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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 10, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR: JOHN O. MARSH
FROM: JAMES E. CONNOR 

The attached was returned in the President's outbox with the following notation:

-- I called Sec. of Army and got full report.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

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HAMILTON, GA. (AP) -- A BUS CARRYING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY HOWARD CALLAWAY, SEVERAL CONGRESSMEN, AND THEIR WIVES SMASHED HEAD-ON INTO A HEAVY LOGGING TRUCK TODAY, KILLING THE TWO DRIVERS AND INJURING SEVERAL PASSENGERS, AUTHORITIES SAID.

AN AMBULANCE DRIVER SAID CALLAWAY WAS ABLE TO WALK. CALLAWAY'S WIFE SUFFERED A BROKEN BACK, A HIGHWAY PATROL SPOKESMAN SAID.

* SEN. JAMES ALLEN, D-ALA., REP. JACK BRINKLEY, D-GA., AND REP. JOHN J. FLYNT JR., D-GA., WERE REPORTED TO BE AMONG THE PASSENGERS.

IT WAS NOT KNOWN IMMEDIATELY IF THEY WERE INJURED.

MRS. CALLAWAY WAS RUSHED BY ARMY HELICOPTER TO FT. BENNING AT COLUMBUS, GA., 23 MILES SOUTH OF HAMILTON.

AUTHORITIES ESTIMATED THAT 25 PERSONS WERE ON THE BUS.

THE GROUP HAD LANDED AT COLUMBUS AIRPORT FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., AND WERE EN ROUTE TO CALLAWAY GARDENS, A GEORGIA RESORT, WHERE THERE WAS TO BE A DINNER. CALLAWAY WAS SCHEDULED TO DEDICATE THE WEST POINT DAM, ON THE GEORGIA-ALABAMA BORDER, ON SATURDAY.

SHERIFF SAM JONES SAID THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING A HEAVY RAIN STORM ON U.S. 27 ABOUT 4 MILES NORTH OF HAMILTON IN WEST-CENTRAL GEORGIA.

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* *Allen and Brinkley not aboard.*

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Mr. President,

I have called Bo and expressed your concern about all those in accident. They are:

1. Jack Flynt and wife. Jack has broken ribs.
 2. Tom Bevil and wife. Tom has cut on head.
 3. Bid Nichols and wife. She has broken ankle.
 4. Bob Jones and wife
 5. Walter Flowers
- Beth Callaway has back

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injuries but does not have
a broken back. Bo is ok.

Except for Beth and Mrs.
Nichols rest of group were taken
to La Grange City County Hospital.

I spoke with Bo at Army
Hospital Ft. Benning. He's uncertain
as to extent of all injuries but believes
everyone will be ok!

Jack