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March 3, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

Congressman Olin Teague called again today concerning the termination of G.I. benefits and said that the American Legion is going to appear before the Veterans Affairs Committee this week and testify that Viet Nam war benefits should be terminated.

Tiger said that all veterans groups including the DAV and the VFW are also in agreement on this.

Tiger believes that the time is right to move on this and will, of course, be willing to work with us on an announcement and other details.

bcc: Vern Loen

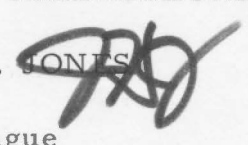


THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 7, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF
FROM: JERRY H. JONES 
SUBJECT: Tiger Teague

Your memorandum to the President of February 5 on the above subject has been reviewed and the following notation was made:

-- Keep pressure for decision.

Please follow-up with the appropriate action.

Thank you.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

Check next wk
Oliver Meadows



February 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

SUBJECT: Tiger Teague

Tiger asked me to advise you that his initial checks concerning the cut-off of GI benefits indicate there probably will not be much opposition from the organized veterans groups.

Tiger says that he believes the Legion, VFW and DAV would not oppose such a move.

He said that the veterans groups expressed the attitude that they wanted to protect the benefits for those eligible veterans and the cut-off at this time would be of assistance in their efforts.

Tiger said, however, that before your make a definite decision he would like a little more time to check further and will get back to us as soon as he has a more thorough reading from other groups and Members of Congress.

MLF:jg

bcc: Jack Marsh



WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

DATE: 3/10

TO: ~~Bill Kendall/Vern Loeb~~

FROM: Max L. Friedersdorf

Time:

cc (for information):

Jack Marsh

Brent Scowcroft

Comments Please

*Veterans groups now testifying
in support of cutoff. VC*

OK WK

(Please return memo and attachments)

1975

Time: noon

Termination of
benefits

____ Prepare Agenda and Brief

X For Your Comments

X For Your Recommendations

____ Draft Reply

____ Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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

Date: March 7, 1975

FOR ACTION: Bill Baroody
Phil Buchen
Jim Cannon
Max Friedersdorf
Robert T. Hartmann

cc (for information):
Jack Marsh
Brent Scowcroft

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: Wednesday, March 12, 1975

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

Lynn memo (3/7/75) re: Termination of
G.I. Bill Educational Benefits

ACTION REQUESTED:

____ For Necessary Action

X For Your Recommendations

____ Prepare Agenda and Brief

____ Draft Reply

X For Your Comments

____ Draft Remarks

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Staff Secretary

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WASHINGTON

File

Talked to Ed Arnold
7-25-75 to talk to
Dr. Maryon Jacob & then
Joe McBlade on putting
a cemetery in their
area of interest.




Pres. into dinner party -

for for. and bill -

~~morgan~~ Ft. Necessity Veto Cemetery

Lucky Mondress - VA

3 sites

- 
1. Valley Forge - oppas.
 2. Ft. Necessity
 3. Holding St Pk

Ed Arnold - Va.



MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Vera

☐

YOU WERE CALLED BY—

☐

YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Tom Gilliland

OF (Organization)

AID - 632-8429

☐

PLEASE CALL —→

PHONE NO.
CODE/EXT. _____

☐

WILL CALL AGAIN

☐

IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐

RETURNED YOUR CALL

☐

WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

re: "Doc" Morgan

*Chairman - International
Relations Committee*

RECEIVED BY

Vera

DATE

4/24

TIME

10:20

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date 4/15/75

TO: CHARLES LEPPERT

FROM: ROGER SEMERAD

XX FYI

 For appropriate action

COMMENTS

*Case Mc Dade's
man*



RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES CONCERNING NEW NATIONAL
CEMETERIES (as of April 4, 1975)



CALIFORNIA

By letter from the Assistant Administrator for Construction to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Logistics), the Veterans Administration has expressed interest in acquiring an approximately 600-acre portion of March Air Force Base in California (50 miles East of Los Angeles) as a site for a new National Cemetery to serve veterans in the States of California, Nevada and Arizona, which, with Guam and Hawaii, / comprise Federal Region IX.

