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**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
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March 27, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT:

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Jerry H. Jones  
Staff Secretary



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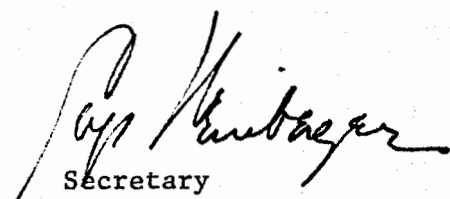
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

SUBJECT: Veteran eligibility for student aid programs

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At our meeting last Thursday on higher education, you inquired about student aid programs for veterans under the GI Bill. It is estimated that 1,272,000 undergraduate veterans will get GI Bill benefits in FY 1975 and 1,132,000 will participate in FY 1976. Students with veteran benefits are estimated to be 14 percent of all students (including graduate students) in 1975 and 13 percent in 1976. Some additional points are these:

- Roughly 8 percent of the students who receive Office of Education aid other than guaranteed student loans also receive GI Bill benefits.
- Roughly 6 percent of GI Bill undergraduate beneficiaries also receive Office of Education aid.
- Under the Office of Education Basic Grants program half of GI Bill benefits are deducted from the \$1,400 maximum grant. In most cases veterans are eliminated from Basic Grant eligibility by this rule. However, the rule has been changed for next year so that GI Bill benefits will offset Basic Grant eligibility on a sliding scale. Far more veterans will then be qualified for Basic Grants.
- Office of Education campus-administered aid can be used to meet the full need of the veteran remaining after subtracting his GI Bill benefits and other external aid from his college budget.

  
Secretary