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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN... *del*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 10, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: WILLIAM E. TIMMONS *BT*

FROM: TOM C. KOROLOGOS *TK*

SUBJECT: Deserters/Military Courts/Senator Tower

Senator John Tower (R-Tex), Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee (and our leading Republican spear-carrier on the Senate Armed Services Committee) has asked me to "urge the President... for God's sake... not to by-pass the military courts in dealing with deserters."

He said, "I'm not talking about amnesty for draft dodgers, I'm talking of true deserters who were in the Army and deserted to Canada or somewhere."

He said, "If the President by-passes the military courts there will be a total collapse of military discipline and I hope he realizes this as he decides on this whole matter."

I told him I would pass this on to you.

cc: Phil Buchen
General Scowcroft