A final decision cannot be made until after the availability of the 600-acre area has been approved by the Department of Defense and appropriate committees of the Congress.

It must be emphasized, however, that VA has also evaluated possible National Cemetery sites in Kern County and Los Banos, Calif.

MASSACHUSETTS

On March 31 and April 1, 1975, VA representatives from Construction Service and the National Cemetery System joined a Boston Architect-Engineering firm for an on-site inspection at Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts, seven miles Northeast of Falmouth on Cape Cod, to isolate a 500-acre site for a new National Cemetery.

For VA to acquire this site, it will first be necessary for the Department of Defense to release the site chosen to the State of Massachusetts, which owns the property on which Otis AFB is located. In turn, we would request the State deed the 500-acre site to VA for a National Cemetery to serve veterans in Federal Region I, comprising the States of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Otis AFB is the only site in Federal Region I that is under consideration. When the transfer is completed a master plan will be developed and construction will follow.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania has been chosen as a State in which a new National Cemetery will be established because it has the highest veteran population in Federal Region III, which also includes the States of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, and West Virginia.

VA is particularly interested in acquiring a site of historical significance.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In addition to a National Shrine Cemetery in each of the 10 Federal Regions, VA plans to establish a new National Cemetery in the metropolitan area of our Nation's Capital.

The present goal of the Veterans Administration and the National Cemetery System is to select and dedicate as many as possible of the 11 authorized National Shrine Cemeteries during the Nation's Bicentennial Era.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAY 7, 1975

Office of the White House Press Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

TEXT OF LETTERS FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Dear Mr. Speaker: (Dear Mr. President:)

I am transmitting today a proposed bill "To amend title 38, United States Code, to set a termination date for veterans educational benefits under Chapter 34 and 36 of such title, and for other purposes."

The bill would terminate the eligibility period for GI Bill education and training benefits for persons who will be entering peacetime voluntary military service on or after July 1, 1975.

I have today also issued a Proclamation which fixes the period of Vietnam service as beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975, for certain wartime benefits.

The effect of these actions is similar to those terminating wartime veterans benefits following the cessation of World War I, World War II, and the Korean War hostilities.

The Proclamation and this legislation would make an equitable distinction between those who have been required to perform military service and those who in the future choose to serve in the All-Volunteer Armed Forces. The termination actions will not affect the eligibility of the millions of Vietnam veterans already discharged, or those presently serving in the Armed Forces.

I urge the Congress to give prompt and favorable consideration to the draft bill.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to set a termination date for veterans educational benefits under chapters 34 and 36 of such title, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1652(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a)(1) The term 'eligible veteran' means any veteran who (A) served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days, any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before July 1, 1975, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable, or (B) was discharged or released from active duty, any part of which was performed during such period, because of a service-connected disability."

SEC. 2. Section 1661(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by ---

(1) inserting ", and before July 1, 1975" immediately after "January 31, 1955" each time it appears; and

(2) adding at the end thereof the following: "In the case of any person in the active military service in the Armed Forces on June 30, 1975, the ending date for computing such person's entitlement shall be the date of such person's first discharge or release after June 30, 1975."

SEC. 3. Section 1662(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "In no event shall education or training be afforded a veteran under this chapter or chapter 36 of this title after June 30, 1985."

SEC. 4. Section 1695(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after "service" the following: ", any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before July 1, 1975,".

SEC. 5. Section 1818(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by deleting "eligible veteran, as defined in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 1652 of this title," and inserting in lieu thereof: "person who served on active duty, any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and who:

(1) served for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable; or

(2) has served more than 180 days in an active duty status and continues on active duty without a break therein; or

(3) was discharged or released from active duty after such date for a service-connected disability".

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SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS OF DRAFT BILL

Section 1

This section would amend section 1652(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, to provide that, for the purposes of eligibility for educational benefits, a veteran is defined as an individual who served on active duty for a period of 181 days or more, any part of which occurred after January 31, 1955, and before July 1, 1975, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable, or who served during such period and was discharged or released because of a service-connected disability. The effect of the amendment to this section is to set a period of service on which eligibility for educational benefits may be based. Entrance into military service on or after July 1, 1975, would not be qualifying service for this benefit.

