

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 19, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By separate memoranda, I have directed the Secretaries of the Army, Air Force, and Navy and the Commandant of the Coast Guard to take all necessary action to insure that the other than honorable discharges of former service members who were wounded in combat or who received decorations for valor in combat in Vietnam and who applied to the clemency program be reviewed on an individual basis. I have further directed that these discharges be recharacterized as under honorable conditions, unless there is a compelling reason to the contrary in any case.

In order to assist the identification process, I am requesting that you provide to the Secretaries of Defense and Transportation, as appropriate, the names and service numbers of all former service members who applied to the Presidential Clemency Board program and whose records indicate that they were wounded in combat or that they received decorations for valor in combat.

Ronald R. Ford