for overseas dissemination of editorial materials about the United States, its people, culture and policies. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

Mr. Copmann's significant achievements in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to him.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Lyle D. Copmann
Assistant Director
Press and Publications Service
United States Information Agency

Dear Mr. Copmann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions to our Nation's overseas information program have not only produced significant cost savings, but also have a lasting impact by promoting a better understanding of the United States in other countries of the world.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Richard L. Roudebush
Administrator of Veterans Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Mr. Roudebush:

I am pleased to inform you that Gerald E. Neumann, Director of Program Control and Analysis Staff, Office of Construction has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Neumann is being honored for his outstanding work on the development and implementation of a computer based management information system which monitors Veterans Administration construction projects, thus helping to provide modern, vitally needed patient care for our Nation's veterans. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that James T. Taaff, Jr., of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the award plaque, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Gerald E. Neumann
Director, Program Control and
Analysis Staff
Office of Construction
Veterans Administration

Dear Mr. Neumann:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contribution to the development and implementation of a computer-based management information system to monitor Veterans Administration construction projects has produced significant cost savings and helped to provide vitally needed patient care facilities for our Nation's veterans.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable Russell E. Train
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

I am pleased to inform you that the Administrative Management Team, National Environmental Research Center, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

This group of employees is being honored for effecting improvements within the National Environmental Research Center which, through the systematic application of management techniques, have made the Center a model within the Agency. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony. The award plaque will be forwarded under separate cover.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your Agency. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. William J. Benoit
Director
Office of Administration
National Environmental Research
Center
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Mr. Benoit:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you and the other members of the Administrative Management Team on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

The outstanding contributions of your team in improving administrative management have not only produced significant cost savings, but also will have a lasting impact on management within the Environmental Protection Agency.

I commend you and your staff for your efforts, which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees, and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Honorable David S. Parker
Governor of the Canal Zone
President of the Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Parker:

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Donald R. Brayton, Deputy Director of the Transportation and Terminals Bureau within the Panama Canal Company, has been selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. This Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Mr. Brayton is being honored for his dynamic leadership, as Manager of the Panama Railroad, in moving the railroad from a condition of financial and operational crisis to a safe, successful, and reliable means of transportation. I would appreciate it if you would present the Award and the enclosed letter on my behalf at an appropriate ceremony.

I also take pleasure in informing you that Frank A. Lee, of your agency, has been selected to receive a Presidential Management Improvement Certificate. The Certificate, as well as the Award, will be forwarded under separate cover for presentation.

The significant achievements of these individuals in effecting cost reduction and improving organizational effectiveness set an outstanding example for others within the Federal Government and reflect favorably upon your organization. Please convey my personal thanks and congratulations to those honored.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mr. Donald R. Brayton
Deputy Director
Transportation and Terminals Bureau
Panama Canal Company
Balboa Heights, Canal Zone

Dear Mr. Brayton:

I would like to express my warm appreciation and congratulations to you on being selected to receive one of the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards.

Your outstanding contributions in reshaping the Railroad Division of the Panama Canal Company have not only produced significant cost savings, but also provided Panama with its only effective means of mass transit for moving people and supplies across the Isthmus.

I commend you for your efforts which have set an outstanding example for all Federal employees and I urge you to continue to apply your special talents and abilities in this way.

Sincerely,

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

The President announced today the names of individuals who have been selected to receive the twelve 1974 Presidential Management Improvement Awards. The Award was established in 1970 as the highest recognition for outstanding contributions in improving the effectiveness and economy of Government operations.

Recipients will receive engraved plaques and a personal letter of congratulations and appreciation from President Ford. The presentations will be made by Agency Heads on behalf of the President.