Section 2

Subsection (1) would amend section 1661(a) to establish June 30, 1975, as the ending date for that period of time in which an individual may commence service in the military and earn potential entitlement towards 36 months of educational assistance.

Subsection (2) represents a savings provision which would permit those persons entering military service prior to July 1, 1975, to accrue educational entitlement with the amount of such entitlement earned based upon the date of the individual's first discharge or release after June 30, 1975.

Section 3

This section would amend section 1662(a) to set June 30, 1985, as the final termination date for utilization of entitlement earned under the current GI Bill education program. The date set is 10 years following the cut-off date (July 1, 1975) and is in line with the 10-year period provided veterans of the Korean conflict. Under that program, individuals were required by law to utilize entitlement by January 31, 1965 -- ten years from the ending date of the Korean conflict (January 31, 1955).

Section 4

This section would amend section 1695(b) to set June 30, 1975, as the date beyond which individuals entering military service may not accrue entitlement to Predischage Education (PREP) benefits. This is consistent with the cut-off date for all other educational programs for veterans.

Section 5

This section would amend section 1818(a) to permit all veterans serving on active duty after January 31, 1955, to continue to be eligible for loan guaranty benefits. Under the provisions of section 1818(a), eligibility for loan guaranty benefits is based upon the definition of a veteran as set forth in section 1652 -- the same as educational benefits. With the termination of the educational benefit eligibility under the amended provisions of section 1 of this bill, it is necessary to amend section 1818(a) to preserve continued loan guaranty eligibility.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON
SUBJECT: Construction of VA Hospitals

You are meeting this afternoon with Administrator Roudebush to advise him of your decisions regarding the construction of eight new VA hospitals. There is considerable Congressional and local community interest in these hospitals. At about the time of your meeting this afternoon, Max Friedersdorf will start Congressional notification of your decisions and Steve McConahey will make similar calls to State and local officials.

I recommend that after your meeting with Administrator Roudebush that you issue the attached statement which summarizes the decisions you have made.

The statement has been cleared by Max Friedersdorf, Paul O'Neill, and Doug Smith.

Recommendation:

That you approve release this afternoon of the attached statement.

Attachment

bcc: ✓ Max Friedersdorf
Steve McConahey
Paul O'Neill
Dan McGurk



5/11 - calls have made by CL.
Camden, N.J. - tel. call to Florio
Richmond, Va. - Patten field after
Leath & Boyd
Bay Pines, Fla. - Bill Young prior to
Stene & Chiles
Martinsburg W. Va. - Staggers after Sens.
Portland, Ore. - no House members called
Seattle, Wash. - Paul Philchans, Brock
Adams (Mr. later) prior to Sens.
Little Rock, Ark. - Wilbur Mills after Sens.
Baltimore - tel. call to Clarence Long

We owe our veterans the finest in the way of medical care. One of my first acts as President was to consider the Quality of Care Survey which made recommendations for improvement in the Veterans Administration medical care system, and I am pleased that in the last two years we have been able to implement those recommendations. I have asked in my last two budget submissions for approximately 9,000 new staff positions for the medical care program of the Veterans Administration and I have also asked for over \$600 million for needed repairs and construction to assure the safety and quality of VA facilities. My 1977 budget request of over \$4 billion for VA medical care activities was a record high for the system.

I have considered the recommendations of Administrator of Veteran Affairs, Richard Roudebush, on another important step in our effort to provide quality medical care to our veterans -- the construction of eight major replacement hospitals throughout the country. The eight proposed facilities have been the subject of a series of planning studies conducted by independent contractors. These studies were undertaken in response to a Congressional expression that hospitals be built and were subsequently reviewed by the Administrator who gave me his recommendations as to the relative priority to be assigned to the construction of each proposed new hospital.

