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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 25, 1975

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

JIM CONNOR 

The President has reviewed your memorandum of August 15 to Dick Cheney concerning the reproducing of the Lee Citizenship Bill. The suggestions contained in the above mentioned memorandum have been approved and you are requested to prepare letters along the lines of the attached signed letter to Senator Harry Byrd.

cc: Don Rumsfeld

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN....

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: DICK CHENEY

FROM: JACK MARRS 

Dick, I spoke with the President about reproducing the Lee citizenship bill, which has been done in 50 copies, but without the President's signature in order that he can personally sign them.

My suggestion, which he concurred, was to send them to selected people, and I would recommend the following:

- Virginia Congressional delegation
- Governors and former living Governors of Virginia
- Speaker of the Virginia House
- Immediate members of the Lee family who attended the ceremony
- Lee Chapel Museum at Washington & Lee Museum
- U. S. Military Academy
- The VMI Civil War Museum
- House and Senate sponsors of the bill
- Governors of the southern states
- Battle Abbey (Confederate Art Gallery - Richmond)
- White House of the Confederacy (now Museum - Richmond)
- Stratford Hall (Lee's birthplace)
- President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy
- Ted Marrs

As he returns, I would prepare letters to the above along the lines of the attached proposed letter to Senator Harry Byrd.

Dear Harry:

As you are aware, I recently signed into law the legislation which restored the citizenship of General Robert E. Lee.

This was legislation that properly recognized a great American. I was honored that I could participate in remedying this historical oversight.

I requested a limited number of copies of this legislation be reproduced, and I have signed for you a copy of the original bill. I am sending it to you as a reminder of the signing ceremony at the Custis-Lee Mansion.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

The Honorable Harry F. Byrd, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.
GRF:JOM:cb