The award winners are:

DONALD R. BRAYTON of Marguerita, Canal Zone, Deputy Director, Transportation and Terminals Bureau, Panama Canal Company, for dynamic leadership, as Manager of the Panama Railroad, in moving the railroad from a condition of financial and operational crisis to a safe, successful, and reliable means of transportation. In his dedicated efforts to reshape the Railroad Division into a more effective and efficient unit, Mr. Brayton replaced outdated rolling stock at a savings of \$4,825,000, reduced personnel by 20%, and implemented a systematic preventive maintenance program. As a result of his efforts, passenger and freight schedules were increased substantially and Panama was provided with its only effective means of mass transit for moving people and supplies across the Isthmus.

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LYLE D. COPMANN of McLean, Virginia, Assistant Director, Press and Publications Service, United States Information Agency, for successfully modernizing and streamlining the complex production and distribution network for overseas dissemination of editorial materials about the United States, its people, culture, and policies. Under Mr. Copmann's leadership, the number of magazines published by the United States Information Agency was reduced from 56 to 16 with a consequent savings of \$1 million per year, the daily transmission total for the Wireless File dropped from 22 1/2 hours to 18 1/2 hours resulting in a savings of \$60,400 per year, and 51 positions were eliminated representing an annual savings of \$816,000. Through all of these changes, Mr. Copmann's orderly, cohesive style of management has molded one of the Agency's largest, most diversely specialized staffs into a tightly-knit, highly professional team.

XAVIER F. CORLIS of Hartford, Connecticut, Senior Master Sergeant, Laser Division, Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Department of the Air Force, for outstanding initiative in the procurement of deuterium (D_2), at a cost well below current market rates, for use in the development of chemical lasers, an essential part of Air Force weapons research. Acting on his own, SMSgt. Corlis purchased heavy water (D_2O), from the Atomic Energy Commission, isolated the deuterium at AEC's hydrogen-conversion plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, used surplus gas cylinders and trailers to store and transport the gas, and ordered the deuterium in large enough quantities to reduce the cost substantially. Documented savings from this low cost method of purchase were in excess of \$2.9 million during fiscal years 1973 and 1974.

MEYER LEPOR of San Diego, California, Physicist, Naval Undersea Center, Department of the Navy, for his perseverance and ingenuity in applying value engineering to the redesign of the acoustic barrier treatment for the SSN 688 Class submarine. Following a thorough study of the excessive sound levels generated by active sonar on submarines, Mr. Lepor discovered that substantial cost savings could be realized by reducing the barrier thickness one inch, altering the composition of the binder between layers, and changing the method of attachment, while retaining a satisfactory level of transmission loss. First year measurable savings, as validated by the Navy Cost Reduction Program Office, were \$7,656,040.

HUGH F. MCKENNA of Lutherville, Maryland, Director, Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance, Social Security Administration, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, for innovative leadership, employing advanced management techniques, which has resulted in sharp reductions in the processing time of payments to beneficiaries and vast improvements in employee morale and the caliber of managerial talent within the Bureau of Retirement and Survivors Insurance. Significant among his managerial improvement efforts were the use of team building and participative management, a broad decentralization of program responsibility, and the initiation of building and office landscaping programs which were essential from an operational standpoint and supportive of his organizational restructuring.

CLIFFORD A. MYERS, JR. of Fort Collins, Colorado, Research Forester, Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, for exceptional contributions to the science of forest land management through the conception, design, and implementation of computer-assisted forest management procedures. Using Dr. Myers' computer simulation processes, forest managers can, at any time, examine how various management decisions would effect long-term forest growth, yield, and monetary return, in view of current economic considerations and unexpected natural factors affecting forest growth. As a result of Dr. Myers' outstanding efforts, timber management reports are now being produced with 60% cost savings and these reports can be updated realizing 90% savings as compared to previous procedures.

GERALD E. NEUMANN of Falls Church, Virginia, Director, Program Control and Analysis Staff, Office of Construction, Veterans Administration, for the development and implementation of a computer-based Management Information System to monitor all Veterans Administration construction projects from inception to completion, and, in so doing, to provide modern, vitally needed patient care for our Nation's veterans. The introduction of this system, following several years of streamlining and reorganizing, has aided immensely the management and control of project costs and schedules and provided better developmental planning for construction, particularly on modernization projects involving the movement of patients. Additional benefits to the Veterans Administration include the ability to validate contractor claims, the establishment of a common data base for construction information, and the consolidation of computer services.