I have today advised the Administrator of my decision to proceed immediately to provide design funds for all eight hospitals. I will also seek construction funds in Fiscal Year 1977 for the two projects assigned the highest priority by the Administrator -- Richmond, Virginia and Bay Pines, Florida. To implement this decision I will shortly ask the Congress to provide an additional \$249 million above my previous budget request for VA construction.

I have also decided to seek construction funds for the other six replacement hospitals at the rate of two a year for the succeeding three fiscal years. These projects would be funded in accordance with the VA's priority ranking. In addition to Richmond and Bay Pines, the other locations are Martinsburg, West Virginia; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Little Rock, Arkansas; Baltimore, Maryland and Camden, New Jersey.

My actions today do not include decisions on construction details and the number of beds at each facility. These decisions will be made after further review and analysis.

Over one million people are served annually by Veterans Administration hospitals, nursing homes and domiciliary facilities. They deserve to continue to receive care of the highest quality and the latest in medical research. This requires adequate hospital facilities. The actions I am announcing today reflect my commitment that the nation's veterans be assured of the finest in quality medical care.



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

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LETTER DELIVERED
TO ROBERTS +
HAMMERSCMIDT
7-21-76.

JUL 20 1976

Honorable Ray Roberts
Chairman, Committee on Veterans
Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that the House Democratic Caucus is meeting to discuss H.R. 14143, a bill which provides up to nine additional months of educational assistance over a one year period to persons in training under the GI Bill when their 10 year eligibility period expires.

The Administration consistently has opposed any extension of the GI Bill delimiting date. The underlying purpose of the current GI Bill, as well as of the World War II and Korean Conflict programs, has been to aid veterans in adjusting from military to civilian life by helping them get the education they might have received had they not served their country in a time of national emergency. We believe that the 10 year period presently provided is more than adequate time for the veteran to readjust from military to civilian life. This 10 year period, which already reflects a two year extension from the eight years originally established in the Vietnam-era program, exceeds the eligibility periods provided to veterans of both World War II and the Korean Conflict. Any further extension is inconsistent with the fundamental purpose of the program.

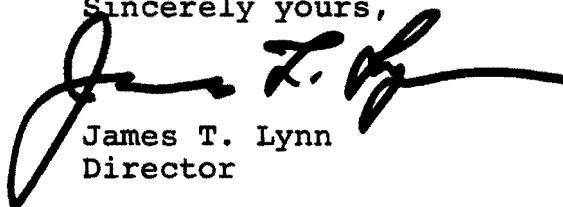
As you are well aware, the readjustment benefit program is an entitlement program and thus uncontrollable: any eligible person who applies for benefits by law must receive them. Enactment of this measure thus would have an impact on funding and programming for veterans benefits and services not only in 1977 but for years to come.

The cost of the bill, if enacted, is estimated at \$662.3 million in FY 1977 and over \$1.8 billion over a five year period. In 1977, the addition of funds for this extension of the delimiting date to the President's budget request

would result in outlays for readjustment benefits exceeding those for all other major categories of veterans benefits except compensation.

Federal funds are not unlimited, and we would question whether in fact it is in the best interests of veterans, whom this bill is supposed to benefit, to build into the budget uncontrollable expenditures of this magnitude for benefits having no programmatic justification. The major veterans organization, including the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, who do not support this measure, do not think so.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Lynn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James T. Lynn
Director



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

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Washington, D. C. 20515

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James T. Lynn

James T. Lynn
Director

CC:
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Director's Chron
Director ✓
Deputy Director
Mr. McGurk
Mr. Hamm
Ret. to VA Branch (Official)

HVLD BSelfridge:hrs 7-20-76



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1976

McGuire/Kavanaugh

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JIM LYNN

THRU:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.B.*

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *C.L.*

SUBJECT:

H. R. 14143, To Extend
Veterans' Education Benefits

Rep. Ray Roberts, Chairman of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, called to ask the Administration's position on H. R. 14143, to extend veterans' education benefits for one year.

Roberts states that the House Democratic Caucus will meet on Wednesday, July 21, and that Representatives Cornell (D. - Wisc.) and Edgar (D. - Pa.) plan to ask the Democratic Caucus to instruct the House Veterans' Affairs Committee to report out this bill, which provides \$715 million to extend G.I. educational benefits for one year. Roberts states that Cornell and Edgar have obtained signatures of 140 House Members on a petition to appeal the deletion of the funds from the appropriation bills.

Roberts says that the addition of the \$715 million is a budget buster and that Rep. Brock Adams, Chairman of the House Budget Committee, agrees and will so state this to the Democratic Caucus. Roberts suggests that OMB issue a statement on what the addition of the \$715 million will do to the President's budget and that such information be given to as many House Members as possible prior to the Democratic Caucus July 21.



Roberts contends that the extension is not for the benefit of veterans, but for the educational institutions, and that the addition of the \$715 million will probably mean no construction of the new VA hospitals!

Can we do something to assist Ray Roberts?

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

SEP 10 1976

September 10, 1976

~~cc~~
~~PH~~
~~TH~~

MEMORANDUM FOR:

BILL KENDALL
CHARLIE LEPPERT

FROM:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

14.6.

SUBJECT:

S. 2908

Please give me soonest your prognosis on S. 2908, the Omnibus Veterans Health Care bill, and its chances for passage this session.

The bill cleared the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee yesterday, and OMB is violently opposed because of its expanded coverage to veterans' families.

Please check Cliff Hansen, Hammerschmidt and/or John Holden.

Reported to Max 9/10/76

Talked to Karen Abraham on House Vets Comm. No enthusiasm by Chairman Roberts & others to take bill up in the House during the remainder of the session. Just (They) received copy of the report on the Senate passed bill.

CR



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 14, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIDERSDORF

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*

SUBJECT:

Myron Kuropas

I have checked with Myron Kuropas as to how my memo to him concerning H.R. 71 got into the hands of Tyler Craig, counsel to the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and read into the Congressional Record.

Kuropas says he sent my memo to Mr. Mazewski, president of the Polish American Congress, who probably sent it to Tyler Craig on the Senate Committee.

I asked Kuropas to explain the situation to you and Jack Marsh.



MEMORANDUM
OF CALL

TO:

Charlie

☒ YOU WERE CALLED BY— ☐ YOU WERE VISITED BY—

Tyler Craig

OF (Organization)

☒ PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. _____
☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU
☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

MESSAGE

*Minority Counsel
Senate V. A. Ctee.*

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Re attached memo

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MYRON KUROPAS

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*

SUBJECT:

H. R. 71

H.R. 71 passed the House on July 21, 1975. The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported the bill to the Senate on March 11, 1976.

The bill was held up for some time because Senator Hansen had questioned the cost estimates. However, he and Senator Hartke have reached agreement on the bill and it was to have come before the Senate for one hour of debate yesterday, August 9. It was not scheduled by Senator Mansfield, and it is now expected to come before the Senate just after the recess for the Republican Convention.

(The Administration opposes the Senate version of this bill, but will not object to the version passed by the House.

OMB - schedule for Aug. 9



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



Janet:

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Home Call John Holden
Veteran's Affairs Center
for status report on
the Polish Veterans bills.
They are not H.R. 71 - but
H.R. 8572, 10860, 10898 &
13552. Do a memo on status
for me to Myron.
Chas.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

HR. 71

HL

8572
10860
10898
13536

Medical Care for Certain
Members of Allied Warzone
Forces (Veterans)

Passed House 7-21-~~75~~ 75. In
Senate referred to VA com.

Rept'd Mar 11, 1976.

For O. E. S. 26 52.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1976

FOR: Charles Leppert
FROM: Myron Kuropas *mk*
SUBJECT: H.R. 71

Aloysius Mazewski, President of the Polish American Congress, is interested in the administration position on H.R. 71, the so-called Polish Veterans Bill. As the attached telegram indicates, he supports the bill.

Any information you can give me in this regard would be appreciated.