CAPTAIN JOHN M. WOLFF of Danville, California, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, California, Department of the Navy, for dealing successfully with the unparalleled challenges of change confronting the Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda, during Fiscal Year 1974. At the beginning of the year, every facet of the Facility's operations and relations with the various components of the fleet was undergoing tremendous change. Captain Wolff instituted management improvements which revitalized the work force and the organization, while, at the same time, surpassing Federal, Naval, and self-imposed performance standards and goals in every segment of the Facility's complex operations.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM of Cincinnati, Ohio, National Environmental Research Center, Environmental Protection Agency, for effecting a quiet revolution in administrative management at the National Environmental Research Center; from fragmentation and disarray to unification and order. Over a two year period this team systematically applied management techniques to eliminate outmoded and unnecessary functions, improve operating methods and procedures, and consolidate organizational functions, which placed the Office of Administration in full service partnership with the operating technical and scientific components of the Center. Many of the innovative techniques employed by this team are now being used throughout the Environmental Protection Agency with excellent results.

FOURTEENTH AEROSPACE FORCE, Aerospace Defense Command, Department of the Air Force, for vast improvements in the U.S. Air Force's missile warning and space surveillance systems which have nearly doubled the warning time available in the event of attack. Command and control procedures were developed and implemented which assure the nation's decision makers almost instantaneous warning of land and sea-launched missile attacks on a global basis. Total validated Resources Conservation Program savings were \$1,263,300, which represents 294% of the assigned goal, and 60 manpower spaces were eliminated with an additional cost savings of \$532,000.

MEMBERS OF A TEAM TO STUDY HANDLING AND SHIPPING OF COINS, Bureau of the Mint, Department of the Treasury, for achieving substantial productivity gains in the handling and distribution of coins. To avoid problems inherent in the use of wooden pallets, which were inefficient because they required hand loading and unloading, members of the team devised a method of using easily stacked and transported steel pallets at the Philadelphia Mint. Over the past five years, the number of coins disbursed per manhour at Philadelphia has increased dramatically, from 114,930 in 1969 to 255,160 in 1973. The use of the steel pallets within U.S. Mints and Federal Reserve Banks has also greatly enhanced the efficiency of space utilization, sharply reduced loading and unloading time, and led to a decrease in transportation costs.

MARINER VENUS-MERCURY 1973 MANAGEMENT TEAM, NASA Headquarters and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, for exceptional innovation in the management of the Mariner Venus-Mercury project, launched November 3, 1973. The success of this flight, which operated under severe cost restraints, was highlighted by the first utilization of a gravity-assist concept to permit a single spacecraft to go to more than one planet and the development of effective cost control techniques, now being used on other NASA projects. The scientific benefits accruing from this mission are extensive; particularly the addition of new data to better our understanding of the two planets and the Earth.

All Federal departments and agencies were invited to submit nominations for this honorary award. A committee composed of representatives from the Office of Management and Budget, the General Services Administration, and the Civil Service Commission advised the President on final selection. The twelve most exceptional contributions toward reducing costs and improving operating practices in the Federal Government were selected.

The Presidential Management Improvement Awards are in the form of plaques with the following citation:

"For achievement of outstanding improvements
in Government operations.

Your innovative skills and dedication
exemplify the qualities which have made
this Country strong"

/s/ Gerald R. Ford

In addition to this award, Presidential Management Improvement Certificates will be granted to 64 individuals and groups for their achievements.


THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 30, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM LYNN

FROM: JERRY H. JONES 

SUBJECT: 1974 Presidential Management
Improvement Awards

Your memorandum to the President of April 16 on the above subject has been reviewed. The letters have been signed and the press release approved. The letters will be transmitted through Bob Linder.

cc: Don Rumsfeld
Bob Linder (with attachments)