The White House
Washington

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PMS DR MYRON KUROPAS, DLR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHDC

H.R.71 POLISH VETERANS BILL SET FOR VOTE.

URGENT CONTACT YOUR U.S. SENATOR NOW BY TELEGRAM OR MAILOGRAM
SENDING AS MANY AS POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT THE BILL. SEND ALSO
TO SENATOR VANCE HARTKE WHO IS CHAIRMAN AND TO SENATOR
CLIFFORD HANSEN OF WYOMING WHO IS AGAINST THE BILL.

MUST BE DONE NOW. CANADA, GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE
RECOGNIZED POLISH FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHY SHOULD NOT THE
UNITED STATES

ALOYSIUS A MAZEWSKI, PRESIDENT POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 27, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

MAX FRIEDERSDORF

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ.*

SUBJECT:

H.R. 71

Attached is the latest on H.R. 71 and Senator Goldwater's position.

Is there anything I can tell Annunzio and Derwinski?

*per view on this
legislation is unchanged.
max t.*



FRANK ANNUNZIO

11TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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HOUSING

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SUPERVISION,
REGULATION AND INSURANCE

HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

September 23, 1976

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SEP 23 1976

Mr. Charles Leppert, Jr.
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

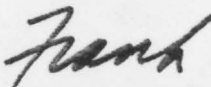
Dear Charles:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Senator
Goldwater and one from the White House.

Someone is not telling it like it is, and I wish
this thing could be straightened out so we can get the show
on the road!

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely,



FRANK ANNUNZIO
Member of Congress

FA/aa

Encs.



BARRY GOLDWATER
ARIZONA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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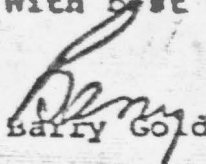
The Honorable John P. Hammerschmidt
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

Just between you, me and the gatepost, the President will accept the Polish and Czech war veterans bill with my women pilots amendment added to it. Now I can't say this on the Senate Floor and ask that it be private, but I can assure you that it is true.

With this assurance, I hope you will see your way clear to accepting the bill with the women pilots included should the Senate return it to the House for another try. You may be interested in the enclosed fact sheet which proves that the women pilots would not create a precedent for any other group. If you have any questions about this, please call me.

With best wishes,


Barry Goldwater



WASP
(WOMEN'S AIRFORCE SERVICE PILOTS)

These women are being denied veterans benefits because unthinking members of congress are classifying them in the same status as other civilians who did war work. This comparison is unjust:

- ° None of the other groups were organized from the outset to be militarized when proven effective.
- ° None of the other organizations were tested and made to prove their military capabilities before being militarized.
- ° None of the other organizations during recruitment of personnel stated to new members that they were to be militarized. Some girls, before being accepted, were made to swear that they would remain in the WASPs after militarization.
- ° None of the other organizations were sponsored for militarization by a major component of the U.S. armed forces during the war years.
- ° None of the other organizations had a militarization bill passed by the House Committee on Military Affairs.
- ° None of the other organizations had the Secretary of War support their militarization bill by special letter.
- ° None of the other organizations sent the majority of their personnel to staff officer's training school in preparation for militarization.
- ° None of the other organizations decorated their individuals by military orders in military ceremonies.
- ° None of the other organizations have had recommended for them hospital and insurance benefits in a House committee report yet denied them by inaction of that committee.

Thirty-eight of these women died for their country in military aircraft during World War II; yet their surviving comrades have been denied veterans hospitalization.



August 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MYRON KUROPAS

FROM:

CHARLES LEPPERT, JR. *CLJ*

SUBJECT:

H. R. 71

H.R. 71 passed the House on July 21, 1975. The Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported the bill to the Senate on March 11, 1976.

The bill was held up for some time because Senator Hansen had questioned the cost estimates. However, he and Senator Hartke have reached agreement on the bill and it was to have come before the Senate for one hour of debate yesterday, August 9. It was not scheduled by Senator Mansfield, and it is now expected to come before the Senate just after the recess for the Republican Convention.

The Administration opposes the Senate version of this bill, but will not object to the version passed by the House.

